

**THE
FUND
FOR PORTLAND
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22 & 2022-23



Uniting business, philanthropy and community to build lasting partnerships that expand opportunity for students.

WHO WE ARE

The Fund for Portland Public Schools is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that facilitates public, private and philanthropic partnerships that foster equitable opportunities for our students. We are working to align resources and human capital to a number of initiatives as we build a movement in support of the PPS Mission.

Portland Public Schools' Mission Statement:
We provide rigorous, high quality academic learning experiences that are inclusive and joyful. We disrupt racial inequities to create vibrant environments for every student to demonstrate excellence.



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¡Hola! and Greetings Dear Community!

Time has flown by in my role as Chair of the Board of The Fund! We're again coming to you with our report on two years of learning, growth and continued support for students and families in Portland Public Schools. When I look back on 2021-2022, I remember with gratitude all the generous businesses and individual donors who helped us in our ongoing COVID Relief for PPS families most impacted. Reflecting on the past year, 2022-2023, I feel proud that The Fund for PPS has continued to provide aid for those in need with Crisis Relief but has also evolved, bringing a new focus on the intersection of innovation in education and ways to support student voice and belonging.

The Fund had its first-ever event last April with the PPS Visual & Performing Arts annual HeART of Portland exhibition and performance extravaganza. Thank you to sponsors and to attendees of our reception at the Portland Art Museum. You are part of achieving the PPS vision of a Master Arts Education Plan and ensuring all students have access to excellent arts courses and authentic experiences in the arts throughout their entire PK-12 journey. Bravo!

If you want to learn more about The Fund and why it is so important to rally the business and philanthropic community around our students, watch the short video about The Fund that is on our home page, fundforpps.org.

I think you'll like it - and I know you will want to join us!

¡Únanse a nosotros! Join Us!

Victoria





JONATHAN GARCIA

President

Dear PPS Families and Educators, Volunteers, Community Partners, Portland Businesses, Philanthropists,

I'm excited to update you on our good work. As I have said before, The Fund for Portland Public Schools is focused on PPS as one united community, a school district whose students, faculty, staff and families are truly the heartbeat of this city. I see daily how the PPS community is gaining confidence and solidarity from togetherness and from meeting milestones - be that transition to kindergarten or high school graduation or anything in between - 'live and in person.' Following our early days that were consumed with pandemic response, The Fund is deepening its commitment to students and to supporting the whole child by creating an environment that promotes healing, health, joy and learning.

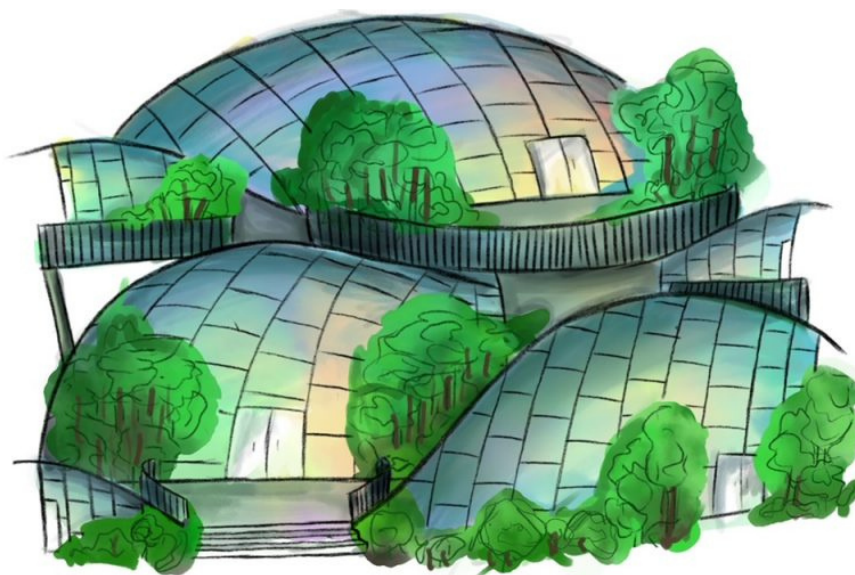
Words cannot express the gratitude I feel for the partners and supporters who so generously sponsored the HeART of Portland and showed up this past spring to celebrate excellence in teaching and learning the Visual and Performing Arts.

