



# ABORTION BRIDGE

## COLLABORATIVE FUND

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

# Dear Friends,

As we look back on 2024, we are still heartbroken by the election and the state of our democracy, yet **filled with immense hope by the incredible work of Abortion Bridge Collaborative Fund grantees** and partners across the country.

**As expected, the Trump administration has already unleashed federal-level attacks on abortion patients, providers, and reproductive health care access at large. These federal attacks have, in turn, emboldened state legislators to further chip away at abortion access. We know this is only the beginning of the administration's agenda to further erode reproductive rights.**

Last year alone, ABC Fund received **funding requests amounting to nearly \$30 million**. As ABC Fund Director, I talk directly with abortion provider clinics, abortion funds, and frontline organizations from every corner of the map, and **it's never been clearer that keeping up with the influx of their communities' needs is next to impossible**. This has catapulted them into survival mode: struggling with budget shortages, lack of capacity, and burnout — all of which has made it difficult for them to sustain current operations and plan ahead. **It's our aim to help them keep up.**

I was honored to join the team in May 2024 as **ABC Fund's first full-time dedicated team member**. We also hit many other important milestones that I'm so proud to share with you:

- Granted nearly \$3.8 million to 47 frontline organizations in 2024 alone
- Cultivated new dedicated donors, totaling more than 200 donors to date
- Launched renewal grant funding to maximize our support to current grantees
- Strengthened our collaboration with other funders, including becoming a member of [Funders for Reproductive Equity](#), a grantmaking community focusing on sexual and reproductive health
- Provided a digital security training to grantees, in partnership with [Gateway Coalition](#)
- Launched monthly office hours for grantees and applicants to connect with each other and the ABC Fund team to collaborate about their work and needs

In 2024, we rolled up our sleeves to accomplish three key objectives: **to strengthen our team's capacity, to expand our role in the abortion access ecosystem beyond ABC Fund's origins as an emergency fund in the aftermath of *Dobbs*, and to hone our grantmaking strategies** to ensure our support of frontline organizations is strategic, values-aligned, and as impactful as possible.

With your support, we have laid important groundwork in preparation for what's to come. As you look through this report, I hope you'll find reasons to be proud and hopeful moving forward. **With so much at stake for abortion seekers and those who support them, the time is now to invest in leaders on the ground for the solutions our communities need most.** Thank you for being a part of this critical work!



*Amanda Beatriz Williams*

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Abortion Bridge Collaborative Fund Director

# our purpose.

The Abortion Bridge Collaborative (ABC) Fund was founded to bridge the gaps between emergent needs in the field post-*Dobbs* and what philanthropy was able or willing to fund. **In the nearly three years since *Dobbs*, the needs of frontline organizations have only grown:** funders have left the field, a constantly-changing legal landscape provides innumerable difficulties for both grantees and funders, and **ever-more people are facing substantial obstacles accessing reproductive healthcare.**

ABC Fund ensures abortion care endures across the United States by **rapidly moving money to organizations that fill immediate needs or build long-term infrastructure to protect and advance reproductive justice nationwide.**



**The field of philanthropy has never invested nearly enough in the ecosystem that supports abortion seekers,** especially in our post-Roe landscape. Evolving legal complexities and uncertainty around access have persuaded many funders to establish lower risk thresholds, resulting in severe divestments in bold and innovative solutions.

Nearly three years since our founding, ABC Fund has become a key funder in the abortion access movement. **In our short history, we have funded over \$10 million in grants to more than 100 grantees.** As a bridge funder, we have continued to refine our grantmaking strategies to best meet the evolving needs of the field and fill critical gaps left by shifting priorities in philanthropy. **None of our work would be possible without the nearly 200 donors who have supported ABC Fund since providing our first grant in 2022.**



# our process.

**As the history of social movements has shown: those closest to the problems are closest to the solutions.** In traditional philanthropy, the people advancing abortion access are often not the ones making funding decisions. This is why ABC Fund uses a participatory grantmaking model led by field experts and movement leaders.

Our grantmaking is driven by our **Grantmaking Advisory Council (GAC), comprised of longtime movement leaders, abortion providers, funders, and legal experts** from the reproductive health, rights, and justice movement. They bring insight into the specific needs, barriers, and funding gaps within the abortion access landscape.

## 2024 ABC Fund Grantmaking Advisory Council



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In its evaluation, the GAC prioritizes projects and organizations that are:

**Rooted in community.** Grantee leadership is reflective of the community they serve and has a deep history of community engagement, and the work is meaningfully informed by those with lived experiences.

**Committed to local sustainability.** Grantees are committed to cultivating grassroots fundraising support to ensure long-term sustainability of their local ecosystem.

**Achieving financial impact ratio.** Grantees demonstrate the ability to meaningfully serve clients/patients relative to financial situation.

