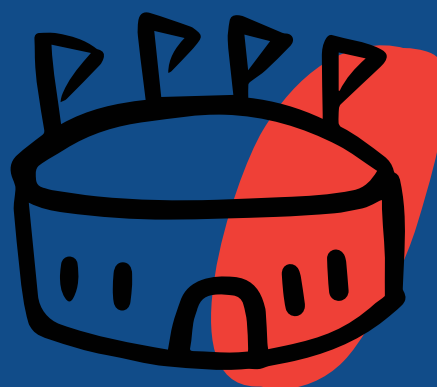




2019

ANNUAL REPORT





Worth every penny.

Allegheny Regional Asset District

The Allegheny Regional Asset District (RAD) distributes half of the proceeds of a county-wide additional one percent sales and use tax to regional assets that enhance Allegheny County's rich quality of life. The other half of the proceeds are distributed directly by the PA Treasury to the county and its 128 municipalities to support a variety of local government services.

For 25 years, that additional penny on the dollar has resulted in a total investment of over \$4 billion in Allegheny County.

Thanks to county taxpayers, RAD plays a unique and significant role in our region's robust funding ecosystem. RAD funding provides unrestricted general operating support to regional assets, in addition to capital improvement funds and special project grants related to accessibility and organizational collaboration. The RAD board and staff take seriously the responsibility of allocating tax dollars, fully vetting qualified applicants through a process that includes detailed financial analysis and public hearings before the RAD board. When an organization is approved for RAD funding, it often provides leverage for other contributed support, multiplying its impact.

25  YEARS

With its proud 25-year history, RAD is a time-tested solution that works for the economy, for assets, for citizens, for municipalities — for all.

RAD supports and finances regional assets in the areas of

Libraries 

Parks & Trails 

Transit 

Arts & Culture 

Regional Attractions 

Sports & Civic
Facilities 



To Our RAD Community,

OVER 25 YEARS AGO, a visionary group of committed community leaders began to imagine an Allegheny County whose robust library and park systems were pillars of inspiration and serenity for every resident; whose regional attractions like the Pittsburgh Zoo, Phipps Conservatory, and the National Aviary flourished; whose vibrant and diverse arts and culture scene offered everything from classics to cutting-edge; whose state-of-the-art sports and civic facilities drew visitors from around the world; whose local municipal governments were able to eliminate personal property tax and reduce other taxes through equitable, sustainable support; and whose residents enjoyed the very best quality of life. RAD was born.

And 25 years later, we see the incredible impact it has had on our region, all thanks to that extra penny on the dollar in sales tax. This report highlights the successes of 2019, and envisions the possibilities of the next 25 years.

Looking back on 2019 through the lens of 2020 is like looking at a different world. Not yet confronted with the concept of social distancing, we were listening to jazz with our neighbors in Highland Park, high-fiving the person next to us at a hockey game, settling

into our seats at Heinz Hall for a Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra concert, and perhaps taking for granted the comfort we now know is inherent in community connection. We look back on these connections and on the achievements of our regional assets in 2019 as hopeful reminders of our region's creativity, compassion, and resilience.

In 2019, RAD celebrated 25 years of community investment with its largest allocation of funds to date: \$109.2 million in support of our

RAD works **behind** the scenes.

libraries, parks and trails, arts and cultural organizations, sports and regional facilities, and public transit. We awarded \$3.4 million in RADical ImPact grants to support 12 bold, forward-looking projects that demonstrate the creative ability of RAD assets to inspire the region for the next 25 years. We received incredible first-hand stories of the impact RAD has had on our region's quality of life, all thanks to the investment of Allegheny County taxpayers.

The unique and essential funding stream that is RAD has made Allegheny County the vibrant hub of culture and recreation that it is today. Those who live here and those who visit all contribute to our region's vitality and livability. As stewards of these funds, we take our responsibility seriously, striving to ensure that RAD works for all. RAD funding works for

you — and because of you — to support the institutions and organizations that make us proud to call Allegheny County home.

So as we look back on 2019, remembering the power of community connection, we look forward to a time when we will again join you for a workshop at our local library, a performance at the Kelly Strayhorn Theater, or the latest installation at the Mattress Factory. In the meantime, stay well and stay inspired.

On behalf of the RAD board and staff, thank you for being part of our region's story.

YOU are RAD.

Dusty Elias Kirk

Dusty Elias Kirk | BOARD CHAIR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

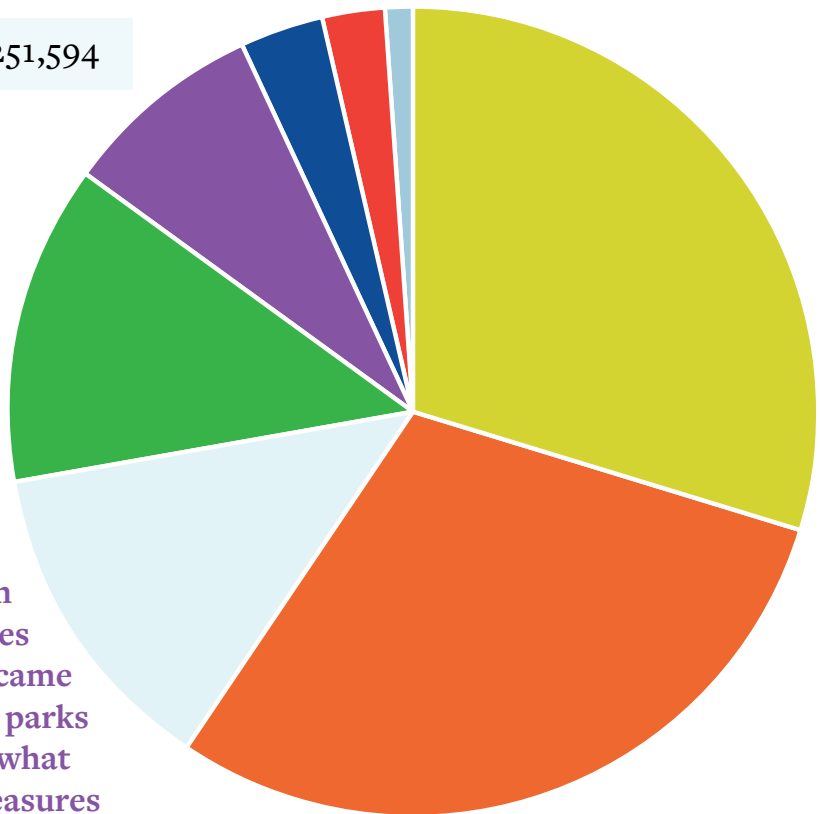
Sylvia Fields (Secretary/Treasurer), Dusty Elias Kirk (Chair), Anthony J. Ross, Daniel J. Griffin (Vice-Chair), Jackie Dixon, Hilda Pang Fu, Daniel Rosen