I had a lot of fun talking with you all. Let's get together soon.

Whether it is climate justice, dance, band, debate, mathematics, world language, literature - you name it: Our students lead with heart and with intention. They consistently show up to demonstrate their mastery of content and skill. Their success is the heart of what we do.

Don't hesitate to reach out to me for an invigorating conversation about our work.

Sincerely,



CRISIS RELIEF FUND

In 2022, our successful COVID-19 Relief Fund became an ongoing Crisis Relief Fund. We acknowledge that students need the basic building blocks – shelter, food, warm clothing – so that they can show up healthy and ready to learn. Our PPS School Social Workers identify PPS students and families, refer them to community resources and, when appropriate, access the Crisis Relief Fund. Help us support families who, even after trying to tap into community resources, still face extreme financial hardships that cause instability for their children.



Crisis Relief Helps Those Most in Need

IMPACT SNAPSHOT



\$1.3 M Raised



850+ Donors



1500+ Donations

Gratitude expressed by PPS Social Workers to The Fund and its donors...

"Your generosity makes it possible for us to support our families so our students can focus on succeeding academically."

"Thank you for helping families in our neighborhoods!! The funds you shared went to folks facing eviction notices and trying to feed their families."



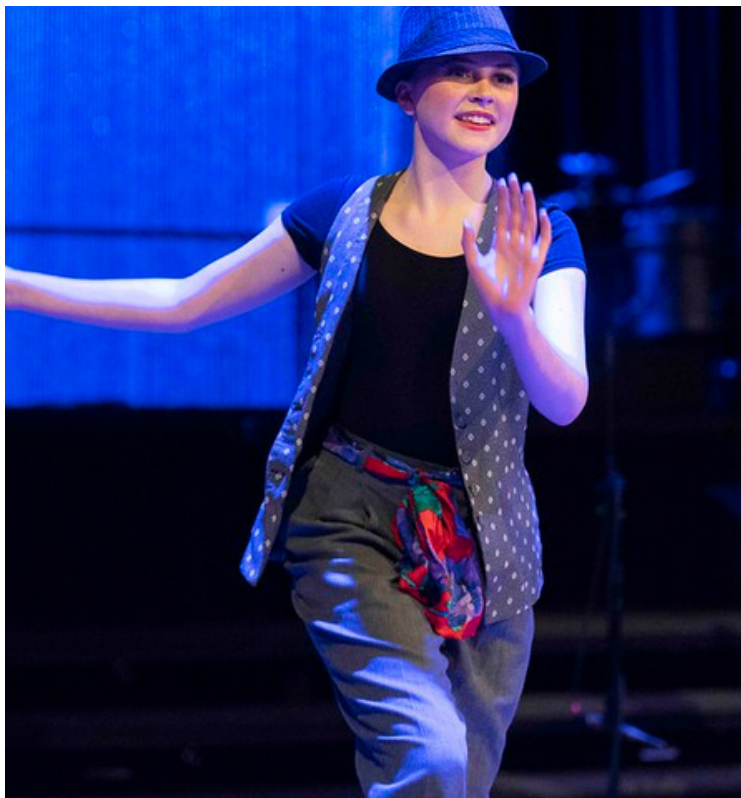
"Thank you for helping to support our families in need. Monetary support is so essential and has a direct impact on our student wellbeing."

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Positive, Confident, and Connected Sense of Self

The PPS Master Arts Education Plan ensures equitable, comprehensive high quality arts education for every student, utilizing dance, music, theater and visual arts to support student success in alignment with the PPS Graduate Portrait. The Fund invites you to join us in support of the PPS Master Arts Education Plan and these components of authentic arts learning:

Meaningful Experiences & Tasks ♦ Opportunities to Perform & Exhibit Work
Access and Time ♦ Materials, Equipment & Supplies ♦ Authentic & Functional Spaces



At the 2023 HeART of Portland K-12 arts showcase at the Portland Art Museum students from across the city displayed their talents: visual art created 'in dialog with' the museum's exhibits of Native American artists Oscar Howe and Jeffrey Gibson, as well as stage-worthy dance and music performances, including the debut of the first-ever Latinx Affinity Community Choir.



