



RAD

IS FOR
everyone.

2023

ANNUAL REPORT

RAD IS FOR

*a vibrant Allegheny County.
delivering long-term results.
living, working and playing.
welcoming public spaces.
thriving regional assets.
everyone.*



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“We don’t make a lot of the products you buy. We make a lot of the products you buy better.” That was the BASF slogan I recall from my younger days.

And that’s a good way to think about RAD: We make the regional assets that support quality of life in Allegheny County better.

We didn’t build the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium in 1898, but we did provide more than \$1 million in 2023 to make its website fully accessible, and replace carpets, servers and a roof. You won’t go to RADworkshere.org to reserve a shelter at a regional park, but RAD funding will make sure all the shelters stay in good condition. The likes of Carnegie, Schenley and Frick left behind gems for the Pittsburgh community, and it’s our job to ensure they continue to shine.

In 2023, we were proud to invest more than \$129 million in sales tax dollars — and it couldn’t happen without you. From small purchases like my morning coffees to huge spending weekends like Taylor Swift’s record-breaking Eras Tour coming through Pittsburgh, RAD tax revenue outpaced inflation to provide more support than ever before.

That RAD support has been hard at work since it began three decades ago. If there is a county in the United States with a stronger combination of libraries, parks, trails, arts & culture, sports & civic facilities and living collections like the Zoo, Phipps and the National Aviary, I haven’t found it.

While this report provides a snapshot in time of our amazing work in 2023, from Transformative Community Library Fund projects to a 3 For Free celebration of top museums, we are not resting on our laurels. As I write this letter, I am mindful and thankful for all the public service leadership provided by a sincerely dedicated group of volunteers: Dan Griffin, Dusty Kirk, Sylvia Fields, Jackie Dixon, Kendra Ross, Tony Ross, and Danny Rosen — and I am equally excited about RAD’s future embracing new leadership and new ideas!

It’s a great time to be at RAD, where we will continue to make sure every member of our community — regardless of their background or circumstances — can enjoy our shared regional assets. More than ever before...

RAD is for everyone!



Richard Hudic
RAD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

OPPOSITE: RAD’s
2023 Board, pictured
from left to right:
Danny Rosen, Kendra Ross,
Dan Griffin (Chair),
Jackie Dixon, Tony Ross,
Dusty Kirk (Vice-Chair)
and Sylvia Fields
(Secretary/Treasurer)

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investing in quality of life.

The 1% sales tax yielded \$268 million in 2023. Half of the proceeds go directly to Allegheny County and its 128 municipalities to support tax relief and local government services. The other half supports our regional assets.

The 2023 RAD budget of \$129.1 million was distributed in these categories:

PARKS AND TRAILS
\$39,629,809 (30.7%)

LIBRARIES
\$38,967,967 (30.2%)

ARTS & CULTURE
\$21,241,613 (16.5%)

SPORTS & CIVIC FACILITIES
\$14,200,000 (11.0%)

REGIONAL ATTRACTIONS
\$10,444,679 (8.1%)

PUBLIC TRANSIT
\$3,000,000 (2.3%)

ADMINISTRATION
\$1,337,546 (1.0%)



Numbers based on final 2023 budget.
Outstanding project grant balance
comprises 0.2% of budget.

Did you know?

Allegheny County's 1% sales tax has generated more than **\$5 billion in funding** since 1994.

2023 STATS & FIGURES

45,416,018public participation &
attendance at RAD assets**10,531,217**items circulated by
RAD-funded libraries**\$973,007,961**contributed by RAD assets to our
local economy, including**\$31,093,335**in contract with Minority, Women and
Disadvantaged Business Enterprises**30.5 million**visits to Pittsburgh & Allegheny County
regional parks and trails**13,386**employees and contractors, including
4,794 artists, employed by RAD assets**2,283**free & discounted tickets
reserved by RAD Pass users**3,610,946**eResources circulated to library
users across Allegheny County**1,798,581**free tickets provided by
RAD assets**\$18.8 million**

value in free tickets

\$437,788,288wages and salaries paid
to asset employees

Libraries

\$38,967,967

in 2023 RAD Funding

More than **8,100 donors**, including 1,400 new supporters, contributed to the annual **Love Your Library** campaign, raising a record-breaking **\$1.31 million**.

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*bookstacks
and beyond.*

Don't let Pittsburgh PASS you by!
RAD Pass
RADPass

RAD invests mightily in our free-to-access public libraries — 65 of them throughout Allegheny County — including a Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (CLP) system that was decreed ‘seriously underfunded’ in a 1990 report to the library president, and facing a ‘fiscal crisis’ according to a city councilor.

In 1995 came the first checks from RAD, along with a mandate to modernize and share services among library locations. The funding made an immediate impact in towns like McKeesport, which went from ‘rock bottom budgets’ and a leaking roof that ‘posed a threat to books’ (as described by the library’s president) to expanding once-cut operating hours, buying new books for the first time in years, and expanding its offerings to nearby communities.

These days, Allegheny County’s libraries provide services and circulation well above the national average. All three of Pennsylvania’s ‘Star Libraries’ — as rated by the editors at Library Journal — with at least \$50,000 in annual expenses are here in Allegheny County.

In 2023, RAD approved a supplemental \$3 million in operating dollars to Allegheny County Library Association branches to repair windows, offer competitive pay, improve reading nooks, or address other pressing needs.

CLP expanded public service hours at 14 locations in April 2023 — restoring hours of operation closer to pre-pandemic levels. Instead of doing more with less, our libraries are doing more with more — proving the importance of RAD’s consistent support.

eResources circulate more widely than ever, up 11% to over **3.6 million.**



20,874 students were issued **Allegheny County library cards**, including 6 new school districts added to the Student Library Card Program in 2023.

