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Summary Details

of Common Bond New Mexico Foundation

Mission:

Our mission is to invest in and uplift the LGBTQ+ communities of New Mexico, united by our common bond, through programs and partnerships that serve persons belonging to gender and sexual minorities throughout our state.

Addresses

Principle Place of Business:

- 1103 Texas St NE, Albuquerque, NM 87125

Mailing Address:

- PO BOX 26836, Albuquerque, NM 87110

EIN: 85-0322200

Board of Directors

Contact Information

Contact Email:

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Contact Phone:

- (505) 225-7746

Website:

- https://www.commonbondnm.org/

Registered Agent:

- Matthew Allen

Principle Location of Registered Agent:

- 11801 Suny Bay Rd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123

Meeting Regularity:

- Monthly: Third Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Next Annual Meeting:

- Sunday - January 18, 2026

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Message from the President

In 2024 Common Bond New Mexico Foundation continued its pursuit and commitment to its mission through its two core programs:

- **U-21**; a weekly program that provides a safe, sober, and affirming environment for the LGBTQ youth 21 years-old and younger who live in and around Albuquerque.
  - At minimum, each week youth connect with each other along with supportive safe adults (screened volunteer facilitators) through a variety of activities such as cooking classes, youth driven book club, community field trips, and many other activities.
  - This program regularly provides essential supplies such as school supplies, toiletries, food, and health education to support the needs and safety of at-risk youth.
  - U-21 provides unique opportunities for peer-to-peer support relationships among youth to help improve well-being and reduce potential negative outcomes youth may experience due to their unique SOGIE experience..
- **HIV Emergency Project**; provides "last-resort" financial assistance to low-income New Mexicans living with HIV/AIDS.
  - In 2024 the Emergency Program in collaboration with NMDOH the budget was doubled in response to increasing levels of requests. This contract included needed support to hire Common Bond's first employee.
  - The HIV Emergency Project Program Specialist is a part-time contracted employee who transitioned into their role in July 2024 replacing a role previously held by a long-term volunteer.
  - This program grew significantly in 2024. It was modernized and structurally formalized, to support developing more professional relationships with health partners who support the clients seeking emergency funds across the state of New Mexico.
  - The Program Specialist has increased Common Bond's awareness of how many New Mexicans are served monthly and annually through attentive care to meeting each request with attention to nuance while prioritizing rapid response.

The driving mission of the Common Bond New Mexico Foundation is;

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During 2024, Common Bond faced remarkable growth, changes, and challenges. Large shifts in the board of directors and leadership in spring opened new doors to improving organizational communication and cultural patterns. We have spent much of 2024 reflecting on our 43 year history to identify organization strengths and long standing needs.

Recentered together all aspects of Common Bond were busier than ever. In increasingly stressful times it is because all of those who work hard to ensure the success of Common Bond that has maintained its success. I am endlessly thankful to see the continued trust and investment of our donors, volunteers, and collaborators.

The U-21 Youth Program continues to grow and youth regularly return as we continue to see new young people join participating in all of the various activities offered including skills learning, social, and creative opportunities. In 2024, the U-21 program reached a point of overflowing with supportive adults volunteering as facilitators ensuring a safe environment and opportunities for long-term volunteers to access more balanced schedules.

The Emergency Project hit its largest milestone yet as the previous long-term volunteer managing the program retired from his role and Common Bond New Mexico's first employee joined the team to manage the daily operations of the program. This happened as Common Bond took on a significantly expanded contract to meet increasing annual needs the program has seen. The initial stages of the transition faced minor speed-bumps which the new Program Specialist shined and reflected skilled professional insights to adapt and meet needs as they arose. This growth has offered the unique opportunity to increase Common Bonds ability to directly support the program's operations with agility and responsiveness.

2024 was another record year for Common Bond, highlighting the commitment all those involved in its work have done previously and currently to ensure the organization's success, stability, and service to our communities. I am so thankful and proud of all the work and commitment the Board, facilitators, volunteers, employees, collaborators, donors, and funders have done and shared to ensure the valuable services of Common Bond continue year after year. Common Bond New Mexico succeeds because of the work of all those in the community.