PPS ARTS SHOWCASE | 2023

CLIMATE JUSTICE

Influential & Informed Global Stewards

The Fund for PPS celebrates the dedication of students, educators and partners to raising awareness of climate science and climate justice. Highlights of their creativity and collaboration to advance climate knowledge, understanding and activism include:

INNOVATION

High School student and teacher teams create first-ever PPS Climate Justice Elective Course

IMPACT

Development of K-12 climate justice science and curriculum resources

ACTIVISM

Students design posters to share their vision for climate justice – their "YES!"



EMPOWERMENT

250+ high school students, teachers, regional environmental organizations and guest speakers stage the PPS 2023 Spring Climate Summit at PSU

CULTIVATION

Nurturing Eco-Literate Minds for Empowering Change: Climate Justice teacher professional development

LOCAL SCHOOL FOUNDATIONS

The Fund for PPS stewards parent-led fundraising groups that raise money to support staffing costs at their schools. The Fund does not retain any of the parent-raised dollars for operating expenses. PPS policy dictates that a portion of funds raised (one-third of funds over \$10,000) is contributed to the PPS Parent Fund for schools that meet the student demographics outlined below.

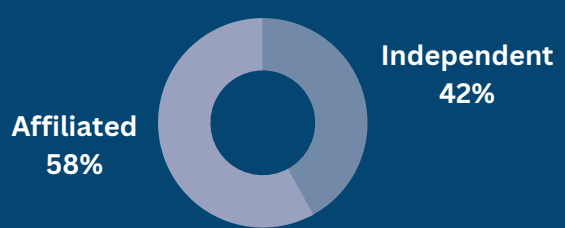
FY23



Independent \$960,732
 Affiliated \$1,542,770

Total \$2,503,502

FY22



Independent \$1,155,802
 Affiliated \$1,606,098

Total \$2,761,900

PPS PARENT FUND

Made possible by the fundraising contributions of PPS Local School Foundations

How are the PPS Parent Fund awards determined?

To qualify for an award, schools and programs must have 15% or greater students who qualify for Free Meals by Direct Certification. The size of the grant award is based on a school or program's number of students designated as Combined Underserved. Combined Underserved includes the following: Students eligible for Special Education; Students with Limited English Proficiency; Students eligible to receive free meals by Direct Certification; Students with any of the following races, ethnicities, or ancestry: Black, Latino/Hispanic, Native American, Pacific Islander.

How are the PPS Parent Fund Awards invested in schools?

Awarded school administrators submit a plan for how they will expend the funds on investments that support their School Improvement Plan. Common investments include targeted interventions to increase student achievement, family engagement events, professional development for teachers and extended hours for teachers and staff.