1.43 million visits to CLP, up **17% from 2022.**

OPPOSITE: CLP’s Summer Reading Program had Pittsburghers young and old glued to their books — logging 47,151 print books, eBooks and audiobooks, up a whopping 71% from 2022.

RAD IS FOR *big transformations.*

TRANSFORMATIVE COMMUNITY LIBRARY FUND

After years of research and discussions with library leaders, RAD invested in Allegheny County's public libraries in a new way in 2023 — providing more than \$4 million to change-making projects at libraries that serve distressed communities. The Transformative Community Library Fund supplements RAD's annual funding to support major improvement projects.

The recipients of these new grants are all vital hubs for their communities, serving people every day and connecting them to vital resources:

Braddock Carnegie Library — \$1,250,000 toward repair and re-construction of the exterior masonry and vestibule in America's first Carnegie Library. The library's renovation will increase usable space by 50% and, for the first time, create 100% accessibility.

Carnegie Free Library of Swissvale — \$800,000 toward a major capital project to make the library fully accessible for the first time with a new elevator tower, entrance area, restrooms, classroom and multi-purpose space.

Carnegie Library of McKeesport — \$750,000 as a part of a phased-in renovation to turn the uppermost floor from storage space to public space for community groups, which will be able to meet in newly-created rooms without taking over the Children's Room — typically the only space now available for meetings.

Clairton Public Library — \$500,000 to help move the library to new, 6,000-square-foot purpose-built space on the ground floor of the newly-renovated Clairton Inn Apartments — across the street from the current location.

Carnegie Library of Homestead — \$500,000 toward a major capital project to make the historic library building more accessible and increase programming space by 25%.

Millvale Community Library — \$227,320 to construct a new building to serve as the Millvale Tool Lending Library, which features more than 1,000 tools, and hire a program coordinator for tool-lending operations.

RAD currently has close to \$1 million reserved for future Transformative Community Library Fund grants, with potential to add more funding if additional proposals merit consideration.

Andrew Carnegie's fortune paid for **1,679 libraries** across America — the very first opening in Braddock in 1889.



Millvale Tool Lending Library patrons have saved an estimated **\$112,500 per year** by borrowing tools instead of renting or buying.



ABOVE: The renovation of the historic Braddock Carnegie Library is estimated to provide a \$23.7 million regional impact from construction.



LEFT: From left to right, Carnegie Library of Homestead director Chari Lyons, Braddock Carnegie Library executive director Vicki Vargo, 2023 RAD Board Chair Dan Griffin joined KDKA-TV Intersections host Lisa Smith to discuss the impact of RAD-funded library projects.



“Our current library is very outdated and run down as well as physically deteriorating inside and out. Having a new library will go a long way in saying to our community: ‘you are worth it.’ ”

Emma J. Anderson, Clairton Public Library executive director

Parks & Trails

\$39,629,809

in 2023 RAD Funding

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nature lovers.

58,693 people visited the pools at **Riverview, Schenley, Highland** and **Emerald View parks**, up 38% from 2022.

The largest investment category for RAD supports free-to-all public parks and trails throughout Allegheny County.

If you have a favorite park in the Pittsburgh area, chances are it's a regional park funded by RAD.

Year after year, we see people at the sand volleyball courts of Highland Park, the winding trails of Frick Park, the rolling lawns of Hartwood Acres, the activity-filled grounds of South Park, the wave pool at Settlers Cabin, the ski slopes at Boyce, the overlooks at Emerald View... shall we go on?

Our regional parks and trails are classics, but that doesn't mean they're staying stagnant.

Allegheny County Parks added more than 15 new programs in 2023, including self-defense seminars, water polo clinics, and youth rugby. Hometown Hoops Mini-Camps also returned from a pandemic hiatus, teaching close to 1,000 hoopers in 13 different communities. Park Rangers' outreach programs drew a record 9,456 participants — including 44% from underserved and hard-to-reach audiences.

Pittsburgh also expanded its Park Rangers programming — hosting over 300 educational and volunteer opportunities. With RAD support, they added an additional full-time Park Ranger to support the Riverview Park Camping initiative and held the first-ever camping night as a pilot for more overnight stays in the park.

At McKeesport's Renziehausen Park, a new partnership with the Audubon Society of Western PA created more opportunities to explore the outdoors — expanding on existing partnerships with the Heritage Center, McKeesport Little Theater, Garden Club, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and TreeVitalize.



Allegheny County Parks
planted **2,258 trees**,
1,050 live stakes, and
16,305 perennials in
a single year.



OPPOSITE & ABOVE: Great parks have great playgrounds, and the Children's Playground in South Park re-opened to rave reviews from families after crews replaced the nearly 30-year-old previous structures.

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art in parks.

A RADical ImPAct grant made its true impact in 2023 with the dedication of Art In Parks works throughout the City of Pittsburgh’s five RAD-funded parks.

A grant of \$500,000 propelled the creation of new art in Frick, Schenley, Riverview, Highland and Emerald View Parks.

Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey joined RAD Board vice-chair Dusty Elias Kirk, city leaders and artists under blue skies at Frick Park (fittingly on April 12 — 412 Day) to celebrate the eight pieces created in the city through Art In Parks.

“I believe the park is rehabilitation. I believe it’s recovery. And I believe nothing speaks to it more than art,” said Mayor Gainey. “People ask, ‘What is one of the medicines we can use coming out of the pandemic?’ I believe it’s art — in all its forms. It expresses not only our history, but how we feel, how we see, how we heal and how we grow.”

