



KENORA & LAKE OF THE WOODS REGIONAL

**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

Building Forever Together

KENORA & LAKE OF THE WOODS
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Year in Review

20-21



PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The past 2 years has been unique in the life of the Foundation. Like every other organization and sector, Covid deeply affected the work we do, how we work and even why we do this work of community building.

We had to figure out how to continue to run the Foundation effectively from remote offices, how to give a rapid response to the needs of our communities when the pandemic struck and how to continue to effectively conduct our main business of endowment building and community building despite the extraordinary challenges we faced as a board, staff and volunteers.

In many ways 2020 was a record year for KLWCF. Instead of our usual 2- 3 grant cycles we held 8. Allowing us to approve 91 community building projects and disburse over \$570,000 in grant funds. Our endowments also hit a record high of just under \$730,000 mostly due to two humbling bequests: one from Mrs. Lilian Kozie and the second tranche of the bequest from Mr. Lawrence Bednarchuk.

We are very proud of our staff & board of directors for never flinching and remaining dedicated to the Foundation in the face of the pandemic, for being able to be so nimble with our first ever emergency response fund and for their continued support and guidance during a challenging time. We were both awed and grateful to our supporters, friends and donors who stepped up and showed their passion for our communities by volunteering their valuable time and/or by donating their hard earned money.

As we entered 2021, we still faced challenges with the pandemic as restrictions started to ease slightly during different times in the year. Our grant cycles returned to normal and we were able to disburse over \$500,000 in grants to 67 community building projects. We also saw the return of some in person events including our Charity Golf Tournament and our Festival of Trees which was adapted to a virtual event in 2020 and into a hybrid event for 2021. You can read more about these events in our year in review.

All in all, 2020 and 2021 were challenging years that presented many unprecedented opportunities and KLWCF has much to be proud of! Thank you to our Board of Directors, all members of our different committees that help make things happen with the foundation and all of our Volunteers who work tremendously for the success of the Kenora & Lake of the Woods Community Foundation.

Let's see what 2022 can bring us here at KLWCF! Stay safe!



Dennis Alvestad, President of the Board



Tara Douglas, Executive Director

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OUR MISSION

Our Community Foundation is dedicated to helping improve community living and the quality of life for citizens and visitors to the Kenora and Lake of the Woods Region.

MANDATE

The Community Foundation aims to strengthen the communities we serve by continuously striving towards three key objectives.

- Providing endowment building and personalized donor services
- Promoting broad and effective grant making
- Offering community leadership



IMPACT

The Community Foundation is the only organization within the region facilitating philanthropy, through the building of permanent endowment funds, for the benefit of the areas registered charities. The permanent endowments we are building will stay in your community forever.



SCOPE

We are one of 191 Community Foundations across Canada. Ninety (90%) percent of Canadian communities have access to a community foundation. Collectively Community Foundations have combined assets of more than \$6.2 billion and have granted hundreds of millions of dollars back into communities over the nearly 100-year history.



Thanks to our sponsors

The Kenora & Lake of the Woods Community Foundation is privileged to have received support from individuals and organizations throughout the years. Our sponsors play a vital role in bringing our vision, mission, and mandate to life throughout our region. We thank all of our sponsors for their leadership and contributions to the Community Foundation.



Sponsoring and showing support for each other helps our community grow. We love seeing people at each of our events.



PLATINUM SPONSOR HIGHLIGHT

Northern Harbour has donated over \$20,000 within the past 5 years and believes in the Community Foundation's Purpose

As a Platinum Sponsor for the Festival of Trees, Northern Harbour continues to be a major supporter of KLWCF. When asked why Northern Harbour chooses to support our Community Foundation, Gary Hall, Owner, had this to say:

KLWCF: Northern Harbour has been a donor to the Foundation since 2015 and I understand that this is your fourth year as a Community Champion sponsor of Festival of Trees with your donation of \$5,000! That is fantastic Gary - tell us - why do you choose to provide such a high level of support for KLWCF?

Gary Hall: We donate to a lot of things - but there are a lot of places to donate that help people who need a variety of things that are needed - not just one thing and the Community Foundation provides support for all those areas, not just one. The Community Foundation helps people live a life - a better life. It is not about providing support for one thing but a variety of things in the Community of Kenora and the surrounding communities.