(Left to Right)



2019 Distribution

29.9 %	LIBRARIES	\$32,694,583
29.6 %	PARKS & TRAILS	\$32,306,989
13 %	SPORTS & CIVIC FACILITIES	\$14,200,000
12.7 %	ARTS & CULTURE	\$13,856,082
8 %	ZOO, PHIPPS & AVIARY	\$8,728,451
3.2 %	RADICAL IMPACT GRANTS	\$3,490,489
2.7 %	TRANSIT	\$3,000,000
0.9 %	ADMINISTRATION	\$975,000
100 %	TOTAL	\$109,251,594



The residents of Pittsburgh inherited priceless treasures from the generations who came before us, from libraries to parks to arts and culture. RAD is what enables us to pass these treasures down, and make them even better, for those who come after us.”

—MAYOR WILLIAM PEDUTO | CITY OF PITTSBURGH

Public participation
& attendance at RAD
assets totaled

47,273,148

\$902.4 million

in direct expenses were
contributed to our local
economy by RAD assets

Including

\$424 million

from Port Authority

1,015,324

free tickets
were provided
by RAD assets



52,071

people participated
in RADical Days

RAD 2019

Port Authority
ridership totaled



64,007,944

Facts & Stats

Libraries circulated

12.5 million items





RADical ImPact!

CLP's RADical ImPact grant will offer library cardholders special benefits at other RAD assets.

GRANTS ALLOCATED:

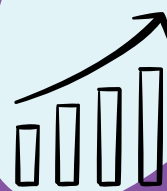
\$32,694,583

RADICAL IMPACT GRANT:

\$91,514



eResources circulation
totaled 2,202,228
countywide



18%
increase over 2018

“A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.”

— ANDREW CARNEGIE



7,034,567 visits

MADE TO ACLA AND CLP
LIBRARIES AND BRANCHES

Libraries

FOR THE VITAL ROLE THEY PLAY in our communities, with free and open access to all, libraries have historically been RAD's single largest funding category. In 2019, RAD allocated \$32,694,583 in support of public library service through grants to the Allegheny County Library Association and Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, in addition to a RADical ImPact grant in the amount of \$91,514 that will offer library cardholders special benefits at other RAD assets. RAD funding also supports the eiNetwork, which serves as the information technology infrastructure for libraries in Allegheny County, enabling state-of-the-art high-speed Internet access and seamless library service to residents.



Libraries have seen their roles in communities expand from book lenders to information technology hubs, to career and community centers, and beyond.

Allegheny County is home to 46 libraries delivering service in more than 70 locations, each offering free access to vital materials and essential programs for all. Allegheny County Library Association (ACLA) and Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (CLP) focused much of their work in 2019 on ensuring that every community in Allegheny County has open and equitable access to library services.

The design and implementation of a meaningful shared services model has been an ongoing effort funded by RAD and facilitated by the Hill Group in

partnership with ALCA and CLP. The purpose of this project is to design, develop, pilot, and bring to scale a suite of shared services that will reduce costs and improve services by reducing time consuming back office functions such as facilities management, fund development, and human resources. More than ever, libraries are critical components to the success of all communities.



I love that our tax money goes towards a program so vital. We love our local library but also enjoy visiting other branches too! The library is my happy place.”

— CONNIE | PITTSBURGH RESIDENT

2019'S LOVE YOUR LIBRARY CAMPAIGN RAISED

\$1 million

for libraries across the county

It is RAD's priority that every resident expect and receive a similar positive experience and opportunity regardless of the library they visit.

In 2019, ACLA expanded its emphasis on community responsiveness work. Following successful work with ten South Hills and Mon Valley libraries through a capacity building grant from the Jefferson Regional Foundation, ALCA expanded the program to fifteen additional libraries throughout the county, creating detailed community assessment reports based on input from residents and stakeholders that then allowed for re-tooling of programs and services in direct response to community need.

“As a stay-at-home mom without access to a car, the library saved my sanity! **South Park Library** was the only place we could walk to. Children's story hours and a wonderful collection of children and adult books were my salvation.”

— DONNA | SOUTH PARK TOWNSHIP RESIDENT

CLP's LYNCS program (Library in Your Neighborhood, Community, and School) provides an array of services to adults, with a priority on populations including seniors, immigrants, veterans, and the incarcerated, among others. This work focuses on building relationships in communities that may face barriers to library service, limiting access to critical information resources.

As a direct, measurable outcome of RAD's Library Fellows program, nine ACLA libraries and three CLP branches launched a pilot program to explore going “fine free” by removing fees associated with overdue materials. Baldwin Borough Public Library, Braddock Carnegie Library, C.C. Mellor Memorial Library, Carnegie Free Library of Swissvale, F.O.R. Sto-Rox Library, Millvale Community Library, Monroeville Public Library, Penn Hills Library, Wilkinsburg Public Library, CLP-Allegheny, CLP-East Liberty, and CLP-Knoxville are the libraries participating in this pilot program, and will assess the possible expansion of this policy in 2020. It is expected that the fine free libraries project will be one way to bolster equity and remove barriers to access for users.

ACLA MOBILE SERVICES TRAVELED

16,511 miles

conducting 1,186 visits and providing 1,083 hours of on-site service



I was never a strong student. I read my first book, *Native Son* by Richard Wright, at the age of 21. I really identified with the main character, Bigger Thomas. I read the book in one sitting (8 hours), then got up, and re-registered for college. I went on for my BS in Behavioral Science, MBA in Marketing/Economics and currently working on my PhD in Educational Leadership. The library will always be my man cave.”

— JAMES | BRADDOCK RESIDENT





RADical ImPAct!

A RADical ImPAct grant will support a joint Art in Parks collaboration between Allegheny County Parks and City of Pittsburgh Parks.

GRANTS ALLOCATED:

\$32,306,989

RADICAL IMPACT GRANT:

\$1,500,000



The City of Pittsburgh's mobile food truck served nearly

2,500

free lunches

IN ITS FIVE REGIONAL PARKS

“In nature, nothing exists alone.”

