



**SAN FRANCISCO
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COMMISSION**
LGBTQI+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

OFFICE OF
TRANSGENDER INITIATIVES



Dept. Of The Status of Women Commission meeting – May 28th, 2025

Budget Recommendations – LGBTQI+ Advisory Subcommittee

OTI's Trans-Serving Organizations Survey 2022-2023



- **Population Increase**
 - The 2023 survey estimated that 3-4% of adult San Franciscans identified as TGNC (~24,000 people)
- **Priority Service Areas**
 - **76.47%** of organizations identified **housing** as a top need for their TGNC participants
 - **58.82%** of organizations identified **employment/ economic development** as a top need for their TGNC participants
 - **52.94%** of organizations identified **healthcare** as a top need for their TGNC participants
 - **52.94%** of organizations identified **social support** as a top need for their TGNC participants
- **Capacity Constraints**
 - **58.82% of all orgs** responding to the survey have had to either refer out or turn away clients due to capacity constraints

Budget Recommendations: No Budget Cuts

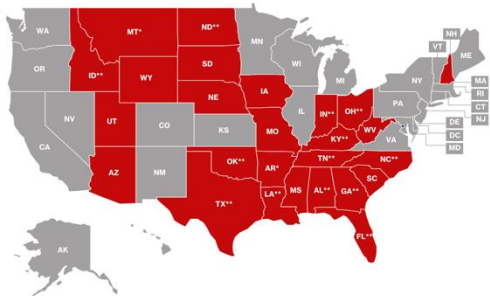
Issue Area	Budget Asks FY 25-26
Housing & Homelessness	\$10,057,139
Health & Mental Health	\$4,741,778.95
Legal & Immigration Services	\$405,544
Arts & Culture	\$1,040,625
Workforce Development	\$3,109,120
Youth	\$1,668,387
Safety & Security	\$897,360.18
Total	\$21,919,954.13

**\$22M (<.002% of the city's budget)*

Landscape Analysis

- LGBTQI+ organizations are facing legal hurdles including nationwide anti-trans legislation
- **876** anti-trans bills proposed nationwide so far in 2025
 - **41** at the federal level
 - **93** already signed into law
- Attacks target many aspects of trans lives:
 - **250+** bills against trans people in education
 - **165+** bills against trans healthcare
 - **108+** bills against trans athletes in sports
- **Notable Anti-Trans Laws:**
 - **Florida SB 1674:** Makes it a criminal trespass offense to remain in a restroom or changing facility that does not align with one's sex assigned at birth.
 - **Texas SB 13:** Bans gender-affirming care for minors.

Attacks on Gender Affirming Care by State



Housing & Homelessness

Budget Ask: \$10,057,139

- Unsurprisingly, access to shelter and housing is a top priority for TGNC people in San Francisco and demand is increasing as more people come to SF seeking refuge.
- Local organizations – including OTI – are receiving an increasing number of inquiries from TGNC people & their families with plans to move here from other states.
- The *Transgender Law Center* has reported that **nearly 1 in 2 trans adults have already relocated or are considering relocation**
- In the past year, *EV/La Para TransLatinas* has reported a **46% increase in program participants** coming from other states.
- *Ending Trans Homelessness* initiative has begun to work.