**Lacking significant investments by institutional philanthropy.** Grantees do not receive large grant funding from institutional repro funders.


**Operating in geographic areas that lack similar resources.** Grantees fill key gaps, play a unique role, and/or offer services in geographic areas where others are not.

**Responsive to the moment.** Grantees meet urgent needs or critical gaps in the existing abortion access ecosystem and/or build foundational systems and structures required for the medium and long-term.

# our strategy.

ABC Fund supports projects and organizations that institutional funders often deem too small, too innovative (or, conversely, too basic), or that simply fall outside of their legal comfort zone. Our mission to invest in **bold and innovative strategies** that other funders shy away from drastically sets us apart from traditional philanthropy, as does the **speed and frequency of our funding**. Relative to other rapid-response funders, ABC Fund grants **larger dollar amounts** compared to larger funders, and moving money on a monthly basis, we grant on **a quicker timeline**.

With smaller frontline direct service organizations barely surviving, independent abortion clinics are being forced to shut their doors, and local abortion funds are choosing between laying off staff or discontinuing services altogether. **Telehealth providers — with the potential to radically increase access across the country — have not been able to garner meaningful support from institutional philanthropy.**



Currently, telehealth abortions in the U.S. account for **over 20%** of overall abortions.

Of those telehealth abortions, approximately **35% are provided via shield law provision** in banned/6-week limit states.

**Even before *Roe* was overturned, 89% of United States counties were without an abortion provider.** This number has increased rapidly as clinics across the country have been forced to close due to the growing number of abortion bans and restrictions.

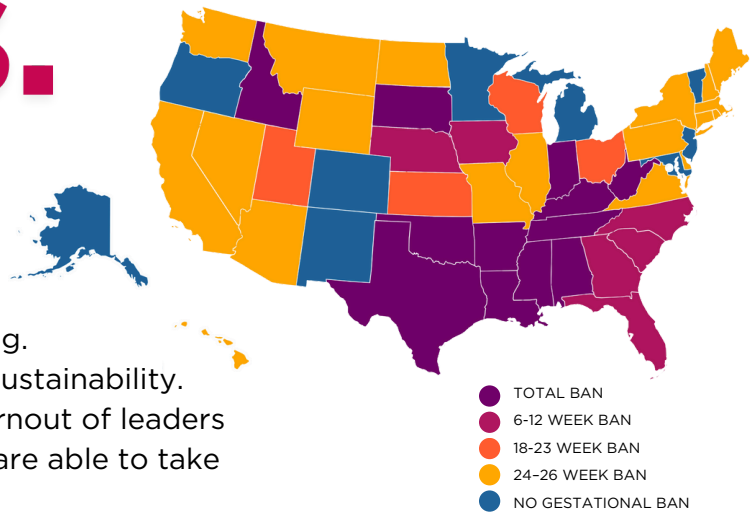
As brick-and-mortar providers have become more scarce (or non-existent) in the vast majority of the country — primarily in the South and Midwest — we have seen tremendous shifts in the ways in which people are accessing care. **Now is a critical time to ensure that abortion seekers, regardless of where they live, can continue to obtain safe, medically accurate, and proximate care options.**

ABC Fund proudly supports grantees who are **building alternative systems and resources on which people experiencing miscarriage or seeking abortion can rely** — whether they need medication abortion, emergency care, medical information, or miscarriage or post-abortion support.

# our focus.

ABC Fund provides unrestricted grants, ensuring grantees may use the funding for whatever they deem most critical at the time, including for staff salaries and capacity building.

This is critical to prevent burnout and ensure sustainability. Abortion is still illegal in 12 states, and field burnout of leaders will continue to be a factor in what strategies are able to take hold, especially in states with bans.



Our multi-pronged strategy allows us to play an important role in the abortion provision ecosystem. Not enough funders focus on sustaining infrastructure; almost none are making bold or experimental investments. These investments are about following the trends of how people are actually accessing care and strengthening the solutions that are working for communities right now.



**Deepening investments in innovation and experimentation.** Recent data shows that medication abortions now account for 63% of all U.S. abortions and that telehealth provision is increasing rapidly nationwide. As such, ABC Fund is investing in [online pharmacies](#), [telehealth malpractice insurance](#), [self-managed abortion trainings](#), and [organizations utilizing shield laws](#) (legal protections that shield patients and providers from the reach of states with civil or criminal liability). We are committed to funding bold work that creates [new or alternative pathways to care](#).



**Strengthening the abortion access ecosystem and supporting sustainable models of care.** ABC Fund grants help to ensure that direct services are uninterrupted. Our funding supports [independent abortion clinics in continuing the critical work they do every day](#) [supporting patients](#) — whether this means helping them move to a new state, adjust services, obtain critical equipment, or hire new (or first) staff. We maintain strong support for [local abortion funds](#) and [practical support organizations](#), enabling them to stay open.



