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2024  
Annual  
Report

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The Allegheny Regional Asset District — RAD — invests in Allegheny County’s quality of life through financial support of libraries, parks and trails, arts and cultural organizations, regional attractions, sports and civic facilities, and public transit.

With half of the proceeds from Allegheny County’s additional one percent sales and use tax, RAD has invested more than \$2.5 billion in our regional assets since its inception. An additional \$2.5 billion has gone directly to the County and its 128 municipalities for property tax relief and local government services. RAD is a time-tested solution that works for the economy, for assets, for citizens, for municipalities — for all. **RAD works here.**

# Letter from the Chair

**Where in Pittsburgh do you like to go to spend time with the people you love?**

**A** quarter-century ago, the great historian David McCullough challenged Pittsburghers to make our riverfronts into places “where people want to bring those they love — their children, their family from some other place, some other city, to live here.” The late Mr. McCullough would be happy to see the trails and greenery that have been built along the rivers in the decades since.

At RAD, we’re proud to support that transformative work — but it doesn’t stop at the riverfront. We want all of Allegheny County to be filled with places to bring the people you love.

Whether it’s children’s story time at your local library, a walk through a beautiful regional park, a family trip to see some favorite animals, a date night capped off by a world-class performing arts show, or gathering with friends to root for the black and gold, we at RAD do what we can to support the outings and gatherings that make living in the Pittsburgh area so special.

We believe RAD is for everyone, and our budget priorities reflect that; in 2024, nearly two-thirds of RAD’s investments went to the public libraries, parks and trails that are open to everyone, 52 weeks per year. Every corner of our county receives support from RAD, with more than 100 organizations benefiting from the public investment annually. No matter where you are, a park, a library or a cultural venue with a ‘RAD works here’ sticker is just a short trip away.

In 2024, I was honored to be re-appointed to the RAD Board by newly-elected Allegheny County Executive Sara Innamorato, with whom I share a vision of a county that works for all of us.

You might notice something about the board photo on the opposite page: for the first time in RAD’s history, all seven of our board members are women. I consider myself fortunate to be surrounded by such a group of accomplished, intelligent and driven women, all of whom

are generous with their time to serve the people of Allegheny County. Members with years of experience on the RAD Board have been joined by members with fresh ideas and perspective, and I am energized by the possibilities for public investments in our region's quality of life.

I also want to offer my sincere thanks to our outgoing RAD Board members, who all served the people of Allegheny County selflessly for many years. Jackie Dixon, Anthony J. Ross, and Dr. Daniel Rosen all contributed mightily to our work as good stewards of RAD tax dollars. I am especially grateful to Daniel J. Griffin for his unwavering commitment to this work for more than 26 years. He has been a great leader and mentor to all of us, and I am certain our assets are better off because of Dan's service.

While the work is vitally important, we never forget about the fun experiences that RAD helps bring to life. As you read this annual report, think back on the joyous times you've had with your loved ones. From summertime strolls to wintertime skating, the Steel Curtain to curtain calls, a trail run before work or a library visit after school, RAD will be there for you and the people you love for many years to come.

Dusty Elias Kirk  
RAD BOARD CHAIR



RAD Board, from left to right: Joy Evans, Dusty Elias Kirk (Chair), Bridget Daley, Jamie Ducar, Kendra J. Ross (Secretary/Treasurer), Sylvia Fields (Vice-Chair), Monica Malik

# 2024 Budget Distribution

## LIBRARIES

\$40,307,905 (29.9%)

## PARKS & TRAILS

\$44,674,764 (33.1%)

## ARTS & CULTURE

\$19,565,633 (14.5%)

## SPORTS & CIVIC FACILITIES

\$14,200,000 (10.5%)

## REGIONAL ATTRACTIONS

\$11,725,359 (8.7%)

## PUBLIC TRANSIT

\$3,000,000 (2.2%)

## ADMINISTRATION

\$1,101,891 (0.8%)

