

Finances and Accountability

The source of revenue for the grant program is one-half of the proceeds from the 1% Allegheny County Sales and Use Tax, and interest earned on investments. The proceeds are net of state collection costs that were \$1.2 million for the year 2004.

The District maintains two disbursement funds. All tax receipts are deposited into the Sales Tax Revenue Fund. Allocations are made from the fund to the various assets and to the General Fund of the District. All administrative expenses are paid from the General Fund. The law permits the District no more than 1% of its new tax revenue for administrative purposes. The District was substantially below this amount for the 10th successive year.

Pennsylvania law requires the District to invest its idle funds in secure certificates of deposit and/or U.S. Government securities. The District utilizes the INVEST local government pool operated by the State Treasurer as well as secured accounts operated by local banks.

In addition to written applications and contracts open for public inspection, the District requires audits and close out reports, conducts its own reviews, and attends meetings and performances of assets. In 2004, the District conducted 148 reviews.

The following chart outlines the activity in the District's two operating funds during 2004. Audited financial statements examined by the independent CPA Firm of McKeever Varga and Senko are available from the District office. The Sales Tax Revenue Fund ending balance constitutes the District's reserve. The long-range financial plan of the District includes utilizing a portion of this fund for capital grants as well as to sustain the operating grant program.

	Sales Tax Revenue Fund	General Fund
Balance, net of receivables at 12/31/03	\$16,991,929	\$312,838
2004 tax revenue	72,543,230	
Interest earnings	298,079	3,849
Allocations authorized	(75,381,800)	
Transfer to General Fund	(463,800)	463,800
Lapses, refunds, misc. revenue	194,467	
Net administrative expenses		(523,835)
Balance, net of receivables at 12/31/04	\$14,182,105	\$256,652



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The mission of the Allegheny Regional Asset District is to support and finance regional assets in the areas of libraries, parks, cultural, sports and civic facilities, and programs.

About this Report

When you think about it, the Regional Asset District is about sights and sounds: performances and experiences that engage and inspire our senses, places and people that make our region vibrant and attractive. This year, we present our annual report in this publication as well as the enclosed CD-rom which details the diverse sights and sounds of the regional assets in 2004.

The 2004 District budget continued the Board's commitment to the core regional assets and also recognizes the contributions made by a diverse list of assets, some receiving their first District grant. Recipients used District grants for basic operating expenses, and for special outreach programs designed to bring cultural experiences to many who might not otherwise attend. More than six million people attended asset sites and performances, in addition to over 10 million visits to regional parks and trails, and more than nine million items circulated at the libraries, all increases from 2003.

2004 was the 10th budget adopted by the District and it carried out the intent and spirit of the District Act that provided a regional approach to regional challenges. As a special marker, the assets and the public celebrated "10 RADical Days" in the Fall, featuring free admission at 26 asset locations.

We hope you will enjoy watching the enclosed CD which brings into motion the sights and sounds of the assets in 2004. (We were able to save some costs and some trees!) You'll see and hear about the performances, programs and places that inspire, engage, educate and awe residents of and visitors to our region.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

Charles Zappala, Chairman

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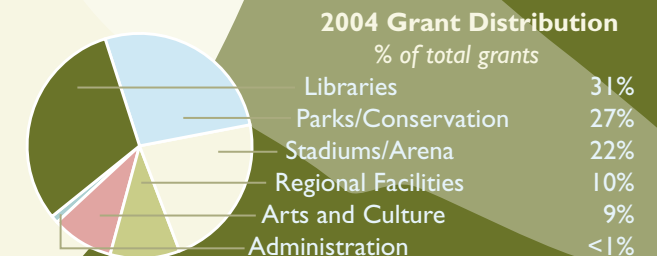
2004 at a Glance

Category Distribution:

The 2004 asset grant budget of \$75.4 million followed historical patterns with over 50% of the funds being allocated to libraries and regional parks/conservation, places that are free to the public.

Sales Tax Receipts:

The 1% county sales tax yielded a total of \$145.1 million in 2004. As provided by statute, the District Board received one-half of the proceeds for allocation to regional assets, 25% went to Allegheny County, and 25% was distributed to municipalities based on a formula in the District enabling legislation.



