



# IMPACT REPORT 2021











# STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES THROUGH RADICAL PLACEMAKING



2021 brought unprecedented challenges due to the ongoing pandemic limiting our ability to bring volunteers to public schools for most of the year. Projects were delayed, but we were also given time to pause and refocus. We strengthened our commitment to anti-racism and workforce development and leaned into new possibilities of equity and environmental justice.



## 2021 PROJECTS

 volunteers engaged  
 asphalt removed

 stormwater runoff reduction  
 plants installed

 2021 depave site  
 green thumbs site

### ST JOHN'S FOOD SHARE

 8  
 131

### HOLY REDEEMER

 7  
 150




### ASTOR SCHOOL *St John's, Portland*

 40  
 9656 sf  
 96,560 gal.  
 223

### CHIEF JOSEPH ELEMENTARY *Arbor Lodge*

 22  
 792 sf  
 7920 gal.  
 4

### OLIVER ELEMENTARY *Centennial, Portland*

 72  
 3900 sf  
 39,000 gal.  
 533

### WHITMAN ELEMENTARY *Brentwood-Darlington, Portland*

 87  
 2517 sf  
 25,170 gal.  
 265

### POWELL BUTTE ELEMENTARY BUILD OUT

*Centennial, Portland  
(depaved in 2019)*  
 70  
 750  
 7400 sf  
 74,000 gal.

 In 2021, Depave engaged over **306 volunteers** for a total of **1,224 volunteer hours** in removing asphalt, installing native plants, and supplemental construction.

 In 2021, we depaved **16,865 square feet** of pavement and reduced annual stormwater runoff by about **168,650 gallons**. Over the last 12 years we have depaved over **236,000 square feet**, which infiltrates stormwater runoff from over **500,000 square feet** of adjacent impervious area. All together, our work has reduced annual stormwater runoff by **15,840,000 gallons**!

 In 2021, We planted **2,056 trees, shrubs, and other native plants**.





At [Whitman Elementary](#), we depaved 2517 square feet of asphalt to make way for some trees and a large native planting area along the bustling Flavel Street. Students spent two afternoons installing trees and plants with [Urban Forestry](#). We had such a fun few days getting in the dirt with them!







Part two of our Centennial School District expansion was at [Oliver School](#). We pulled up 3900 square feet of asphalt on a warm June day, to make way for a peaceful naturescaped area. Oliver will become a middle school next year, so we focused on making the design age-appropriate with lots of places to hang out.

We also partnered with [Friends of Trees](#) for an educational tree planting day with the 5th graders. They spent an afternoon planting trees, learning about buds and tree rings, and connecting with their new space.







Depave focused on **workforce development** by hiring and empowering local, BIPOC contractors to build out our projects. GPT Construction (pictured on this page) completed the flatwork, along with a beautiful stage, footbridge, and planting at Powell Butte Elementary and Oliver Elementary. They even helped us assemble the climbing ladder in a day!







Depave's work has always been at the intersection of the environment and community-building, and we prioritize collaborating with historically disenfranchised communities that lack access to greenspace. In 2021, we strengthened and deepened Depave's commitment to equity and anti-racism. With financial support from the Meyer Memorial Trust, we held a virtual board retreat focused on **diversity, equity, inclusion**, and justice that resulted in updating Depave's mission:

*Depave empowers disenfranchised communities to overcome social and environmental injustices and adapt to climate change through urban re-greening. Depave transforms over-paved places, creates resilient community greenspaces, promotes workforce development and education, and advocates for policy change to undo manifestations of systemic racism.*