The celebration was held underneath an interactive sculpture by New York City artist Matthew Geller. *In Fields of Friends* is more than meets the eye — each of the benches on the sculpture rotates 120°, and the canopy can sway along with it.

“You don’t need a degree in art history to appreciate things like this,” said Kirk. “And you don’t need to pay an admission fee either. Just like RAD is for everyone, this artwork is for everyone.”



ABOVE: Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey joined RAD Board vice-chair Dusty Elias Kirk, city leaders and artists at Frick Park to celebrate Art in Parks installations.

BELOW: The Urban Conga’s Together in Highland Park





ABOVE: Marlana Adele Vassar's *Flora* in Highland Park, Pittsburgh's first sculpture to depict a woman of color

RIGHT: Suphitsara Buttra's *Birds of Schenley Park*



“To be able to do art in the park is a beautiful thing. It gives our children the time to come here, meditate, sit, think, work out the problems they may have and see a promise of a better tomorrow. That’s the promise of art.”

Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey

Arts & Culture

\$21,241,613

in 2023 RAD Funding

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performances.



Pittsburgh's arts & culture is more than a 'scene,' it's part of a thriving creative economy that stirs the soul while supporting jobs throughout the region.

To offer just one example, Pittsburgh Cultural Trust re-opened the handsome Greer Cabaret Theater in 2023 after more than a year of renovations. RAD provided \$950,000 in matching funds to complete the upgrades, giving the Cultural District a state-of-the-art space for entertainment nearly every night on the calendar.

What does that full calendar provide for the economy? A recent study conducted by the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council and Americans for the Arts demonstrates the impact: while overall arts attendance in Pittsburgh remains below pre-pandemic levels, average patron spending is up 70% from 2017. An arts patron in Pittsburgh spends an average of \$54 per event, far above the national average of \$38.

Economic impact joins human impact throughout the Regional Asset District. RAD funds more than 80 arts and culture organizations that fill the stage with dance, recite old and new works of music, show off our history and heritage, screen vital films, welcome children to create their own projects, and so much more.

That "so much more" includes beloved RAD-supported Pittsburgh museums, which saw huge attendance gains in fiscal year 2023. RAD support also opened the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, Heinz History Center and The Andy Warhol Museum for free in August 2023 — check out our full 3 For Free report on pages 16 and 17.

\$711.3 million annual audience spending on arts and culture in Allegheny County, far outpacing similar-sized Cuyahoga County, Ohio (\$143.3 million) and larger populations like San Diego (\$528.2 million) and Philadelphia (\$472.6 million).

89% of attendees surveyed by Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council agreed the activity/venue is inspiring a sense of pride in this neighborhood or community.

OPPOSITE: Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre artists David O'Matz and Ariana Chernyshev rose to the occasion for a free performance at RAD-funded Hartwood Acres Park.

RIGHT: The newly-renovated Greer Cabaret Theater, used by several RAD assets, provides a flexible space for top-level entertainment in Pittsburgh's Cultural District.



Nearly **600,000** visitors jingled all the way to the Cultural District during the holiday season.

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the artist in all of us.



Pittsburgh Youth Chorus at
Inauguration of the Governor

BIG MOMENTS BY MONTH

January

Pittsburgh Youth Chorus had the honor of singing the official state song “Pennsylvania” at the inauguration of the 48th Governor of Pennsylvania, Josh Shapiro. More than 20 young singers traveled to the Capitol in Harrisburg to perform.

February

Heinz History Center hosted free programs in recognition of Black History Month, spotlighting the oft-forgotten Black basketball teams that played before the integration of the NBA, as well as the youth-run “Hill City” organization’s work to reduce juvenile crime in the Hill District from the 1930s to 1950s.

March

SLB Radio Productions released the first episodes of RADcast, a youth media project funded by a RADical ImPAct grant. Teen RADcast students explored regional assets, interviewed leaders and artists and reported on stories of Pittsburgh’s art and culture to learn what it takes to create a professional audio broadcast.

April

Carnegie Museum of Art closed the 58th edition of the Carnegie International, one of the world’s longest running contemporary art exhibitions. *Is it morning for you yet?* featured an array of artwork (the museum acquired 21 pieces from the show), and The Carnegie Prize was awarded to Braddock-born artist LaToya Ruby Frazier for *More Than Conquerors: A Monument for Community Health Workers of Baltimore, Maryland*.

May

Pittsburgh Opera staged *We Shall Not Be Moved* at the August Wilson African American Cultural Center. The modern opera, centered on the aftermath of the 1985 police bombing of the MOVE house in Philadelphia, drew applause from attendees of the Opera America conference in Pittsburgh. Writer Sean Collier of Pittsburgh Magazine declared, “It is absolutely imperative that everyone see this production.”

June

Pittsburgh CLO opened its 77th season on the high seas, where theatergoers were able to “get a kick out of” the Cole Porter classic *Anything Goes*. The CLO’s summer season welcomed 71,485 patrons to the Benedum Center — part of the organization’s overall attendance of 113,695 in 2023.



Carnegie Prize-winning artist
LaToya Ruby Frazier



Pittsburgh CLO’s
Anything Goes

July

Union Project's Wheel Mobile was featured in NEXTPittsburgh, showing off how instructors can take its clay, a Raku kiln, a potter's wheel and more out into the community. A RADical ImPact grant made the Wheel Mobile possible, and 2023 was the first full year of its operation.



Wheel Mobile at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center

August

Quantum Theatre set the Carrie Blast Furnaces ablaze (figuratively) with its run of *Hamlet*, starring Carnegie Mellon graduate Treasure Treasure. The production exceeded expectations, ending with a string of sellouts. It was followed in the fall by Quantum's 100th production, *The Flying Lovers of Vitebsk* (The Chagall Musical) at Rodef Shalom Congregation.