— RACHEL CARSON



Parks & Trails

SURROUNDED BY RIVERS, entwined with trails, and home to one of the nation's largest and most robust parks systems, Allegheny County's natural wonder is unparalleled. RAD funding supports more than 15,000 acres of free and open parks, trails, and green space. In 2019, \$32,306,989 in RAD funds were allocated to support parks and trails in our region. In addition, a RADical ImPAct grant for \$1,500,000 will support a joint Art in Parks collaboration between Allegheny County Parks and City of Pittsburgh Parks.



Along with libraries, parks have historically been one of RAD's largest funding priorities because they are free and open to the public. Allegheny County's abundant green space and

opportunity for outdoor recreation are paramount aspects of its vitality and livability. RAD funding for parks, trails, and green space is distributed to Allegheny County for its nine regional parks, the City of Pittsburgh for its five regional parks, the City of McKeesport for Renziehausen Park, the Township of Upper St. Clair for Boyce Mayview Park, the Avonworth Municipal Authority for Avonworth Community Park, and several

organizations throughout the region whose work enhances quality of life by ensuring the preservation of natural lands.

As stewards of taxpayer dollars, RAD is committed to ensuring not only that our regional assets thrive, but that they are accessible to all. In 2019, many of our parks and environmental organizations worked on initiatives promoting access and inclusion. Allegheny County Parks took the first steps toward increasing recreational adaptive programming in 2019 with several projects throughout the year, including ice and sled hockey clinics for persons with cognitive, developmental, and physical disabilities. The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy utilized RAD funding to install five new ADA-accessible raised garden beds as part of a community flower garden in Homestead. Pittsburgh Botanic Garden began construction on its Garden of the Five Senses, which is supported through RAD capital funds. Along its accessible path, individuals will be able to interact with plants through sensory engagement, which is particularly important for people with Autism Spectrum Disorder.



RAD funding has allowed Western Pennsylvania Conservancy to become more inclusive of community members with disabilities, while at the same time helping to beautify neighborhoods.”

— CYNTHIA CARROW | WESTERN PA CONSERVANCY

22,000 + people

participated in environmental programs offered
by the [Audubon Society of Western PA](#)

Of the \$32.3 million in RAD funding for parks and trails in 2019, \$3.4 million was designated for capital improvement projects. The City of Pittsburgh undertook a major renovation of the [Schenley Park skating rink](#), which included replacing the concrete and piping of the foundation, LED lighting upgrades, sound system installation, hockey markings, team benches, and spectator seating. Allegheny County renovated the tennis courts at North Park, replaced fencing at the Round Hill Park pastures, added solar panels and outlets to Boyce Park shelters, and added dog parks at Boyce and Settlers Cabin. Renziehausen Park in McKeesport used RAD capital funding to add a new pavilion along with parking and landscaping. The Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania renovated the Spring Hollow Trail, bringing it into compliance with current ADA standards. The [Allegheny Land Trust](#) received RAD capital funding for the restoration of a three-mile section of the Montour Trail and paving of the Steel Valley Trail.

In 2019, Allegheny County Parks and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy planted a combined total of

3,154 trees

IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY

RAD funding also supports vital conservation work. In 2019, the Allegheny Land Trust, which protects over 2,500 acres of green space in Allegheny County, acquired its first two community gardens in Wilkinsburg and Garfield as part of the Three Rivers Agricultural Land Initiative in partnership with Grow Pittsburgh. This initiative provides long-term security for community gardens and urban farms. The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy furthered its commitment to greener communities by installing two stormwater green infrastructure projects in Clairton and Harrison Township. Stormwater runoff is often a source of water pollution in urban areas; green infrastructure reduces and treats stormwater at its source, creating healthier urban environments. Allegheny County Parks planted 30 acres of meadows within five parks, which will improve the diversity of animal and insect habitats as well as the management of stormwater.



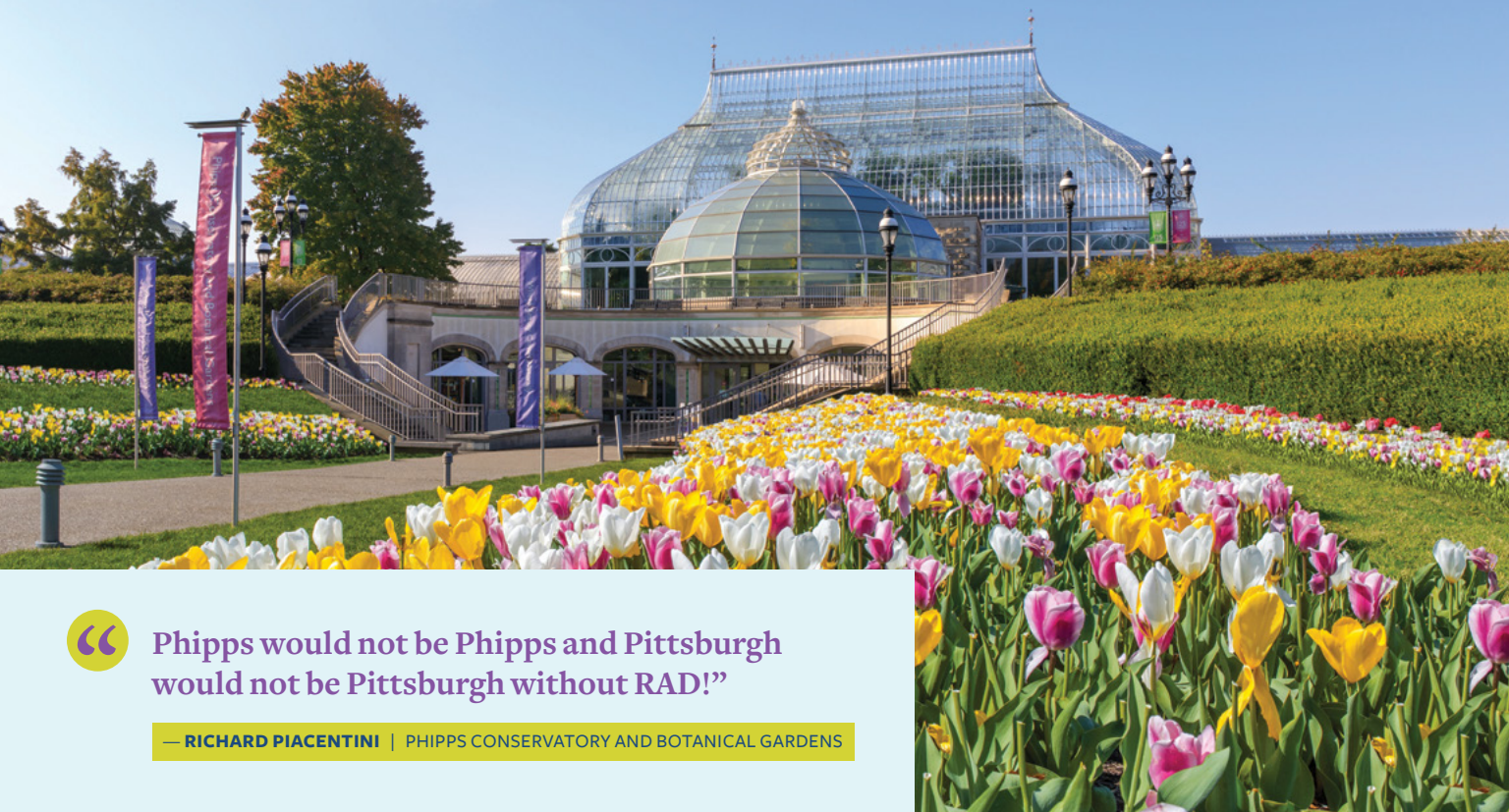
The Pittsburgh region's interconnected and expansive trail network did not exist 25 years ago as it does today. This is directly because of RAD's support and the amount of funding leveraged from RAD's investments over the years."