Thank you,

Wyatt Day, President of Board of Directors
Common Bond New Mexico Foundation

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Summary of Financial Standing

2024 Finacial Summary	
Revenue	
Public Support	
Contracts	$125,000.00
Grants	$5,000.00
Indirect Public Support	$9,277.68
Individual Donation	$981.55
Banking Dividends	$34.31
Total Public Support	$140,293.54
Sales	
Total Sales	$0.00
Total Revenue	$140,293.54

Expenses	
Adminstration & Opperations	
Payroll	$13,500.00
Total Opperations	$2,692.90
Total Adminstration	$605.75
Total Adminstration and Opperations	$16,798.65
Programming	
Total Program Opperations	$1,715.55
Total Direct Services	$116,123.20
Total Programming Expenses	$117,838.75
Net Expendetures	**$134,637.40**
Net Revenue	**$140,293.54**
Net Opperative Revenue	**$5,656.14**

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[1] Financial Summary is unaudited as of publication.

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Officers and Board of Directors

The bylaws of Common Bond state, Article IV Section 2, "The Board of Directors shall manage the business and affairs of this Foundation. The Board will consist of three to thirteen Directors elected annually at an official meeting by a quorum of the Board. All Directors will serve until their successors have been elected and qualified." There are five board members as listed in Table 1. Table 2 lists Board members who transitioned out of their board membership during FY 2024.

Table 1. Current Board Members and Officers of Common Bond as of May 2025

Name	Position
Wyatt Day[1]	Board Member, President
Selena Richardson	Board Member, Vice President, Web Manager
Dylan Lutey	Board Member, Treasurer
Matt Shubert	Board Member, Secretary
Ærin Espinosa	Board Member

Our board members may be contacted at board@commonbondnm.org. General communications to Common Bond NM should be sent to contact@commonbondnm.org or 505-225-7746

Table 2. Board Members and Officers of Common Bond who exited positions in 2024.

Name	Position	End Date
Benjamin Gerstner	Board Member	December 31, 2024
Elizabeth Ames	Board Member, President	April 2024
Anami Dass	Board Member & Treasurer	June 2024

[1] Wyatt Day pending resignation to become effective May 16th, 2024. Selena Richardson elected Board President to become effective May 16th, 2025.

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Annual Review of Programs

U-21 Youth Support Group

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In the last 40+ years U-21 has continued to flourish and we are proud to be another year in that history. Our space continues to be a safe. sober, and affirming environment for over a hundred youth between the ages of 6 and 21. We held a total of 52 Friday night activities and 16 weekend events. Our Friday activities included craft nights where our participants' were able to showcase their creativity, nights that grew valuable life skills such as cooking, gardening, and financial responsibility, photography, Jeopardy, vision boards, and so many more amazing activities. Our weekend activities included many movies, some fun times at parks, a Japanese cultural festival,the introduction of museum visits, and a healthy amount of roller skating.

Our youth had an amazing time participating in Pride. We've participated in it for years and it's always been incredibly amazing. The youth have a wonderful time decorating the float and walking in the parade. It's an opportunity for them to be proud of who they are and build something that represents them. It's one of the projects they look forward to the most. They spent the few weeks before using their creativity to make wonderful additions to pride. They painted umbrellas to help with the sun and tie-dyed shirts with the help of one of our board members.

Over the last year we have provided hundreds of dollars worth of food to participants both at and outside of the program experiencing varying levels of food instability. We provide dinner every Friday with enough for those who need to take home. We also provide food at most weekend events.

Our book club is a project that was started a few years ago and has bloomed into a beautiful thing. In the last year we've spent $2,357.90 on 191 books. These books are chosen by the participants and are voted upon. Themes have included fairytales. sci-fi, memoirs, pirates, and many more. In addition to the book club we started providing a library about two years ago. Over the last year we've added approximately thirteen books to that library resulting in one very overstuffed library cart. The participants have loved checking out books to read between the book club picks.

