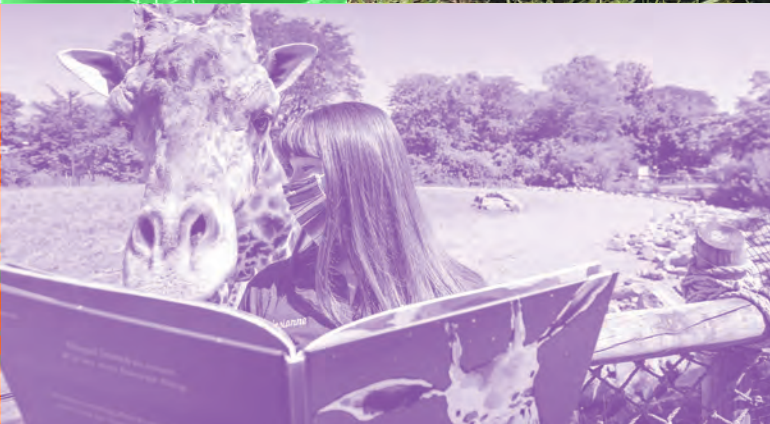




2020
Annual Report

A Year of Regional Resilience





Allegheny Regional Asset District

(RAD) invests public dollars back into the community by supporting the institutions and organizations that contribute to Allegheny County's unparalleled quality of place. With half of the proceeds from an additional one percent countywide sales tax, RAD provides crucial financial support to the region's libraries, parks & trails, arts & cultural organizations, regional attractions, sports & civic facilities, and public transit. The other half of the tax is distributed directly to Allegheny County and its 128 municipalities to be used for local tax relief and public services.

In a turbulent year, the region leapt into action with community, care, and creativity at the heart of its response.

Nothing reveals a community's capacity for resilience like a crisis. RAD assets faced the many challenges brought on by 2020 with ingenuity and grace, and met the seriousness of the moment with a spirit of opportunity. Thoughtful connections and strategic partnerships among organizations, funders, local government, and community members were instrumental in sustaining and preserving the region's vitality.

2020 also marked RAD's 25th year of grantmaking, demonstrating that even—and perhaps especially—in the most challenging times, **RAD works here.**



A message from RAD Board Chair, Dusty Elias Kirk

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Planning for the year 2020 and living through it turned out to be two very different things. At RAD, we were looking to 2020 as the year to commemorate 25 years of community investment. We planned to honor the leaders who envisioned RAD, the organizations that fulfill RAD's purpose, and the taxpayers who make it all possible with celebratory events throughout the year. We anticipated the realization of our 12 RADical ImPact projects, and we imagined a triumphant launch into our next 25 years.

In March, it became clear that 2020 was not going to go as planned. We were suddenly faced with a global pandemic that forced us to put everything on hold and focus on the health and safety of our families and neighbors. Like you, we reinvented day-to-day life as work and school were now headquartered at home. Covid-19 cases climbed and the economy struggled. The pandemic's devastating impacts were compounded by the summer's urgent calls for social justice.

The challenges of 2020 were extraordinary, but even more so were the creative and compassionate ways in which our colleagues and communities rose to meet them.



When we were unable to visit our libraries, museums, and theaters in person, they came to us with innovative virtual programming. We deepened our appreciation for safe and open access to so many beautiful parks, trails, and green spaces. Our stadiums and arenas transformed into community resource centers and food donation sites. Elected officials, philanthropic partners, and cultural leaders worked together on creative solutions for sustainability, and reaffirmed the need to examine and evolve practices around equity and inclusion.

The RAD Board acted quickly to mitigate the impacts of a swift and steep decline in sales tax revenue early on in the pandemic. An initial 20 percent reduction to all 2020 operating grants was remedied by a strong strategic partnership with the County. By year's end, all assets had received their full grant amounts as intended by RAD at the beginning of the budget year—unrestricted operating support that proved more valuable than ever in a year of such uncertainty.

So although 2020 may not have turned out to be the celebratory year we had planned, it demonstrated in urgent and palpable ways just

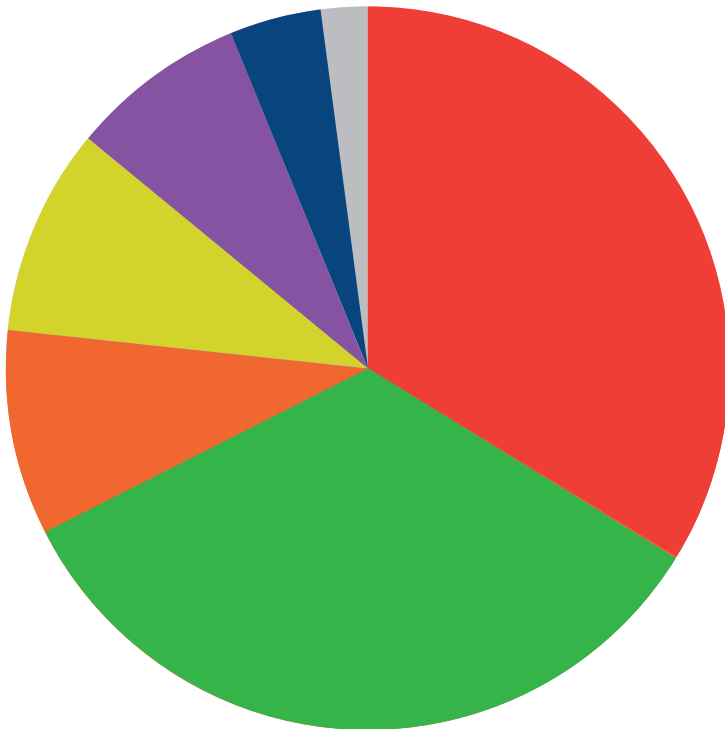
how essential RAD funding is to our region. A tumultuous year was made more manageable because of a strong, reliable 25-year bedrock of public support. There is perhaps no more fitting way to acknowledge RAD's impact and no greater drive for envisioning its future—our future.

On behalf of the RAD board and staff, we look forward to stepping into that future with you.