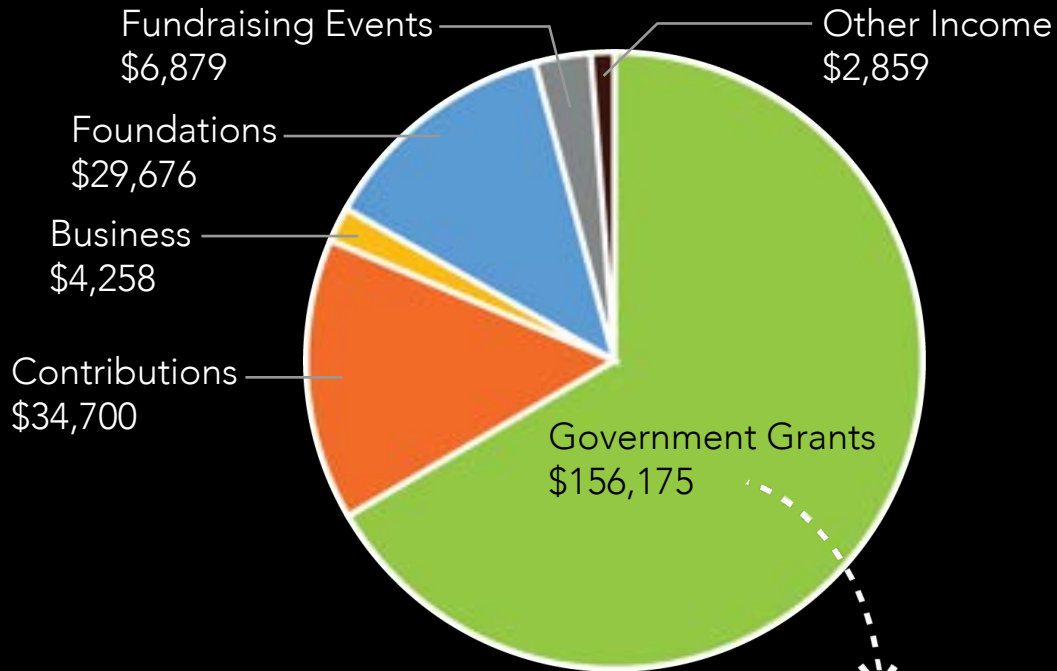


Our **green thumbs program** provides assistance for past site hosts who need help giving their green spaces some extra maintenance love. This year, we engaged volunteers from Portland Garden Club, BIKPOCPNW, and YGH Architecture, among others, in weeding and replacing plants at **Powell Butte Elementary, Holy Redeemer, and St. John's Food Share**. In total, we planted approximately 516 new plants including rush, sword fern, camas, coastal strawberry, spiraea, and evergreen huckleberry.