GRANTS

Total 2004 revenues of \$75,845,600 included \$72,543,230 million from the District's share of the county sales tax, \$298,079 in interest earnings, \$194,467 in grant lapses and refunds, and \$2,809,824 million from fund balance or reserve. The District supported three grant categories in 2004: Contractual Assets – organizations selected in 1995 for 10-year funding commitments; Annual Assets – organizations that apply for support on an annual basis; Multi-Year Assets – Grants with commitments for more than one year or commitments beyond the contractual asset period. For total grants received since 1994, please visit www.radworkshere.org and click on Funded Assets/Prior Years. Unless noted, all grants are operating grants

Contractual

Allegheny County Library Association \$7,564,900

In addition to supporting regional services such as the electronic information network and bookmobile, ACLA distributes a portion of the grant to members, using a District-approved formula. Following is a list of the libraries and the direct grants they received in 2004 (numbers are rounded for reporting):

Andrew Bayne	\$58,854
Andrew Carnegie Free Library	\$40,544
Avalon Public	\$36,797
Baldwin Boro Public	\$83,019
Bethel Park Public	\$281,977
Braddock Carnegie	\$103,817
Brentwood	\$79,721
Bridgeville Public	\$39,452
C.C. Mellor Memorial	\$80,615
Carnegie Free Library of Swissvale	\$65,968
Carnegie Library of Homestead	\$69,837
Carnegie Library of McKeesport	\$190,403
Clairton Public	\$49,580
Community Library of Allegheny Valley	\$78,486
Community Library of Castle Shannon	\$99,950
Coraopolis Memorial	\$36,679
Crafton Public	\$48,171
Dormont Public	\$56,231
F.O.R. Sto Rox	\$56,718
Green Tree Public	\$81,116
Hampton Community	\$47,449
Jefferson Hills Public	\$47,769
Lauri Ann West Memorial	\$84,795
Monroeville Public	\$271,493
Moon Twp. Public	\$72,998
Mt. Lebanon Public	\$344,390
North Versailles Public	\$48,156
Northern Tier Regional	\$124,353
Northland Public	\$438,759
Oakmont Carnegie	\$75,790
Penn Hills Library	\$246,103
Pleasant Hills Public	\$73,162
Plum Boro Community	\$64,347
Scott Twp. Public	\$60,591
Sewickley Public	\$202,561
Shaler North Hills	\$217,138
South Fayette Twp.	\$40,834
South Park Twp.	\$86,374
Springdale Free Public	\$35,501
Upper St. Clair Twp.	\$186,505
Western Allegheny Community	\$56,609
Whitehall Public	\$141,866
Wilkesburg Public	\$227,031