The Foundation's grants help people who are helping themselves, which makes the Communities better - and if it makes the Communities better than it is worth us supporting it.



**"Northern Harbour truly believes in the mission, goals, and programs that the Kenora Community Foundation implements for Kenora and surrounding communities."
- Gary Hall**

KLWCF: What role do you see the Foundation playing in the future of our region?

Gary Hall: There is a future for the Foundation always. The only thing that is constant is change. The Foundation helps support local programming to keep people entertained and active - both young and old. Communities are happier when they are doing activities and getting out there - rather than sitting at home. We support the Foundation so they can provide more support to our communities.

We need other charities but the Community Foundation is very personal to our communities to make everything work well.

SPONSORS THAT BELIEVE IN OUR VISION, MISSION, AND GOALS HELP OUR ORGANIZATION SERVE THE COMMUNITY. WE OFFER A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PLATINUM SPONSOR: NORTHERN HARBOUR FOR THEIR GENEROSITY. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SPONSOR, PLEASE CONTACT [INFO@KLWCF.CA](mailto:info@klwcf.ca).



Remembering Pat Alvestad

Dear Friends,

With heavy hearts, we share the sad news that Pat Alvestad (pictured left), a valued member of the Kenora & Lake of the Woods Community Foundation family, passed away on February 13th, 2022.

Pat started with the Foundation in 2010 when she joined the Festival of Trees Committee and quickly became one of our most dedicated volunteers. Within months she became the Volunteer Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director and took a lead role in our grants program. Pat's skills and time were instrumental to the success the foundation for a decade, and she continued to be a wealth of knowledge to Foundation staff even in her "retirement". Pat believed strongly in the role and the work of the Foundation and established her own endowment funds so her legacy could continue forever.

If you wish to make a gift in memory of Pat, please visit: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/40267>. Please select Alvestad (Pat) Family Fund for Animal Welfare, Alvestad (Pat) Family Fund for Community Leadership or a fund of your choosing.

If you wish to send a message of condolence through the Kenora & Lake of the Woods Community Foundation, please contact our team at info@klwcf.ca and your notes will be shared with the Alvestad family.

Our hearts are with Pat's family and friends during this time.



Thanks to the hard work of the Westland Insurance (Formerly Gillon's) Planning Committee, the 2nd annual Charity Golf Tournament held for the benefit of KLWCF was a great success. Things were looking good on the golf course as we attracted 16 teams and raised more than \$22,000 all in one fantastic day!

KLWCF is grateful to Westland Insurance and our major event sponsors for making this event such a success in 2021.



A special thanks to the Kenora Golf and Country Club for a great day on the course and to **Gropp's Catering** for a delicious take-away meal. Plenty of great times were had. Stay tuned for more details about the 3rd annual Kenora & Lake of the Woods Community Foundation charity golf tournament scheduled for June 16th, 2022. Visit KLWCF.ca to find out more about registration.



*Terence Sakohianisaks Douglas
Indigenous Advocate*

JARISLOWSKY FRASER

PRIVATE WEALTH MANAGEMENT



17TH & 18TH ANNUAL

Festival of Trees

Our first ever virtual Event was as magical as ever!

In 2020, COVID forced us to have our first ever virtual event - but we managed to keep all our wonderful traditions of this very special night and add a few more!

Our event was held virtually and streamed live to our attendees in the safety and comfort of their own homes!

In 2021, with COVID restrictions lifted at the time, we were able to hold our first ever hybrid event which saw supporters either stay in the comfort of their own home or dine in at one of three participating restaurants to watch the evenings virtual presentations. Special thanks to Lake of the Woods Brewing Company, 901 Westside and the Boathouse for the wonderful hospitality!

Both festivals featured delicious appetizers and meals from our local restaurant partners, local music, live and silent online auctions and our tree trails with our local business partners. Special thanks to Copperfin Credit Union (2020) and 89.5 The Lake (2021) for letting us use their spaces as our headquarters for each event.

Thanks to the support of our volunteers and amazing sponsors, Festival of Trees raised more than \$100,000 dollars over the past 2 years. We appreciate your continued support for this magical event. Details for our 2022 event will be announced later in the year.



