

CDPH Office of Health Equity  
Gender Health Equity Unit  
Research Strategy

LBTQ Health Equity Initiative  
Stakeholder Townhall

June 9, 2022 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (PST)

Thank you for your attendance.  
The event will begin momentarily.



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## HOUSEKEEPING (PART 1 OF 2)



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## HOUSEKEEPING (PART 2 OF 2)



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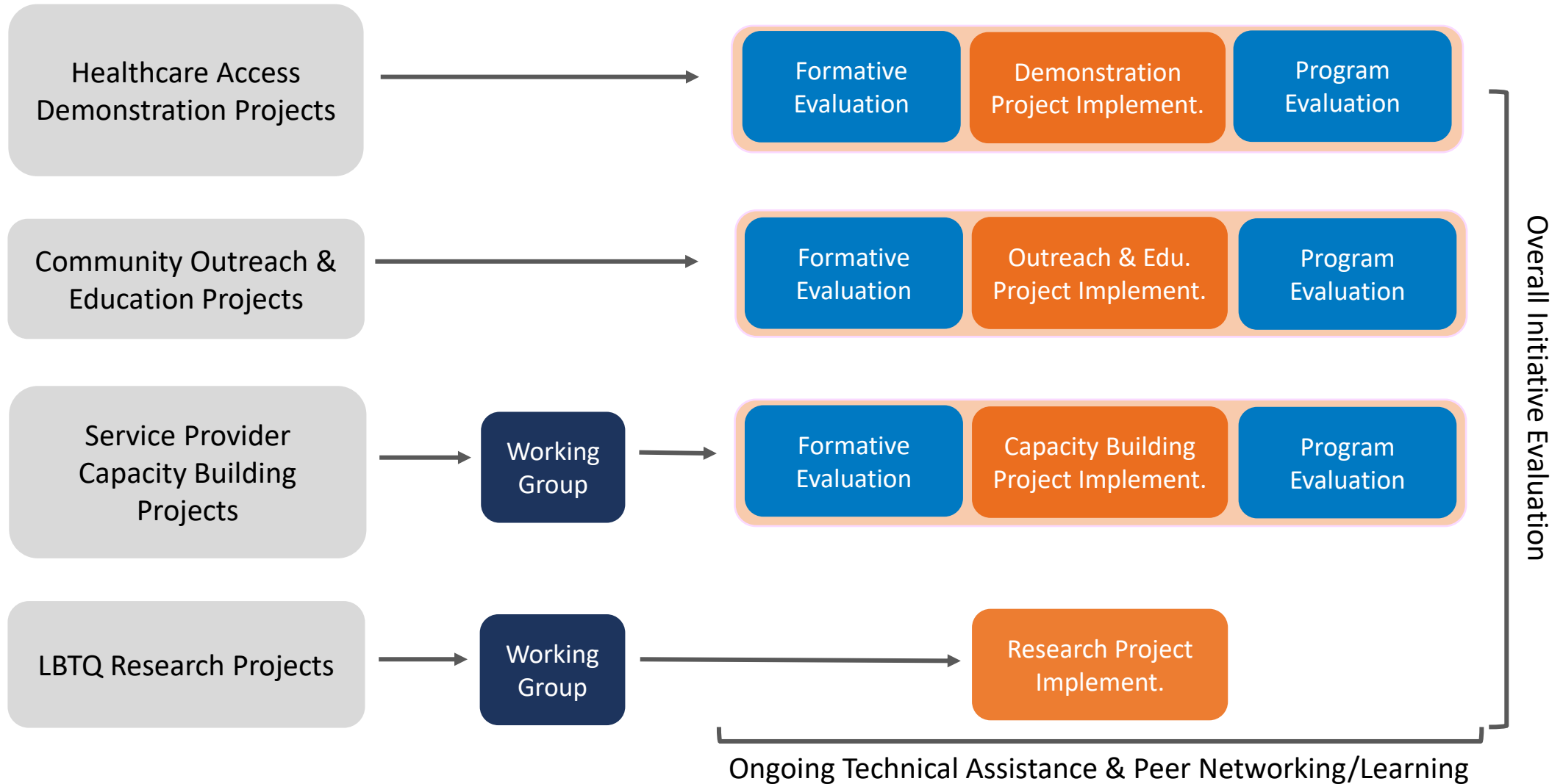
## INITIATIVE BACKGROUND