Pittsburgh Public Theater's *Billy Strayhorn: Something to Live For*

September

Pittsburgh Public Theater raised the curtain on the world premiere of *Billy Strayhorn: Something to Live For*, which showcased the life and jazz of the Homewood native who went on to arrange and compose works for Duke Ellington. The smash hit extended its run into November and won BroadwayWorld Pittsburgh's award for Best New Play or Musical.

October

Carnegie Science Center opened TITANIC: The Artifact Exhibition, which went on to become its most popular traveling exhibit ever. Ticket buyers frequently sold out the exhibition to see more than 150 authentic artifacts from the infamous ocean liner. Nearly 140,000 visitors saw the exhibit before its closure, lapping the previous record of 82,000 held by *Mummies of the World: The Exhibition* in 2019.



TITANIC: The Artifact Exhibition

November

Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra concluded the landmark Violins of Hope event series with a performance by renowned violinist Joshua Bell, who performed with his rare and twice-stolen Stradivarius violin, worth \$14 million, which once belonged to a Polish musician who rescued Jewish musicians from Germany during the 1930s.



Joshua Bell and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra

December

City of Asylum announced its new executive director Caro Llewellyn, CEO of the famed Wheeler Centre of Books, Writing and Ideas in Melbourne, Australia. "If we had to imagine a dream executive director for City of Asylum, it would be Caro," said the organization's co-founder Henry Reese.

Partnerships & Initiatives

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all to enjoy.



**New monthly
attendance records!**

**Children's Museum: 69,148
Heinz History Center: 60,690
The Warhol: 35,051**

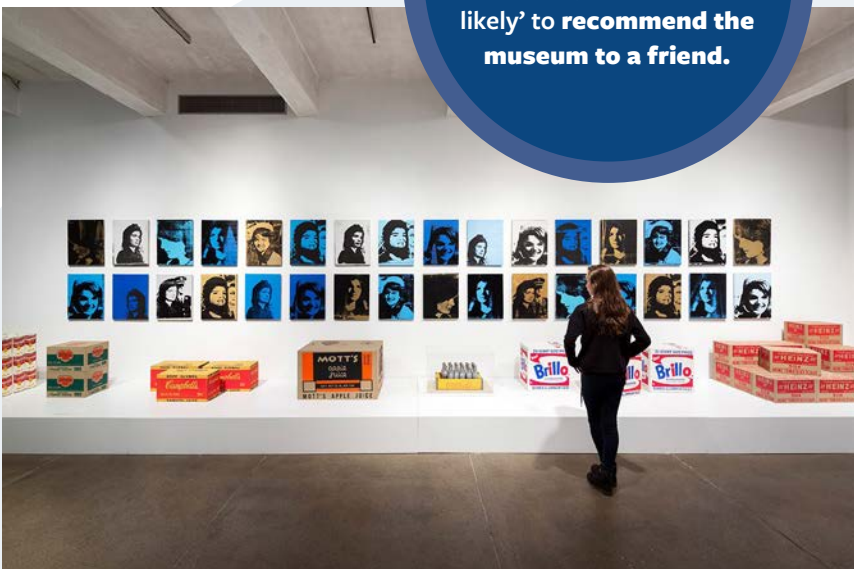
RAD created a unique celebration in August 2023 — opening the doors to three beloved Pittsburgh museums for an entire month of free admission. 3 For Free celebrated the Andy Warhol Museum, Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh and Heinz History Center.

All three museums were honored by USA TODAY 10Best Readers’ Choice Awards as some of the finest in the country. Online voters recognized: The Warhol (4th in Best Art Museums), Children’s Museum (2nd in Best Children’s Museums) and Heinz History Center (2nd in Best History Museums). Pittsburgh was the only city to see three different museums honored in the top five, and all are supported by annual operating grants from RAD.

Attendance records were shattered at all three museums, which combined to see 165,159 attendees in August (and led the History Center to give away more than 14,000 Heinz pickle pins). The 125+ media stories generated by 3 For Free earned 134 million worldwide impressions, per The Warhol.

This unprecedented free-admission opportunity planted the seeds for new ideas for RAD and our regional assets to break down barriers and create greater access to RAD-funded attractions.

99.6% of surveyed Warhol visitors said they were ‘likely’ or ‘somewhat likely’ to **recommend the museum to a friend.**



Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh visitors donated **27,169 diapers** and **1,550 wipes** to the **Western PA Diaper Bank.**



Free admission gave a boost to the final days of the Smithsonian’s The Negro Motorist Green Book, as the History Center saw **6,586 visitors** in the final weekend of the exhibition.

RAD Days

If you want to see the best of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County free of charge, our regional assets say ‘thank you’ to taxpayers by offering free admission during the annual RAD Days celebration.



RAD Days (formerly RADical Days) gives visitors the opportunity to enjoy a world-class performance by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, explore magnificent museums and attractions, try out a free class at Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre or even follow in the footsteps of Pittsburgh’s greatest athletes at RAD-funded sports venues.

The 2023 edition provided ‘40 Days of Fun’ throughout the county with more than 70 free events and experiences, none more striking than the appearance of Little Amal — a 12-foot-puppet who is “little” in name only. The representation of a 10-year-old Syrian refugee girl walked, danced and celebrated with Pittsburghers young and old on a parade from the O’Reilly Theater through the Cultural District to the August Wilson African American Cultural Center.

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community.



ABOVE: Acoustics in the Parks at The Cascades in South Park



ABOVE: *Somewhere Over the Border* at City Theatre

“My family loves the free RAD Days! We had a lot of fun that a family normally couldn’t have due to the admission prices. Thank you for this program. It is a blessing for larger families.