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*Terence Sakohianisaks Douglas
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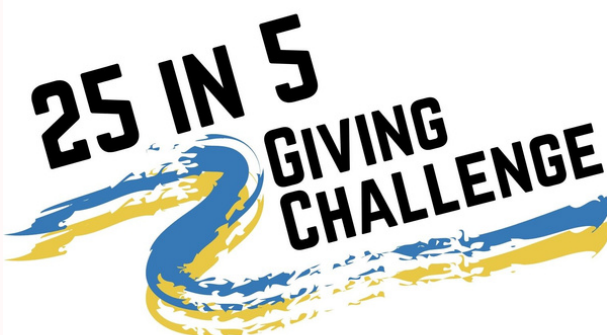
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Chiropractic



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PRIVATE WEALTH MANAGEMENT



Northern Sounds & Systems



Since 2014, we've set out challenges in our community, \$10,000 in 10 hours and then \$25,000 in 5 hours. We are passionate about our community! Each year we are thrilled by the generosity of our donors. Special thanks to those that helped us raise more than \$330,000 since the inception in support of our Community Endowment Funds!

We truly are Building Together Forever!

Although, we were unable to host this in 2020 & 2021, We look forward to bringing back our giving challenge to you in 2022.

Friends of the Foundation Highlight

WESTLAND INSURANCE - LONG TIME SUPPORTER, FRIEND AND HOME OF THE KENORA & LAKE OF THE WOODS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

As a long time friend of the foundation, Westland Insurance (Formerly Gillon's) continues to be a major supporter of KLWCF in so many ways. When asked in 2020 why Westland chooses to support our Community Foundation, Tracy McDonald, operations manager had this to say:

KLWCF: Exactly how long have you been supporting the Kenora & Lake of the Woods Community Foundation?

Tracy McDonald: I was a director for the foundation for nine years and chair of the Grants Committee for the past six years. As a grants committee in COVID, we had a very busy year in 2020. We had 8 grant cycles - when we normally have 3! We had two for the COVID emergency funds, two for the COVID flow through funds and one for Gender Equality - on top of our three that we do each year!



"Back when we purchased the building, the Community Foundation was already in it and they've felt like a part of the family ever since. We do enjoy having them!"

- Tracy McDonald

KLWCF: For those who don't know you have given the Foundation its home, rent free since you've moved into the building now, how else do you support the foundation?

Tracy McDonald: In addition to the space we give, we have an office fund that we set up with the foundation ten years ago and we contribute on a regular basis. We also hosted a golf tournament in 2019 and 2021 to raise funds and awareness for the Foundation - and we hope to do one every year.

KLWCF: What is the value of having a community foundation in our area?

As a donor, it is sometimes hard to decide what charity to give to - the beauty of the community foundation model is it allows you as a donor to contribute to multiple charities in our area across several different sectors by making one donation to the foundation!

Supporters that believe in our vision, mission, and goals help our organization serve the community. We offer a special thanks to our long time supporter and friend - Westland Insurance.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or supporter, please contact info@klwcf.ca.

TRIBUTES IN MEMORY

Our foundation allows family or friends to remember a loved one forever. We would like to take time to honour those we've lost.

TRIBUTES IN MEMORY - 2020

- Allie & Betty Lou Reynard
- Thomas Meek
- Mark Bailey
- Bert & Lorraine Husband
- Paul Leveille
- Cameron Cranston
- Brian Booty
- Corbin Stephens
- Ralph Pavey
- John Skeavington
- Bradley Duggan
- Daisy Burke
- Peter McIntyre
- Betty Lou Reynard
- Gail Konantz
- Shawn Lillico
- Ian Tucker
- Maurice Leydier
- Margaret Loranger
- Cynthia Strachan
- Don Canfield
- Millie Anderson
- Ted Kodak
- Richard Caron
- Bryan Macyniuk
- Roger McKay
- Larry Wilcox

TRIBUTES IN MEMORY - 2021

- Sidney Neill
- Sandy Compton
- Ron White
- Phillip Girard
- Pearl Bannister
- Megan Strain
- Keith Ramchandar
- Janice Pruys
- Herb & Shirley Trent
- Harvey Wilson
- Garnie Bennett
- Edna Newman
- Bruce Krawicki
- Brian Luhman
- Anne Baker

TRIBUTES IN HONOUR - 2020

- Lee Sander
- Joanna Deluca & Ryan McDonald
- Ron & Mary Ann Poirier
- Melenchenko/Prokulevi Ancestors