- 2019: LGBTQ Health Equity Initiative created following community advocacy campaign
- \$17.5 million over 5 years to address health disparities impacting LGBTQ communities
- Led to the creation of the Gender Health Equity Unit in the CDPH Office of Health Equity

The LGBTQ Health Equity Initiative champions the development of affirming and inclusive community-based solutions that drive structural change, empowering LGBTQ Californians to achieve optimal health.

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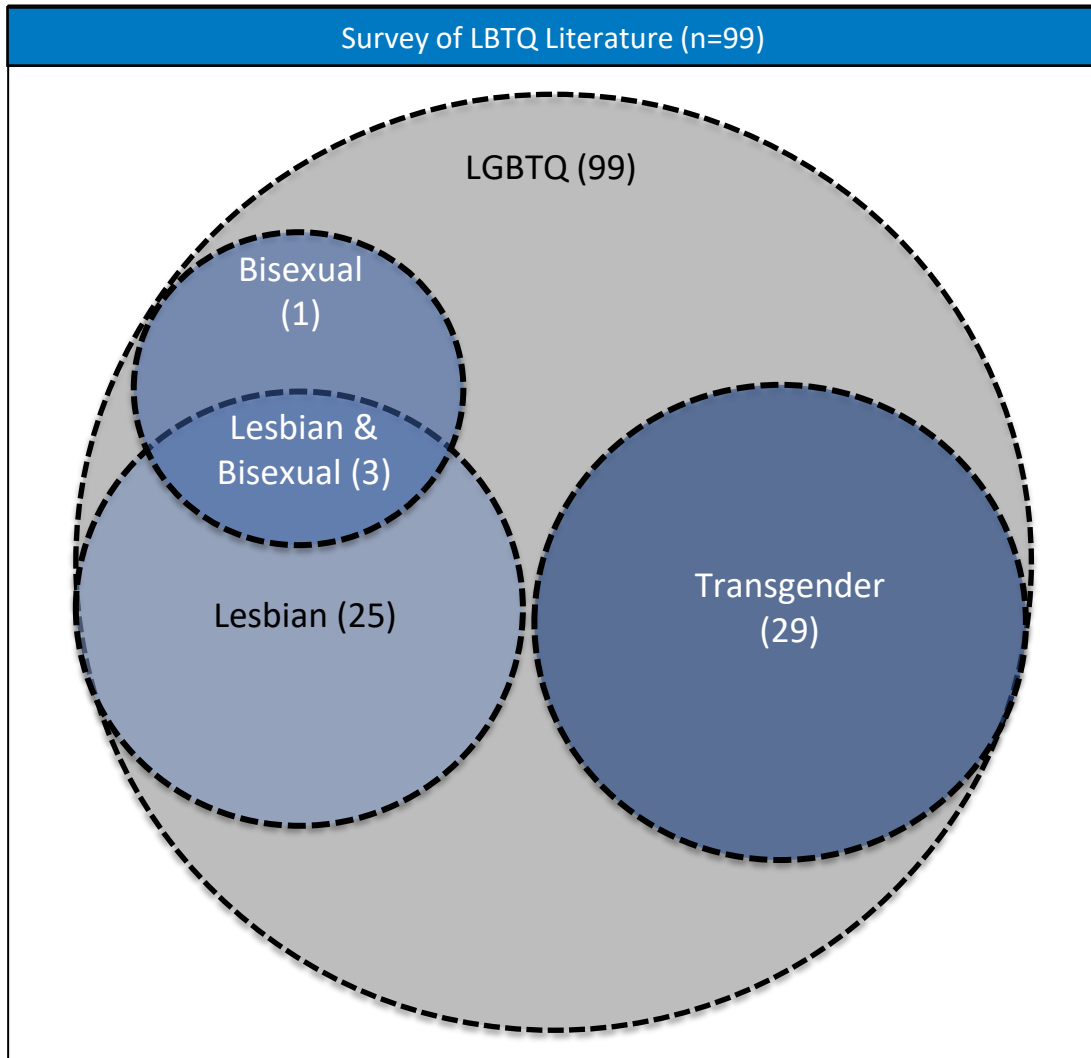
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- The LGBTQ Initiative has budgeted \$1.8 million to sponsor independent research on a broad array of LGBTQ health care related research.
- In July 2021, Andrew Chang & Company sampled the most current literature at the time. The sources were from 2015-2021.
- The literature review made a number of key findings, including the following:
  - There is a limited amount of research focused on priority groups;
  - In recent years, the amount of literature focused on transgender populations has increased;
  - 6% of the studies took place in California.
- New literature within the two last years:
  - March 2022: The National Academies released a report on SGI data collection practice and recommendations;
  - March 2022: Assessing Variations in Sexual Orientation- and Gender Identity-Related U.S. State Laws for Sexual and Gender Minority Health Research and Action, 1996-2016;
  - Oct. 2021: The White House released the National Strategy on Gender Equity and Equality;
  - Sep. 2021: Health Disparities Among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Nonbinary Adults 50 Years Old and Older in the United States.