— CHRISTOPHER J. BEICHNER | ALLEGHENY LAND TRUST



There is simply no other example in the region of a funding source that provides the scale of recreation to the public as RAD does in our regional parks.”

— CITY OF PITTSBURGH PARKS



Phipps would not be Phipps and Pittsburgh
would not be Pittsburgh without RAD!”

— RICHARD PIACENTINI | PHIPPS CONSERVATORY AND BOTANICAL GARDENS



1 in 9

households

of Pittsburgh visited Phipps in 2019

“I feel that we need
a lot more wonder
and a lot more
silence in our lives.”

— FRED ROGERS



GRANTS ALLOCATED:

\$8,728,451

Zoo, Phipps & Aviary

VISITORS GET THE OPPORTUNITY to bask in the natural wonders of the world at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, and the National Aviary. More than 25 years ago, the financial needs and ultimate survival of these three attractions were major factors in the creation of the Allegheny Regional Asset District. In the time since, they have received vital support from RAD each year, and have seen tremendous organizational growth as a result. In 2019, \$8,728,451 in RAD funding was allocated to these regional facilities for general operating support as well as capital improvements.



The Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium welcomed 863,207 visitors in 2019, along with a host of new animals for them to meet, including two litters of clouded leopard cubs, a penguin chick,

a Philippine crocodile, five false gharials, and a rescued elephant seal. In an educational effort to reach students who may not have the opportunity to visit the Zoo, a new virtual engagement experience called [Animal Tracks](#) was launched in 2019. With its 24-hour webcam within the cheetah exhibit, this program includes streaming webcasts that incorporate immersive curriculum, targeting

home school youth and those with difficulty traveling or navigating large crowds. RAD capital funding supported ADA compliant doors for the Zoo's Tropical Forest Complex as well as water conservation projects and forthcoming improvements for the sea lion exhibit.

[Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens'](#) attendance reached record highs in 2019 with over half a million onsite visitors. In addition to its stunning seasonal flower shows and exquisite horticultural display, Phipps is also working within communities with the goal of helping all families live in healthy, opportunity-rich neighborhoods. [Homegrown](#) is a program Phipps developed to improve food security in distressed neighborhoods with free, raised-bed vegetable gardens and ongoing mentoring in gardening and food preparation techniques. The Homegrown program has installed nearly 300 home vegetable



The Zoo is one of my children's favorite parts of Pittsburgh! We love the variety of animals, the aquarium, and the helpful staff."

— **SAM** | PITTSBURGH RESIDENT



In 2019, an average of 15 birds
per month were treated with a

98%

success rate

IN THE AVIARY'S
VETERINARY DEPARTMENT

gardens in the Homewood area, and plans to expand into other food-desert neighborhoods. In addition supporting Phipps' work through operational support, RAD capital funding was used for the restoration of the Palm Court, for which Phipps received the 2019 Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Award.

The National Aviary had several banner achievements in 2019, including a 50 percent increase in education outreach with service to more than 26,000 students and 2,000 educators; significant advancements in accessibility, including provision of sensory assistance kits, funded in part by a RAD accessibility grant; and the hatching of seven Guam Rail chicks, which

contributed to the conservation status of the Guam Rail improving from extinct in the wild to critically endangered. The Aviary also hatched four Guam Kingfishers (a species that is extinct in the wild). RAD capital funds supported the renovation of the Aviary's Tropical Rainforest habitat, which in 2019 won the Association of Zoos and Aquariums Exhibit Award for Innovation. In celebration of 25 years of RAD support, the Aviary had special RAD-themed experiences and activities for visitors to enjoy on the 25th of each month.



Thanks to the commitment of neighborhood residents, the citizens of Allegheny County, and RAD, the National Aviary was empowered to re-stabilize after uncertain times and become the thriving national attraction that it is today.”

— CHERYL TRACY | NATIONAL AVIARY



The Zoo conducted, supported,
or advised on 97 conservation
projects on all seven continents
over the last year, planting over

400,000

trees & native plants

**AND BRINGING SEVERAL IMPERILED SPECIES
BACK FROM THE BRINK OF EXTINCTION**



RADical ImPAct!

Arts and Cultural organizations have received nine RADical ImPact grants for various projects.

GRANTS ALLOCATED:

\$13,856,082

RADICAL IMPACT GRANTS:

\$1,398,975



In 2019,

7,940,699

people VISITED ARTS & CULTURAL ASSETS



What an amazing concept the Regional Asset District is. Not every city is fortunate enough to have this kind of enlightened support. RAD has, without question, been one of our secret sauces, so to speak, of the Greater Pittsburgh area.”

— J. KEVIN MCMAHON | PITTSBURGH CULTURAL TRUST

“All of art is a search for ways of being, of living life more fully.”

