Brigid Alliance

Suggested by: TCC Group

Current Request	$15,000	**Organizational Budget**	$13,370,100
Previous Grant Amount	$15,000	**Last Site Visit**	n/a
Grants Since 1998	4	**Project Budget (if applicable)**	n/a
Total Grants Awarded	$50,000	**Purpose**	General operating support

Mission

To provide travel, food, lodging, childcare, and other logistical support for those seeking abortion, particularly for those who find it too expensive and difficult to find providers.

Organization History

The Brigid Alliance is currently the only national organization with full-time paid staff of client service coordinators dedicated to practical support for abortion seekers traveling long distances for abortion care later in pregnancy. Founded in 2018 in response to the accelerating state-level abortion restrictions and increasingly hostile federal courts that followed the 2016 election, the Brigid Alliance currently employs 35 full-time staff and has helped nearly 10,000 clients across all 50 states since its founding.

As a referral-based organization, The Brigid Alliance partners with more than 170 independent clinics, abortion funds, and national organizations, including Planned Parenthood, providing critical support such as upfront funding to cover urgent needs, with independent clinics serving as Brigid's most essential partners in delivering second- and third-trimester care. Seventy-five percent of their clients are BIPOC, 71% travel from the South (often from rural areas), 47% report incomes of less than $500 a month, and 57% already have dependents. Clients range in age from 10 to 53 years old and travel 1,150 miles on average.

Update on Last Grant and Current Request

With the Vidda Foundation's support last fall, The Brigid Alliance continued to significantly expand access to abortion care in FY 2026. Through the first nine months of the year, it served 1,913 clients, an increase over the same period in FY 2025, and is on track to serve more than 2,500 clients by year-end. Its Last Mile Fund also grew substantially, providing $989,000 in procedure support to 411 clients through June, which is nearly double Brigid's original $500,000 FY 2026 goal. The Last Mile Fund now works with more than 30 clinics (up from three when it launched in 2025), providing rapid response funding to close gaps in last-minute procedure costs that could otherwise delay or prevent care. Brigid also expanded its block funding model, which provides resources directly to clinics to cover practical support, procedure costs, and contraceptive care, and enables clinics to serve patients earlier in pregnancy while referring more complex, later-gestation cases to Brigid's coordinators.

The Brigid Alliance currently requests a renewed $15,000 general support grant to expand this work in FY 2027, with a goal of serving 3,500 clients and substantially increasing both procedure and clinic-based support. The majority of clients would receive individualized support directly from Brigid coordinators including transportation, lodging, meals, childcare, and other logistical support, while other clients would be reached through clinic-administered block funding. Brigid plans to commit approximately $1.25 million for procedure funding for 425 clients through the Last Mile Fund and $1.3 million for block funding directed to clinics. Through the expanded block funding model, clinics will have flexible resources to allow them to handle more straightforward cases directly while referring clients with later pregnancies or more complex barriers to Brigid for intensive one-on-one assistance. The organization notes that these FY 2027 targets remain preliminary as it completes the budgeting and goal-setting process.

Notes

The Brigid Alliance was originally invited to apply in November 2022 in response to the Trustees' unanimous support for a crisis grant providing travel support to New York for those seeking family planning services.