
ANNUAL REPORT
FY2021

INVEST IN
neighborhoods

This report covers FY2021: July 1, 2020 – Jun 30, 2021. Just a glance at those dates tells the story: the year of the worst pandemic in a century. We have all struggled together, personally and professionally. Yet we have all worked together with generosity of spirit and a strong commitment to collaborating for lasting change.

At Invest in Neighborhoods, we are recommitting ourselves to move forward, together, with the Community Councils and the neighborhoods, as we reinvest in ourselves, our communities, and our city.

Elizabeth Bartley, Executive Director

Reset: looking back to learn from what didn't work and build on what does work

Reimagine: we know what's not working – instead of 'getting back to normal' – how do we reimagine what's possible into real solutions

Reinvest: Now is the time to reinvest in our values, our communities, our neighborhoods and our people

Who we are

Board of Trustees

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*Strong, diverse, effective,
community focused, committed
leadership*

We empower Community Councils and their resident members, volunteers, and related community organizations to contribute to civic life and advance the quality of life in Cincinnati's neighborhoods.

We worked hard to keep building connections with and connections between Councils, to engage with a broader range of people and communities, and to engage Councils with the City in a variety of ways

Monthly

- **Presidents' meetings**
- **“Neighborhood Councils Action Coalition”**

Legislative / City engagement

- **Tax Abatement revisions**
- **Balanced Development Legislation**
- **Neighborhood Boundaries**
- **Zoning revisions**
- **Stimulus funds and FY2021 budget**
- **City Engagement Processes**
- **Community Engagement Legislation**
- **Law & Safety**

Connecting to other Community Orgs

- **Peaslee**
- **Action Tank**

Accomplishments

Hosted

Black American Tree Project

Co-hosted

Mayors Forum

Partnered and promoted

Urban Roots Podcast

Connect
Engage
Communicate

Member meetings

total participation: 609

2020 “Mini Summits”

(last 3 held in July 2020)