## PARTNERSHIPS & INITIATIVES

\$279,766 (0.2%)

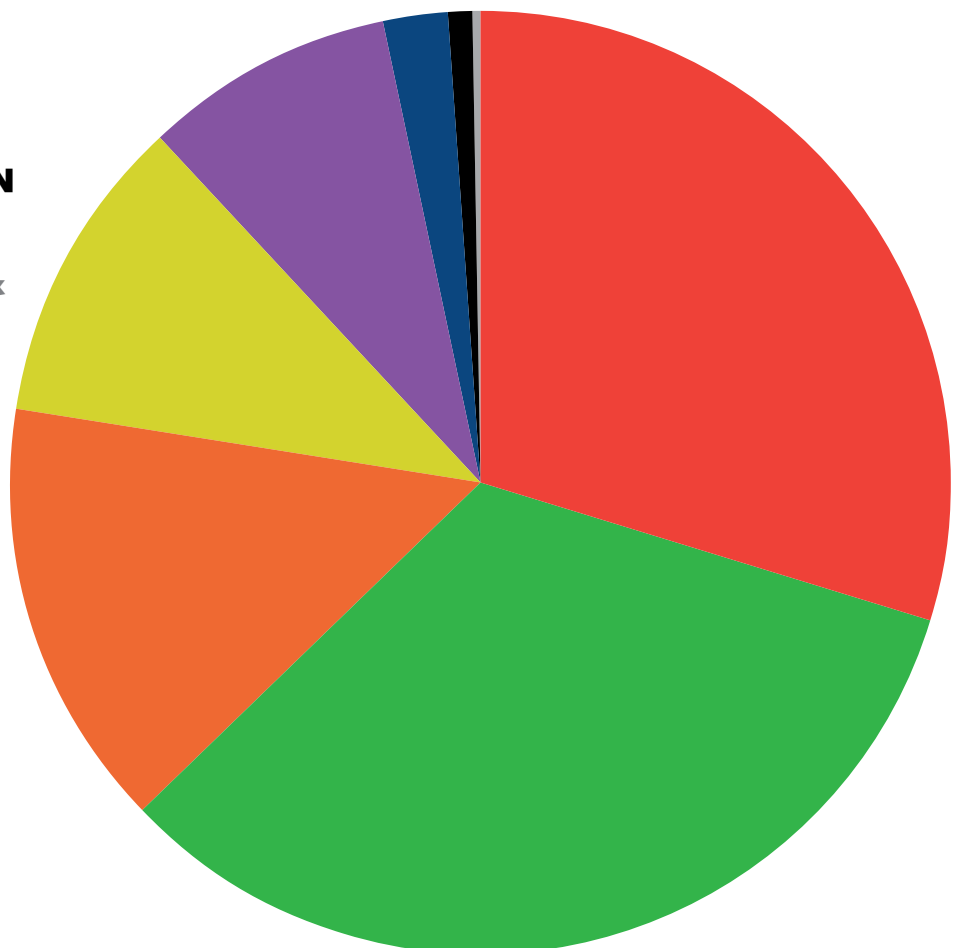
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## Total

**\$134,855,318**

### DID YOU KNOW?

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



# 2024 Stats & Figures

**47,660,306**

public participation &  
attendance at RAD assets

**11,132,785**

items circulated by  
RAD-funded libraries

**\$1,057,583,752**

contributed by RAD assets to our local  
economy, including \$36,119,943 in  
contract with Minority, Women and  
Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

**32,131,389**

visits to regional parks and trails

**53,697**

free visits through RAD  
Summer Staycation

**13,922**

employees and contractors,  
including 4,297 artists,  
employed by RAD assets

**4,124,234**

eResources circulated  
to library users across  
Allegheny County

**1,886,028**

free tickets provided by RAD assets

**\$28,527,248**

value in free tickets

**\$451,393,801**

wages and salaries paid to  
asset employees

Source: RAD 2024  
Close-Out Reports  
provided by  
Regional Assets

# Libraries

2024 RAD FUNDING

**\$40,307,905**

TO LIBRARIES

What is your third place? We don't mean a bronze medal, we mean a place you can go other than work or home to spend time, linger, and interact with others. For a growing number of families, that 'third place' is the public library.