**Expanding the reach of info-sharing efforts nationwide.** With the ever-changing landscape, ABC Fund recognizes how critical it is to support [projects that disseminate accurate and accessible information about how to obtain safe proximate abortion care](#). The anti-abortion movement spreads vast misinformation about abortion access. Over 2,500 “crisis pregnancy centers” across the country, as well as numerous websites, pose as resources for pregnant people seeking abortion — perpetuating stigma, misguiding people, and spreading blatant lies. ABC Fund aims to fund organizations meeting these threats head on.

# our funding.



2024 GRANTMAKING:

**\$3.78M**

**47** GRANTEES



**42% INCREASE**  
IN NUMBER OF GRANTEES  
**FROM 2023**

**64%** GRANTEES WITH  
BUDGETS UNDER \$1M

**43%** GRANTEES WITH  
BUDGETS UNDER \$500K

TOTAL FUNDING TO DATE:

**\$10.52M**

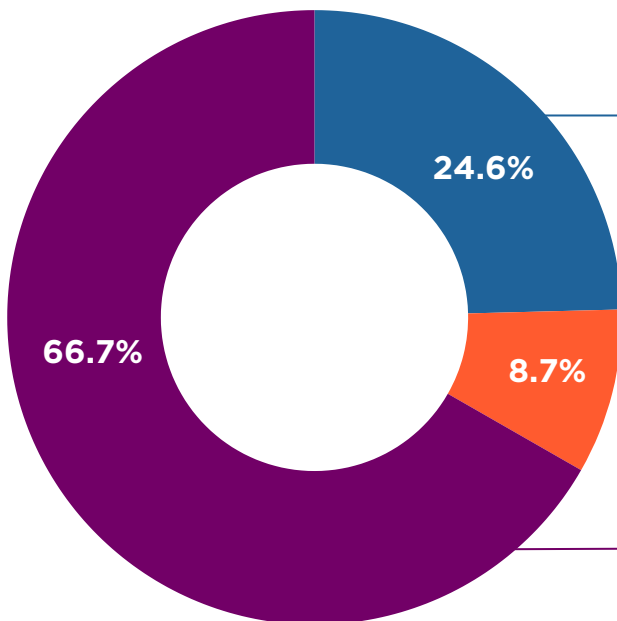
**101** GRANTEES

AVERAGE GRANT:

**\$92,316**

**100%**  
OF FUNDS TO  
WOMEN OR  
GENDER EXPANSIVE-  
LED ORGS

**70%**  
OF GRANTS TO  
BIPOC-LED  
OR CO-LED  
ORGS



## INNOVATION

**\$928,000**

Deepening investments in innovation and experimentation



## REACH

**\$328,000**

Expanding the reach of info-sharing efforts nationwide



## ACCESS

**\$2,518,000**

Strengthening the access ecosystem & supporting sustainable models of care

# our grantees.

**Abortion providers and supporters are being criminalized, federal protections are under threat, and state-level attacks are escalating.** Clinics and local abortion funds are stretched thin, operating in survival mode — all while many institutional funders are stepping back. While the field faces mounting pressure, **ABC Fund remains committed to showing up where others won't.**



**INeedAnA.com** provides personalized guidance for people seeking abortion care — including travel options, provider lists, cost breakdowns, and even personal stories. **To date, they've served over 1.5 million unique users.** In partnership with ABC Fund, INeedAnA has launched a powerful field survey initiative to better understand what's happening on the ground.

“Funding from ABC Fund has enabled us to continue to **improve the ineedana.com user experience and develop new content** based on abortion seekers' frequently asked questions (like How Do I Know the Abortion Pills Worked?)”

**INeedAnA.com**, ABC Grantee

**Florida Access Network** is a queer and BIPOC-led statewide abortion fund that provides abortion funding, practical support, and peer support to Floridians seeking care.

**In May 2024, a 6-week abortion ban took effect** in the state, dramatically curbing access for thousands of residents in Florida and across the South. Until this point, Florida had been a major access point for people in Southern states, who often traveled to Florida as the nearest option for accessing care. **ABC Fund provided grants to FAN and five other Florida-based support organizations to help them navigate the crisis** and adapt services in the new landscape.



“ABC Fund's generous contribution to Florida Access Network has built our capacity to fund abortion in Florida. **In this rapidly changing political environment, we need more funders who understand the importance abortion funds play** in the access landscape and invest in our longevity because our communities need us to thrive.”