Our facilitators are and always have been the backbone of this program. U-21 is 100% volunteer run and lucky for it. Before this year we had seven incredibly committed facilitators. During this year we have grown that number to eleven. Each facilitator brings special skills and capabilities to this program. We've been able to shape activities around these skills to give our youth an even more amazing experience.

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HIV Emergency Project

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For 43 years, the Emergency Project has played a unique role within the state's HIV healthcare network. The New Mexico Department of Health estimates that 4,107 people in the state are infected with HIV. **We help meet the emergency and life sustaining needs of some of the most vulnerable people within that population through our services.**

Historically, the work of Common Bond has been driven by dedicated volunteers who have provided essential support to our clients. However, with the growing demand for emergency assistance and resources, we recognized the need for additional capacity to effectively meet these challenges. In response, we hired Shalina Thienes as the Emergency Project Program Specialist, ensuring a more structured and efficient approach to addressing the increasing needs of those we serve. This strategic addition allows us to enhance our impact, streamline services, and continue fulfilling our mission with greater effectiveness.

In this significant step forward, with Shalina (she/her) as Common Bond NM's first paid employee she began in July 2024, Shalina's arrival marked a turning point in our ability to provide timely and structured support to clients. During the transition from the previous Emergency Project Specialist, some data was not fully transferred, resulting in partial information loss. Despite this, we maintained continuous support to those in need and improved our internal systems for smoother transitions in the future.

During 2024:

- **We continued our assistance benefit of $300 per referred client.**
- **We disbursed $92,248.97 -- which helped 348 individuals.**
- **In collaboration with our primary funder NMDOH increased our annual contract to support more New Mexicans in need across the state.**

The Emergency Project helps prevent homelessness for low-income New Mexicans living with HIV/AIDS. Our "last resort" financial assistance gives us the flexibility to meet a wide range of needs – some of which (like auto repairs) are essential but cannot be paid by other sources of support. Our rush payments are primarily requested for rent, utilities, and medical bills. We also commonly assist with health insurance, medicines, prescription eyeglasses and other necessities to support increased quality of life.

The Emergency Project steps in when no other assistance program can quickly relieve the multiple stressors people living with HIV/AIDS can face. By collaborating with

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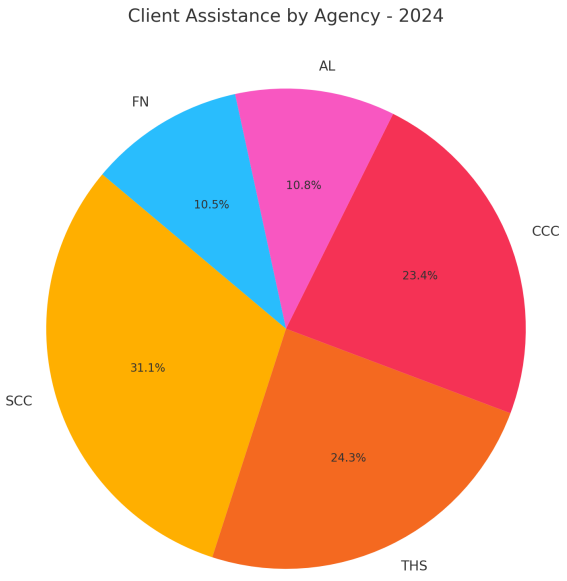
community health agencies the Emergency Project supports individuals in urgent circumstances when many other government-funded programs may face slower processing times or seasonal caps on funds which can negatively impact client engagement.

The Emergency Project is majority funded by New Mexico Department of Health and coordinates with NMDOH to receive emergency financial requests from five HIV Service Provider Organizations: the University of New Mexico's Truman Health Services, Southwest Care Center, First Nations Community HealthSource, Alianza of New Mexico, and Community Collaborative Care. Coordinating with these health care agencies and their case managers allows the Emergency Project to provide assistance that supports their clients remaining engaged in treatment. Collaboration like this has enabled the Emergency Project to reach people across the state while also supporting reducing negative health outcomes of untreated HIV, including its spread.

During 2024, we assisted with providing 488 emergency financial assistance payments. The Emergency Project was able to reach people across the state including 62 smaller cities and rural communities in addition to small metro and metropolitan areas. 2024 assistance payments aided at least 348 individuals of a broad range of self-reported demographics. Represented here includes some of the self reported demographics including gender, ethnicity, and age.



