



## Outgrowing Hunger

Nurturing the growth of people, places, and whole communities toward their highest potentials for well-being, resilience, and sustainability.

# BI-ANNUAL REPORT

## 2021 - 2022



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# Impact Report

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## A message from our Executive Director



Looking back on the organization we were at the end of 2020 compared it to the organization we are at the dawn of 2023, it becomes clear to me how so many threads of thought, development, partnership, and practice which seemed incidental, circumstantial, or somewhat random at that time were actually seeds of a crop which is now nearly matured. Pandemic-response food boxes laid the groundwork for a profitable CSA business for our farmers; Selling extra chilies to a hot sauce maker grew into an SBA-sponsored business development program; Persistent requests for larger community garden plots blossomed into an 18-acre farmer accelerator project; A decision to visit a new group discussing food work in Rockwood turned into a farmers market, a robust coalition, multiple grants, and a platform to impact the entire east Multnomah County food system; Acquaintances of convenience have become friends, partners, and board members.

As we launch our 13th growing season I am truly humbled by the outpouring of support and encouragement we have received from so many places. Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen.

Looking ahead, 2023 will see a renewed dedication to helping create abundantly productive and economically thriving immigrant, refugee, and BIPOC farm businesses while continuing to operate our network of gardens for the whole community. Stay tuned for opportunities to support our farmers while stocking your pantry!

**Adam Kohl**  
Executive Director

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## Impact Snapshot

385

Community Garden  
Plots Operated

67

Immigrant & Refugee  
Entrepreneurs Supported

40

Farmer Accelerator  
Participants

# Programs

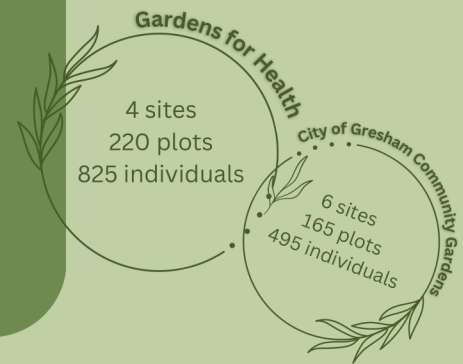
## Community Gardens



Our Community Gardens programs primarily serve East Portland's growing refugee and immigrant population and the local community. In 2022 we administered 385 plots across 10 sites in East Portland and on behalf of the City of Gresham.

In these programs, we provide affordable access to fresh produce while building self-sufficiency through

- Outreach & Engagement
- Organic & Natural Gardening Education
- Free Gardening workshops for our community gardeners and the public
- Provision of plants and seeds
- Access to compost and organic fertilizer
- Ongoing daily operations



## Direct Hunger Relief



In 2021-22 we reimbursed our farmers at full market value totaling \$81,950 for fresh culturally appropriate vegetables distributed into their respective communities, comprising 1074 unique households.

Thank you to our food distribution partners:

- IRCO & MFS Food After School Food Pantries
- Rohingya Community Vegetable Distribution
- Sunrise Food Pantry

*We look forward to distributing even more in 2023 with financial support from Oregon Food Bank, Oregon Department of Agriculture, and Oregon Department of Human Services.*

The Farmer Accelerator program supports **40 individual farmers** from seven different countries across our three farm sites.

All farmers education workshops encourage regenerative farming methods.



# Programs

## Farmer Accelerator



Look for our farmers  
at local farmers markets



### Economic Development 2022

2022 saw our participation in a new program, East County Business Bridge (ECBB). This program enabled us to support 67 immigrant & refugee entrepreneurs in establishing and building agricultural businesses based on production from our locations.

*In 2021, Mohammed Haji made farming his full-time job and supported his family, achieving his dream of being his own boss. He sold produce at 2 farmers markets and distributed free vegetables to over 100 community members every week of the growing season. Recently, Mohammed has begun raising halal chickens for his Muslim brothers & sisters as a part of an integrated, regenerative farming system.*





# Programs

## Sponsored Projects



### Play, Grow, Learn

In 2021-22 we were proud to sponsor Play Grow Learn, who provided paid internships to 18 youth from minority communities, Operated Rockwood People's Market, and distributed Free CSA (veggie box shares) in a generous partnership with Mult. Co. Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH)

### Oregon Food Bank Community Grantees

Bonifacio Garden

Sofia Farm

Oregon Karen  
Association

Farmland Produce  
Distribution  
Project

☆☆☆ Congratulations!