— AUGUST WILSON



Arts & Culture

FROM INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED MUSEUMS and a world-class symphony orchestra to cutting-edge contemporary dance and theatre companies, our region's dynamic arts scene offers something for everyone. In 2019, \$13,856,082 in RAD funding was allocated to a total of 86 arts and cultural organizations for general operating support, capital improvements, and special projects; an additional \$1,398,975 was awarded in RADical ImPact grants.



The diversity and longevity of our region's arts and cultural organizations are testaments to not only their exemplary work, but also the strength of support they receive from the community. 2019 saw the celebration of milestone years for many of our arts and cultural assets. WQED, the nation's first community-supported television station right here in our own backyard, celebrated 65 years of educational public media. North Hills Art Center and South Hills Chorale both marked 60 years of bringing art and music to their communities. Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre launched its 50th anniversary season, and City Theatre Company and Pittsburgh Public Theater each kicked off

their 45th seasons. And, along with RAD, the Andy Warhol Museum, Attack Theatre, and South Park Theatre marked 25 years in 2019.

In addition to operational and capital funding, RAD awards special project grants each year for initiatives that promote accessibility and/or collaboration. In 2019, Carnegie Museums was awarded a \$32,000 accessibility grant for assistive



It's wonderful that we have the citizens' support through RAD. It's a really good example of public process and civic participation. We would not be what we are today without RAD support."

— KARLA BOOS | QUANTUM THEATRE



THREE RIVERS YOUNG PEOPLES ORCHESTRAS AWARDED

51 scholarships

totaling \$16,370 to students who may not
have been able to afford tuition

listening devices, closed captioning glasses, and tactile reproductions of the night sky in the Carnegie Science Center’s Buhl Planetarium. RAD also awarded an accessibility grant in the amount of \$32,000 to Contemporary Craft for automatic doors, ramps, and interior signage in its new Lawrenceville location. Chatham Baroque was awarded a connections grant in the amount of \$45,000 to support the second year of its successful merger with Renaissance and Baroque, effectively lowering overhead costs and increasing attendance.

“Pittsburgh is a very diverse city and having the August Wilson African American Cultural Center in the heart of downtown to share cultural events and exhibitions contributes to making Pittsburgh the place to be!”

— AL | PITTSBURGH RESIDENT

2019 was a year of celebration, recognition, and changes in leadership throughout the arts and culture sector. Carnegie Museums named Steven Knapp, former president of George Washington University, as its new president; Elizabeth Barker was named the new executive director of The Frick Pittsburgh; Janera Solomon announced her departure from Kelly Strayhorn Theater after 11 transformative years as its executive director; and the Pittsburgh Glass Center received a major gift to establish its first endowed directorship. The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra received three Grammy Award nominations and WQED was awarded 14 Mid-Atlantic Emmy Awards. The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust was honored as the inaugural recipient of the Richard Meritzer Award at Film Pittsburgh’s ReelAbilities Film Festival, and RAD was honored to be named Soldiers & Sailors’ Friend and Patriot of the Year.

With the opening of the Children's
Museum's new [MuseumLab](#) in 2019,
Pittsburgh is now home to

the nation's largest

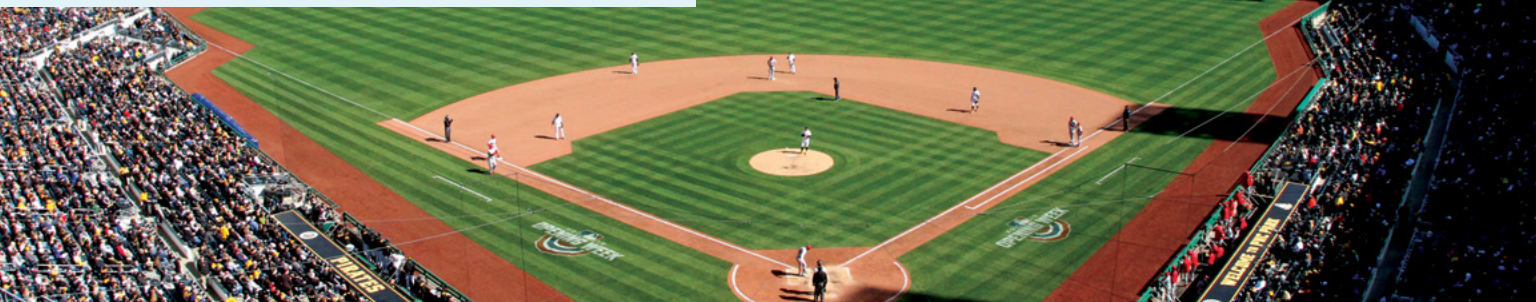
**CULTURAL CAMPUS
FOR KIDS**



PNC PARK

ranked #1

in the Best of the
Ballparks MLB Rankings



RADical ImPAct!

The SEA's RADical ImPAct grant will support a large-scale public art project by renowned artist Walter Hood as part of the Lower Hill's redevelopment.

GRANTS ALLOCATED:

\$14,200,000

RADICAL IMPACT GRANT:

\$500,000



155,677



free tickets were provided by
these four facilities in 2019



“Why does everyone
talk about the past?
All that counts is
tomorrow’s game”

— ROBERTO CLEMENTE

Overall attendance at all four
facilities in 2019 was

4,325,129

Sports & Civic Facilities

OFTEN CONSIDERED ONE OF THE BEST SPORTS CITIES in the country, Pittsburgh is home to three beloved teams, the Pirates, the Steelers, and the Penguins. Their respective homes — PNC Park, Heinz Field, and PPG Paints Arena — along with the David L. Lawrence Convention Center are owned by the **Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County (SEA)**. In 2019, \$13,400,000 in RAD funding for the SEA went toward debt service on bonds issued for the construction of these facilities and \$800,000 went into a multi-facility reserve fund for the SEA's obligated capital repairs and improvements to these four facilities.



Aside from hosting millions of sports fans and convention goers each year, these four facilities give back to the community in myriad ways. The David L. Lawrence Convention Center donated

nearly nine tons of food in 2019 to 412 Food Rescue, Jubilee Soup Kitchen, and the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. PPG Paints Arena hosted the Mission of Mercy event in July 2019, where volunteer dentists and hygienists served over 1,300 patients and performed 4,500 procedures. The Pirates provided over 86,000 free tickets in 2019 to children's organizations

and other community and civic groups who may not otherwise have been able to attend a game at PNC Park. Heinz Field hosted its annual 4th of July Celebration Concert, Rib and Music Festival, and 25 Military Change of Command Ceremonies, all free of charge.