**RAD gathers here.**

## CHECKING OUT THE LIBRARY

Pittsburghers love their library. CLP saw 1,683,664 visits, up 17% from 2023.



CLP partnered with Carnegie Science Center, CitiParks and Pittsburgh Public Schools for its biggest summer reading program yet — over 67,000 books were logged, up 42% from the previous summer. The Penguins mascot Iceburgh kept things cool at the “Read-A-Palooza Book Bowl” finale event.



Following a community outreach process that included one-on-one interviews with 17 community leaders in Braddock Hills, C.C. Mellor received a half-million-dollar RAD grant aimed at transforming its library to accommodate larger flexible meeting spaces.

Here in Allegheny County, libraries are shaking off the rollbacks in hours caused by the pandemic and using support from RAD to stay open for longer into the evening. The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (CLP) increased open hours by 10% in 2024, ensuring every location — with the exception of Downtown and the Library of Accessible Media for Pennsylvanians — is open until 8:00 PM at least three nights per week. And Pittsburghers are taking advantage, with some libraries seeing visitor totals grow up to 53% after hours increased.

Outside of the city, every public library in the county that is capable of being open on Saturday is now open for operation, and many more are considering Sunday hours. RAD grants are helping to ensure that these libraries can serve their communities with open arms instead of locked doors.

Northland Public Library, the largest suburban library in Allegheny County, began construction on a two-story expansion, supported by a one-time funding increase for libraries from RAD in 2023. The “New Northland” will feature a new entrance area, better accessibility and more meeting and social spaces — important aspects of any great third place.

RAD’s Transformative Community Library Fund continues to provide important grants for projects that serve lower-income communities. In 2024, RAD approved a \$500,000 grant for renovations to the century-old C.C. Mellor Memorial Library, which serves the Braddock Hills community among its five municipalities. A \$78,324 grant to the Sharpsburg Community Library will go toward courtyard renovations, and remote locker installations in Sharpsburg and Blawnox.

The grants follow more than \$4 million in previous commitments to libraries in Braddock, Swissvale, McKeesport, Clairton, Homestead and Millvale — all historic manufacturing towns where the library serves as an important community hub.



The “New Northland” will feature a new café space operated by Commonplace Coffee.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Library resources go beyond the doors of a branch. The circulation of eResources grew 14% for CLP year-over-year and 18% countywide.



Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey joined the effort to ensure every public-school student in the city has a library card. Through the CardFest initiative, nearly 14,000 new library cards were issued to PPS students who did not previously have a library card. They join the 36,000+ students who have received cards through Allegheny County Library Association programs over the past four years.

## Libraries

In the 2020s, public libraries have become more vital than ever before as technology hubs for their communities. Remote-learning students and remote-working employees rely on their libraries for Wi-Fi hotspots and reliable internet access.

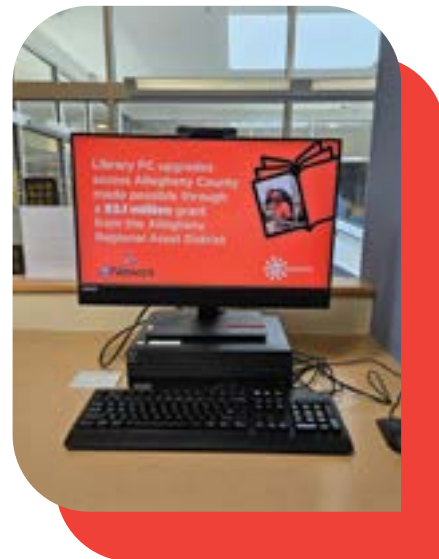
When “work from home” really means “work from any computer,” the computers themselves must remain top-notch.

