

WILD WEST ACCESS FUND
OF NEVADA

2022
IMPACT
REPORT



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A LETTER TO ABORTION SEEKERS

The power that resides in you to make decisions about your body reflects the power in our collective community.

Whatever circumstance you're facing - it may be that you had to travel, you have little to no support at home, etc. - you have a friend in the Wild West Access Fund. We are funding abortions for as long as we can, for whoever we can.

This impact report was prepared with the intention of:

- Uplifting our mission, our work and those we serve
- Communicating our values through the numbers
- Building trust with our community
- Celebrating the achievements of volunteers

We are very proud to have our community's backing since our inception in June 2021.

2022 has been a whirlwind of a year with the fall of *Roe v. Wade* and with Nevada being one of 17 states (and the District of Columbia), with abortion protections. We stand firmly with the large network of abortion funds and abortion seekers from restrictive states. Abortion access is a community responsibility. We are tremendously grateful for every dollar and every minute each volunteer has dedicated that makes this good work possible.

Just remember, there are many reasons to seek an abortion, and the best one is yours.

*To the relative I haven't met - I see you today.
Only you know what is right for you.
We support and love you.
We walk with you.
Towards our collective future where abortion is treated as basic health care.
Allowing everyone to have abortion care, regardless of socio-economic status.
For all our immigrants - undocumented and documented.
From West to East,
North to South,
Rural to city,
May your path lead to us whenever necessary.*



**In community,
The Wild West Access Fund of Nevada**

OUR MISSION

The Wild West Access Fund of Nevada was founded in 2021 with the goal of financially assisting those seeking abortion care. We started WWAF because we believe everyone should have the final say in their reproductive decisions, and because we believe in community power.

True reproductive justice, as outlined by SisterSong, is the right to parent, or not parent, children in a safe and sustainable community. The Wild West Access Fund of Nevada fosters access to this right. Just because someone may have the right to an abortion does not mean that they have the access to the resources they need to exercise this right to bodily autonomy.

In Nevada, the starting cost for an abortion is \$650, but can range as high as \$5,000 when one factors in travel, gas mileage, hotel costs, child care, and an in-clinic abortion as opposed to the medical abortion pills, misopristol and mifepristol (or just miso alone), by mail.

At the Wild West Access Fund: abortion is health care, and health care is a human right.

2022 BY THE NUMBERS

Readers appreciate

744
callers

Our intake line supported **744 callers** find abortion resources within Nevada. Whether it's finding the best clinic for their needs, how to find information on the abortion pill, or accessing community resources beyond their abortion care, our volunteers have been there to connect and support.

\$76,987
in
pledges

We redistributed **\$76,987 across 322 pledges** towards clinical costs of abortion procedures. That's an average of \$239 a pledge. Our weekly budget increased from \$1200 to \$2000 (67%!) in September, all thanks to the outpouring of community support post-*Dobbs* ruling.

\$11,330
in
practical
support

We supported abortion seekers with extenuating circumstances with an additional **\$11,330 in practical support**. Practical support could mean the difference between someone receiving their abortion care or not. It can include travel to or inside Nevada, lodging, and extra funds towards procedural costs.

AN OVERVIEW OF ABORTION PATIENTS

1 in 4

People will have abortions in their lifetime by the age of 45.

The national statistic is 1 in 4 women; however, we know, transgender, gender non-conforming, and nonbinary folks need and deserve abortion care too, so this statistic may vary.

6 of 10

Abortion patients reported having at least 1 child at home.

Our local data aligns with the national statistic. Count on parents knowing what's best for them and their families after already having carried a child. Abortion care is family planning at its core.

55.6%

of the abortion patients we served this year are eligible for Medicaid.

In a world where inflation drives families out of homes, wages are too low, and rents are too damn high, it's important to note that most people do not have a rainy-day fund period. \$650, on the low end, for an abortion appointment seems insurmountable. In Nevada, Medicaid only covers abortion care in the event of rape, incest (and only after filing a police report), or endangerment of the pregnant person's life. This type of policy says community has to suffer and involve the harmful carceral system in order to receive the health care they need. We say the opposite.

We stand in solidarity with sexual violence survivors.



Local data was pulled from our opt-in feedback form that we send to an abortion seeker after they receive funding.

THE YEAR AHEAD

We are very excited for our growth in 2023. We are not living in fear of any attack on abortion access because we know we have a community that stands firmly with the Wild West Access Fund of Nevada, willing to defend and directly fund their unknown neighbor's abortion care.

We incorporated as a 501(c)3 to have access to grants. Although we will *always* operate from an intersectional, mutual aid lens, we recognize our complicit harm in the non-profit industrial complex.

Here are three things you can expect from us in 2023:

- Relaunching our volunteer program
- Rural and non-English language community outreach
- Strengthening the Southwest's network of abortion funds with loved and respected partners

We hope to make you proud.

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- To every and each donor, whether it's \$5 or \$50, one-time or monthly, your contribution quite literally sustains this work. We are able to plan and charge ahead because of you.
- To our dedicated volunteers, that without your consistent efforts, we would not exist. Intake managers, especially, as you are on the frontline of abortion access. You may be signing up to fax a pledge to a clinic, but what you often will end up becoming is a lifeline to a person you will never meet.
- To our partners of every size, including national, state and local abortion clinics, organizations, networks, and businesses. Your stance as pro-abortion and relentless support is felt at every corner.
- To our amazing and powerful Jas, WWAF's first Program Manager. We love and appreciate you for showing up for us and abortion seekers every day.

IT IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU
THANK YOU