Anonymous survey response

“We don’t often think to become tourists in our own city, so thank you for giving back to all the residents who pay for these things with their taxes and making it so accessible to us with free admission during RAD Days. We estimate that we saved almost \$400 in admission prices during this year’s events. We’re already looking forward to next year!”

Emily S via email

“The show last night was incredible. *Tick, Tick...Boom!* Thank you for all that you are giving the city.”

Arjay H via Facebook

“I want to thank all the RAD board members and staff for their guidance, especially for the past few years when the arts and cultural institutions in Pittsburgh needed some extra love, support and funding. RAD is doing such exciting work in our community, from supporting parks and trails to libraries, theaters and cultural centers. They’re investing in things that make a high quality of life for our residents and also make our region an incredible place to visit.”

Allegheny County Executive Sara Innamorato

Regional Attractions

\$10,444,679

in 2023 RAD Funding

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*living
collections.*

More than **22,000 households** are **Zoo** members, providing **\$3.64 million** in membership fees annually.

Three beloved Pittsburgh attractions are among those that have been regional assets since the beginning of RAD: the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, and the National Aviary.

The Zoo celebrated its 125th birthday, with community connections stronger than ever. From the ever-popular (and ever-expanding) Zoo Camp to a partnership with Lifesteps to provide job skill training for people with special needs, the Zoo engages with Pittsburghers through all walks of life. Nearly 117,000 free-admission visitors attended the Zoo — about 12% of total attendance — including 14,689 who recycled small electronics through the Gorilla SAFE conservation program (more than the entire program collected nationally last year).

Phipps is a few years older than the Zoo, and just as committed to its Pittsburgh roots. A summer flower show inspired by Pittsburgh native and entertainment icon Billy Porter combined flora with fashion. Phipps' impact extended far beyond the walls of its four LEED-certified facilities, as its Homegrown program installed its 399th raised-bed vegetable garden.

The Aviary is flying high after wrapping up renovations to the Condor Court walkway and reopening the SkyDeck. Guest lectures were back in action, reaching an audience of nearly 15,000 — compared to 255 the year prior. A highlight for the Aviary: Director of Conservation and Field Research Dr. Steven Latta was published in the scientific journal *Ecology and Evolution* proposing that ivory-billed woodpeckers, thought to be extinct, continue to survive in Louisiana. The paper made headlines worldwide and played a part in the U.S. government holding off on officially declaring the species extinct.

OPPOSITE: A baby boom at the Zoo included three nyalas, twin Amur leopard cubs, and two Western lowland gorillas — Bo and Charlotte — born to separate family troops.

RIGHT: The National Aviary welcomed 55 chicks from 17 species, including two African Penguins — one of the most popular species at the Aviary and one that is critically endangered in the wild.



Phipps' 268,000+ social media followers are outmatched only by its visitor count, welcoming more than **430,000 guests** onsite.

202,656 guests flocked to the **Aviary** in 2023, an Aviary record — and **14% above pre-pandemic attendance.**



Sports & Civic Facilities

\$14,200,000

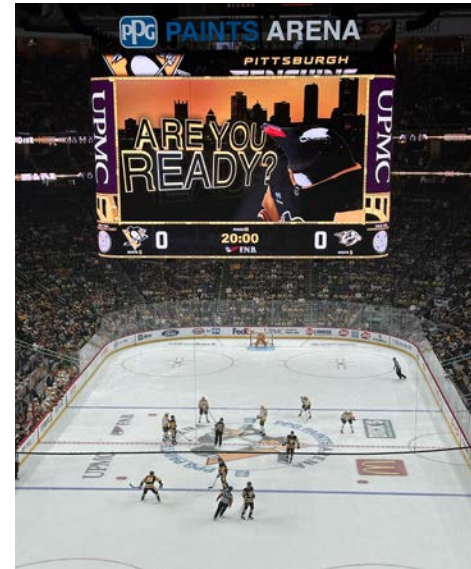
in 2023 RAD Funding

The Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County receives RAD funding to support debt service on construction bonds and assist with capital repair and improvement responsibilities for Acrisure Stadium, the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, PNC Park and PPG Paints Arena.

Acrisure Stadium set a new attendance milestone before the Steelers season even began. Taylor Swift's landmark The Eras Tour set records all over the country, and Pittsburgh was no exception — 73,117 fans filled Acrisure Stadium, creating the largest crowd in its 23-year history.

Down the street at PNC Park, Pirates attendance rose nearly 30% year over year and the ballpark welcomed energetic concerts from Pink, Guns N' Roses and Morgan Wallen.

The David L. Lawrence Convention Center remained the busiest large venue in Pittsburgh, hosting 178 events for 489,019 attendees.



RIGHT: PPG Paints Arena welcomed big events throughout 2023 as well as a new, expanded videoboard hung over center ice.

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superfans.



Taylor Swift's two-night Pittsburgh engagement generated an estimated \$46 million in direct spending, according to VisitPITTSBURGH, with 83% of ticket buyers traveling in from outside Allegheny County.

Public Transit

\$3,000,000
in 2023 RAD Funding

RAD funding supports Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT), which provides public transportation for Pittsburgh and Allegheny County.

Assistance from RAD is leveraged by PRT (formerly Port Authority of Allegheny County) to acquire additional state funding. Since 2013, RAD's commitment to public transit has unlocked an 8-to-1 match from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In 2023, PRT bus riders saw more new buses with completely plastic seats — replacing those with fabric covers. T riders also gained the ability to pay fares by mobile app, making the entire system rideable via mobile app payment.