Participants: 99

Reach: 3413

Night of the Neighborhoods

Participants: 67

Reach: 151

Town Halls/Special Events

Participants: 182

Mayoral Candidates Forum

Participants: 264

Reach: 2054

Participation

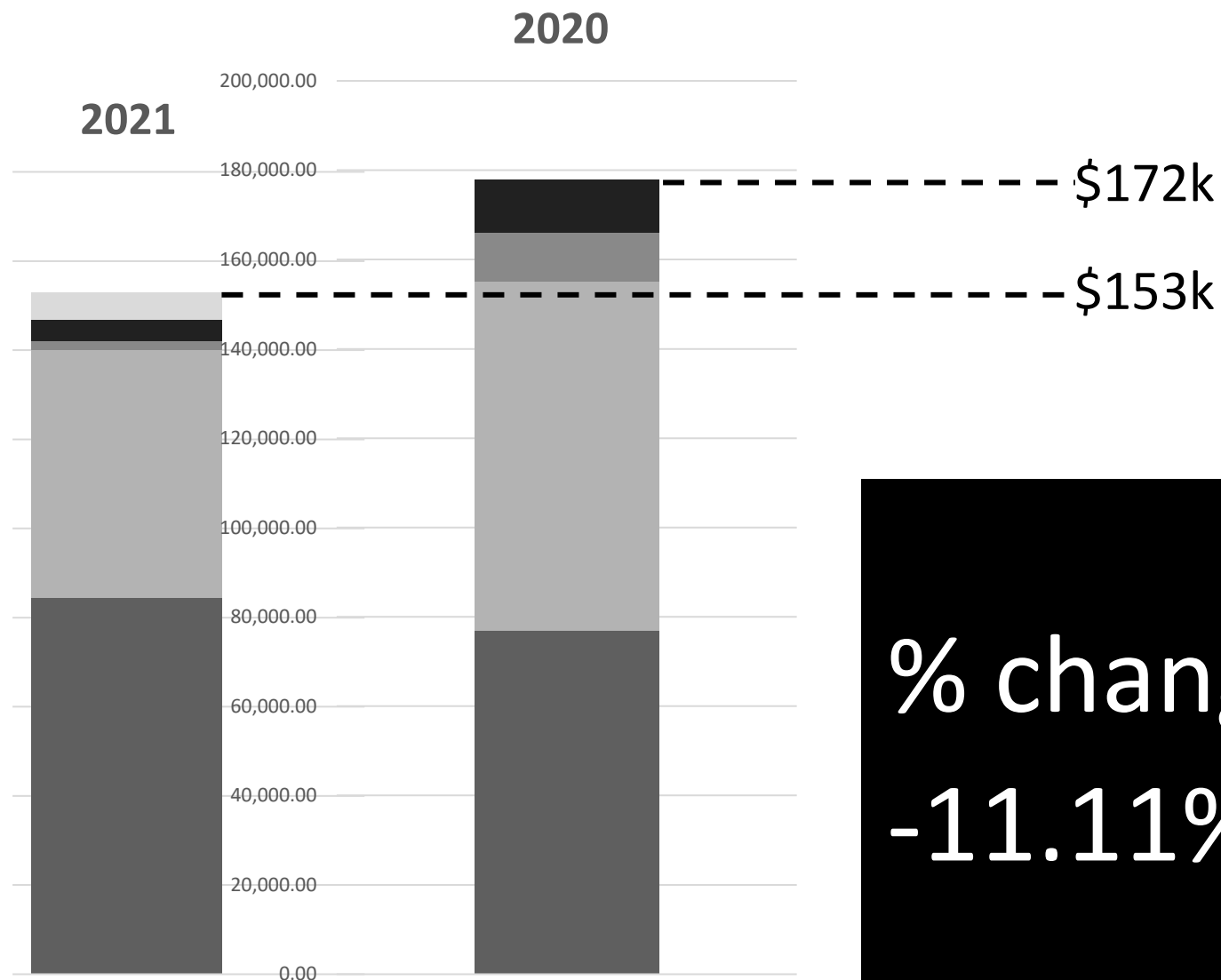
Signatories on petitions: **696**

Surveys/polls: **377**

Virtual participation

Active Participants 1218

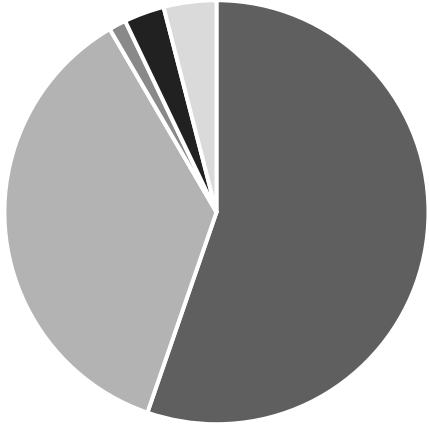
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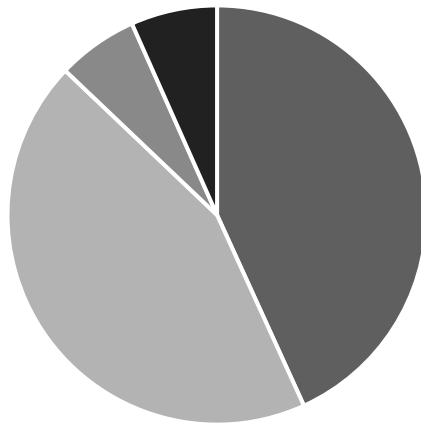
% change income
-11.11%

The numbers

Sources 2021



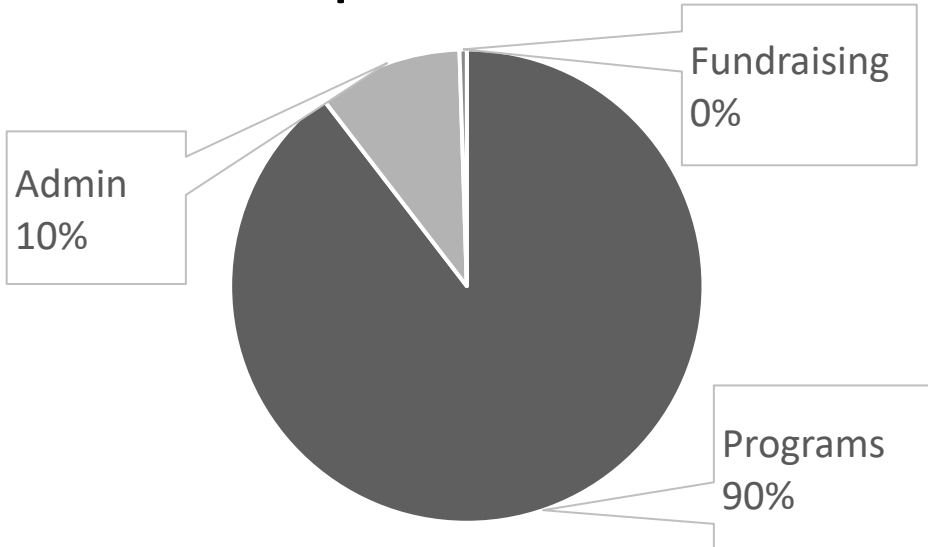
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- City grants
- other grants
- contributions
- program income
- other income

Total distributed grants:
\$37,612

Expenditures 2021



Net 2021
\$8052

GCF Trust Fund performance **2020**

Beginning Market Value: **\$944,807.35**

End Market Value: **\$966,667.77**

2021 distribution **\$911**

*Changed to “**Long-term Growth Pool**”*

Averaging higher returns, lower fees

2021 YTD (Jun 30)

End Market Value **\$1,093,076.79**

*Crossed the
\$1 million mark*

NSP FY2022

Management returned to IIN

Transitional year

Work to update forms and reports

Review and update guidelines

GOAL: EVERY Council puts in for NSP

NAF Round 1

IIN 3rd party vendor to manage

Hired new staff:

Sam Carmine, Grants Coordinator

Focus areas:

Community Organizing/Community Engagement

New training programs

Working on action plan – will ask for Council input

FY2022

Funders and Sponsors FY2021

City of Cincinnati

Seasongood

First Financial

PNC

Greater Cincinnati Foundation

Community Shares

Trulip

& the individual donors who helped support us throughout the last year

Partners

Community Building Institute

Action Tank

Toolbank

Urban Roots

In appreciation

Most of all: thank you to the dedicated, hard-working volunteers of our Community Councils

Thank you