*To our nonprofit sponsorees  
who achieved 501(c)(3) status in 2021-22*

Arise & Shine

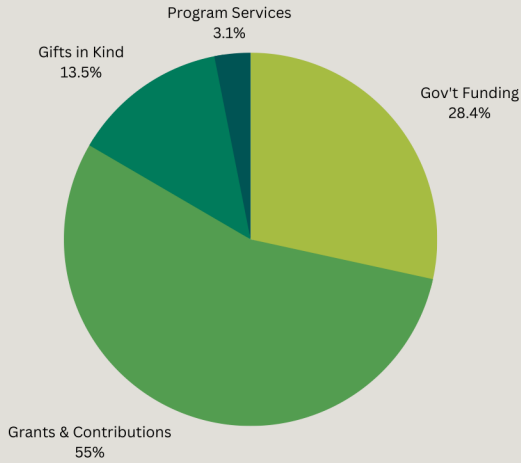
Kindness Farm

BIPOC Rise Moor  
Healing Center

Oregon  
Karen Association

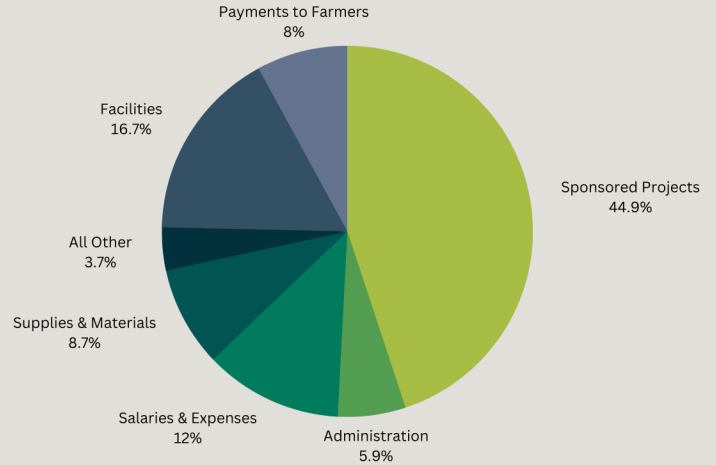
### 2021 FUNDS RAISED

# \$832,320



### 2021 EXPENDITURES

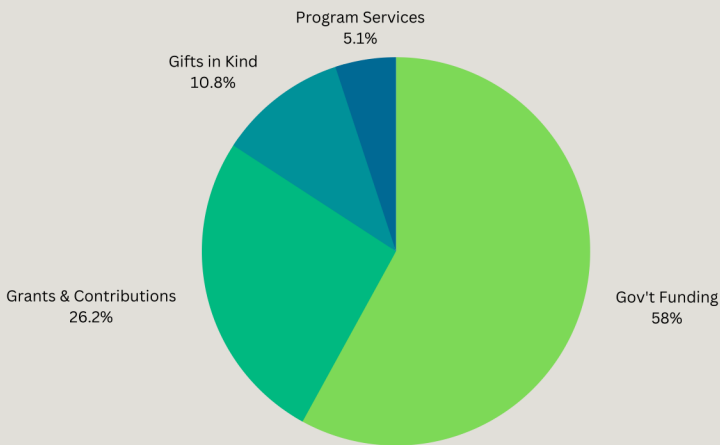
# \$799,253



*Due to rounding, totals may not equal 100%*

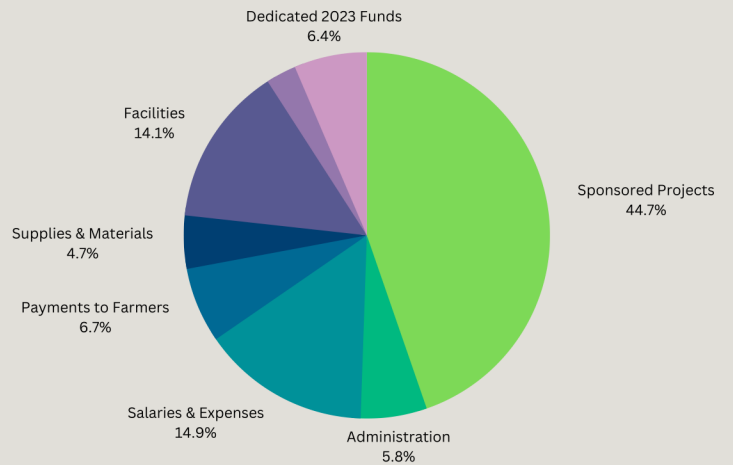
### 2022 FUNDS RAISED

# \$1,013,740



### 2022 EXPENDITURES

# \$944,050



*Due to the timing of this publication, 2022 figures are estimates.*

# Thank You

## Grantors

*Care Oregon*  
*Portland Clean Energy Fund*  
*Collins Foundation*  
*East Multnomah Soil and Water District (EMSWD)*  
*Eastrose Fellowship*  
*GrowingGardens*  
*Portland Children's Levy*  
*Jacobs Foundation*  
*Kaiser Foundation*  
*Metro*  
*Meyer Memorial Trust*  
*Oregon Community Foundation & Donor Advised Funds*  
*Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation*  
*Oregon Department of Agriculture*  
*Oregon Food Bank: Local Food Purchasing Agreement*  
*Organically Grown Company*  
*PGE Foundation*  
*PGE Foundation: PGE Drive Change Fund*  
*Rockwood CDC: USDA Urban Farmer Grant*  
*Seeding Justice*

## Volunteers

Central City Concern  
Community  
Volunteer Corps

Angie Korol

Ron Zitzewitz



## Donors &

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*Portland Clean Energy Fund*  
*Providence Medical System*  
*Terry Trudel*  
*Wallace Medical Concern*

## Supporters

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Rockwood Community  
Development Corp: East  
County Business Bridge

*Support Our Mission*





# Thank You

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