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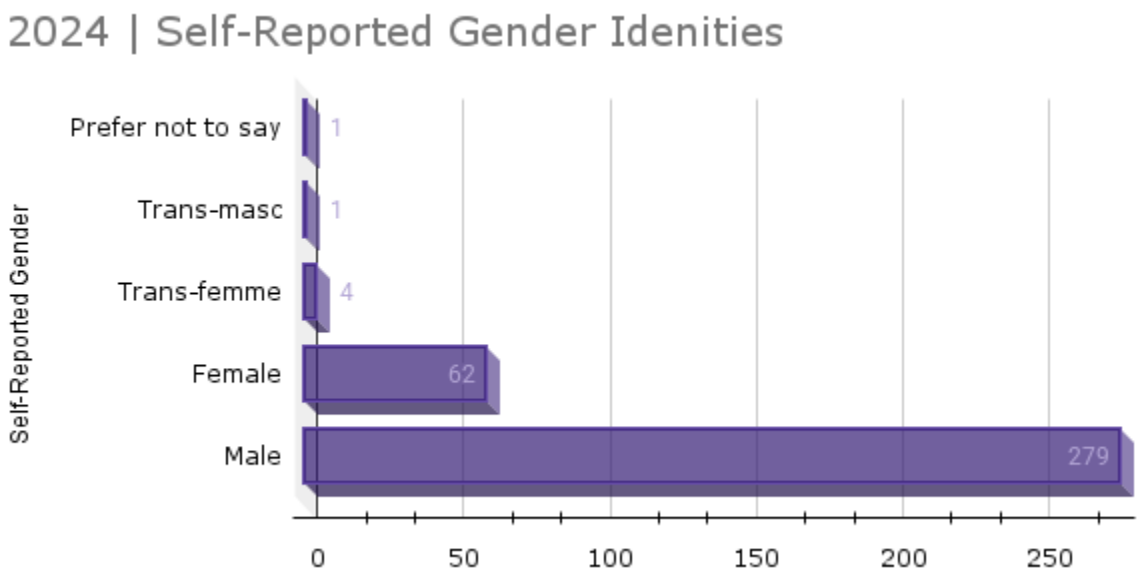