Dusty Elias Kirk

Dusty Elias Kirk | RAD BOARD CHAIR

2020 Budget Distribution*



Although sales tax revenue declined in 2020, taxpayers invested locally in their homes, gardens, and automobiles. Motor vehicle sales tax revenue totaled \$24,401,933 in 2020, down just 1.57% from 2019.

CATEGORY	RAD FUNDED	CARES ACT	TOTAL	% OF TOTAL
Libraries	\$27,155,404	\$6,500,476	\$33,655,880	31%
Parks & Trails	\$33,656,753	\$214,625	\$33,871,378	31%
Arts & Culture	\$11,463,152	\$2,916,037	\$14,379,189	13%
Sports & Civic Facilities	\$14,200,000		\$14,200,000	13%
Zoo, Phipps, Aviary	\$6,787,052	\$2,384,203	\$9,171,255	8%
Transportation	\$3,000,000		\$3,000,000	3%
Administration	\$937,304		\$937,304	1%
TOTAL	\$97,199,665	\$12,015,341	\$109,215,006	100%

*In response to the decline in sales tax revenues due to Covid-19, in May the RAD Board reduced all 2020 operating grants by 20 percent. Through collaboration with Allegheny County, all assets eligible for specific CARES Act funds had their 20 percent reductions reinstated by the County.

The County funding is reflected separately in the chart above. By the end of the year, as sales tax revenues began to stabilize, the RAD Board was able to restore the funding of the eight assets that were not eligible for CARES Act funding.

Public participation and attendance at RAD assets totaled

35,436,065

including virtual participation of

2,313,409



1,351,366

free tickets were provided by RAD assets.

29,539

new library cards were issued in 2020 and circulation of e-resources was up 37% countywide.



Port Authority ridership totaled

51,787,150

Going virtual in 2020 meant that RAD asset programming reached far beyond Southwestern PA.

From New York to New Zealand, California to Cambodia and beyond, people around the world got to experience something RAD!



\$795,522,601

in RAD asset expenses were contributed to our local economy, including

\$16,123,793

in contract with Minority, Women, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.

More than 111,000 people participated in RADical Days, which included both in-person and virtual events and activities.

11,597 people were employed by the RAD assets, including 4,056 artists.

Libraries

RAD funding for libraries is granted to the Allegheny County Library Association (ACLA) and Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (CLP). ACLA distributes the funds to 45 member libraries throughout the county based on a formula evaluated and approved by the RAD Board. RAD funding also supports the eiNetwork, a countywide IT infrastructure for libraries, which enables high-speed Internet access and seamless library services for residents.

\$33,655,880

TOTAL 2020 GRANTS



Libraries were perhaps more important than ever in 2020, serving as gateways to community and hubs for information and resources. Their services reach far beyond book distribution, and, in 2020, libraries met very specific and urgent community needs amid the pandemic. With increased hotspot lending for at-home connectivity, free meal and diaper distribution for families in need, and vital health and safety resources related to Covid-19, libraries were a lifeline for many throughout the region.

When they closed their physical doors early in the pandemic, libraries opened windows to an entirely new level of virtual service. They offered online programming for all ages, web and phone-based reference support, and access to free Wi-Fi from sidewalks and parking lots. Use of eBooks and downloadable materials surged. New users could register online for library cards, and nearly 30,000 did. Library

staff engaged with community partners to deliver books and other resources to the public. Gradually, libraries were able to reopen their doors with curbside service and the return of physical books. Grab-and-Go bags provided activities for people of all ages. Patrons were able to reserve computer time, order and pick up print jobs, and even browse collections socially-distanced.



A Commitment to Equity

Countywide,
circulation of
eResources rose
37% to

3,006,862

For several years, RAD, ACLA, and CLP have worked together to assess and design a meaningful model of Shared Services for Allegheny County libraries. The goal of this work is to offer world-class, equitable service in every corner of the county, and to provide the very best in support for library professionals. In 2020, library leadership identified seven functional areas for Shared Services and developed a plan for their phased rollout. With a \$38,000 Connection Grant, RAD supported a pilot project that tested three of the identified areas—facilities, fund development, and human resources—in a select number of libraries. The pilot was successful and provided valuable insights for moving forward with the full suite of Shared Services. RAD is optimistic about this program, as it builds upon the many ways ACLA and CLP have successfully collaborated to offer seamless library experiences to all Allegheny County residents.

Additionally in 2020, at RAD's request, ACLA led a process with its member libraries to reexamine the formula used to allocate RAD funds in order to provide greater support to libraries serving at-risk communities. As a result of that work, the formula now recognizes the percentage of population at or below the poverty level as part of its "distress aid" factor. A greater percentage of total RAD funds will be committed to distress aid, and more libraries qualify to receive distress aid.

With these efforts, RAD affirms its commitment to ensure that all communities in Allegheny County have access to exceptional service, resources, and support through their local library.

Beyond meeting community needs related to the pandemic, libraries played a critical role in civic engagement in 2020, disseminating information regarding the 2020 Census and new voting processes for the 2020 elections.



With the renovation of the Mt. Washington branch completed at the end of 2020, all of CLP's branches are now fully ADA compliant.



Wilkinsburg Public Library's
Library in the Park

Mobile Library
Services traveled
10,834 miles
to serve those
who otherwise may
not have library
access

“ Thanks to the RAD Library Fellows program, I learned the impact of providing equitable service for library users and saw first-hand the development of the fine free pilot program. I am excited to be able to implement the fine free program at my library and eliminate a barrier to service for members of our community.”

PAM CALFO
PLUM BOROUGH COMMUNITY LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Parks & Trails

RAD funding for parks, trails, and green space supports Allegheny County's nine regional parks, the City of Pittsburgh's five regional parks, Renziehausen Park, Avonworth Community Park, Boyce Mayview Park, the Allegheny Land Trust, the Audubon Society of Western PA, Pittsburgh Botanic Garden, and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.

\$33,871,378

TOTAL 2020 GRANTS

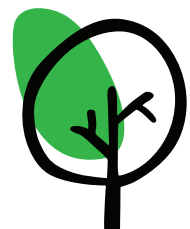


In a year when indoor gathering was put on hold, outdoor space became more valuable than ever. The nearly 16,000 acres of free and open parks, trails, and green space that RAD supports were treasured destinations for escape, rejuvenation, and calm in a decidedly turbulent time. RAD-funded parks reported attendance levels at an all-time high with an estimated 26 million visitors in 2020.