# SNAPSHOT OF CURRENT LBTQ RESEARCH

Policies and/or processes protecting the rights of LGBTQ people seeking healthcare or health services

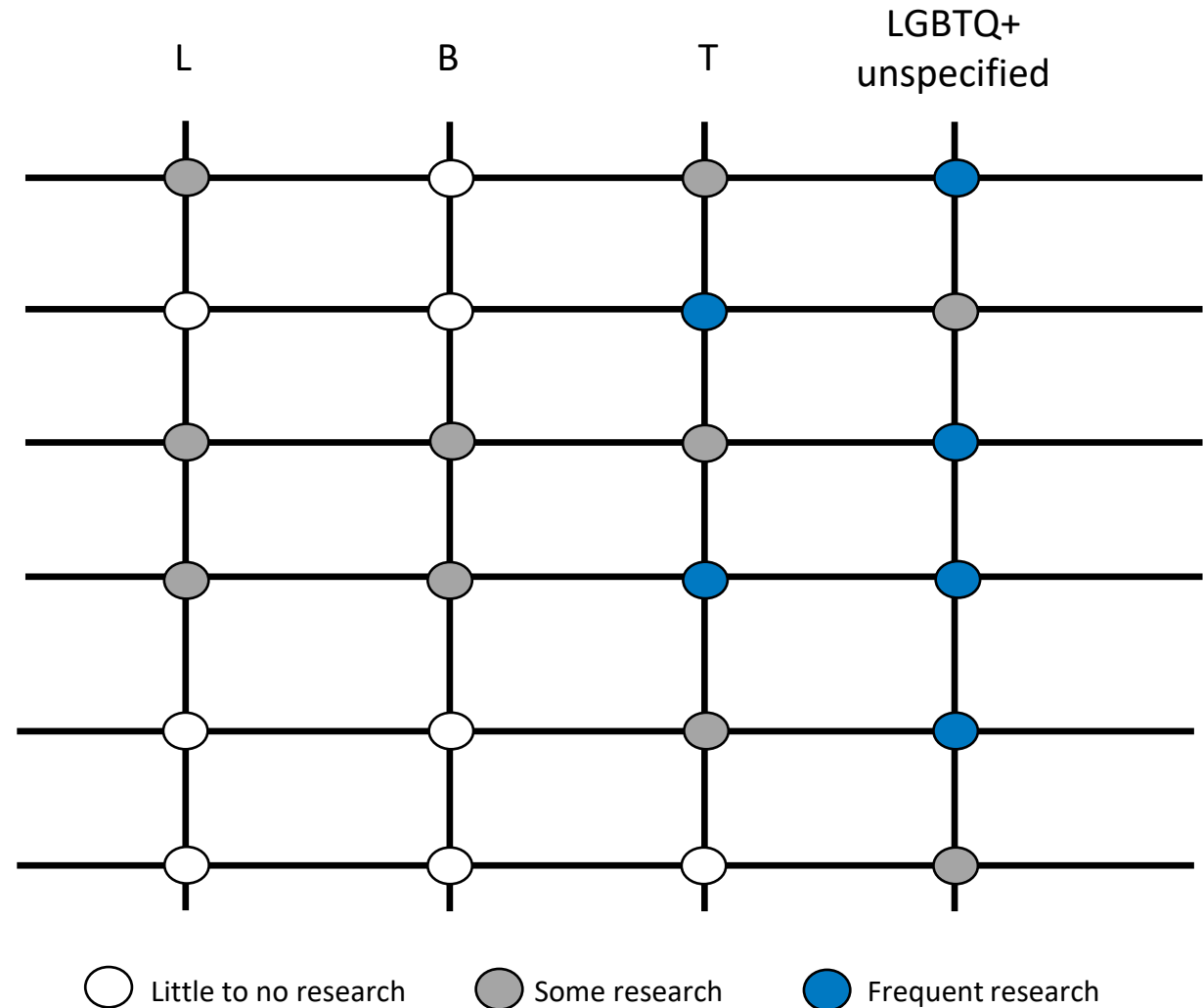
Socio-economic barriers that prevent LGBTQ people from accessing preventative care or treatment