TRIBUTES IN HONOUR - 2021

- Sue Girard
- Pouya Sadeghi Aval
- Mary Simon
- Kelly Sundmark
- Grace Baker
- Diane Pochailo

TRIBUTES FOR BEQUEATHS

- Mrs. Lilian Kozie
- Mr. Lawrence Bednarchuk

Legacy: Lawrence Bednarchuk

We would like to honour the late Lawrence (Laurie) Bednarchuk who passed away in November 2017. KLWCF received a bequest from Mr. Bednarchuk in the amount of \$350,000. This donation not only shows how much Laurie cared about our community but it means his legacy will help us build forever together.

HOW TO BECOME A DONOR

If you are interested in supporting your Foundation, please see our Donor Handbook at <http://www.klwcf.ca/reasons-to-give/>

WHERE TO GIVE

Community Fund

This fund is not tied to a specific charity or area of interest. This allows the Community Foundation to respond to the immediate and changing needs of the community.

Field of Interest Fund

Allows the donor to designate a specific area of interest from which charitable grants can be made, including the following categories: Arts & Culture, Health & Wellness, Social Services, Animal Welfare, Community at Large, or the Environment.

Designated Fund

Gives donors the opportunity to specify which charity they would like to support in perpetuity.

Donor Advised Fund

Enables donors to have ongoing participation in the selection of charities that will benefit from their gift.

Charitable Agency Endowment Fund

Donors can contribute to any of the 10 Agency Endowment funds established by registered charities,

Memorial Fund

Can be established in the form of any of the above-listed fund types, in memory of a family or individual. Grants from these funds can be tailored to each donor's wishes.

DONORS

The Community Foundation thanks all of our donors for contributing to the future of the Kenora and Lake of the Woods Region. Proceeds from the Festival of Trees, Making Waves, and Westland Insurance Charity Golf Tournament are used to support the Foundation operations. All other gifts, with a few limited exceptions, are placed in our permanent endowment funds. Donations are invested as capital and the investment growth is distributed to registered charities annually in line with the donor's wishes. A copy of our Donor Handbook can be found online at www.klwcf.ca

"IT IS NOT THE SIZE
OF THE GIFT BUT
RATHER THE GIVING
THAT MATTERS."

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MEET OUR GRANT RECIPIENTS

The single most important work for any community foundation is disbursing grants to local charities to support their community efforts. Even with COVID, in 2020 & 2021 KLWCF gave out over \$900,000 to 158 grant recipients.

In many ways, 2020 was a record year for KLWCF. Instead of our usual 2- 3 grant cycles we held 8. Allowing us to approve 91 community building projects and disburse over \$430,000 in grant funds. For the first time in the history, we launched our own targeted fund with the COVID 19 Emergency Response Fund in April 2020. KLWCF had raised \$90,000 and disbursed those dollars to support 19 community based initiatives that were responding directly to the impacts of COVID Pandemic.

In 2021, we had 3 grant cycles, allowing us to support 67 projects and disburse over 530,000 in grant funds. Here are a few notable projects that helped improve the community with grants through their programs.

Notable Projects:



Mt Evergreen Ski Hill - 2020

Assisting with collaboration with local Indigenous, Public, and Catholic schools in introducing children to the experience of skiing. To provide safe ski equipment that is accessible to large groups of students within our school communities as well as large groups visiting our community. - \$15,000

Safe Grad - Class of 2020 & 2021

Assisting with the cost of giving students some in person graduation experience / memory which they were able to share with friends, family, anyone who wished to see them and the community as a whole. - \$9,000



Lake of the Woods Arts Community - 2021

The arts community is continuing to experience the impacts of COVID-19. This grant will assist with continuing the momentum of inviting people into artists' studios and homes to learn, share and experience the arts such as music, pottery, writing, and more. - \$7,500

Sioux Narrows Arts Festival - 2021

To assist in providing the town of Sioux Narrows with free concerts and musical activities for all ages as part of the Sioux Narrows Arts Festival that happens each year in the summer. - \$3,000



APPLYING FOR A GRANT

The Community Foundation considers grant applications made by charitable organizations that fall into the following categories: Arts and Culture, Health and Wellness, Social Welfare, Animal Welfare, the Environment and the Community at large.

