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Adult Industry Collective

SELF-REPORTED DEMOGRAPHICS
FOR BIPOC-AIC MICROGRANT APPLICANTS AND GRANTEES

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As part of the BIPOC-AIC Microgrant application process, we collected limited demographics data to help clarify the marginalized populations of sex workers most impacted during COVID-19 and in need. Since September 2020, BIPOC-AIC has received a total of 292 applications for financial assistance. We asked sex workers to self-identify their ethnicity, gender identity, age, care giver status, length of time in the industry, and types of sex work they engage in.

Taking a look at the demographics of the BIPOC-AIC Microgrant applicants:

- Largest populations of requesting assistance
  - 65.7% of applicants identify as Black or African American
  - 37.3% identify with she/her/hers pronouns. We asked people to self-identify by pronouns because we do not make the distinction between cis and trans women. We stand in the firm belief that trans women are women and to ask someone to disclosure their assigned gender at birth by identifying as trans is to cause harm. There were many individuals who choose to self-identify as transgender, gender-non-conforming, and non-binary. One of the statistics that we found interesting, though not surprising, is the number of sex workers who identify with they/them pronouns, but use she/her pronouns for sexual labor.
  - And lastly, 41.5% of applicants reported being between 25-30.

Our demographics showed that across ethnicities, 56.8% of applicants have dependents who are adults, children, or both and provide for them using sex work, even in case of houselessness, food insecurity, and other systemic inequities.

- Caregiver status
  - 35% of applicants reported dependents who are adults
  - 15% reported dependents who are children
  - And 4% reported both adult and minor dependents.
  - 40% did not reply to the inquiry.
  - 48% of applicants reported working in NSFW media for 1-5 years

BIPOC-AIC began this work with the understanding that sex workers do not work in a binary. Marginalized sex workers often work in both legal and criminalized forms of sex work due to limited opportunities, lower pay, and implicit bias. Our data shows that 61% of BIPOC-AIC’s microgrant applicants reported working in both legal and criminalized forms of sex work.
Understanding that we couldn’t help everyone with limited funding, to mitigate fraud, and offer help to as many people as possible with limited funding, The BIPOC-AIC established its Microgrant Program with the following applicant criteria:

Individuals must self-identify as a BIPOC sex worker living in the US

They must be over the age of 18

They must have participated in online sex work or content production including mainstream or amateur porn, independent content creation, webcam, phone sex, etc. for at least one year.

Applicants can participate in-person sex work, as long as we are able to verify that they work in both sectors.

We prioritized the most at-risk sex workers, including queer, trans, caregivers, people living in rural communities and those in areas with high incidents of racial or gender violence, or those experiencing or on the verge of houselessness.
Applicant Age

- 18-24: 33.1%
- 36-40: 6.2%
- 31-35: 16.2%
- 41-45: 2.4%
- 25-30: 41.4%
Length of Time Applicants Worked in NSFW Media

- 5-10 years: 18.0%
- 1-5 years: 58.3%
- 1 year: 1.1%
- Less than 6 months: 7.2%
- 6 months-1 year: 7.6%
- 10+ years: 7.9%

Types of Sex Work Applicants Participated In

- Both: 59.1%
- Online (Cam, PSO,...): 21.4%
- In-Person: 19.6%
BIPOC-AIC asked, "Are there other resources you need at this time?"

- Mentorship, legal advice, educational planning
- Advice
- No
- Low cost healthcare options
- I just received condoms and mask.
- I am always looking for Mutual Aid funds specific to the community
- Winter shoes & clothing
- Navigation the Healthcare system, and ongoing assistance in creating an LLC
- Yes, I need a toy supplier and more events near me
- Anything would help
- Mentorship from veteran sex workers esp for on... (continued)
- n/a
- Resources for rent assistance, help with diapers
- A mentorship, places to find inexpensive fetish clothing
- If possible; help with taxes and discrete filing for health insurance
- Food bank, business resources
- No. Thank you so much for all that you do.
- None that I can think of

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BIPOC-AIC asked, "Is there anything else you would like us to know?"

- Disabled, immunocompromised, high risk of COVID (asthma), v...
- I haven't been receiving unemployment and am having a hard ti...
- I prefer to start with all the positive things about myself that you...
- I'm applying for this grant for rent relief, due to COVID I haven't bee...
- I'm a young indigenous trans person trying to escape a violent an...
- I have basically retired due to COVID, except for online strip shows.
- I'm a immunocompromised sw who needs help making ends me...
- Not able bodied
- I'm new to only fans and began it after Philadelphia's venues clos...
- The COVID pandemic has forced me to do only online sex work, ...
- I need assistance with restitution payments which is why I am ap...
- I'm happy there's a BIPOC collective. I searched too long for mys...
- Covid has really slowed down the amount of income that would o...
- As a marketing consultant and fellow sex worker, I have helped o...
Self-Reported Demographics for BIPOC-AIC Microgrant Grantees
Grantee Pronouns

- She/Her: 48.0%
- She/They: 24.0%
- They/Them but I use: 4.0%
- He/She/They: 4.0%
- None Listed: 4.0%
- They/Them/Goddexx: 4.0%
- They/Them: 12.0%