Healthcare providers' lack of education/knowledge around LGBTQ-specific topics

Discrimination experienced by LGBTQ people in healthcare or other health settings

Lack of funding/infrastructure to support LGBTQ people accessing health services for their specific needs (i.e., people who do not identify as female needing Pap tests, or insurance not covering top surgery)

Confidentiality concerns (i.e., LGBTQ people refusing to access public or private services for fear of being "outed" or otherwise having their confidentiality breached)



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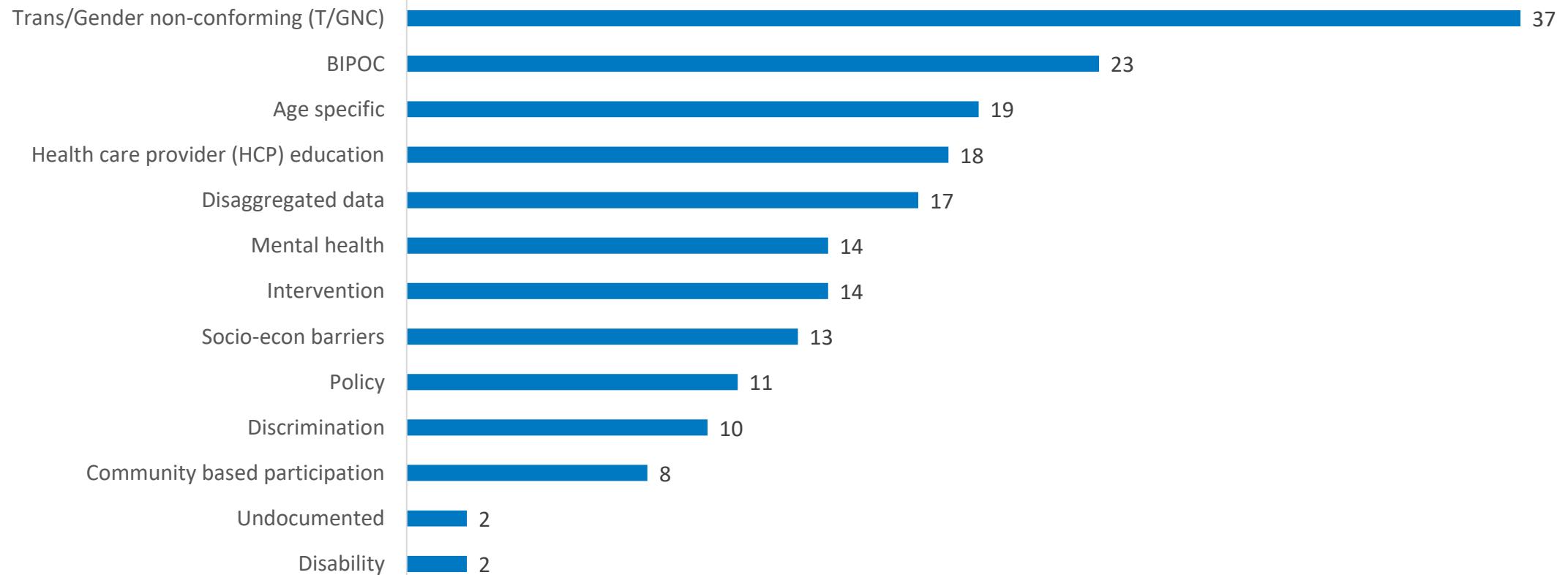
- Original research.
- Research must be done for and about California communities, but researchers may be based out of state.
- Articulated and well documented need for proposed research in the proposed area and population(s).
  - Addressing research gaps, not only funding projects in resource-rich areas.