Throughout the county, walkers, joggers, bikers, and hikers took advantage of the many options for open trails and outdoor recreation. Boyce Mayview Park saw increased usage not only throughout the park and on its trails, but even in its parking lots, where people created their own workout programs. Beechwood Farms Nature Reserves reported more than 50,000 visitors in 2020, up from approximately 35,000 visits in a typical year.

Many of the parks' programs and amenities had to operate at limited capacities in accordance with state and county health and safety guidelines. Swimming pools were unable to open in 2020, but golf courses, ice rinks, and ski slopes were allowed to operate with

Covid-specific modifications. County and City parks converted their free outdoor summer movie series to drive-in movies. When events and programs were unable to take place in person, many pivoted to virtual offerings. Allegheny County Parks turned its popular Summer Concert Series into a 10-week broadcast on Pittsburgh's CW network. The series featured the work of RAD assets including the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, Pittsburgh Opera, and MCG Jazz and was also shared on the County's Facebook page and YouTube channel. The City of Pittsburgh Park Rangers moved their educational programming online with digital learning materials and the launch of brand new website for their Explorer's Program.



111,432

rounds of golf were played in Allegheny County Parks in 2020.

Keeping Up With Increased Use

Increased traffic throughout parks and trails meant increased wear and tear, and although the pandemic required more stringent safety measures for construction and maintenance projects, many were completed in 2020. In January 2020, the City of Pittsburgh reopened Schenley Rink following major RAD-funded renovations. The City also installed new fitness equipment in Frick and Highland Parks, began construction of new volleyball, pickleball, and basketball courts at Frick Park, replaced shelter rooftops in Schenley

and Highland Parks, and replenished the artificial turf at Riverview and Schenley soccer fields. Allegheny County made progress on several facility and amenity upgrades in eight of its nine regional parks, including spray park renovations, shelter upgrades, public restroom construction, and more. Boyce Mayview Park completed its RAD-sponsored Perimeter Trail as well as a new pavilion restroom, which provides visitors an additional location for safe hygiene.



Western PA Conservancy staff and community volunteers planted 53,405 annuals in 74 RAD-supported community flower gardens.

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More than 3,670 trees were planted in Allegheny County.

Since 1995, RAD has granted nearly \$4 million* for trail development and rehabilitation in Allegheny County. This investment contributed to the completion of the Great Allegheny Passage (GAP) in 2013 which connects Pittsburgh to Washington, D.C. In 2020, over one million bike enthusiasts and visitors enjoyed the GAP.

**Does not include City and County Parks*

Garden of the Five Senses

In 2020, Pittsburgh Botanic Garden opened its RAD-sponsored, sensory-friendly Garden of the Five Senses. Designed to be accessible and friendly to all, including individuals on the autism spectrum, the Garden invites visitors to experience the sight, smell, sound, taste, and touch of plants.

“We cannot overstate how critical RAD funding is for the maintenance and programming in the City’s regional parks.”

**CITY OF PITTSBURGH
PARKS**



The “Eye Spy” kaleidoscope in the Garden of the Five Senses gives visitors a chance to see plants in new ways.

Regional Attractions

The National Aviary, Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens, and Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium are three of RAD's flagship assets and were consequential in RAD's creation due to their significance in the region as cultural destinations. Their impressive growth and sustainability over the past 25+ years is thanks in large part to the consistent taxpayer support they receive through RAD.

\$9,171,255

TOTAL 2020 GRANTS



Stay-at-home orders don't "fly" for organizations whose primary work is the care and preservation of animal and plant life. The National Aviary, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, and Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium were uniquely challenged by the mandated shutdown. Their doors were closed to the public, but their operations had to continue.

The National Aviary cared for its flock of over 500 birds including 18 species classified as endangered, critically endangered, or extinct in the wild. Their veterinary team performed 2,400 preventative treatments and hatched 21 new chicks in 2020. The eighth annual Project Owl-net—a research project that studies the movements of the Northern Saw-whet Owl—was conducted with Covid-19 safety protocols in place and was the most successful to date, with a record 59 owls banded. The Aviary was also able to complete construction on its new Garden Room, which was funded in part by RAD and provides an additional 9,000 square feet of usable space.

The Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium is responsible for the medical and nutritional care of approximately 8,000

animals. In 2020, the Zoo's efforts to increase the populations of animals in need saw the birth of African lion cubs, yellow-footed tortoises, and a California sea lion pup. The Zoo also rescued or acquired five cheetah cubs and their mother, a black howler monkey and baby, and a clouded leopard.

Phipps continued its Homegrown program, installing raised-bed home vegetable gardens in urban neighborhood "food deserts." The program aims to combat food insecurity, create greener, more sustainable neighborhoods, and improve the physical and mental health of communities. The Homegrown program now reaches one in ten Homewood households and in 2020, planted its 315th garden.



Drive-Thru Zoo!

The Zoo safely welcomed visitors in 2020 with special drive-thru experiences. Beginning in May with the Drive-Thru Zoofari, the Zoo reimagined many of its special events throughout the year, including a Drive-Thru Carnival in the summer and a ZooBoo Drive-Thru for Halloween. The Zoo hosted a special Dream Night Drive-Thru for families with children experiencing significant medical conditions, who may not have been able

to experience the Zoo if not from the safety of their own vehicles. For its holiday Zoo Lights Drive-Thru, the Zoo partnered with RAD asset Tickets For Kids to provide \$25,000 in free admission to 417 area families.

Since 1995,
attendance at the
Zoo, Phipps, and
Aviary grew by an
average of
228%



“Support from the Regional Asset District had never—and has never—been more critical than in 2020.”

JACKIE VINCUNAS
CFO, PITTSBURGH ZOO & PPG AQUARIUM

The Natural World Goes Virtual

Humans weren't the only ones going virtual in 2020. Faced with physical closures, the Zoo, Phipps, and Aviary continued to engage and educate visitors in entirely new ways.

The Zoo welcomed more than 430,000 virtual viewers through its Animal Tracks program, which pairs live animal webcams with virtual education materials for a truly immersive curriculum.

