# Elton John AIDS Foundation Awards $4.1M in Grants to 38 Groups

Funding aims to fight HIV criminalization, support Southern activists and bolster LGBT resilience.

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The Elton John AIDS Foundation awarded a total of $4.1 million in funding to 38 organizations fighting HIV in the Americas and the Caribbean, according to an EJAF press release. It is the first of two grant cycles for 2016.

One of the key goals of the funding is to increase the resilience of the LGBT community and the organizations that serve them. Another objective is to support initiatives that advance HIV-related policies and advocacy efforts, including pro bono legal services for HIV-positive people facing insurance discrimination. A significant portion of the grants in this cycle will support HIV activists in the Southern United States.

“Our grantees are on the front lines of the HIV epidemic,” said Scott Campbell, EJAF’s executive director, in the press release. “As one of the largest funders in the world dedicated to ending AIDS, we are committed to making real-time investments that address the latest trends in the epidemic and also providing ongoing support for tried and true strategies that improve access to health care and ensure basic human rights for people most affected by the epidemic.”

You can read descriptions about all 38 grantees on ejaf.org.

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