Healthcare & Mental Health

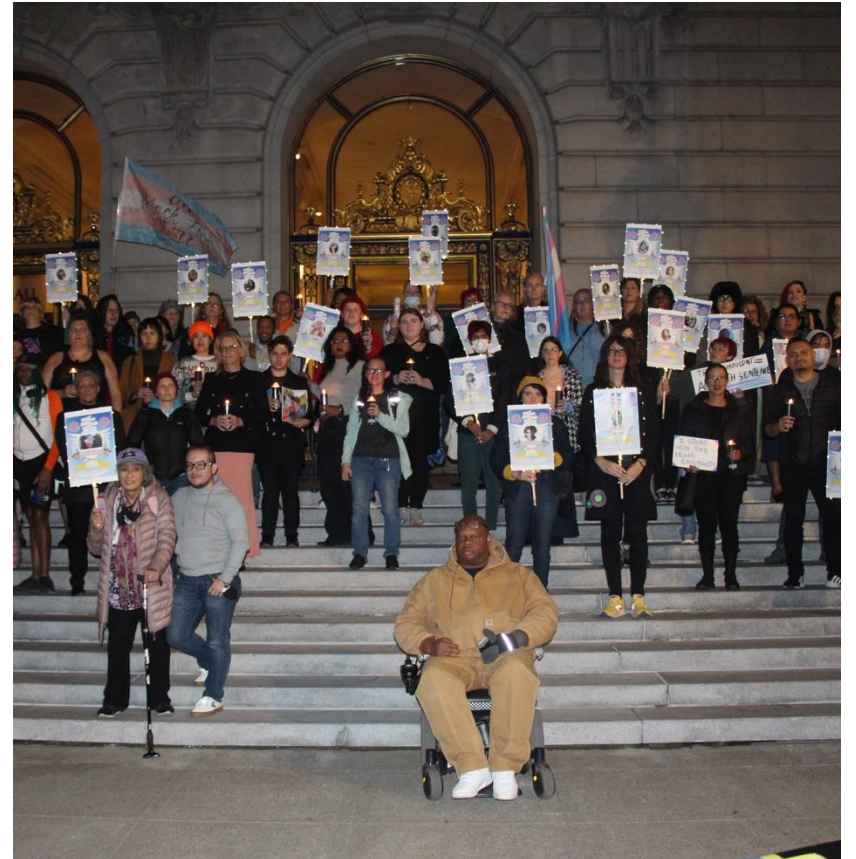
- **A 2024 Study published in JAMA Internal Medicine** (a monthly [peer-reviewed medical journal](#) published by the [American Medical Association](#)) found:
 - **Poor or Fair Health Status:** The prevalence of poor or fair health status among TGD adults increased from 26.6% in 2014 to 35.1% in 2022. In contrast, this metric slightly decreased among cisgender adults during the same period.
 - **Frequent Mental Distress:** The percentage of TGD adults experiencing frequent mental distress doubled from 18.8% to 38.9%. For cisgender adults, the increase was more modest, from 11.2% to 15.5%.
 - **Depression:** The prevalence of depression among TGD adults more than doubled, from 19.7% in 2014 to 51.3% in 2022. Among cisgender adults, the increase was significantly smaller from 18.6% to 21.1%.
- According to **The Trevor Project's 2024 U.S. National Survey:**
 - **Anxiety and Depression:** 71% of transgender and non-binary youth reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety, compared to 58% of cisgender youth. 59% of transgender and non-binary youth reported symptoms of depression, compared to 44% of cisgender youth.
 - **Suicide Risk:** 46% of transgender and non-binary youth reported seriously considering attempting suicide in the past year. 12% of LGBTQ+ youth (including transgender and non-binary youth) attempted suicide in the past year.
 - **Discrimination:** 65% of transgender and non-binary youth reported experiencing discrimination in the past year due to their gender identity.



Healthcare & Mental Health (cont.)

Budget Ask: \$4,741,778.95

- Greater demand for health & mental health services
 - **Legislative attacks** across the country.
 - The potential for **disruption of federal funding**
 - Increasing uncertainty of the availability of life-saving care and services for LGBTQI+ people.
 - In other states, insurance providers and large hospitals are already preemptively **denying trans people care**.
- Community clinics and counseling services are reaching a critical juncture
 - Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHC) are anticipating extreme cuts due to the **attacks on Medicaid** in general and trans healthcare in particular
 - Gov Newsom's proposed Budget will have dire consequences for community health clinics



Workforce Development, Arts & Culture, and the City's Economy

Budget Ask: \$4,149,745

- LGBTQ-serving organizations provide populations disproportionately impacted by homelessness and employment discrimination with **job training and economic opportunities**.
- Arts and culture organizations are **key to San Francisco's economic recovery**.
 - Tourism is SF's biggest industry, and Pride draws over 1 million visitors yearly.
 - Arts and culture provide jobs, pathways out of poverty, and protection against homelessness for LGBTQ people.
- The arts also **combat harmful narratives**, change hearts and minds, and **provide healing** for our community during this time of heightened anxiety and political attacks.



LGBTQ+ Youth Support

Budget Ask: \$1,668,387

- LGBTQI+ youth are disproportionately affected by housing insecurity and discrimination in San Francisco and beyond.
 - **SF HSH Point in Time Count (PIT) 2024:** 38% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ+. This is up from 33% in 2022
- National antagonism against transgender youth will only increase the need as more youth and their families flee to San Francisco.
 - In some states like Texas, gender-affirming care for youth is already criminalized.
- Majority of funding for transgender youth focuses on housing and case management.