The National Aviary created ten new virtual programs including CyBIRD Distance Learning classes, Meet & Tweets—a program that brings a surprise feathered friend to company or family Zoom calls, and their first ever Virtual Summer Camp, which engaged 94 students from 14 states.

Home gardening became a hobby of choice during lockdown and Pittsburghers turned to Phipps for horticultural insights from hundreds of online classes and lectures. Phipps' Science and Adult Education departments created nearly 350 new online learning sessions and digital resources for virtual gardeners in 2020.



Dottie the African Penguin was treated in the Aviary's ICU for a lung infection, receiving human grade antibiotics and nebulization treatments. With support from the Aviary veterinary staff and her mate, Stanley, Dottie made a full recovery!

Phipps won the 2020 Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence for its complex of sustainable buildings.

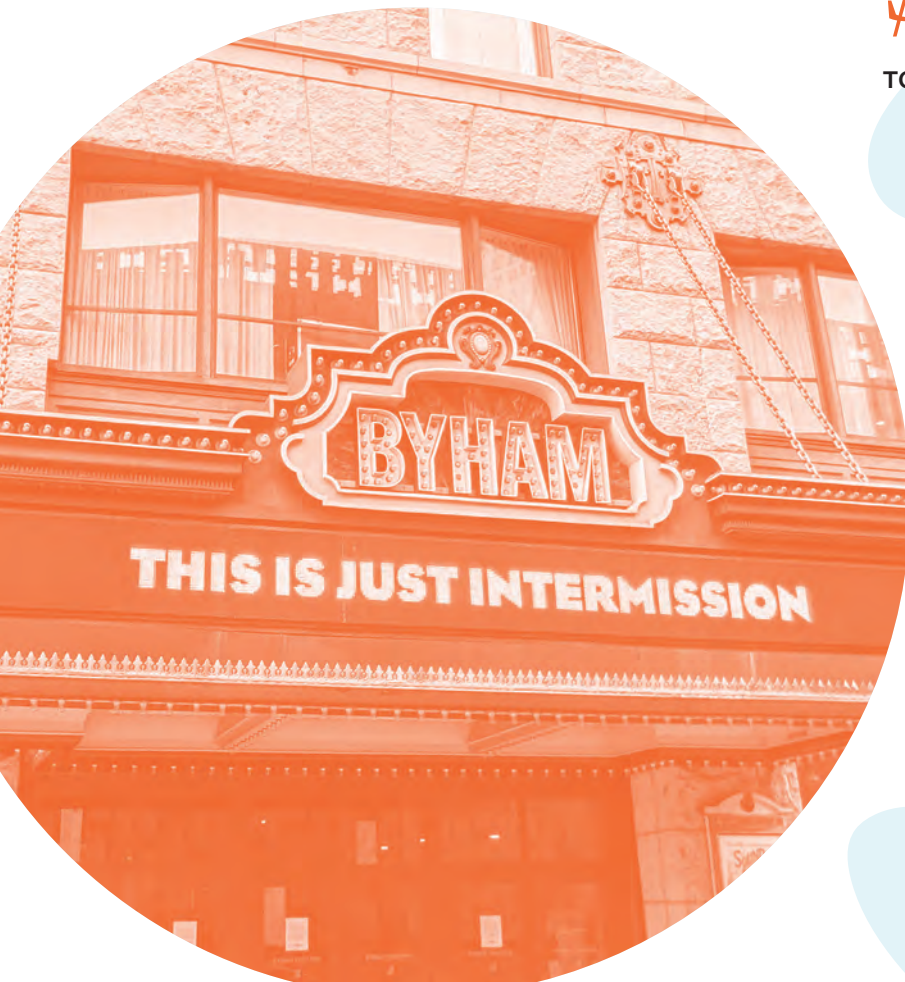


Arts & Culture

RAD funding for arts and culture ranges from large, renowned institutions to the most intimate of community-based organizations, all working to engage, entertain, and inspire audiences. In 2020 RAD funding supported 89 arts organizations with specialties ranging from glassblowing to Bulgarian dance and everything in between.

\$14,379,189

TOTAL 2020 GRANTS



Arts and cultural organizations throughout Allegheny County were amid some of their most successful seasons when the pandemic forced in-person closures in March 2020. Without any kind of roadmap, but with plenty of inherent creativity and gumption, the region's arts sector sprung into action, reimagining programming and the ways in which it could be delivered.

Many of the region's museums created educational programming for distance learners. Carnegie Museum of Natural History and Carnegie Science Center offered virtual field trips that included live interactions with museum experts, do-it-yourself activities, and free pre- and post-field trip classroom activities. Heinz History Center took its leadership in civics education online with a series of new programs including History Lab, which invites students and teachers to sharpen their history skills and then join a History Center educator for a virtual conversation about what they learned. The Mattress Factory's education department created and distributed over 1,400 free art kits to its Northside community members.

Performing arts organizations tackled not only the technological aspects of presenting their work virtually, but also

complex union negotiations for their creative teams to do so. City Theatre Company released its scheduled world premiere production *PerkUp PerKup* as an audio play. The Pittsburgh Public Theater launched a virtual reading series called PlayTime. Attack Theatre released *Cello Diary*, a digital dance-making exploration in five parts. The August Wilson African American Cultural Center presented both the Pittsburgh International Jazz Festival and the Highmark Blues & Heritage Festival virtually in 2020, reaching over 100,000 people collectively. The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra (PSO) produced 108 videos between March and August, generating nearly 300,000 views. Across the board, arts organizations saw enormous increases in their virtual audiences, social media followers, and overall digital engagement.



Creative Connections

August Wilson African American Cultural Center worked with

438 ARTISTS

in 2020, 93% of whom were artists of color.