With that in mind, RAD leaders decided that every public library in Allegheny County deserves the finest in performance PCs, regardless of where the library is located. The RAD Board announced a \$3,123,075 grant for eiNetwork to purchase PCs at all Allegheny County Libraries.

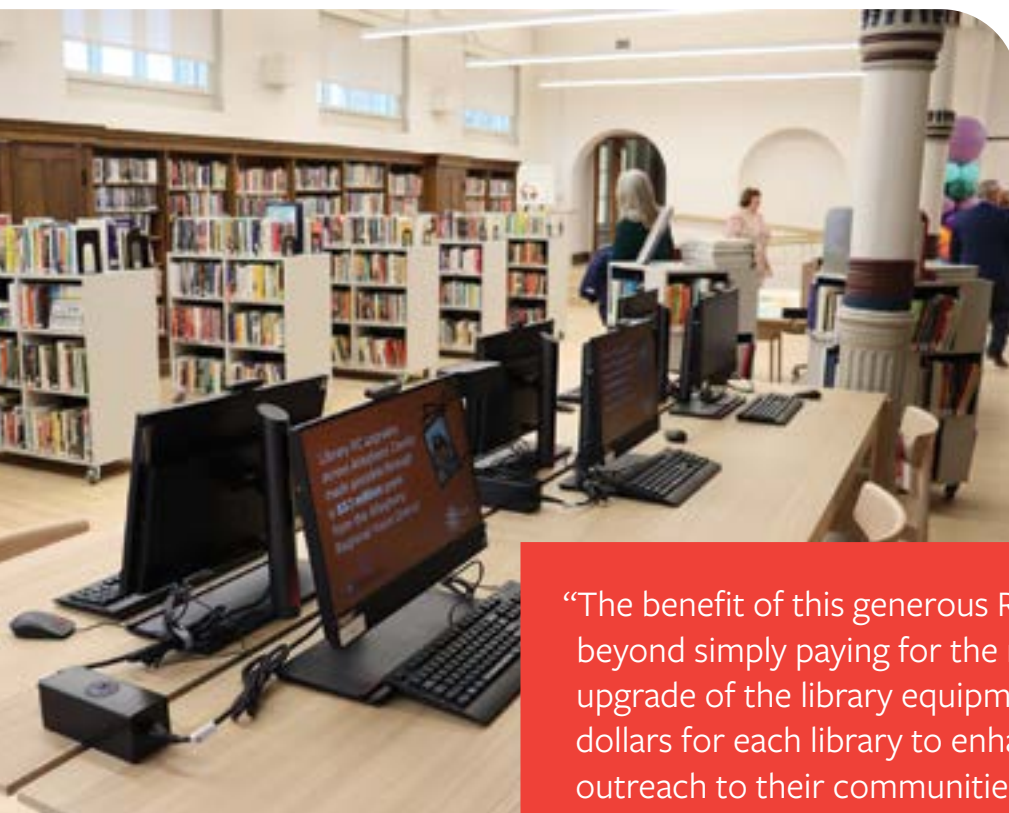
That announcement came in February, and thanks to the quick work of eiNetwork, the job was done by summertime at every library location. In all, the new technology included:

- 1,643 all-in-one computers
- 515 laptops
- 306 desktops
- 262 monitors
- 78 servers

## RAD upgrades here.



Northland Public Library



Braddock Carnegie Library

“The benefit of this generous RAD grant extends beyond simply paying for the replacement and upgrade of the library equipment. It frees up budget dollars for each library to enhance the services and outreach to their communities.”

