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Lisa and Douglas Goldman Fund Provides an Initial \$500,000 in Emergency Funding for Abortion Care

The US Supreme Court's decision to dismantle the constitutional right to abortion prompted a prominent San Francisco-based foundation to respond with a half-million dollars in donations.

The Lisa and Douglas Goldman Fund announced an emergency initiative that will provide grants to four reproductive health and rights groups — [Just the Pill](#); [I Need an A](#); [If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice](#); and the Abortion Movement Fund, a pooled donor fund.

As a result of the Court's ruling, a pregnant person who lives in a state where abortion is banned or restricted will be forced to travel out of state to obtain a fundamental medical procedure, which can cause delays in accessing timely healthcare and adds to the financial burden for abortion and related expenses for childcare, transportation, accommodations, and lost wages — all of which disproportionately impact marginalized communities.

"An extreme band of Supreme Court justices has chosen to significantly lessen American citizens' personal rights as well as decimate the founding principle of separation of church and state," said Douglas Goldman, MD, founder and president of the Lisa and Douglas Goldman Fund. "This wayward decision will undoubtedly and profoundly hurt individuals, families, and health professionals throughout our nation. In light of this, our foundation hopes our actions will temporarily lessen this pain for some."

The Lisa and Douglas Goldman Fund has supported reproductive health and rights, including abortion care, since 1992 with grants totaling over \$10 million. Recipients of the recently awarded grants will use the Fund's donations for mobile clinics that travel to state borders to offer abortion care, provide up-to-date information on where and how people can legally access abortion care, provide financial assistance for women forced to travel out of state, and offer legal and financial assistance for people investigated or arrested for obtaining an abortion or for helping someone access an abortion.

Goldman, a descendent of the Levi Strauss family, grew up in a home that emphasized service and a sense of social justice. The Lisa and Douglas Goldman Fund's assets currently total approximately \$218 million. The foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations working in seven areas: democracy and civil liberties, education and literacy, environment, health and recreation, the Jewish community, reproductive health and rights, and San Francisco Bay Area institutions. The Lisa and Douglas Goldman Fund also strives to be responsive and flexible by pursuing special projects and initiatives that address emerging issues that may not necessarily fall within the stated areas of interest.

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