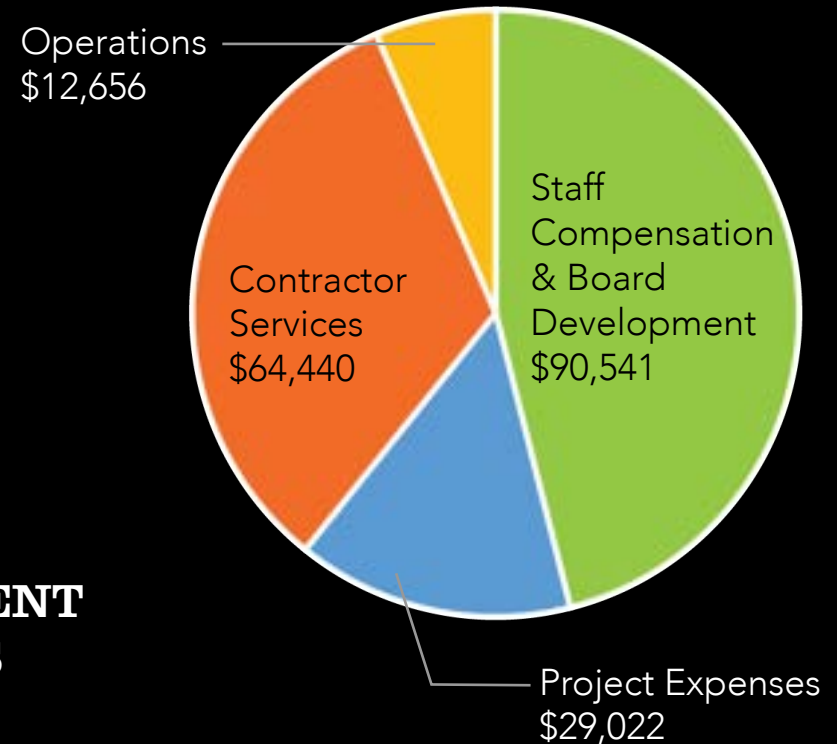


# 2021 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

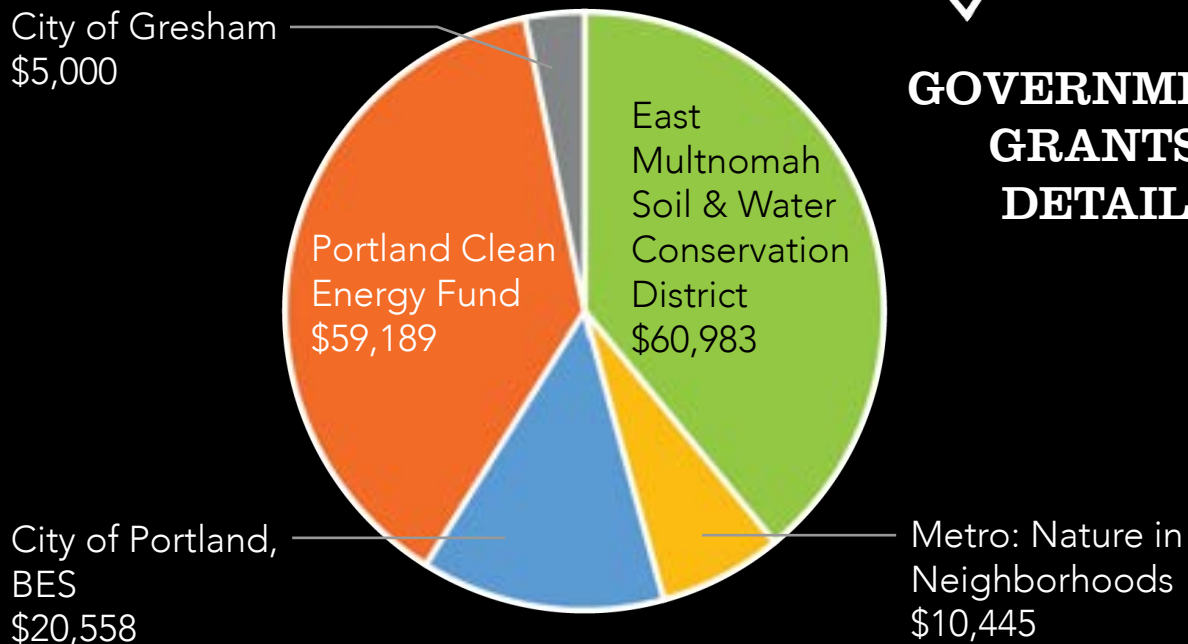
## REVENUE: \$234,549



## EXPENSES: \$196,663



## GOVERNMENT GRANTS DETAIL





# DEPAVE STAFF



Meet our **Communications and Engagement Coordinator, Katherine Rose**! Originally from a rural setting on the Oregon coast, Katherine feels at home spending time outside, observing the landscape around her. As an environmental and urban studies major with a concentration in anthropology, Katherine focused her studies at Bard College on sustainable outdoor recreation. She strives to support opportunities for connection between people and the outdoors, while removing barriers to empower communities to make change within their environment. Katherine is passionate about the confluence of nature and urban space.



**Katya Reyna** serves as **Program Director** and has been with Depave since May 2019. Katya grew up in Oak Park, IL and was a community organizer and urban planning student at University of Illinois at Chicago. She earned a Master of Landscape Architecture degree from University of Oregon, where her thesis focused on memory mapping and the importance of addressing generational trauma of displacement and racial tension as a part of site analysis. Katya is passionate about empowering communities who have been historically disenfranchised and excluded from decisions affecting their neighborhoods and environment.



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