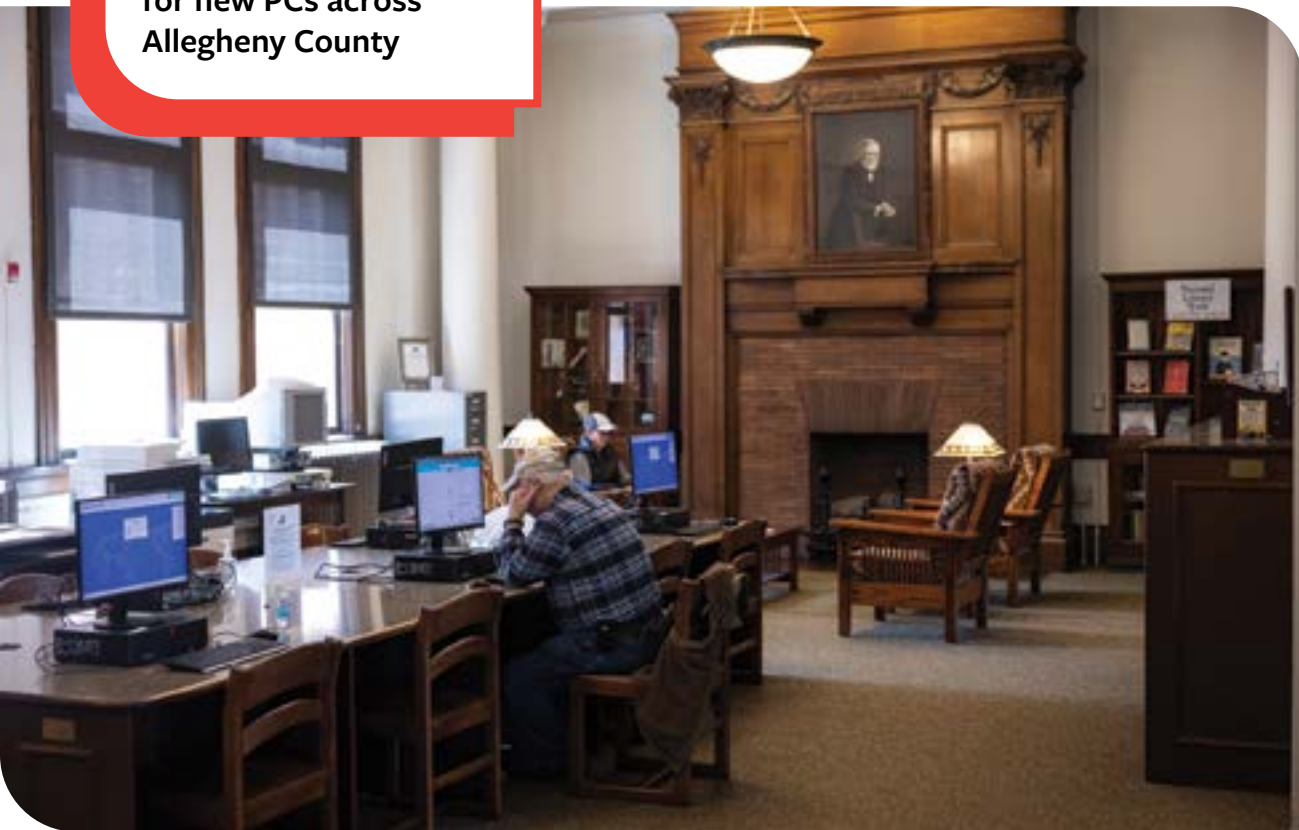
— Carlos Correa, Executive Director at eiNetwork

# \$3,123,075

for new PCs across  
Allegheny County

“I briefly stopped in the library earlier today to use the computer room. Your new computers are outstanding and it’s great to see resources being utilized for an important upgrade that will benefit many.”

— Northland Public Library patron



Andrew Carnegie Free Library

Some specs, for the true computer nerds — Lenovo ThinkCentre M75; Processor: AMD Ryzen 7 Pro 5750G with Radeon Graphics 3.80 GHz; Installed RAM: 32 GB; System Type: 64-bit; Operating system: Windows 11 Education Version 23H2.