The region's arts and cultural sector took a year of extraordinary challenges as one of unique opportunity for collaboration, from joint fundraising ventures to collective outdoor and online performances. WQED provided a virtual platform for music lovers to connect with RAD assets such as the PSO, Pittsburgh Opera, and Chatham Baroque with Concerts@Home—a series of classical music performances, interviews, and online local arts resources. City of Asylum launched a shared streaming platform called The Show Must Go On(line) which featured the work of 20 different programming partners, including the Frick Pittsburgh, New Hazlett Theater, and River City Brass. In July, as one of Joseph Hall's first initiatives as Executive Director of Kelly Strayhorn Theater (KST), the company partnered with six organizations with aligned missions (including RAD assets Braddock Carnegie Library and Dreams of Hope) to create a collective virtual fundraiser called Hotline Ring, which raised nearly \$130,000 in one evening. Throughout the month of September, City Theatre Company hosted a drive-in performing arts festival, building

an outdoor stage at Hazelwood Green and featuring performances by MCG Jazz, Texture Ballet, Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, WYEP, and the August Wilson African American Cultural Center, among others. The Pittsburgh Ballet's Open Air Series also featured outdoor performances by their dance corps along with the PSO, Pittsburgh Opera, Pittsburgh CLO, and others. In December, WQED partnered with the Pittsburgh CLO to broadcast the magic of *A Musical Christmas Carol* as a holiday gift to the community. WQED also lent its Fred Rogers Studio to City Theatre for the company's first ever film production, *Claws Out: A Holiday Drag Musical*.



In response to the vast number of musicians and teaching artists left unemployed by the pandemic, MCG Jazz created the MCG Jazz Musicians Performance Fund which granted 50 Pittsburgh musicians funds to either compose new music or create new arrangements for regional ensembles.

New Artistic Homes: Contemporary Craft and Attack Theatre both moved into new spaces in Lawrenceville.

..... ACH Clear Pathways broke ground for renovations at their recently acquired Kaufmann Center home.



Carnegie Museums welcomed visitors back with enhanced safety measures in place.

“ When the pandemic made it unsafe to conduct events in person, RAD funding was instrumental in helping us quickly pivot to new online programming platforms.”

DAVID ORESICK

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SILVER EYE CENTER FOR PHOTOGRAPHY

Sports & Civic Facilities

The Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County (SEA) owns Heinz Field, PNC Park, PPG Paints Arena, and the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Annual RAD funding supports debt service on bonds issued for the construction of these facilities (\$13,400,000) and a multi-facility reserve fund for capital repairs and improvements (\$800,000).

\$14,200,000

TOTAL 2020 GRANTS

The David L. Lawrence Convention Center (DLCC)'s RAD-supported sustainability efforts include a unique natural ventilation system, stringent air quality protocols, and abundant outdoor event spaces. These features are expected to help the DLCC and Pittsburgh's hospitality community make a quicker recovery than their competitive set.

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DLCC and PPG Paints Arena donated a combined total of nearly

4.5 TONS

of food to 412 Food Rescue, Jubilee Soup Kitchen, and the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

In 2020, Pittsburgh ranked as a top sports city as **#1** for best football city, **#1** for best MLB ballparks, and **#3** for best hockey cities



Nothing less than a global pandemic could keep Pittsburgh sports fans from cheering in their home stadiums. When Covid-19 hit, the season schedules were altered and the fans watched from home. Pittsburgh's convention, sports, and entertainment industries were among the first to close and some of the last to fully reopen to the public, but with RAD support, the Sports & Exhibition Authority had confidence that its facilities would be ready to welcome visitors back when the time came.

In the first ten weeks of 2020, the David L. Lawrence Convention Center hosted 56 events with 240,000 attendees. Once shutdown orders were issued in mid-March, the DLCC immediately shifted focus to cost mitigation efforts and working with clients to rebook events for a future year.

The sports facilities, while closed to the millions of fans and concertgoers welcomed in a typical year, remained vital community resources in 2020. PNC Park and PPG Paints Arena were both sites for drive-through food distribution throughout the year, in partnership with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food

Bank. PNC Park's events provided a total of 425,000 meals to local families in need. PPG Paints Arena hosted six food drives—distributing 334,000 pounds of food to 5,138 families—and a diaper drive in partnership with Global Links and the Western PA Diaper Bank, which provided 729 families with over 73,000 diapers.

Capital repairs and improvements continued in 2020. From its multi-facility reserve funding, the SEA used \$496,667 to upgrade the DLCC fire alarm panels and \$309,900 towards fire protection pipe, fire alarm, and lighting repairs at Heinz Field.



Public Transit

Port Authority of Allegheny County is the public transit agency for the greater Pittsburgh region with a mission to connect people to life through bus, light rail, incline, and paratransit services.

\$3,000,000

TOTAL 2020 GRANTS



Port Authority's upholstery shop made 2,900 masks for employees.

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Port Authority's Paratransit Service (ACCESS) provides rides for people with disabilities and the elderly. In 2020, ACCESS ridership totaled

1,091,093

In 2020, Port Authority provided
1,566,397
free rides

Throughout 2020, public transportation was permitted to continue operations as a specifically defined life-sustaining and government-operated business. In February, following the United States Department of Health and Human Services public health emergency declaration, Port Authority of Allegheny County formed a Covid-19 Monitoring and Response Working Group to develop and implement safety protocols for its employees and patrons.

These protocols included service reductions, passenger vehicle capacity limitations, masking requirements, employee temperature screenings, and stringent daily disinfecting of transit vehicles, stations, and employee work areas.

In an effort to improve public communication and better engage with communities, Port Authority launched a digital customer service group that allows patrons to seek assistance through chat,

mobile devices, and social media. Its updated website offers a modern, user-focused experience that makes it easier for riders to find the information and resources they need. Port Authority also hosted a series of community meetings to keep the public informed of major projects including Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), mobile technology improvements, and fare policy throughout its service areas.





Project Grants

In addition to operating and capital grants, RAD also awards Project Grants, which support Connection and Accessibility & Inclusion efforts among regional assets.

Connection Grants support the implementation of new, long-term efforts that will promote efficiency through structural or operational change and will result in revenue enhancement, cost savings, and/or reduced professional costs through sharing among assets. The first Connection Grant was awarded in 2009 and to date, RAD has supported 35 Connection projects with a total of \$2.3 million.

Accessibility & Inclusion Grants were launched in 2014 as part of RAD's Regional Assets are for Everyone initiative. This support is for projects that enhance opportunities for people with physical and cognitive disabilities to enjoy the benefits of asset programming. Since 2014, RAD has supported 27 Accessibility & Inclusion projects with a total of \$674,021.

2020 Awarded Project Grants

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

CONNECTION GRANT | \$38,000

Funding for Shared Services pilot projects in facilities, fund development, and human resources.

Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council

CONNECTION GRANT | \$150,000

Funding for a comprehensive "Restart the Arts" campaign to support the arts sector's comeback from the Covid-19 shutdown.

Pittsburgh Public Theater

CONNECTION GRANT | \$40,000

Funding for a regional cohort of small-to-midsize arts organizations to participate in an artEquity intensive training around diversity, equity, and inclusion.

City of Asylum

ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSION | \$20,000

Funding for the SoundShirt system (*Time Magazine's* Best Inventions of 2020), which will allow deaf audience members to feel music sensation in real time.

30 Years of Americans with Disabilities Act

In July 2020, RAD celebrated 30 years of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). With the purpose of making sure that people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else, the ADA prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation, and all public and private places that are open to the general public. RAD strives to ensure that our regional assets are open, accessible, and able to be enjoyed by everyone.

Since 1996, RAD has awarded \$5.6 million in capital funding for accessibility improvements such as ramps, parking, ADA compliant restrooms, elevators, automated doors, accessible playground equipment, assistive listening devices, and more. In 2014, RAD began making Accessibility & Inclusion Grants and since that time has funded 27 accessibility projects for a total of \$674,021.

Learn more: radworkshere.org/pages/project-grants





RADical ImPAct

Expected to launch in 2020 as part of RAD’s 25th anniversary celebration, these 12 RADical ImPAct projects were put on hold in light of the pandemic. With slightly altered timelines, the work has continued and as these creative endeavors come to life throughout 2021 and 2022, their significance as community spaces for inspiration and imagination will be even more profound.

In 2020...

City of Asylum named its four inaugural Poets Laureate: Vincent Folkes (Youth Poet Laureate), Paloma Sierra (Emerging Poet Laureate), Mj Shahren (ASL Poet Laureate), and Celeste Gainey (City of Asylum Poet Laureate of Allegheny County).

Allegheny County Parks began the restoration of several sculptures and put out a call for artists to design a brand new sculpture for the Hartwood Acres Sculpture Garden.

City Theatre Company hosted story circles with its creative team and community partners in the creation of a new, Pittsburgh-based play *The Rivers Don’t Know*.

August Wilson African American Cultural Center garnered national attention in the New York Times for *A Writer’s Landscape*—the permanent exhibition now opening in 2021.

Focus on Renewal’s RADical Adventurers (pictured above) visited several RAD assets before the shutdown and gathered stories and artifacts for their RAD time capsule.

SLB Radio youth reporters began recording their RADCAST interviews.

Learn more: radworkshere.org/pages/radical-impact

All Pittsburghers are Poets
City of Asylum

Art in Parks
Allegheny County & City of Pittsburgh Parks

ArtWalk on the Allegheny
Pittsburgh Cultural Trust

**August Wilson:
The Writer’s Landscape**
August Wilson African American Cultural Center

Building Bridges
City Theatre Company

Curtain Call
Sports & Exhibition Authority

Mobile Studio: Clay For All!
Union Project

RAD Pass
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

RADCAST
SLB Radio Productions

RADical Adventurers
Focus on Renewal – Father Ryan Arts Center

Singing is RAD!
Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh

The Corridor
Mattress Factory

RADical DAYS

RADical Days is a time when all RAD-funded organizations open their doors for free to the public, and just like everything else, it looked a little different in 2020. In order to provide the most opportunity while also following health and safety guidelines, RADical Days spanned nearly three months and offered a mix of virtual and in-person events that followed state and county safety guidelines.

After months of shutdowns, stay-at-home orders, and social distancing, people needed the connection that comes from art, culture, and community more than ever. RADical Days 2020 was the most popular yet, reaching over 111,000 people!

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people



Grant Distribution



ASSET	2020 OPERATING	2020 CAPITAL
CONTRACTUAL		
Allegheny County Library Association*	\$5,682,613	
Allegheny County - Regional Parks	\$22,290,190	\$1,300,000
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh	\$21,319,291	
Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh	\$3,478,989	\$300,000
City of McKeesport - Renziehausen Park	\$760,704	\$223,500
City of Pittsburgh - Regional Parks	\$6,199,359	\$2,300,000
National Aviary in Pittsburgh	\$1,087,598	
Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens	\$2,117,050	\$244,950
Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium	\$3,299,556	\$37,898
MULTI YEAR AGREEMENT		
Sports & Exhibition Authority <i>Stadiums/Convention Center Bond Issue</i>	\$13,400,000	
ANNUAL		
ACH Clear Pathways	\$4,000	
Afro-American Music Institute	\$17,600	
Allegheny Brass Band	\$3,200	
Allegheny Land Trust	\$24,000	
American Jewish Museum of the JCC	\$5,600	
Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall	\$6,000	
Arcade Comedy Theater	\$3,600	
Assemble	\$2,800	
Associated Artists of Pittsburgh	\$6,000	
Attack Theatre	\$40,000	
Audubon Society of Western PA	\$20,000	
August Wilson African American Cultural Center	\$400,000	
August Wilson House	\$4,000	
Avonworth Municipal Authority	\$35,000	
Bach Choir of Pittsburgh	\$7,680	
Belle Voci	\$2,000	

*See Allegheny County Library Association Distribution chart on pg. 33.

ASSET	2020 OPERATING	2020 CAPITAL
Bricolage	\$20,000	
Bulgarian Macedonian National Educational & Cultural Center	\$4,000	\$4,000
Calliope: The Pittsburgh Folk Music Society	\$8,000	
Chamber Music Pittsburgh	\$13,600	
Chatham Baroque	\$16,000	
Children's Museum of Pittsburgh	\$400,000	
City of Asylum	\$28,000	
City Theatre Company	\$96,000	\$45,865
Contemporary Craft	\$64,000	\$63,000
corningworks	\$2,880	
Dreams of Hope	\$8,800	
Edgewood Symphony	\$4,800	
Film Pittsburgh	\$5,600	
Focus on Renewal (Father Ryan Arts Center)	\$10,000	
Front Porch Theatricals	\$8,000	
Gemini Theater Company	\$5,680	
Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council	\$80,000	
Guardians of Sound	\$2,000	
Hill Dance Academy Theater	\$22,000	
Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh	\$4,400	
Kelly Strayhorn Theater	\$56,000	
Kente Arts Alliance	\$4,000	
Manchester Craftsmen's Guild	\$324,000	
Mattress Factory	\$72,000	
McKeesport Little Theater	\$7,200	
Mendelssohn Choir	\$12,000	
New Hazlett Theater	\$28,000	\$17,944
New Horizon Theater	\$25,600	
North Hills Art Center	\$10,800	
North Pittsburgh Symphonic Band	\$2,000	
PICT Classic Theatre	\$34,400	
Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures	\$16,000	
Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre	\$152,000	\$50,000
Pittsburgh Botanic Garden	\$52,000	
Pittsburgh Camerata	\$3,280	
Pittsburgh CLO	\$160,000	
Pittsburgh Civic Orchestra	\$2,400	
Pittsburgh Community Broadcasting Corp. - WYEP	\$34,400	