FY23



62 SCHOOLS

AWARDS RANGED FROM
 \$5,000 - \$15,000*



\$1,168,000 TOTAL AWARDED

FY22



54 SCHOOLS

AWARDS RANGED FROM
 \$10,000 - \$30,000*



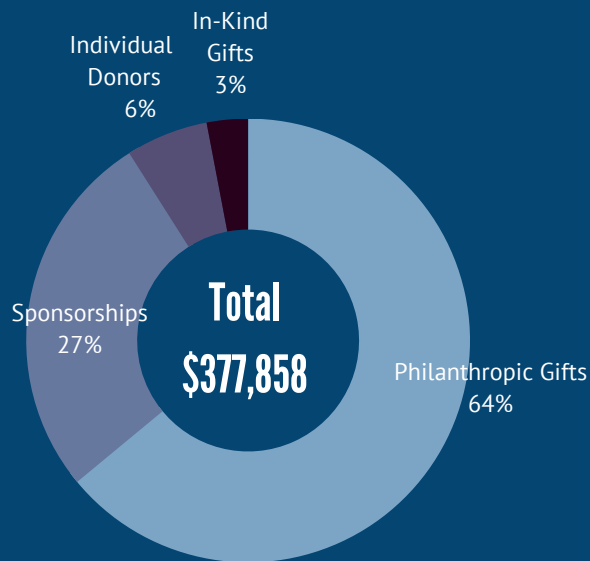
\$1,100,000 TOTAL AWARDED

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

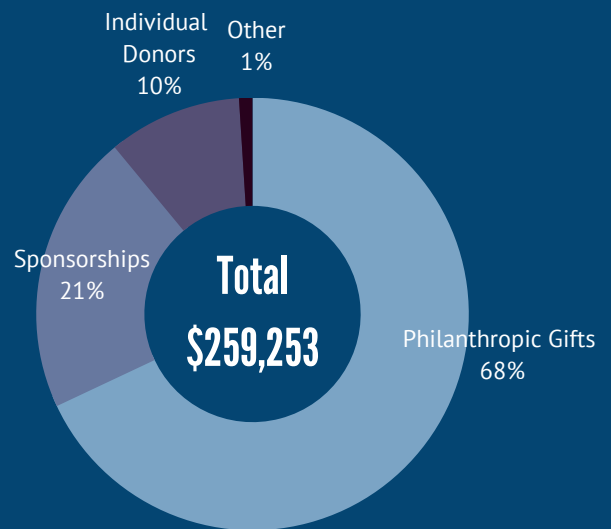
This page shows The Fund for PPS' revenue and expenses, excluding Local School Foundations and PPS Parent Fund. Circle graphs below summarize revenue raised by type of donor. The bulk of expenses are investments in programs, which directly support PPS schools and students. The Fund maintains low operating expenses, as represented by the Management and Fundraising expense categories.

REVENUE

FY23



FY22



EXPENSES

FY23

Program	\$301,737
Management	\$57,038
Fundraising	\$12,489

Total **\$371,265**

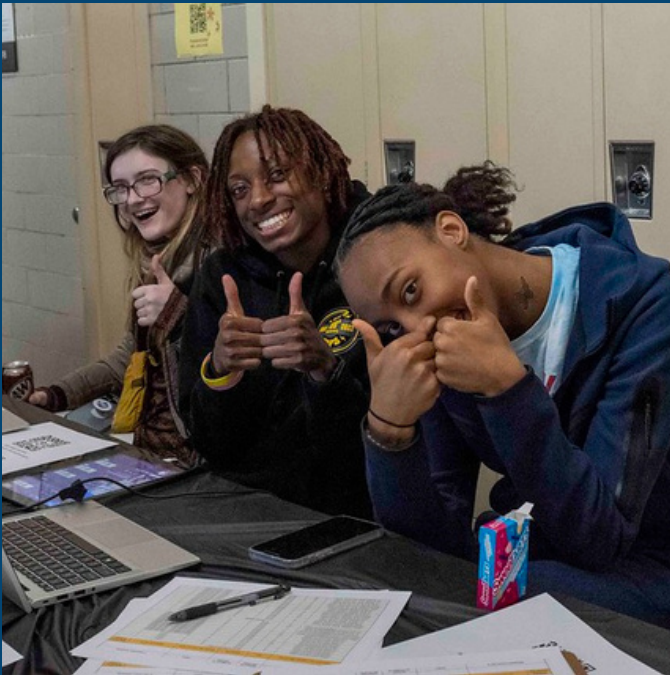
FY22

Program	\$101,183
Management	\$60,542
Fundraising	\$5,944

Total **\$167,669**

JOIN US!

The Fund is committed to nurturing the “whole child,” to each individual’s health, joy, self-expression, curiosity and learning. We’re creating the conditions in which students are prepared and energized to fully partake in the educational and social environment during their PK-12 school journey.



Crisis Relief °
Arts Education & Enrichment °
Inspired Sustainable
Schoolyards ° **Climate Justice** °
Academic Excellence
Innovation °
Affinity Groups ° **Center for
Black Student Excellence** °
Healing-Centered Schools °
Career Exposure °

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