- Collect and analyze data about LBTQ health, health disparities, and health care access within California communities.
- Address research gaps and key questions about LBTQ health and health care access to inform policies and procedures.
- Establish robust LBTQ-specific data set to capture complete and comprehensive information that drives future research
- Lay foundation for further equity-based LBTQ health care research, program development, and investment.
- Provide opportunities for new and existing researchers to grow their expertise in LBTQ topics.
- Make innovative LBTQ health equity research findings freely and publicly available.

Topic/Description	Procurement Model(s)	Vendors	Total Contract Value (TCV)
Data Collection	RFA	Foundations Academic	\$500-750K 1 contract
General Research Call (open ended)	RFA	Non-profit Academic	\$25-100K 10-20 contracts
Directed Individual Research	RFA, IA, Negotiations	Non-profit Academic	\$25-100K 10-20 contracts

# LBTQ RESEARCH: SURVEY RESULTS

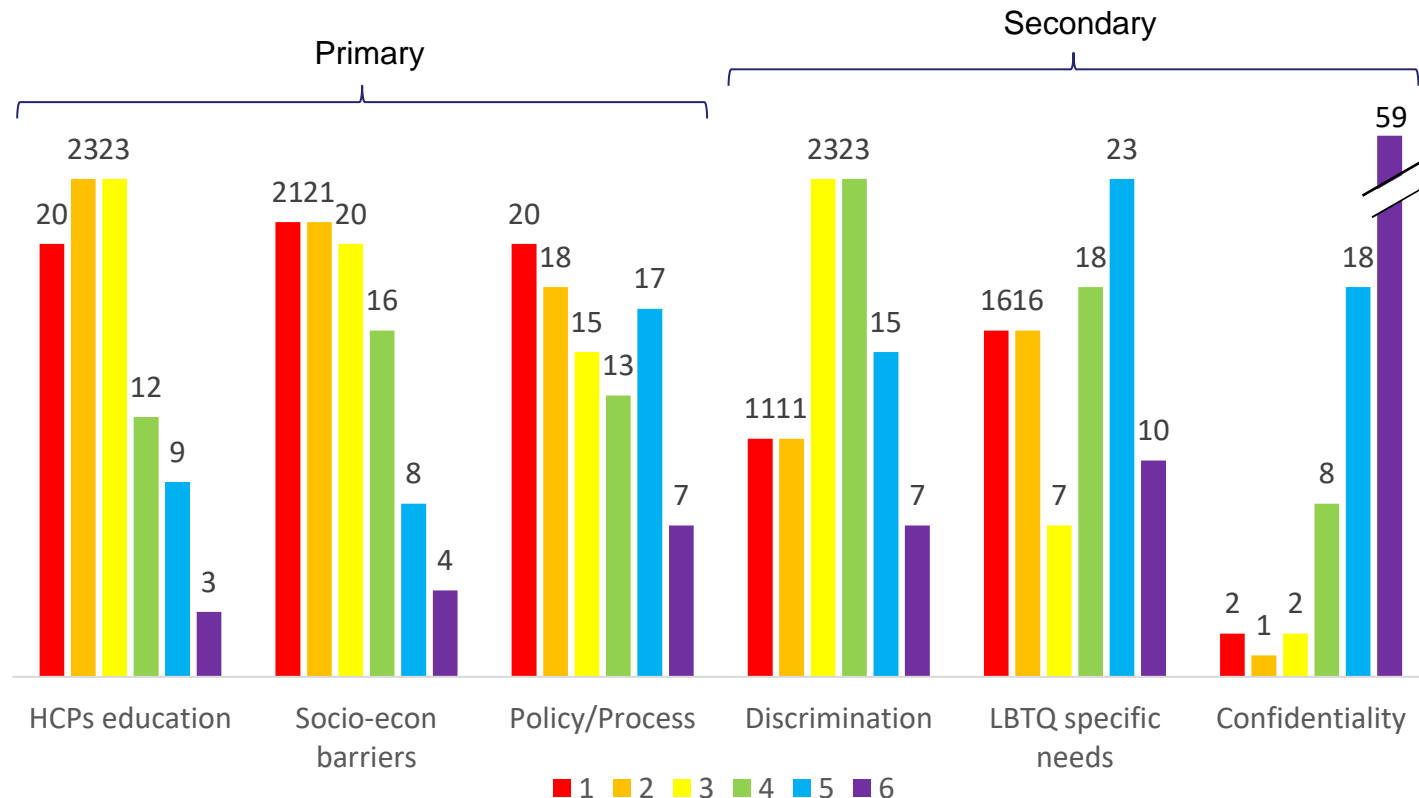
Q4: Where do you see gaps in current LBTQ research and/or LBTQ research funding support? (n=90)