RAD's 2019 contribution to the SEA's multi-facility reserve fund was used toward the David L. Lawrence Convention Center's 4th Floor Green Roof replacement project and the replacement of fire alarm strobes and transponders at Heinz Field.



Simply put, without RAD support, Major League Baseball would not exist in the City of Pittsburgh."

— BRIAN WARECKI | PNC PARK

In 2019, the Garth Brooks concert set a new attendance record with

>75,000

attendees

AT HEINZ FIELD



“This is the only city in America with an entrance.”

— PAUL GOLDBERGER



GRANT ALLOCATED:

\$3,000,000

IN 2019, PORT AUTHORITY PROVIDED

2,014,557 free rides



Transit

PORT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY is the public transit agency for the greater Pittsburgh area. With its mission to connect people to life through bus, light rail, incline, and paratransit services, Port Authority provides more than 60 million rides each year. In 2019, Port Authority received \$3,000,000 in RAD support.



Port Authority operates 96 bus routes, three light rail lines, and two inclines. Its extensive network of transit properties and facilities throughout Allegheny County include 18.4 miles of

busways (dedicated bus-only highways free from everyday traffic), 54 park and ride locations with more than 14,000 parking spaces, a 26.2 mile light rail system, the Wabash Tunnel, the Monongahela and Duquesne Incline, and more than 80 bridges. Port Authority plays an increasingly significant role in economic development efforts and community vitality within Pittsburgh and throughout Allegheny County's communities.

In efforts to improve service to riders and the community, in 2019 the Authority emphasized more focused data collection from both customers and employees to gather information

on perceptions of the organization and how the Authority can improve its services and standing in the community. It also continued to fine tune its RealTime software that permits riders to follow the next available bus and railcar on their smartphone or computer.

Port Authority's paratransit services (ACCESS) provides rides for persons with disabilities and the elderly. ACCESS ridership totaled 1,397,522 in 2019.

Since 2013, RAD's annual \$3,000,000 support of Port Authority has resulted in a \$140,000,000 leverage of state operating funds.

PORT AUTHORITY SERVES

200,000

daily riders

RADical ImPAct Grants

TO KICK OFF THE CELEBRATION OF 25 YEARS OF RAD'S IMPACT ON OUR REGION, the RAD board launched a special program called **RADical ImPAct**. These one-time grants offer assets the chance to dream big and imagine projects that demonstrate not only RAD's history of impact, but its capacity to shape the creative landscape of the region's next 25 years.



RADICAL ADVENTURERS

Focus on Renewal - Father Ryan Arts Center

\$25,000

RADical Adventurers will provide opportunities to youth in the Sto-Rox service area to attend trips to various RAD assets throughout the region with the goal of writing stories that narrate the impact and importance of RAD assets, culminating in a RADical Time Capsule.

SINGING IS RAD!

Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh

\$177,975

Singing is RAD! will bring together thousands of Pittsburghers and dozens of community partners to raise their voices together at the 2021 Three Rivers Arts Festival.

MOBILE STUDIO: CLAY FOR ALL!

Union Project

\$79,000

Union Project's Mobile Ceramic Studio will bring the magic of imagining, designing, and creating with clay to as many people as possible in a vehicle equipped with clay, tools, a potter's wheel, a mobile Raku kiln, and trained arts educators who lead participants in hands-on ceramic activities.

RAD PASS

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

\$91,514

The RAD Pass program will connect community members to Pittsburgh's vast array of cultural resources through their local library with a flexible online pass-lending platform for cultural amenities to offer free or discounted admission to library cardholders throughout Allegheny County.

AUGUST WILSON: THE WRITER'S LANDSCAPE

August Wilson African American Cultural Center

\$300,000

The Writer's Landscape will be the first-ever exhibition dedicated to the life and works of Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright August Wilson. This 1,800 square foot permanent exhibition will explore the people and places of Pittsburgh, where Wilson was born and raised, and which had a profound impact on shaping his worldview and inspiring his unprecedented 10-play American Century Cycle.

BUILDING BRIDGES: A COMMUNITY-CENTERED NEW WORK OF IMMIGRANT STORIES

City Theatre Company

\$225,000

City Theatre's project is a community-centered world premiere production celebrating the narratives of immigrant and refugee populations in Pittsburgh. The play will be developed through partnerships with local agencies working closely with these populations, culminating in a quintessentially American story, highlighting how Pittsburgh is a city of immigrants — past, present, and future.

CURTAIN CALL: PUBLIC ART PROJECT

Sports and Exhibition Authority

\$500,000

Curtain Call is a community public art project designed by Walter Hood that showcases a dynamic, engaging, and multi-functional artwork in a high-traffic entrance to the Hill District neighborhood of Pittsburgh. It will create pedestrian pathways and rain gardens surrounded by sculptural steel "curtains" that will hold approximately 6,000 images of Hill District-related history, people, and places connected from the community.

12 Projects

representing a diverse mix of artistic media, genre, and community engagement, each unique in scope and scale, and all radically impactful

ARTWALK ON THE ALLEGHENY RIVER

Pittsburgh Cultural Trust

\$330,000

Artwalk on the Allegheny River will artistically reimagine two miles of trails, industrial infrastructure, and access points along the Allegheny River from Point State Park through the Cultural District and up to the Strip District. Commissioned large-scale public artwork and inclusive community spaces will create a riverfront "artwalk" with three new gateways to the Allegheny River.

ALL PITTSBURGHERS ARE POETS

City of Asylum

\$80,000

All Pittsburghers are Poets will declare an Official Poet Laureate of Allegheny County, as well as a Youth Poet Laureate, an Emerging Poet Laureate and an American Sign Language Poet Laureate, celebrating poets of all ages and abilities.

ART IN PARKS

Allegheny County Parks and City of Pittsburgh Parks

\$1,500,000

Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh join forces to encourage the public to reimagine the way they interact with and enjoy public art in park spaces. Allegheny County will enhance Hartwood Acres Park through the creation of a sculpture garden near the Hartwood Acres Mansion. The City of Pittsburgh will solicit proposals for large-scale, interactive public works of art in each of the five RAD parks within the city.

RADCAST

SLB Radio Productions

\$62,000

RADcast is a podcast series designed to deeply engage youth with RAD assets and transform these youth and their peers into the assets' advocates, audiences, and supporters of the future. The podcast will be a fast-paced, weekly 15-minute podcast featuring three different assets, and all undertaken by teen reporters.