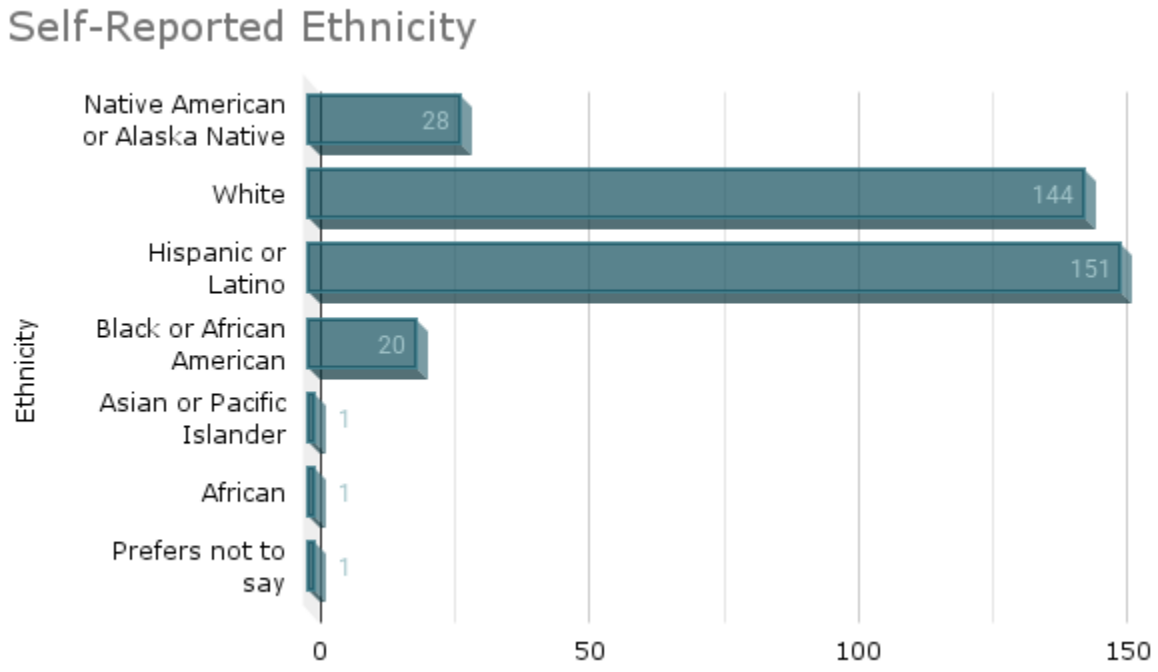

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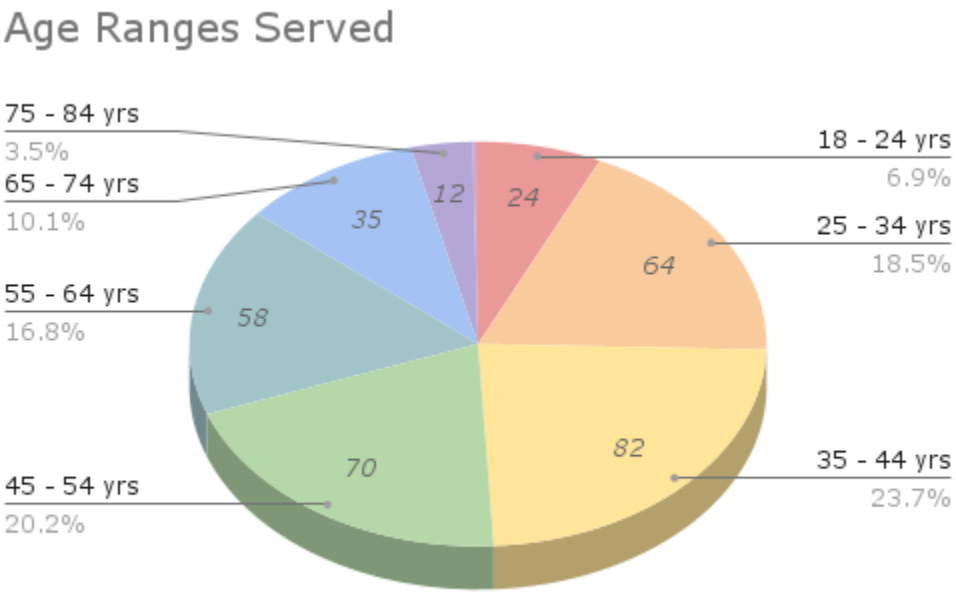

In addition to emergency funds, the Emergency Project allows for health partners to refer interested clients to Common Bond board member Dylan Lutey, an estate planning attorney with Hedrich Law, P.A. in Albuquerque, who offers pro bono legal services to the program related to: New Mexico Power of Attorney and Advance Medical Directive.

During 2024, the Emergency Project received an estimated $133,258 in funding and donations from the New Mexico Department of Health, Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, UNM Truman Health Services' HIV Glow Walk, The Wilde Bunch, indirect public support, and private individual donations. 90% or more of the program's annual budget was dedicated to direct services.

The Emergency Project was established approximately forty-three years ago during the original AIDS crisis, when people were dying at shocking rates. Thoughout its history, Common Bond has sought to evolve itself and its practices along with the needs and identities of New Mexicans living with HIV and the broader culture across our aligned communities.[1]

[1] Common Bond New Mexico strongly maintains anti-discrimination policies aligned with state and federal law in its by-laws and Board Member Handbook its application applies to all people we serve through our services, volunteers, vendors, collaborators, our hiring, and employment practices. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our staff, clients, volunteers, subcontractors, vendors, and clients. Common Bond New Mexico is an equal opportunity employer.

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The Emergency Project, Common Bond New Mexico, and its Board of Directors is Proud of another successful year and looks forward to opportunities and successes in 2025.

