The U.S. South is rich with LGBTQ community assets.

These assets include LGBTQ nonprofits, programs and informal groups. In fact, there are more than 750 LGBTQ community assets in the region.

The majority of these assets are grassroots community groups.

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- Support efforts to increase LGBTQ visibility and share the stories of LGBTQ Southerners
- Explore creative strategies for assessing intermediate and long-term progress in the South

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- Community building
- Education
- Services
- Organizing
- Movement development
- LGBT work
- Spiritual
- Youth support
- Cultural outreach
- Justice
- Religious health
- Social litigation leadership
- Public prevention
- Service engagement
- Awareness
- Resource provision
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