

# ANNUAL REPORT

# 2024

**REVITALIZING PARKS,  
STRENGTHENING  
NEIGHBORHOODS.**



**From the Executive Director**

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## **TRANSFORMING PARKS THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**



Akron Parks Collaborative was founded in 2018 in partnership with the City of Akron to address decades of disinvestment in the city's 150+ parks. From the beginning, community engagement has been the foundation of every park improvement project, resulting in parks that reflect community needs and neighborhood personality. I am so honored and grateful for the work we get to do with each neighborhood and for the people who care so deeply about their parks and neighborhood vibrancy. In 7 years we have worked on 20 parks, improving lives in each neighborhood providing space to breathe, relax, exercise, connect and build community.

We have also fostered the creation of 10 park friends groups and continue to support their work to program, activate, beautify and maintain their neighborhood parks. Funding through Akron Community Foundation provides a budget for each group to hold community gatherings and steward their park.

As we tackle more parks and improve more neighborhoods, our funding needs grow. Consider a donation or volunteer to support our work...we would love to hear from you!



Bridget G. Ambrisco



**PARKS REVITALIZED.  
PEOPLE ENGAGED.  
COMMUNITIES STRENGTHENED.**

**2 RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATIONS**

**4 PARKS COMPLETED**

**10 FRIENDS GROUPS**

**26 VOLUNTEER WORK GROUP DAYS**

**116 COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

**521 ATTENDEES**

**1,324 VOLUNTEERS**

**BY THE NUMBERS IN 2024**







**BEFORE**

**AFTER**

**KERR**



**BOSS**



**MORGAN**



**PARKS COMPLETED IN 2024**





# RIBBON CUTTING CELEBRATION

**BOSS**



**MORGAN**



**RIBBONS CUT IN 2024**







## **PARTNERING FOR IMPACT: INVESTING IN AKRON'S NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS**

**OUR WORK TO ENGAGE NEIGHBORHOODS AND IMPROVE THEIR PARKS IS FUNDED THROUGH GRANTS AND CONTRACTS WITH THE CITY OF AKRON, WHICH OWNS, MANAGES, AND MAINTAINS THE PARKS. THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS, FOUNDATIONS, CORPORATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS, WE MULTIPLY OUR IMPACT BY LEVERAGING ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.**

**AS A TRUSTED PARTNER TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS AND NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS, WE WORK TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SPACES ACROSS AKRON.**

**SINCE OUR FOUNDING IN 2018, WE HAVE LEVERAGED MORE THAN \$2.4 MILLION IN CITY FUNDS ALONGSIDE OVER \$1.3 MILLION IN PRIVATE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT SUPPORT —BRINGING THE TOTAL TO \$3,735,238 INVESTED IN AKRON'S PARKS.**