ASSET	2020 OPERATING	2020 CAPITAL
Pittsburgh Concert Chorale	\$4,000	
Pittsburgh Cultural Trust	\$1,560,000	
Pittsburgh Festival Opera	\$14,400	
Pittsburgh Girls Choir	\$2,000	
Pittsburgh Glass Center	\$52,000	
Pittsburgh Musical Theater	\$52,000	
Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble	\$6,400	
Pittsburgh Opera	\$152,000	\$49,682
Pittsburgh Philharmonic	\$4,000	
Pittsburgh Playwrights Theatre	\$18,400	
Pittsburgh Public Theater	\$160,000	
Pittsburgh Savoyards	\$2,000	
Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra	\$1,280,000	
Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	\$9,200	
Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra	\$16,000	
Port Authority of Allegheny County	\$3,000,000	
Prime Stage	\$12,000	
Quantum Theatre	\$32,000	
Rachel Carson Homestead Association	\$2,000	
Renaissance City Choirs	\$4,080	
River City Brass	\$90,000	
Saltworks Theater	\$9,200	
Senator John Heinz History Center	\$520,000	
Silver Eye Center for Photography	\$16,000	
SLB Radio Productions, Inc.	\$4,080	
Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum	\$248,000	
South Hills Chorale	\$4,400	
South Park Theatre	\$8,000	
Sports & Exhibition Authority	\$800,000	
Squonk Opera	\$8,000	
Steeltown Entertainment Project	\$11,200	
Sweetwater Center for the Arts	\$43,200	
Texture Contemporary Ballet	\$4,000	
The Frick Pittsburgh	\$128,000	\$50,000
The Tull Family Theater	\$5,200	
Three Rivers Young Peoples Orchestras	\$12,800	
Tickets for Kids	\$16,000	
Tuesday Musical Club	\$4,000	

ASSET	2020 OPERATING	2020 CAPITAL
Union Project	\$11,200	\$1,092
Upper St. Clair Township - Boyce-Mayview Park	\$230,000	\$150,000
Western PA Conservancy	\$72,000	
WQED	\$400,000	
OTHER		
Library Shared Service Project	\$120,000	
Project Grants - Connection, Accessibility & Inclusion	\$243,500	
Access & Opportunity Grants	\$7,250	
Administration	\$937,304	
TOTAL 2020 OPERATING / CAPITAL	\$92,352,484	\$4,837,931
GRAND TOTAL 2020 EXPENDITURES	\$97,190,415	

Expenditures above do not include County CARES Act funding.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION DISTRIBUTION

Andrew Bayne Memorial Library	\$63,004	Millvale Community Library	\$50,332
Andrew Carnegie Free Library	\$60,124	Monroeville Public Library	\$225,256
Avalon Public Library	\$52,217	Moon Township Public Library	\$123,815
Baldwin Borough Public Library	\$86,502	Mt. Lebanon Public Library	\$331,272
Bethel Park Public Library	\$181,952	North Versailles Public Library	\$50,379
Braddock Carnegie Library	\$99,194	Northern Tier Regional Library	\$142,475
Brentwood Library	\$98,229	Northland Public Library	\$489,559
Bridgeville Public Library	\$77,754	Oakmont Carnegie Library	\$89,316
C C Mellor Memorial Library	\$98,043	Penn Hills Library	\$153,429
Carnegie Free Library of Swissvale	\$71,419	Pleasant Hills Public Library	\$90,855
Carnegie Library of Homestead	\$83,214	Plum Borough Community Library	\$81,780
Carnegie Library of McKeesport	\$212,389	Robinson Township Library	\$91,726
Clairton Public Library	\$57,447	Scott Township Public Library	\$73,574
Community Library of Allegheny Valley	\$122,010	Sewickley Public Library	\$185,788
Community Library of Castle Shannon	\$62,800	Shaler North Hills Library	\$229,860
Cooper-Siegel Community Library	\$160,579	South Fayette Township Library	\$76,584
Coraopolis Memorial Library	\$57,816	South Park Township Library	\$107,794
Crafton Public Library	\$60,530	Springdale Free Public Library	\$47,516
Dormont Public Library	\$60,270	Upper St. Clair Township Library	\$180,790
F.O.R. Sto-Rox Library	\$65,748	Western Allegheny Community Library	\$99,936
Green Tree Public Library	\$72,710	Whitehall Public Library	\$121,259
Hampton Community Library	\$80,543	Wilkinsburg Public Library	\$163,435
Jefferson Hills Public Library	\$64,237	ACLA Admin. and Mobile Services	\$427,151
TOTAL ACLA FUNDING		\$5,682,613	

ACLA's RAD funding distribution is based on a formula that is annually evaluated and approved by the RAD Board.

Municipal Funding

In addition to enhancing Allegheny County's rich quality of place through support of its regional assets, the additional one percent sales and use tax also supports local municipalities. Allegheny County receives 25 percent, and the remaining 25 percent is distributed among its 128 municipalities based on a state-calculated formula weighted to help distressed communities. The RAD tax has provided Allegheny County and its municipalities with a steady and predictable tax stream since 1994, allowing local governments to shift the tax burden away from property taxes, permanently eliminate the personal property tax, and fund a wide variety of local services from public safety to road repairs.