Registered charities in good standing with CRA, offering programs benefiting residents and visitors to the Kenora and Lake of the Woods Region are eligible to apply. Organizations are eligible to apply for funding once per calendar year. If you are a non-profit, but not a registered charity, you must complete the Non-Profit Organizations form on our website, and attach it with your application.

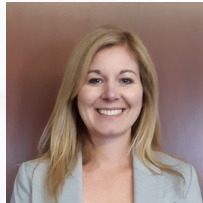
For more information, please contact our office at (807) 467-4427 or info@klwcf.ca

MEET OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



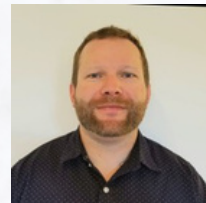
**Dennis Alvestad,
President**

CEO Copperfin
Credit Union



**Shannon Robinson,
Vice President**

Manager of Chronic
Disease Prevention,
NW Health Unit



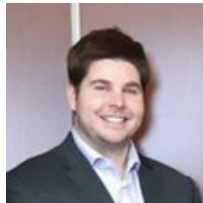
**James Williams,
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Ontario Ministry of
Nature Resources
and Forestry



**Claudine Corderio,
Treasurer**

Partner,
BDO Canada LLP



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Lawyer, Sayer S. Down
Barrister, Solicitor &
Notary Public

Warm Welcome:



Darcia Curtis

Director, Service
Excellence &
Partnerships,
Firefly



Marie Seymour

Executive Director,
Shooniyaa
Wa-Biitong



Adam Smith

Special Projects/
Research Officer,
City of Kenora

There has been a few changes with our Board of Directors. We would like to thank Tracy McDonald, Colleen Neil, Barb Manson, Lori Nelson and Paul Reishel for their hard work and dedication in our community during their tenures! Best of luck in your future endeavours!

Legacy: Lillian Kozie

We would like to take the time to honour the late Lillian Kozie. Lillian was an amazing member of our community who passed away in June of 2020. Two donations were made on behalf of her estate to the Community Foundation, one that went to our community fund and one that helped develop a social services fund in support of foster parent programs, cementing her commitment to the area where she grew up and lived. The donations were in memory of her late husband Michael Kozie (community fund) and in memory of her late parents Mary Louise (Nan) Barnard Alcock and John (Jack) Alcock (social services fund). We would like to sincerely thank the late Lillian Kozie for the tremendous donations made in the Kenora area as we help to build forever together.

What Our Region Accomplished in 2020

\$1,030,640

Donations
Received

\$428,568

Grants Given

\$729,777

Raised For
Endowment
Funds

\$255,161

Raised For
Flow-thru
Funds

\$4,137,415

Granted Since
2004

What Our Region Accomplished in 2021

\$1,332,192

Donations
received

\$538,981.55

Grants Given

\$1,045,249

Raised for
Endowment
Funds

\$286,942

2021 Flow Thru
Funds

\$4,677,967

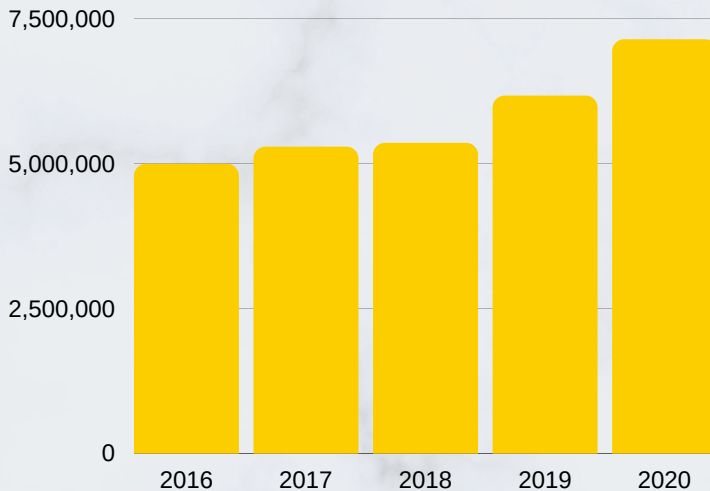
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Given Since
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Kenora and Lake of the Woods Community Foundation serves the City of Kenora, Minaki, Redditt, Sioux Narrows/Nestor Falls, the Indigenous Communities of Treaty 3 and the unincorporated areas surrounding Lake of the Woods.