**TOGETHER, WE FUNDRAISE,  
ENGAGE, AND BUILD.**

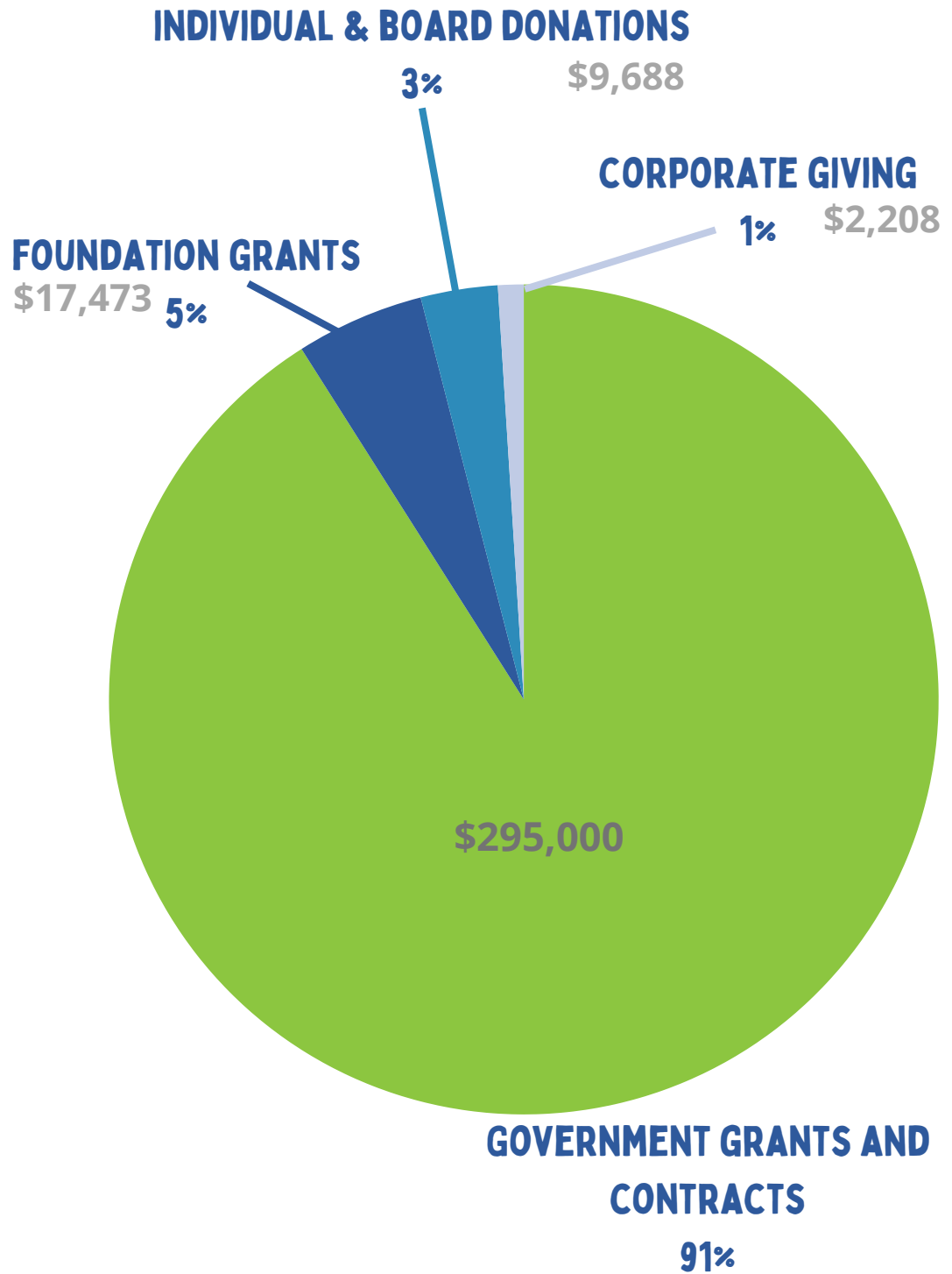




# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

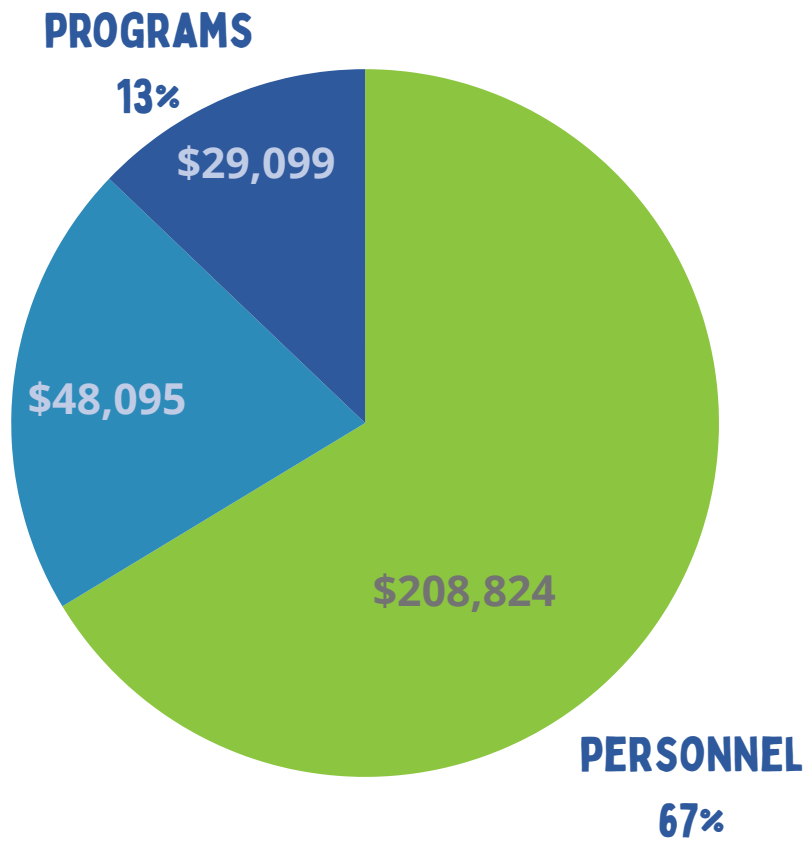
## REVENUE

\$324,369

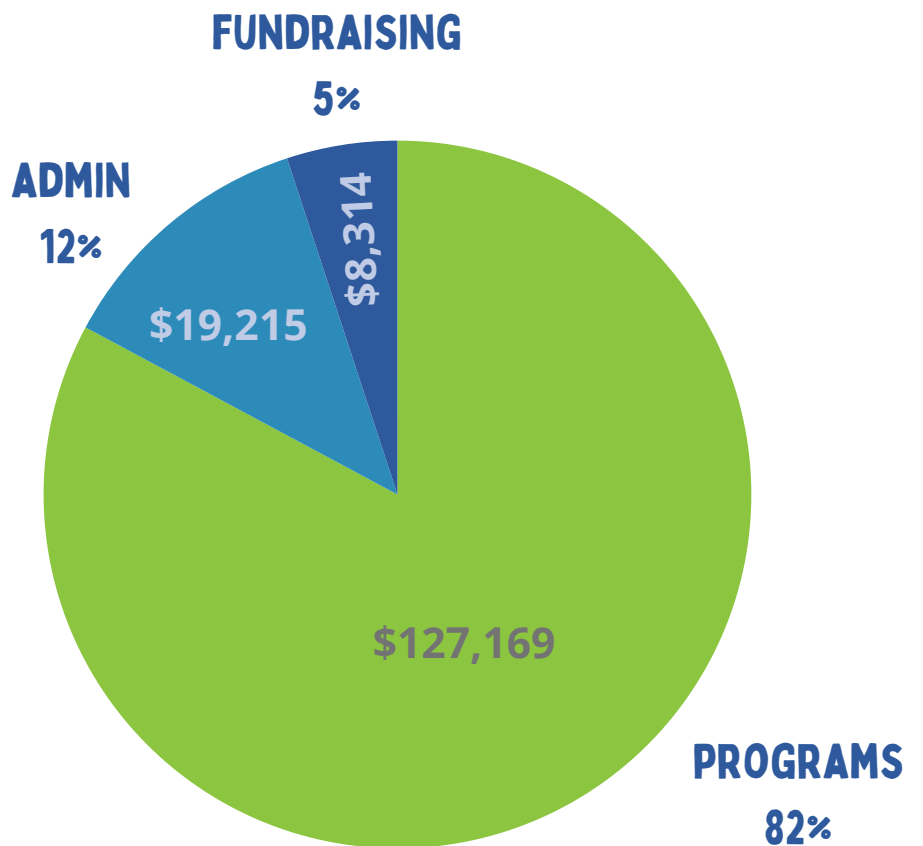


## EXPENSES

**OPERATIONS**  
21%



## PERSONNEL







**TOGETHER, WE'RE NOT JUST RESTORING PARKS—WE'RE  
STRENGTHENING NEIGHBORHOODS, DEEPENING  
CONNECTIONS, AND BUILDING A MORE VIBRANT AKRON.**

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