Common Bond Emergency Project | Annual Service Data 2024

Total 2024 Funds Dispersersed >>	**$94,517.97**
Total Payments Provided >>	**479**

*Payments - meaning direct to payee emergency funds via check, money order, phone payment, or online processing

2024 Service Data by Affiliated agency, request purpose, and Communities Served. Due to programming growth and transition data collection methods were streamlined during the year. Where needed data is seperated by January to July period and August to December period.

Assistance Distrabution by Affiliated Agency 2024

Agency	Total Distrabutions	Amount
FN	39	$8,692.46
CCC	83	$17,716.34
SCC	111	$20,995.68
THS	206	$38,985.28
AL	39	$7,728.21
Unknown	2	$400.00
Approx. Total	**480**	**$94,517.97**

Assistance by Purpose

Janury - July 2024		August - December 2024	
Categories (Jan - Jul)	**Payments Made**	**Categories (Aug - Dec)**	**Payments Made**
Rent	68	Utilities -PNM	39
Utilities	186	Utilities - Other	31
Eye Glasses	15	Rent	48
Auto Repair	1	Emergency Medical	10
Medical Bills	20	Utilities - Water & Waste	20
Storage Unit	4	Utilities - Gas	18
Auto Loan	3	Eye Glasses	7
Renters Insurance	1	Emergency Car Repair	1
Phone Service	2	Utilities - Not Gas	6
Approx Total Payments	300	Approx Total Payments	180

Assistance by Community

Jan - July (Cities Collected)

Cities Served	Payments Made	Cities Pt. 2	Payments Made
Albuquerque	139	Vado	1
Silver City	2	Sunland PE	2
Carlsbad	1	Thoreau	1
Tore	2	El Prado	1
Las Cruces	32	Clovis	2
Santa Fe	28	Chimayo	1
Aztec	1	Questa	1
Bloomfield	2	Cuba	1
Tijeras	1	Church Rock	2
Fruitland	1	Farmington	4
Deming	5	Ranchos DE	1
Rio Rancho	5	Anton Chio	1
Anthony	4	Las Vegas	1
Lunas	1	San Jose	1
Roswell	8	Sunland Pa	1
Sunland PC	1	Paraje	1
Los Rancho	2	Hobbs	1
Taos	1	Arrey	1
Portales	2	Santa Tere	2
Alamogordo	3	Ramah	1
Mountainair	1	Rehoboth	1
Los Lunas	4	Ruidoso	2
Gallup	2	Sandia Park	1
Nogales	1	Stanley	1
Chaparral	2	Mesquite	1
ABO	1	Valdez	1
Laguna	1	Moriarty	1
Lamy	1	Edgewood	1
Ranchos	1	Belen	1
Kirtland	1	Tohatchi	1
Mesilla Par	2	Bernalillo	2
Sheep Spri	1		
		Approx Total Payments	299

Assistance by Community Pt. 2

August - December (Counties Collected)

Counties	Payments Made
Bernalillo	87
Doña Ana	40
Sierra	2
Sandoval	7
San Juan	2
Otero	4
Valencia	5
Luna	4
Cibola	3
Rio Arriba	2
Gallup	1
Santa Fe	13
Torrance	2
Curry	1
Grant	1
Lincoln	1
McKinley	1
Taos	3
Approx Total Payments	179

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Common Bond Emergency Project | Demographics Service Data 2024

Self-reported demographic data is collected during the request process. Demogrpahic questions were formalized in August 2024, are fully optional, and based on an indivudals self-report which does not impact or affect eligibility for services.

Self-Reported Gender	
Male	271
Female	62
Trans-femme	4
Trans-masc	1
Male	7
Prefer not to say	1
Total Self-Reported	**346**

Served Age Ranges	
18 - 24 yrs	24
25 - 34 yrs	64
35 - 44 yrs	82
45 - 54 yrs	70
55 - 64 yrs	58
65 - 74 yrs	35
75 - 84 yrs	12
85 + yrs	1
Total Self-Reported	**346**

Ethnicity	
Native American or Alaska Native	28
White	144
Hispanic or Latino	151
Black or African American	20
Asian or Pacific Islander	1
African	1
Prefers not to say	1
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