CONNECTING THE NORTH SIDE: THE CORRIDOR

Mattress Factory with partners: The Andy Warhol Museum, The Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, City of Asylum, The National Aviary, and Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

\$120,000

The Corridor, a place-making initiative to better connect Pittsburgh's North Side, will focus on the one-mile passage from the Mattress Factory to the Andy Warhol Museum. Through wayfinding initiatives, public art, collaborative mapping, and joint programming, the Corridor — inclusive of all institutions and the surrounding community — is sure to become a destination in and of itself.



RADical DAYS

Thank you!

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Free Events, Activities,
and Performances

RADical Days is an annual THANK YOU to the taxpayers of Allegheny County for their investment in our region's most vital and vibrant assets. RADical Days 2019 celebrated the 25th anniversary of RAD with 25 days of free events, activities, and performances across Allegheny County.

52,071

PARTICIPANTS

72 participating assets





Each year my husband and I look forward to RADical Days. It gives us an opportunity to explore different places and experiences we would otherwise miss.”

— MARY JO | RADICAL DAYS PARTICIPANT





2019

ALLEGHENY COUNTY RECEIVED:

\$52,983,855

THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH RECEIVED:

\$22,834,508

MUNICIPALITIES RECEIVED:

\$30,151,347

Distributed directly by the PA Treasury
based on a state calculated formula.

IN RAD'S 25-YEAR HISTORY

ALLEGHENY COUNTY HAS RECEIVED:

\$1,002,156,139

THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH HAS RECEIVED:

\$491,163,162

MUNICIPALITIES HAVE RECEIVED:

\$2,004,314,258

A full historical and annual breakdown of each
municipality's share of the funding can be
found at radworkshere.org.



Municipal Funding

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PENNY

PROCEEDS FROM THE OTHER HALF of the additional one percent sales and use tax go directly to support Allegheny County and local municipal governments. The county receives 25 percent and the remaining 25 percent is distributed among its 128 municipalities based on a state calculated formula. In 2019, Allegheny County received \$52,983,855 and the City of Pittsburgh received \$22,834,508. The total distributed among the remaining municipalities was \$30,151,347.

For 25 years, the municipal side of the RAD tax has allowed Allegheny County and local governments to shift the tax burden away from property taxes, permanently eliminate the personal property tax, and fund a wide variety of services such as public safety and road repairs.

“ For 25 years, RAD has been about working cooperatively and collaboratively to use tax dollars strategically in our region to support impactful institutions and organizations which lend themselves to the great quality of life we have here.”

— RICH FITZGERALD | ALLEGHENY COUNTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Grant Distribution

Asset	2019 Operating	2019 Capital
CONTRACTUAL		
Allegheny County Library Association*	\$6,896,375	
Allegheny County - Regional Parks	\$21,640,961	\$1,500,000
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh	\$25,630,208	
Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh	\$3,377,659	\$346,000
City of McKeesport - Renziehausen Park	\$738,548	\$170,000
City of Pittsburgh - Regional Parks	\$6,018,795	\$1,500,000
National Aviary in Pittsburgh	\$1,319,900	\$150,000
Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens	\$2,569,235	\$300,000
Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium	\$4,004,316	\$380,000
MULTI YEAR AGREEMENT		
Sports & Exhibition Authority - Stadiums/ Convention Center Bond Issue	\$13,400,000	
ANNUAL		
ACH Clear Pathways	\$3,600	
August Wilson African American Cultural Center	\$500,000	
Afro-American Music Institute	\$22,000	
Allegheny Brass Band	\$3,300	
Allegheny Land Trust	\$27,000	\$107,000
American Jewish Museum of the JCC	\$7,000	
Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall	\$6,500	\$25,000
Arcade Comedy Theater	\$3,500	
Assemble	\$2,500	
Associated Artists of Pittsburgh	\$6,000	
Attack Theatre	\$35,000	
Audubon Society of Western PA	\$22,500	\$15,000
Avonworth Municipal Authority	\$34,000	
Bach Choir of Pittsburgh	\$8,600	
Bricolage Production Company	\$22,500	
Bulgarian Macedonian National Educational & Cultural Center	\$5,000	
Calliope: The Pittsburgh Folk Music Society	\$8,000	
Chamber Music Pittsburgh	\$17,000	
Chatham Baroque	\$20,000	

Asset	2019 Operating	2019 Capital
Children's Museum of Pittsburgh	\$400,000	\$120,000
City of Asylum	\$30,000	
City Theatre Company	\$115,000	\$50,000
Contemporary Craft	\$100,000	
Corningworks	\$3,600	
Dreams of Hope	\$9,600	
Edgewood Symphony Orchestra	\$5,000	
Film Pittsburgh	\$5,000	
Focus on Renewal (Father Ryan Arts Center)	\$10,000	
Front Porch Theatricals	\$6,500	
Gemini Theater Company	\$6,100	
Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council	\$86,500	
Hill Dance Academy Theatre	\$25,000	
Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh	\$3,500	
Kelly Strayhorn Theater	\$60,000	
Kente Arts Alliance	\$4,000	
Manchester Craftsmen's Guild	\$405,000	
Mattress Factory	\$82,000	
McKeesport Little Theater	\$8,600	
Mendelssohn Choir	\$13,200	
New Hazlett Theater	\$32,500	\$76,000
New Horizon Theater	\$32,000	
North Hills Art Center	\$11,100	
North Pittsburgh Symphonic Band	\$2,200	
PICT Classic Theatre	\$39,000	
Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures	\$17,000	
Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre	\$180,000	\$100,000
Pittsburgh Botanic Garden	\$60,000	
Pittsburgh Camerata	\$4,100	
Pittsburgh Center for Arts & Media	\$230,000	
Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera	\$180,000	\$74,000
Pittsburgh Civic Orchestra	\$3,000	
Pittsburgh Community Broadcasting Corp. - WYEP	\$42,000	
Pittsburgh Concert Chorale	\$5,000	
Pittsburgh Cultural Trust	\$1,750,000	\$50,000
Pittsburgh Festival Opera	\$16,500	