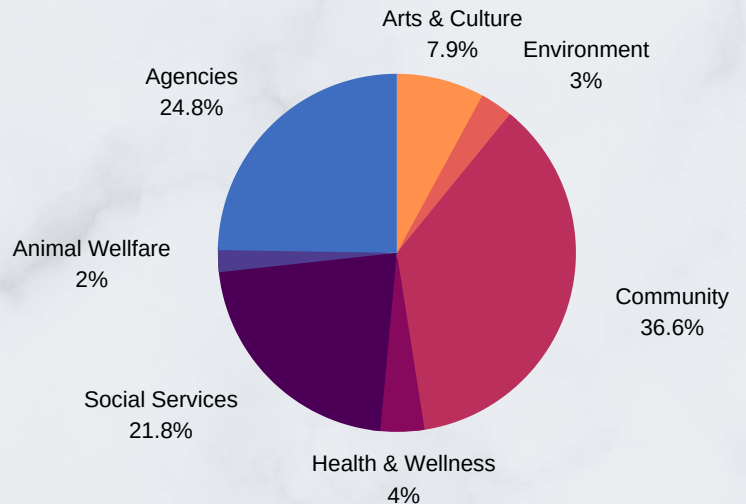
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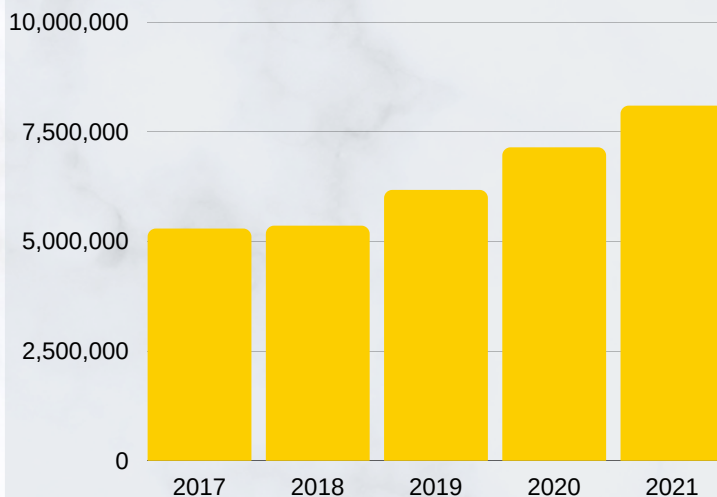
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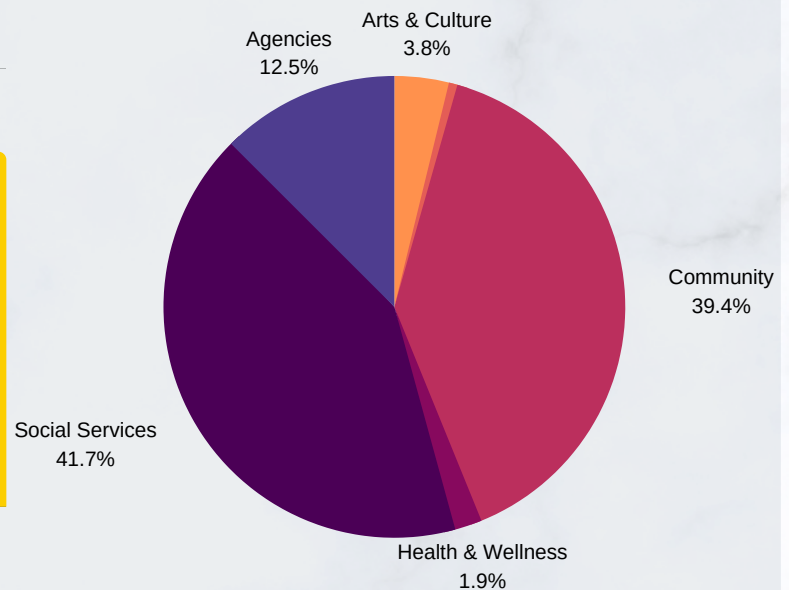
2020 Grant Breakdown



2021 Assets Under Management



2021 Grant Breakdown



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