**Florida Access Network**, ABC Grantee

# our grantees.

**Hope Clinic**'s abortion care specialists have been serving the St. Louis region since 1974. In 2024, they began to fundraise to open a new clinic in Chicago, dedicated to later abortion care. **ABC's grant funding has enabled the Hope Clinic to open their new clinic** in the summer of 2025, which will serve communities across the South and Midwest. Later abortion care providers are few and far between in these particular regions, despite the greater need as more patients are pushed further into pregnancy because of limited earlier access. **Prior to Hope Clinic's new site, there have been no other clinics providing care after 26 weeks in the Midwest**, with the closest locations in the Colorado or DC area.



“The impact of the support from the ABC Fund has been tremendous. Last year, due to their support, **we were able to carry out the critical work of renovating our building and putting the operating plans into place**, which are critical for a successful clinic. We're delighted to serve Chicago and the broader regions.”

**Hope Clinic**, ABC Grantee



**M+A Hotline** provides medical information to people who are going through an abortion or miscarriage. They provide private, free, and accurate support to people across the U.S. **M+A Hotline remains the United States' only medical hotline for abortion seekers**. ABC Fund proudly supports grantees who offer **compassionate, medically accurate, and judgment-free support** to people seeking care at various stages of their reproductive journeys.



“Support from ABC Fund allowed us to **maintain uninterrupted, bilingual services** throughout 2024 and now into 2025. For the first time, we have been able to bring on **full-time staff to sustain our volunteer-led model**. This funding has been critical to building long-term stability as we respond to growing demand.”

**M+A Hotline**, ABC Grantee

# our future.

**ABC Fund was designed for this moment of vulnerability and uncertainty.** We believe that our model — moving money rapidly and allowing movement leaders to direct the flow of money — will ensure that our grantmaking is risk-tolerant, consistently current, and adaptive to changing policies.

With so much at stake, **ABC Fund is committed to remaining vigilant, informed, and steady as we continue our work supporting frontline organizations.** As we continue to leverage the expertise of our Grantmaking Advisory Council to provide unrestricted grants, we are working closely with legal experts and shoring up our safety and digital security measures to ensure best practices for our team, donors, and grantees.

As our grantmaking begins to **focus even more heavily on stabilization and strengthening the abortion access ecosystem**, we're working to ensure:

- more abortion clinics are able to stay open, flourish, and offer compassionate care without financial strain
- abortion providers and funds are able to build capacity and re-focus on building sustainable models of care
- abortion rights are protected and shield laws are being enforced in critical states



I hope ABC Fund can continue to **fund more daring work** and showcase that it's doable."



**Jill Adams**, ABC GAC Member



Fund more, fund abundantly, fund collaboratively."



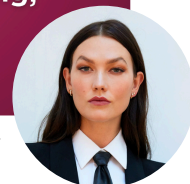
**alicia sanchez gill**, ABC GAC Member

While our renewal funding sustains existing critical work, **we seek to increase and deepen our connectivity**, technical assistance, and capacity building support offerings for grantees.

We know that organizations will continue to need **a committed and forward-thinking partner** like the ABC Fund to support experimentation, risk-taking, and innovation, which will ultimately **move us toward the world we deserve.**



When I founded Gateway Coalition in 2022 to support reproductive health organizations and clinics in the Midwest, **Abortion Bridge Collaborative Fund was our first partner.** They have been critical to our early and enduring growth and our closest advisors. **In an era of nonstop attacks on reproductive rights, ABC is a powerhouse: fast-moving, deeply strategic, and relentlessly focused on getting funds where they're needed most."**



**Karlie Kloss**, ABC Partner

# Our work will not just continue, it will grow.



## A note from our ABC Fund Co-Founders:

As long-time donors in the abortion access and reproductive justice spaces, we started getting a lot of questions after the *Dobbs* oral arguments. We were, of course, hearing from organizations on the ground: how could they rapidly raise the money — if and when a decision came down — that would allow them to adapt to new restrictions and needs? We were also hearing from funders, many of whom were new to the space: where should they invest resources so that they could feel confident their money would be put to its best possible use? **From these conversations with our trusted, on-the-ground movement partners and our motivated donor community, the Abortion Bridge Collaborative Fund was founded.**

Three years later, we've demonstrated our proof of concept, and we've seen how quickly ABC Fund has become an integral and unique player in the abortion funding space. **Going into our fourth year, one of our key goals is to deepen our relationships with the broader philanthropic community, to work towards mobilizing new donors and unlocking new dollars.**

ABC Fund is just one part of the funding ecosystem for reproductive justice, but we are an increasingly important part of that system when it comes to driving innovation and experimentation, and increasing the risk appetite of funders at this critical moment. **It will take a deep transformation of philanthropic practice to give Americans a fighting chance at abortion access and reproductive autonomy, but we believe deeply that ABC Fund is a driving player in fueling that transformation.**

**We're so proud to do this work, and we cannot do it without you.**



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