CURRENT PROJECTS

NATIONAL LGBT/HIV CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKING GROUP
We designed and are leading a unique, national research and organizing project to understand, engage and network people of color with high wealth. You can download the report on HNW people of color at this site (www.donorsofcolor.org). Our partners in this work are Faces of Giving and the Advancement Project. This project is supported by the Ford Foundation, the Marguerite Casey Foundation, Open Society Foundation, the Women Donors Network, the NY Women’s Foundation, the Reikers Foundation, Women Moving Millions, Arcus and individual donors.

LGBTQ POVERTY INITIATIVE
The Vaid Group initiated and helped staff a participatory research and organizing project conducted by 9 organizations. The goal was to develop a national poverty policy agenda that could help increase awareness and engagement on issues affecting low-income and poor LGBTQ communities, and to increase engagement by the LGBTQ movement to address and end poverty in the US. Over 220 people contributed input for a report titled Intersecting Injustice: Addressing LGBTQ Poverty and Economic Justice for All which was published in May of 2018. Our partners in producing the report include: Center for American Progress, National LGBTQ Task Force, Transgender Law Center, National Center for Lesbian Rights, Whitman Walker Clinic, Trans Women of Color Collective, CUNY Graduate Center Social Justice Sexuality Project, and the Williams Institute at UCLA Law School. The Vaid’s Group work on its poverty initiative has been supported by the Ford Foundation, New York Women’s Foundation, the Williams Institute, Welling Philanthropic Fund, and the AstraZenca Lesbian Foundation for Justice.

We are currently networking LGBTQ Centers around the country to support each other working on anti-poverty initiatives and bringing together LGBTQ and anti-poverty organizations into an anti-poverty action network.

Find more information at lgbtpoverty.info.

PROVINCETOWN COMMONS
The Provincetown Commons supports creative professionals, artists, small enterprise, scientific and technological projects, and community initiatives through collaborative workspace, shared resources, and educational programs, and economic development initiatives.

PAST PROJECTS
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS
To support union's Innovation Fund by documenting impact and investments, and deepening partnerships and dialogue with education funding community.

CENTER FOR GENDER & SEXUALITY LAW
Conducted criminal justice, nonprofit, and SOGI policy research; raised more than $2 million of dollars in new resources for Center at Columbia Law School.

CURRENT AND PAST PARTNERS

FORD FOUNDATION
Grant support from the Ford Foundation to support Vida Group's LGBTQ Poverty Initiative. Research, write, convene and organize projects that broaden the LGBTQ agenda to include issues of economic vulnerability and poverty.

THE WILLIAMS INSTITUTE
Work with the LGBTQ Poverty Collaborative to develop a National Policy Agenda that addresses LGBTQ Poverty and economic vulnerability.

USAID
Produced a landscape analysis and program recommendations on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and International Development for USAID Office of Public Private Partnerships. Project contributed to launch of major (over $20 million) initiative by USAID to support work around world on sexual orientation and gender identity.

ADVANCEMENT PROJECT
Provide a landscape analysis, fundraising, operational leadership for feminist, lesbian political action committee (LPAC) during its leadership transition.

ROADWORK
Conducted an Oral History Project and film to document the work of this multi-racial, women’s cultural political movement organization (1977-1995).

FACES OF GIVING
Partners in our Donors of Color Project to engage, learn from and create a network of high net worth donors of color.

PALETTE FUND
Design programs and strategies for philanthropic and public/private partnerships for economic and community development in Provincetown, Massachusetts.