Municipal Funding Distribution

MUNICIPALITY	2020 FUNDING
Aleppo Twp	\$35,426
Allegheny County	\$50,120,379
Aspinwall Boro	\$75,870
Avalon Boro	\$222,287
Baldwin Boro	\$604,828
Bell Acres Boro	\$36,735
Bellevue Boro	\$386,646
Ben Avon Heights Boro	\$12,050
Bethel Park Boro	\$708,686
Blawnox Boro	\$53,609
Brackenridge Boro	\$109,396
Braddock Boro	\$135,157
Braddock Hills Boro	\$87,478
Bradford Woods Boro	\$17,599
Brentwood Boro	\$451,445
Bridgeville Boro	\$159,369
Carnegie Boro	\$279,998
Castle Shannon Boro	\$314,024
Chalfant Boro	\$30,601
Cheswick Boro	\$47,833
Churchill Boro	\$83,293
Clairton City	\$419,965
Collier Twp	\$146,482
Coraopolis Boro	\$304,753
Crafton Boro	\$226,724

MUNICIPALITY	2020 FUNDING
Crescent Twp	\$76,423
Dormont Boro	\$388,034
Dravosburg Boro	\$76,046
Duquesne City	\$426,926
East Deer Twp	\$40,632
East McKeesport Boro	\$81,350
East Pittsburgh Boro	\$121,881
Edgewood Boro	\$103,015
Edgeworth Boro	\$36,979
Elizabeth Boro	\$61,744
Elizabeth Twp	\$293,446
Emsworth Boro	\$61,008
Etna Boro	\$131,793
Fawn Twp	\$42,879
Findlay Twp	\$129,455
Forest Hills Boro	\$236,683
Forward Twp	\$50,091
Fox Chapel Boro	\$88,127
Franklin Park Boro	\$179,867
Frazer Twp	\$5,866
Glassport Boro	\$247,193
Glenfield Boro	\$1,593
Green Tree Boro	\$121,975
Hampton Twp	\$317,205
Harmar Twp	\$48,980

MUNICIPALITY	2020 FUNDING
Harrison Twp	\$276,640
Haysville Boro	\$1,287
Heidelberg Boro	\$37,908
Homestead Boro	\$186,401
Indiana Twp	\$137,876
Ingram Boro	\$104,923
Jefferson Boro	\$286,823
Kennedy Twp	\$128,051
Kilbuck Twp	\$13,227
Leet Twp	\$51,194
Leetsdale Boro	\$58,988
Liberty Boro	\$87,015
Lincoln Boro	\$36,955
Marshall Twp	\$96,136
McCandless Twp	\$427,398
McKees Rocks Boro	\$306,951
McKeesport City	\$1,380,057
Millvale Boro	\$188,610
Monroeville Boro	\$1,040,271
Moon Twp	\$418,698
Mt Lebanon Twp	\$980,981
Mt Oliver Boro	\$257,168
Munhall Boro	\$567,677
Neville Twp	\$21,621
North Braddock Boro	\$238,281
North Fayette Twp	\$278,319
North Versailles Twp	\$393,643
Oakdale Boro	\$36,395
Oakmont Boro	\$124,142
O'Hara Twp	\$144,239
Ohio Twp	\$74,818
Osborne Boro	\$12,662
Penn Hills Twp	\$1,909,458
Pennsbury Village Boro	\$17,622
Pine Twp	\$200,351
Pitcairn Boro	\$154,559
Pittsburgh City	\$21,383,956
Pleasant Hills Boro	\$255,129
Plum Boro	\$647,738

MUNICIPALITY	2020 FUNDING
Port Vue Boro	\$168,829
Rankin Boro	\$196,832
Reserve Twp	\$84,618
Richland Twp	\$169,762
Robinson Twp	\$233,223
Ross Twp	\$559,743
Rosslyn Farms Boro	\$14,534
Scott Twp	\$499,349
Sewickley Boro	\$113,964
Sewickley Heights Boro	\$18,559
Sewickley Hills Boro	\$10,248
Shaler Twp	\$481,095
Sharpsburg Boro	\$157,890
South Fayette Twp	\$342,651
South Park Twp	\$281,931
South Versailles Twp	\$7,256
Springdale Boro	\$126,390
Springdale Twp	\$46,668
Stowe Twp	\$298,630
Swissvale Boro	\$356,983
Tarentum Boro	\$151,358
Thornburg Boro	\$12,502
Turtle Creek Boro	\$266,205
Upper St Clair Twp	\$514,575
Verona Boro	\$87,343
Versailles Boro	\$67,194
Wall Boro	\$25,995
West Deer Twp	\$219,836
West Elizabeth Boro	\$12,803
West Homestead Boro	\$86,974
West Mifflin Boro	\$823,721
West View Boro	\$193,750
Whitaker Boro	\$69,384
White Oak Boro	\$255,956
Whitehall Boro	\$436,147
Wilkins Twp	\$222,289
Wilkesburg Boro	\$967,455
Wilmerding Boro	\$136,970
TOTAL	\$100,240,758

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 2020 was \$109.5 million and was amended during the year to \$97.2 million to address reductions in grant payments for most organizations due to the effects of the pandemic.

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 2020, the amount transferred to the General Fund for administrative costs was 0.94% 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 2020, RAD conducted more than 80 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 2020. Independently audited financial statements on actual 2020 results along with budgets and monthly updates are posted at www.radworkshere.org and are also available through the RAD office.

2020 tax revenue of \$100.24 million was 5.4% lower than 2019. RAD added \$3.4 million to its sales tax reserve balance at December 31, 2020.

	SALES TAX REFUND FUND	GENERAL FUND
Grant Stabilization Reserve balance, (for future grants and debt service) at 12/31/19 net of receivables	\$21,673,073	
Unreserved balance 12/31/19		\$391,372
Actual tax revenue (cash basis)	\$100,240,758	
Interest earnings	\$231,203	\$1,962
Allocations authorized	(\$97,199,665)	
Transfer from Sales Tax Revenue Fund		\$937,304
Miscellaneous revenue, lapses, and adjustments	\$141,814	\$20,790
Net administrative expenses		(\$943,966)
Grant Stabilization Reserve balance at 12/31/20 net of receivables	\$25,087,184	
Unreserved balance 12/31/20		\$407,462

Source: RAD Audit 2020

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