Allegheny County Regional Parks \$13,998,600
(capital) \$727,000

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh \$16,223,600

Carnegie Museums \$2,592,700

City of McKeesport- \$573,700

Renziehausen Regional Park (capital) \$80,000

City of Pittsburgh Regional Parks \$4,417,700

(capital) \$727,000

National Aviary in Pittsburgh \$993,500

(debt service) \$60,000

Phipps Conservatory & \$1,954,400

Botanical Gardens (debt service) \$325,000

Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium \$3,075,500

(debt service) \$1,100,000

Total Contractual: (operating) \$52,879,600
(capital) \$1,534,000

Multi Year

Sports and Exhibition Authority -
Stadium Bond Issue \$13,400,000

Annual Grants

African American Cultural Center	\$275,000
Afro-American Music Institute	\$20,000
Allegheny-Kiski Valley Historical Society	\$5,000
Allegheny Land Trust	\$15,000
(capital) \$100,000	
Artists Image Resource	\$2,500
Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania	\$20,000
Avonworth Municipal Authority	\$30,000
(ACORD Park)	
Bach Choir of Pittsburgh	\$8,000
Brew House	\$2,500
Bulgarian Macedonian National	\$2,500
Education & Cultural Center	
Calliope	\$8,000
Center for Creative Play	\$2,500
Chatham Baroque	\$8,000
Children's Festival Chorus	\$10,000
Children's Museum of Pittsburgh	\$125,000
City Theatre	\$80,000
Community Theater Project (Kelly-Strayhorn)	\$10,000
Dance Alloy	\$25,000
Edgewood Symphony	\$3,200
Frick Art & Historical Center	\$26,000
Gateway to the Arts	\$25,000
Gemini Theater Company	\$2,500
Historical Society of Western PA	\$295,000
Jazz Workshop	\$9,500
Kuntu Repertory Theatre	\$45,000
Manchester Craftsmen's Guild	\$155,000
Mattress Factory	\$40,000
McKeesport Symphony Orchestra	\$8,500
Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh	\$7,500
MYREC (Mon Yough Riverfront	\$14,500
Entertainment and Cultural Council)	
NEGO GATO, Inc.	\$2,500
New Horizon Theater	\$15,000
North Pittsburgh Philharmonic	\$2,500
Opera Theater of Pittsburgh	\$8,000
Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre	\$105,000
Pittsburgh Camerata	\$2,500
Pittsburgh Center for the Arts	\$90,000
Pittsburgh Chamber Music Society	\$8,000

Sports and Exhibition Authority -
Mellon (Civic) Arena Bonds \$3,200,000
Total Multi Year \$16,600,000

Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera	\$100,000
Pittsburgh Concert Chorale	\$5,000
Pittsburgh Cultural Trust	\$495,000
Pittsburgh Filmmakers	\$75,000
Pittsburgh Glass Center	\$15,000
Pittsburgh International Children's Theater	\$20,000
Pittsburgh Irish & Classical Theatre	\$8,000
Pittsburgh Musical Theater	\$40,000
Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble	\$5,000
Pittsburgh Opera	\$100,000
Pittsburgh Public Theater	\$100,000
Pittsburgh Symphony Society	\$1,000,000
Pittsburgh Voyager	\$15,000
Pittsburgh Youth Ballet	\$7,500
Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra	\$8,000
Prime Stage Theater	\$8,000
ProArts	\$70,000
Quantum Theatre	\$6,000
Renaissance & Baroque Society	\$8,000
Renaissance City Choirs	\$4,000
Renaissance City Wind Music Society	\$3,500
River City Brass Band	\$95,000
Saltworks Theatre Company	\$15,000
Silver Eye Center for Photography	\$8,000
Society for Contemporary Craft	\$45,000
Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall	\$200,000
South Hills Chorale	\$4,500
South Park Theatre	\$7,500
Srishti Dances of India	\$3,000
Storm Emergency Grants (capital)	\$100,000
Sweetwater Center for the Arts	\$40,000
Three Rivers Young Peoples Orchestras	\$10,000
Tuesday Musical Club	\$4,000
Twin Rivers Council of Governments	\$5,000
UMOJA African Arts Company	\$7,500
Unseam'd Shakespeare Company	\$4,000
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy	\$100,000
Xpressions Contemporary Dance Company	\$5,000
Y Music Society	\$7,500

Total Annual Grants (operating) \$4,168,200
(capital) \$200,000

Total – All Grants \$75,381,800

MUNICIPAL DISTRIBUTION

Under a formula in Act 77, Allegheny County and its municipalities receive one-half of the county sales tax. The proceeds are used to assist in shifting the tax burden away from property taxes and for services. Following is a list of the distributions in 2004. For total grants received since 1994, please visit www.radworkshere.org. Numbers are rounded for reporting.