Looking toward the future, construction began on PRT's long-awaited bus rapid transit system, named the "University Line" for its connection from Downtown to Oakland's prestigious colleges. PRT also began a five-to-seven-year process of replacing all 81 light rail vehicles, an investment of more than \$500 million.

PRT buses, light rail and Mon Incline **carried 37.9 million passengers** in 2023.



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daily riders.

Accessibility & Inclusion



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all of us.

ABOVE: Dinosaur toys were welcome at Pittsburgh CLO's sensory-friendly performance of *A Musical Christmas Carol*, which adapted the staging and relaxed house rules for attendees.

The RAD Board entered 2023 with the goal of fulfilling its commitment to funding projects that foster accessibility and inclusion. In partnership with our assets, we delivered a record-breaking \$630,000 in project grants aimed at making public venues more welcoming to all visitors.

\$90,000 to Allegheny County Parks to make the Vale of Cashmere Trail in South Park ADA-accessible

\$80,000 to the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust to provide accessibility upgrades at the Harris Theater and the Benedum Center

\$75,000 to the New Hazlett Theater to update its ramp entrance and provide more seating accommodations

\$75,000 to Pittsburgh Glass Center for elevator replacement/extension and new wheelchair lift

\$47,951 to the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh for 7 accessible doors at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History

\$35,000 to SLB Radio for digital accessibility upgrades and new, adjustable studio equipment

\$35,000 to Pittsburgh CLO for a sensory-friendly performance of *A Musical Christmas Carol* and free tickets to families with children with disabilities

\$32,530 to the Kelly Strayhorn Theater for assistive listening devices, bariatric chairs, wheelchairs, and ADA wayfinding signage

\$30,000 to WQED for digital accessibility upgrades

\$28,500 combined to Radiant Hall, Brew House Arts and Associated Artists for digital accessibility upgrades

\$28,102 to River City Brass for digital accessibility upgrades and Braille programs for concerts

\$20,500 to Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh for digital accessibility upgrades

\$20,000 to the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium for digital accessibility upgrades

\$13,985 to Pittsburgh Botanic Garden for three all-terrain wheelchairs (1 adult, 2 junior) for navigating its outdoor walkways

\$13,500 to the National Aviary for an access ramp between the Grasslands and the Wetlands habitats

\$5,000 to Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra for three ADA-compliant water fountains at Heinz Hall



Did you know?

Over **2.6 million Pennsylvania adults** — more than 1 in 4 adults across PA — **have a disability**, according to CDC estimates. These include, but are not limited to, mobility, cognitive, hearing and vision.

Grant Distribution

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ASSET	2023 OPERATING	2023 CAPITAL
CONTRACTUAL		
Allegheny County Library Association *	\$ 10,368,928	\$
Allegheny County — Regional Parks	24,340,888	4,090,000
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh	23,539,604	250,000
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh — Debt Service	1,000,000	
Carnegie Library eiNetwork	3,549,970	
Carnegie Library eResources	259,465	
Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh	3,609,104	309,760
City of McKeesport — Renziehausen Park	814,866	500,000
City of Pittsburgh — Regional Parks	6,769,700	2,000,000
National Aviary in Pittsburgh	1,410,342	565,000
Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens	2,719,138	400,000
Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium	\$ 4,278,699	\$ 1,038,000
MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT		
SEA Stadium Convention Center Bond Issue	\$ 13,400,000	\$
ANNUAL		
Afro-American Music Institute	\$ 24,500	\$
Allegheny Brass Band	3,800	
Allegheny Land Trust	30,000	111,555
Andrew Carnegie Music Hall	7,500	
Arcade Comedy Theater	6,000	
Assemble	3,500	
Associated Artists of Pittsburgh	8,000	
Attack Theatre	55,000	
August Wilson African American Cultural Center	525,000	200,000
August Wilson House <i>a project of the Daisy Wilson Artist Community, Inc.</i>	25,000	
Avonworth Municipal Authority	35,000	
Bach Choir of Pittsburgh	9,120	
Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve <i>a project of the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania</i>	35,000	30,000
Brew House Arts	3,000	
Bulgarian Macedonian National Educational & Cultural Center	5,000	18,000
Calliope: The Pittsburgh Folk Music Society	9,500	
Chamber Music Pittsburgh	18,000	
Chatham Baroque	\$ 22,000	\$

* See Allegheny County Library Association Distribution chart on page 29

ASSET	2023 OPERATING	2023 CAPITAL
Children's Museum of Pittsburgh	\$ 600,000	\$
City of Asylum/Pittsburgh	45,000	
City Theatre Company	140,000	80,000
Contemporary Craft	82,000	
corningworks	3,500	
Dreams of Hope	11,000	
Edgewood Symphony Orchestra	4,800	
Film Pittsburgh	7,500	
Focus on Renewal (Father Ryan Arts Center)	10,500	11,300
Front Porch Theatricals	10,000	12,000
Gemini Theater Company	7,500	
Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council	102,000	
Guardians Of Sound	2,500	
Hill Dance Academy Theatre	30,000	
Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh	9,000	10,000
Kelly Strayhorn Theater	90,000	
Manchester Craftsmen's Guild	450,000	125,000
Mattress Factory	90,000	
Mendelssohn Choir	12,650	
New Hazlett Theater	40,000	57,500
New Horizon Theater	40,000	
North Hills Art Center	14,250	
North Pittsburgh Symphonic Band	2,000	
PearlArts Movement and Sound	5,000	
Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures	30,000	
Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre	194,000	
Pittsburgh Botanic Garden	65,000	
Pittsburgh Camerata	4,000	
Pittsburgh Center for Arts and Media	28,000	
Pittsburgh CLO	215,000	
Pittsburgh Community Broadcasting Corp. - WYEP	42,500	
Pittsburgh Concert Chorale	4,750	
Pittsburgh Cultural Trust	2,000,000	950,000
Pittsburgh Girls Choir	2,500	
Pittsburgh Glass Center	75,000	250,000
Pittsburgh Musical Theater	67,000	82,000
Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble	7,600	
Pittsburgh Opera	215,000	73,239
Pittsburgh Philharmonic	4,900	
Pittsburgh Playwrights Theatre	\$ 50,000	\$