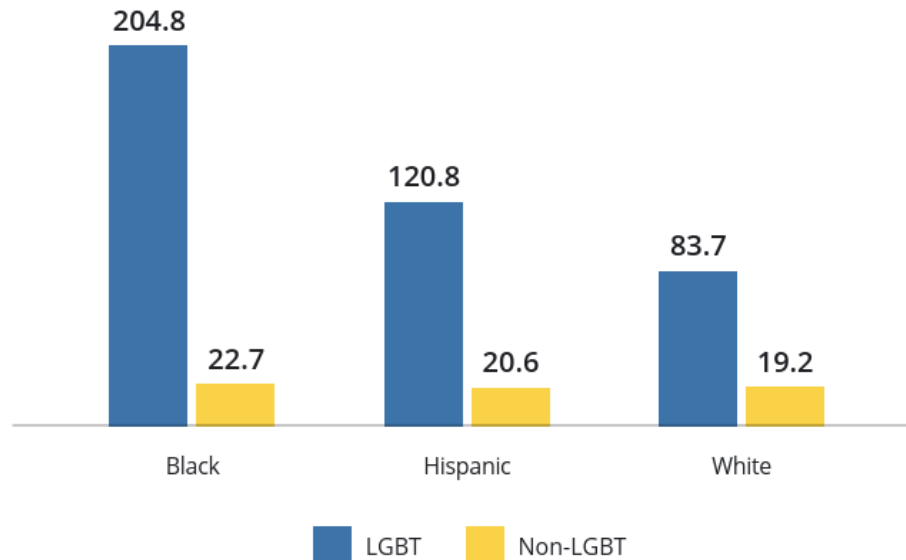
VIOLENT VICTIMIZATION OF LGBT PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES 2022-2023

In this report, we present our analysis of pooled National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) data from 2022 and 2023 (N = 540,732). NCVS is a survey that documents experiences with victimization in a representative sample of the United States population.¹⁶

We found that LGBT people experienced 106.4 violent victimizations¹⁷ per 1,000 persons, and transgender people experienced victimization at a rate of 93.7 per 1,000, compared with 21.1 per 1,000 among non-LGBT persons.¹⁸

LGBT rates of victimization by race/ethnicity show that Black (non-Hispanic) LGBT people had the highest rates of victimization overall, followed by Hispanic and White (non-Hispanic) LGBT people. Rates for cisgender straight populations were similar across these race/ethnicity groups (Figure 1).¹⁹

Figure 1. Disparities in violent victimization by sexual and gender minority (LGBT) status and race/ethnicity (rates per 1,000)



Safety & Security

Budget Ask: \$897,360.18

- Hate crimes against trans people are increasing.
- LGBTQ orgs — especially trans-serving orgs — are facing:
 - Threatening calls and emails
 - Bomb threats
 - Vandalization of Community Spaces



Legal Services & Immigration Intersectionality

Budget Ask: \$405,544

- There is a great need for direct legal support and services for our community.
- *Name and gender change clinics*, for example, are incredibly important.
- The intersection of *immigration status* and *being trans* is one that is increasingly important to address.
- **Key Areas of Focus:**
 - *Immigration and Asylum*
 - *Name and Gender Change Clinics*
 - LGBTQI+ organizations are under extreme legal threat from the Trump Administration, support from the City is needed to navigate legal barriers and potential attacks to ensure continuity of services.



San Francisco is a Sanctuary City for Trans People

- San Francisco has a rich legacy of **trans activism**.
 - From the **Compton's Cafeteria Riots**, to the first ever **Transgender District** and **Office of Transgender Initiatives** in the world and more, our city has a rich legacy of queer and trans activism.
 - Most recently, San Francisco became the first city in the world to recognize August as **Transgender History Month**, and now California has followed in our footsteps to recognize this important month for the whole state.
 - In June 2024, San Francisco's Board of Supervisors declared **San Francisco a Sanctuary City for the Transgender, Gender Non-conforming, Intersex and 2-spirit (TGNCI2S) Community**.
- The Transgender Community is relying on San Francisco to **honor its history and its commitments**.