Allegheny County	\$36,271,615	Millvale Boro	\$91,633	Sewickley Heights Boro	\$13,712
Alleppo Twp	\$19,816	Monroeville Boro	\$597,566	Sewickley Hills Boro	\$4,447
Aspinwall Boro	\$48,404	Moon Twp	\$192,630	Shaler Twp	\$354,795
Avalon Boro	\$119,607	Mt. Lebanon	\$578,603	Sharpsburg Boro	\$75,162
Baldwin Boro	\$349,499	Mt. Oliver Boro	\$115,829	South Fayette Twp	\$158,628
Baldwin Twp	\$46,821	Munhall Boro	\$312,507	South Park Twp	\$209,400
Bell Acres Boro	\$21,821	Neville Twp	\$19,760	South Versailles Twp	\$11,580
Bellevue Boro	\$256,802	North Braddock Boro	\$165,456	Springdale Boro	\$50,929
Ben Avon Boro	\$54,843	North Fayette Twp	\$97,721	Springdale Twp	\$22,264
Ben Avon Heights Boro	\$5,720	North Versailles Twp	\$229,997	Stowe Twp	\$157,169
Bethel Park Boro	\$381,814	Oakdale Boro	\$25,567	Swissvale Boro	\$224,176
Blawnox Boro	\$39,257	Oakmont Boro	\$93,593	Tarentum Boro	\$103,688
Brackenridge Boro	\$72,501	O'Hara Twp	\$109,660	Thornburg Boro	\$7,366
Braddock Boro	\$164,909	Ohio Twp	\$30,408	Turtle Creek Boro	\$128,581
Braddock Hills Boro	\$32,844	Osborne Twp	\$7,777	Upper St. Clair Twp	\$256,353
Bradford Woods Boro	\$16,083	Penn Hills Twp	\$1,152,237	Verona Boro	\$67,871
Brentwood Boro	\$207,534	Pennsbury Village Boro	\$16,578	Versailles Boro	\$37,238
Bridgeville Boro	\$111,202	Pine Twp	\$56,083	Wall Boro	\$16,804
Carnegie Boro	\$157,123	Pitcairn Boro	\$0	West Deer Twp	\$145,907
Castle Shannon Boro	\$200,714	Pittsburgh City	\$19,587,728	West Elizabeth Boro	\$11,306
Chalfant Boro	\$17,159	Pleasant Hills Boro	\$148,453	West Homestead Boro	\$77,949
Cheswick Boro	\$27,665	Plum Boro	\$298,586	West Mifflin Boro	\$366,234
Churchill Boro	\$50,345	Port Vue Boro	\$79,953	West View Boro	\$115,130
Clairton City	\$342,988	Rankin Boro	\$78,444	Whitaker Boro	\$29,483
Collier Twp	\$76,888	Reserve Twp	\$49,063	White Oak Boro	\$147,458
Coraopolis Boro	\$123,428	Richland Twp	\$99,806	Whitehall Boro	\$234,485
Crafton Boro	\$149,750	Robinson Twp	\$119,212	Wilkins Twp	\$128,133
Crescent Twp	\$41,284	Ross Twp	\$363,883	Wilkesburg Boro	\$620,609
Dormont Boro	\$277,197	Rosslyn Farms Boro	\$8,799	Wilmerding Boro	\$46,122
Dravosburg Boro	\$50,019	Scott Twp	\$272,378		
Duquesne City	\$261,779	Sewickley Boro	\$64,607	Total Municipal Distribution	\$72,543,230
East Deer Twp	\$21,478				
East McKeesport Boro	\$48,498				
East Pittsburgh Boro	\$38,379				
Edgewood Boro	\$66,492				
Edgeworth Boro	\$30,080				
Elizabeth Boro	\$37,185				
Elizabeth Twp	\$198,660				
Emsworth Boro	\$49,829				
Etna Boro	\$70,370				
Fawn Twp	\$32,282				
Findlay Twp	\$70,967				
Forest Hills Boro	\$122,767				
Forward Twp	\$36,550				
Fox Chapel Boro	\$54,517				
Franklin Park Boro	\$81,062				
Frazer Twp	\$12,329				
Glassport Boro	\$92,579				
Glenfield Boro	\$4,148				
Green Tree Boro	\$83,889				
Hampton Twp	\$175,255				
Harmar Twp	\$27,818				
Harrison Twp	\$185,247				
Haysville Boro	\$997				
Heidelberg Boro	\$24,964				
Homestead Boro	\$146,333				
Indiana Twp	\$63,202				
Ingram Boro	\$77,678				
Jefferson Boro	\$153,813				
Kennedy Twp	\$101,363				
Kilbuck Twp	\$18,045				
Leet Twp	\$31,116				
Leetsdale Boro	\$28,549				
Liberty Boro	\$34,521				
Lincoln Boro	\$21,502				
Marshall Twp	\$36,375				
McCandless	\$322,003				
McKees Rocks Boro	\$193,162				
McKeesport City	\$864,305				

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