

# NYC Grant Brings Additional Support to Gender Affirmation Patients

Our Gender Affirmation Program (GAP), which provides in-home nursing and social support services for adults aged 18+ recovering from gender-affirmation surgery, has been awarded a \$92,000 grant from New York City's TGNCNB (transgender, gender non-conforming and non-binary) Empowerment Fund.

Why it matters: People undergoing gender-affirmation surgery often lack an extended support system of family and friends, and many have limited financial resources as well. This additional funding will enable GAP team members to further ensure the safety and stability of their patients during the critical post-surgery recovery period.

Zoom in: The grant will help the GAP team provide patients with financial assistance for essential needs that impact healing, such as food, transportation to follow-up appointments, uninsured medical supplies, and basic living expenses like rent, utilities, phone bills and housekeeping.

The TGNCNB fund is an initiative led by the city's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in partnership with CitizensNYC and the NYC Unity Project. Over the past 10 years, the VNS Health GAP team has provided gender-affirming care to more than 3,500 patients.

For more information about our Gender Affirmation Program, [please click here.](#)

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