

# ABORTION BRIDGE

## COLLABORATIVE FUND

With the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, we are establishing a rapid response fund, to be housed at the Women Donors Network (though open to funding from all interested donors), to build the emergent and emergency infrastructure required to ensure access to abortion care for as many Americans, in as many places across the country, as possible. This fund will have the dual purposes of building capacity in targeted areas in which abortion care will continue, and working towards access and legal protections in areas where it will not.

### ***Planned Funding***

This fund is *not* designed to fund larger or more well-resourced organizations in the reproductive health and rights space. It *is* designed to fund requests from organizations that want to respond, including experimentally, to evolving challenges post-*Dobbs*. We will prioritize funding requests that come from existing organizations rooted in the communities they aim to serve, programs that are emerging to meet novel needs, and work that is comparatively under-resourced in the abortion access ecosystem or for which foundation-based funding will not move rapidly enough. We will particularly look to support work that seeks to serve the populations that will be made most vulnerable by *Roe*'s reversal, especially those led by and serving BIPOC, immigrant, LGBTQIA+, low-income, disabled, young and other communities at greater risk of criminalization.

We would describe this fund as a “bridge” solution to existing funding gaps. Foundations and re-granters have largely allocated funds for 2022, and are not in a strong position to make sizable donations for this year (and in some cases, next). We also do not want to deprive organizations of necessary funding that has already been allocated to meet these emergent and emergency needs. Because this fund is intended to support the creation of infrastructure in an emergent/emergency context, the intended time horizon of the fund's existence is three to five years. It is our hope that, after that period of time, a clear sense of the legal landscape, a definitive response from traditional foundations, and the growth of a newly-impassioned philanthropic base will be able to sustain the necessary infrastructure once it is built. We will have a planned re-evaluation of our time horizon at the two-year mark.

### ***Planned Leadership***

Funding will be distributed monthly, under the guidance of an advisory collaborative of activists, leaders, and donors from the reproductive rights/health/justice movements. By including advocates and organizations who are working on abortion access across the country in our leadership, we will maximize our ability to identify needs rapidly, connect relevant partners and collaborators, replicate models that have demonstrated success in areas with similar needs, and ensure that our grantmaking is, as always, informed by local activists and impacted communities.

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