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## LBTQ RESEARCH: SURVEY RESULTS

Q5: Rank the topic areas in terms of need for financial support.  
1 = needs most financial support; 6 = needs least financial support (n=90)



## Proposed Qualifications

## Primary

- Healthcare providers' lack of education/knowledge around LGBTQ-specific topics
- Socio-economic barriers that prevent LGBTQ people from accessing preventative care or treatment
- Policies and/or processes protecting the rights of LGBTQ people seeking healthcare or health services

## Secondary

- Discrimination experienced by LGBTQ people in healthcare or other health settings
- Lack of funding/infrastructure to support LGBTQ people accessing health services for their specific needs
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- Examining efficacy of a novel health intervention among LGBTQ individuals in California
- Localized community needs assessment of LGBTQ individuals in California to determine existing health disparities, barriers to service, and/or proposed interventions to reduce health disparities
- Health outcomes among a specific LGBTQ sub-population, compared to the larger LGBTQ community
- Comparing risk for specific disease/condition among L,B,T, and/or Q individuals
- Examining the impact on patient health of LGBTQ cultural competency and implicit bias training for health care service provider staff and volunteers
- Program evaluation of LGBTQ Health Equity Initiative-funded projects in other strategies is NOT allowable

# PROPOSED TIMELINE

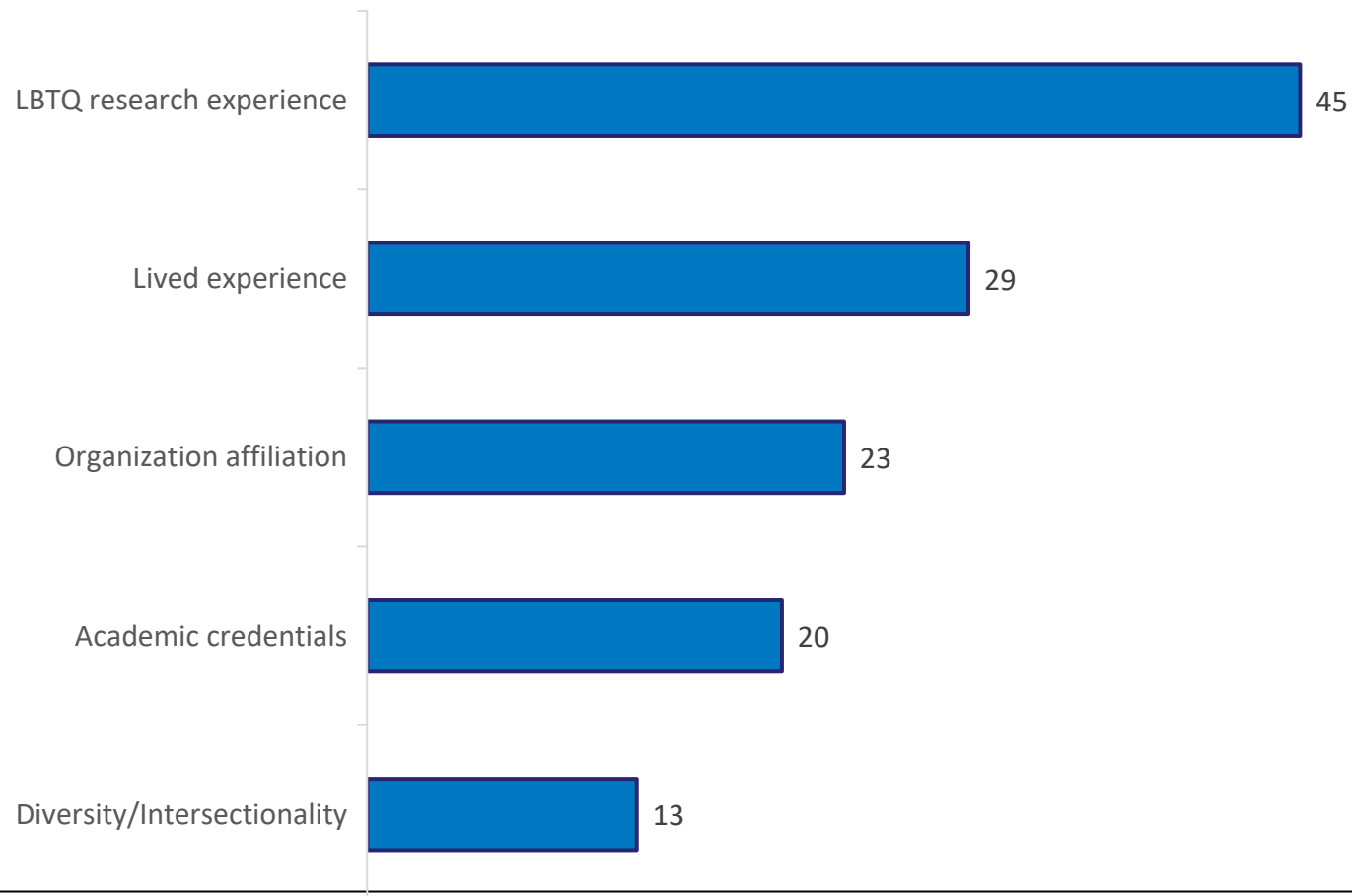
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Stakeholder Townhall & Feedback Session	June 9, 2022
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Public Comment Period Ends	July 22, 2022
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Data Collection Applications Due	Sept. 30, 2022
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General Research Draft RFA Available for Review/Comments	Aug. 8, 2022
Public Comment Period Ends	Aug. 19, 2022
General Research RFA Released for Applications	Aug. 29, 2022
General Research Applications Due	Oct. 21, 2022
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# LBTQ RESEARCH : PROPOSED RECOMMENDED QUALIFICATIONS

Q6: What qualifications or characteristics do you believe applicants applying to state-funded LBTQ research grants should possess? (n=90)



## Proposed Qualifications

- Record of publication
- Experience with LBTQ communities regarding health care access, provision, and equity.
- Affiliation with an academic organization or non-profit organization.

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What are your thoughts on the overall program structure?

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What research areas should the program prioritize?

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# How can we identify the most promising research proposals?

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