Asset	2019 Operating	2019 Capital
Pittsburgh Girls Choir	\$2,500	
Pittsburgh Glass Center	\$50,000	\$14,000
Pittsburgh Musical Theater	\$55,000	\$50,000
Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble	\$7,500	
Pittsburgh Opera	\$180,000	
Pittsburgh Philharmonic	\$4,100	
Pittsburgh Playwrights Theatre	\$20,000	
Pittsburgh Public Theater	\$195,000	\$60,000
Pittsburgh Savoyards Inc.	\$2,500	
Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra	\$1,600,000	
Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	\$10,500	
Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra	\$20,000	
Port Authority of Allegheny County	\$3,000,000	
Prime Stage Theatre	\$15,000	
Quantum Theatre	\$35,000	
Rachel Carson Homestead Association	\$2,500	
Renaissance City Choirs	\$5,100	
River City Brass	\$112,500	
Saltworks Theatre Company	\$10,500	
Senator John Heinz History Center	\$800,000	\$150,000
Silver Eye Center for Photography	\$15,000	
SLB Radio Productions, Inc.	\$3,600	\$5,000
Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum	\$300,000	\$113,673
South Hills Chorale	\$5,500	
South Park Theatre	\$10,000	
Sports and Exhibition Authority	\$800,000	
Squonk Opera Inc.	\$9,000	
Steeltown Entertainment Project	\$11,500	
Sweetwater Center for the Arts	\$52,000	
Texture Contemporary Ballet	\$3,600	
The Frick Pittsburgh	\$150,000	
The Tull Family Theater	\$6,100	
Three Rivers Young Peoples Orchestras	\$16,000	
Tickets for Kids	\$15,000	
Tuesday Musical Club	\$5,000	
Union Project	\$12,000	
Upper St. Clair Twp. Boyce-Mayview Regional Park	\$220,000	\$145,000
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy	\$88,500	\$19,685
WQED Multimedia	\$450,000	\$108,000

Asset	2019 Operating	2019 Capital
OTHER		
Library Shared Service Project	\$168,000	
Special Project Grants	\$169,000	
RADical ImPAct Grants	\$3,490,489	
Partnerships & Initiatives	\$100,000	
Access & Opportunity	\$7,250	
Administration	\$975,000	
TOTAL 2019 OPERATING / CAPITAL	\$103,543,236	\$5,708,358
GRAND TOTAL 2019 BUDGET		\$109,251,594

ALLEGHENY COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

2019 RAD FUNDING

Andrew Bayne Memorial Library	\$78,182	Hampton Community Library	\$98,290
Andrew Carnegie Free Library	\$78,201	Jefferson Hills Public Library	\$79,473
Avalon Public Library	\$70,224	Millvale Community Library	\$58,756
Baldwin Borough Public Library	\$107,031	Monroeville Public Library	\$264,234
Bethel Park Public Library	\$218,585	Moon Township Public Library	\$150,758
Braddock Carnegie Library	\$121,469	Mt Lebanon Public Library	\$389,126
Brentwood Library	\$116,436	North Versailles Public Library	\$61,125
Bridgeville Public Library	\$92,369	Northern Tier Regional Library	\$171,784
C C Mellor Memorial Library	\$114,553	Northland Public Library	\$581,288
Carnegie Free Library of Swissvale	\$85,491	Oakmont Carnegie Library	\$107,656
Carnegie Library of Homestead	\$96,470	Penn Hills Library	\$195,369
Carnegie Library of McKeesport	\$263,032	Pleasant Hills Public Library	\$114,380
Clairton Public Library	\$69,401	Plum Borough Community Library	\$99,855
Community Library of Allegheny Valley	\$131,883	Robinson Township Library	\$111,758
Community Library of Castle Shannon	\$76,888	Scott Township Public Library	\$92,131
Cooper-Siegel Community Library	\$221,843	Sewickley Public Library	\$215,816
Coraopolis Memorial Library	\$72,030	Shaler North Hills Library	\$284,034
Crafton Public Library	\$71,367	South Fayette Township Library	\$92,998
Dormont Public Library	\$72,833	South Park Township Library	\$127,481
F.O.R. Sto-Rox Library	\$80,823	Springdale Free Public Library	\$58,640
Green Tree Public Library	\$91,021	Upper St. Clair Township Library	\$231,429
		Western Allegheny Comm Library	\$113,910
		Whitehall Public Library	\$148,445
		Wilkinsburg Public Library	\$199,119

*Allegheny County Library Association's funding distribution is formula-based and annually evaluated and approved by RAD.

TOTAL FOR COUNTY LIBRARIES \$6,377,987

Finances and Accountability

The RAD Board administers revenue from one-half of the proceeds from the 1% Allegheny County Sales and Use Tax and interest earned on investments. The tax proceeds are collected by the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, which retains a fee for its collection and audit services. All tax receipts are deposited into and grants paid from the Sales Tax Revenue Fund. The grant budget adopted for 2019 was \$108.6 million and was amended during the year to \$109.6 million for RADical ImPAct grants.

All administrative expenses are paid from the General Fund. The law permits RAD no more than 1% of its new tax revenue for administrative purposes. In 2019, the amount transferred to the General Fund for administrative costs was 0.92% of total new revenue received.

RAD's operating investments were maintained in money markets, direct obligations guaranteed by the United States of America, and commercial paper.

In addition to written applications and contracts, RAD requires audits and close out reports, conducts its own public hearings and reviews, and attends asset meetings and

performances. In 2019, RAD conducted more than 120 reviews and visits, not including public application review sessions.

The following chart outlines the activity in RAD's two operating funds on a cash basis during 2019. Independently audited financial statements on actual 2019 results along with budgets and monthly updates are posted at radworkshere.org and are also available through the RAD office.

2019 tax revenue of \$105.96 million was 4.0% higher than 2018. RAD used \$2.61 million of its sales tax reserve balance at December 31, 2019.

	Sales Tax Revenue Fund	General Fund
Grant Stabilization Reserve balance, (for future grants and debt service) at 12/31/18 net of receivables	\$24,285,038	
Unreserved balance 12/31/18		\$330,557
Actual tax revenue (cash basis)	\$105,967,710	
Interest earnings	\$671,549	\$4,501
Allocations authorized	(\$109,607,659)	
Transfer from Sales Tax Revenue Fund		\$975,000
Miscellaneous revenue, adjustments	\$356,435	\$0
Net administrative expenses		(\$918,686)
Grant Stabilization Reserve balance at 12/31/19	\$21,673,073	
Unreserved balance 12/31/19		\$391,372

Source: RAD Audit 2019

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