GRANT DISTRIBUTION (CONTINUED)

ASSET	2023 OPERATING	2023 CAPITAL
Pittsburgh Public Theater	\$ 220,000	\$ 75,000
Pittsburgh Regional Transit	3,000,000	
Pittsburgh Savoyards Inc.	2,500	
Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra	1,650,000	500,000
Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	12,000	
Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra	20,000	
Prime Stage Theatre	17,000	
Quantum Theatre	48,000	
Radiant Hall Studios	4,000	
Renaissance City Choir	5,000	
River City Brass	115,000	25,000
Riverlife	10,000	50,000
Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation	35,000	
Saltworks Theatre Company	11,600	
Senator John Heinz History Center	680,000	85,000
Silver Eye Center for Photography	24,500	
SLB Radio Productions	7,000	
Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum	354,000	1,233,867
South Hills Chorale	4,500	
South Park Theatre	11,000	
Sports and Exhibition Authority	800,000	
Squonk Opera Inc.	15,000	
Sweetwater Center for the Arts	52,500	6,110
The Frick Pittsburgh	175,000	400,000
Three Rivers Young Peoples Orchestras	20,000	
Tickets for Kids	30,000	
Tuesday Musical Club	4,900	
Union Project	16,000	75,000
Upper St. Clair Twp. Boyce-Mayview Regional Park	252,000	375,000
Western PA Conservancy	95,800	
WQED Pittsburgh	\$ 500,000	\$ 250,000

OTHER

Connection, Accessibility & Inclusion Grants	\$ 1,000,000	\$
Access & Opportunity	10,000	
Partnerships & Initiatives	2,670,795	
RAD Administration	\$ 1,327,546	\$

TOTAL 2023 OPERATING/CAPITAL	\$114,903,215	\$ 14,238,331
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GRAND TOTAL 2023 EXPENDITURES	\$129,141,546
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ALLEGHENY COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Andrew Bayne Memorial Library	\$ 129,967
Andrew Carnegie Free Library	250,535
Avalon Public Library	129,912
Baldwin Borough Public Library	157,286
Bethel Park Public Library	278,764
Braddock Carnegie Library	282,273
Brentwood Library	168,437
Bridgeville Public Library	142,859
C.C. Mellor Memorial Library	228,262
Carnegie Free Library of Swissvale	209,427
Carnegie Library of Homestead	225,533
Carnegie Library of McKeesport	509,234
Clairton Public Library	175,011
Community Library of Allegheny Valley	265,120
Community Library of Castle Shannon	115,288
Cooper-Siegel Community Library	300,850
Coraopolis Memorial Library	116,213
Crafton Public Library	130,180
Dormont Public Library	109,678
F.O.R. Sto-Rox Library	264,620
Green Tree Public Library	149,571
Hampton Community Library	142,214
Jefferson Hills Public Library	110,837
Millvale Community Library	\$ 115,223

Monroeville Public Library	\$ 327,799
Moon Township Public Library	206,878
Mt. Lebanon Public Library	469,903
North Versailles Public Library	94,561
Northern Tier Regional Library	224,292
Northland Public Library	742,848
Oakmont Carnegie Library	185,023
Penn Hills Library	217,197
Pleasant Hills Public Library	156,212
Plum Borough Community Library	129,034
Robinson Township Library	152,358
Scott Township Public Library	112,392
Sewickley Public Library	366,552
Shaler North Hills Library	366,379
South Fayette Township Library	134,607
South Park Township Library	182,648
Springdale Free Public Library	106,440
Upper St. Clair Township Library	235,152
Western Allegheny Community Library	184,267
Whitehall Public Library	171,901
Wilkinsburg Public Library	341,279
ACLA Admin. And Mobile Services	\$ 553,912
TOTAL ACLA FUNDING	\$10,368,928

Did you know?

In 2023, **ACLA Mobile Library Services** made **1,206 visits** to **14,371 Allegheny County residents** in communities, senior facilities, and pre-schools — **covering 17,449 miles!**

Municipal Funding

Beyond enhancing Allegheny County’s rich quality of place through support of its regional assets, the additional one percent sales and use tax supports local municipalities.

Allegheny County receives 25 percent, and the remaining 25 percent is distributed among its 128 municipalities 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.

[Learn more at radworkshere.org/municipal-support](https://radworkshere.org/municipal-support)

MUNICIPALITY	2023 FUNDING
Aleppo Twp	\$ 46,619.44
Allegheny County	67,003,645.85
Aspinwall Boro	118,079.17
Avalon Boro	305,975.66
Baldwin Boro	923,075.65
Baldwin Twp	96,489.08
Bell Acres Boro	46,748.55
Bellevue Boro	245,864.72
Ben Avon Boro	64,826.12
Ben Avon Heights Boro	16,611.68
Bethel Park Boro	1,066,566.49
Blawnox Boro	72,779.01
Brackenridge Boro	153,138.08
Braddock Boro	187,157.17
Braddock Hills Boro	99,528.88
Bradford Woods Boro	28,286.31
Brentwood Boro	622,276.86
Bridgeville Boro	223,165.89
Carnegie Boro	379,551.14
Castle Shannon Boro	452,066.75
Chalfant Boro	42,183.34
Cheswick Boro	62,725.39
Churchill Boro	139,524.92
Clairton City	\$ 528,900.71

MUNICIPALITY	2023 FUNDING
Collier Twp	\$ 265,725.29
Coraopolis Boro	394,061.46
Crafton Boro	318,695.27
Crescent Twp	83,124.30
Dormont Boro	486,120.61
Dravosburg Boro	93,514.17
Duquesne City	720,063.57
East Deer Twp	49,857.76
East McKeesport Boro	128,285.75
East Pittsburgh Boro	178,641.25
Edgewood Boro	139,017.22
Edgeworth Boro	48,791.13
Elizabeth Boro	81,171.49
Elizabeth Twp	379,339.62
Emsworth Boro	91,371.05
Etna Boro	193,845.94
Fawn Twp	53,324.35
Findlay Twp	165,890.79
Forest Hills Boro	319,525.47
Forward Twp	59,997.13
Fox Chapel Boro	130,328.10
Franklin Park Boro	275,145.26
Frazer Twp	12,597.86
Glassport Boro	\$ 386,205.33

MUNICIPALITY	2023 FUNDING
Glenfield Boro	\$ 2,937.84
Green Tree Boro	201,508.81
Hampton Twp	462,733.26
Harmar Twp	66,100.39
Harrison Twp	357,193.67
Haysville Boro	2,546.81
Heidelberg Boro	59,381.41
Homestead Boro	216,574.15
Indiana Twp	251,585.51
Ingram Boro	142,905.25
Jefferson Boro	448,622.51
Kennedy Twp	209,654.94
Kilbuck Twp	19,337.07
Leet Twp	70,521.35
Leetsdale Boro	74,132.75
Liberty Boro	120,479.76
Lincoln Boro	46,209.03
Marshall Twp	179,909.44
McCandless Twp	594,669.92
McKees Rocks Boro	451,736.92
McKeesport City	1,972,252.69
Millvale Boro	215,131.72
Monroeville Boro	1,448,770.81
Moon Twp	644,906.27
Mt Lebanon Twp	1,400,508.73
Mt Oliver Boro	363,336.56
Munhall Boro	674,308.68
Neville Twp	33,136.09
North Braddock Boro	315,924.27
North Fayette Twp	427,790.52
North Versailles Twp	530,897.92
Oakdale Boro	50,241.14
Oakmont Boro	181,783.86
O'Hara Twp	236,071.34
Ohio Twp	168,230.45
Osborne Boro	18,498.33
Penn Hills Twp	2,744,944.84
Pennsbury Village Boro	26,113.97
Pine Twp	337,063.45
Pitcairn Boro	210,506.16
Pittsburgh City	\$ 26,632,670.80

MUNICIPALITY	2023 FUNDING
Pleasant Hills Boro	\$ 368,616.56
Plum Boro	882,598.01
Port Vue Boro	217,011.65
Rankin Boro	207,477.03
Reserve Twp	118,234.68
Richland Twp	246,377.79
Robinson Twp	388,371.13
Ross Twp	814,524.28
Rosslyn Farms Boro	19,576.38
Scott Twp	673,655.97
Sewickley Boro	150,884.89
Sewickley Heights Boro	30,772.27
Sewickley Hills Boro	16,407.45
Shaler Twp	714,645.63
Sharpsburg Boro	192,291.86
South Fayette Twp	619,155.78
South Park Twp	385,587.73
South Versailles Twp	8,123.39
Springdale Boro	181,063.92
Springdale Twp	56,880.91
Stowe Twp	406,711.87
Swissvale Boro	468,421.78
Tarentum Boro	202,115.06
Thornburg Boro	17,299.89
Turtle Creek Boro	357,603.43
Upper St Clair Twp	789,632.24
Verona Boro	122,693.37
Versailles Boro	86,046.81
Wall Boro	31,890.37
West Deer Twp	303,535.19
West Elizabeth Boro	13,872.13
West Homestead Boro	100,147.09
West Mifflin Boro	1,197,743.37
West View Boro	286,685.09
Whitaker Boro	88,027.84
White Oak Boro	359,515.63
Whitehall Boro	675,254.17
Wilkins Twp	295,669.87
Wilkinsburg Boro	1,180,362.97
Wilmerding Boro	\$ 139,549.81
TOTAL	\$ 134,007,291.71

Finances & 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 2023 was \$129.1 million, which includes the 1% statutory capital allocation for Pittsburgh and Allegheny County Parks and \$3 million for one-time supplemental County Library Support.

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 2023, the amount transferred to the General Fund for administrative costs was 0.86% 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 2023, RAD conducted over 110 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 2023. Independently audited financial statements on actual 2023 results along with budgets and monthly updates are posted at radworkshere.org and are also available through the RAD office.

2023 tax revenue of \$134 million was 8.4% higher than 2022. RAD added \$8.27 million to its sales tax reserve balance at December 31, 2023.

	SALES TAX REVENUE FUND	GENERAL FUND
Grant Stabilization Reserve balance, (for future grants and debt service) at 12/31/22	\$ 38,963,855	\$
Unreserved balance 12/31/22		503,775
Actual tax revenue (cash basis)	134,007,292	
Interest earnings	3,287,171	31,526
Allocations authorized	(129,141,546)	
Transfer from Sales Tax Revenue Fund		1,236,917
Miscellaneous revenue, lapses, and adjustments	114,448	11,920
Net administrative expenses		(1,156,919)
Grant Stabilization Reserve balance at 12/31/23 net of receivables	47,231,220	
Unreserved balance 12/31/23	\$	\$ 627,218

Source: RAD Audit 2023

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Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh

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