The new PCs came as welcome news to libraries operating computers well beyond their useful life — for both staff members and patrons. Effects of the COVID-19 pandemic pushed eiNetwork past its typical four-year rolling schedule of library equipment refreshes, and the costs of leasing new equipment have increased substantially.

No more out-of-date equipment, and no more leases. Today, every Allegheny County library patron can walk into their closest branch and find state-of-the-art hardware needed to keep up in today’s world.

Penn Hills Public Library



# Parks & Trails

2024 RAD FUNDING

**\$44,674,764**

TO PARKS AND TRAILS

The former Dean of the University of Washington School of Public Health, Dr. Howard Frumkin, once said “If we had a medicine that delivered as many benefits as parks, we would all be taking it,” citing the benefits for cardiovascular health, reducing stress, fighting osteoporosis, and alleviating loneliness.

**RAD refreshes here.**



#### **NEW REGIONAL ASSETS FOR 2024:**

- Allegheny RiverTrail Park
- Frick Environmental Center
- Venture Outdoors

RAD capital grants help all of us become “social climbers” at the new Boyce Bouldering Park and Pump Track, one of the biggest outdoor public climbing facilities in the U.S.



**DINO-MITE!** Anderson Playground at Schenley Park, known as the Dinosaur Playground, re-opened after a major RAD-funded renovation and the hard work of the City of Pittsburgh, CitiParks, and the partners and workers — who completed a project 65 million years in the making.

The medicine provided by Allegheny County’s regional parks and trails could fight an even longer list of ailments. Suffering from an H<sub>2</sub>O deficiency? The County Parks welcomed 195,269 patrons to its four pools at Boyce Park, North Park, Settlers Cabin and South Park — upwards of 40,000 more visitors than the previous summer.

Afflicted with the need for Family Time? Boyce Mayview Park in Upper St. Clair increased free and low-cost programs like Story Time and Family Art in the Park to ensure more South Hills residents had the ability to participate in meaningful activities at a regional park.

Pittsburgh ranked in the top 20 park systems (out of the 100 most populous U.S. cities) for the third straight year, as rated by the Trust for Public Land. That’s good news for overall health too; the Trust found that people in the top 25 park systems were 9% less likely to suffer from poor mental health, and 21% less likely to be physically inactive than those in lower-ranked cities.

While a walk in the park is no replacement for your physician, we’ll always recommend a dose of greenery and a prescription for sunshine at RAD parks — the only Regional Assets open 365 days per year.

### RECORD ATTENDANCE

The Pittsburgh Botanic Garden saw record attendance in July 2024, welcoming more than 6,000 visitors in one month for the first time ever.





Originally built to host the 1936 U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials, the North Park pool wasn't finished in time. Still, the pool has a rich history of recreation for swimmers young and old — and RAD support helped create a new \$4.2 million baby pool area to keep families swimming for generations to come.



### DID YOU KNOW?

South Park is home to a historic herd of bison, purchased for the Allegheny County Parks nearly 100 years ago. Two new additions arrived in March 2024: baby Riis (named for the founder of the County Parks) and baby Roddey (named for the late County Executive).



A grant of \$2 million from RAD provided CitiParks with the ability to replace the aging chiller system at the Schenley Park Ice Skating Rink. The rink re-opened on November 19, just in time for its 50th birthday!



**BY THE NUMBERS**

RAD funding helps maintain and improve about 15,000 acres of parkland throughout Allegheny County. What's the largest? North Park, with 3,075 acres for hiking, golfing, kayaking, swimming, running, skating, biking, fishing, and so much more!

# Arts & Culture

2024 RAD FUNDING

**\$19,565,633**

TO ARTS & CULTURE

For Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, the arts & culture sector provides world-class entertainment, delivers countless free opportunities for local residents to engage with the arts, and sustains a steady flow of economic impact.

**RAD takes center stage here.**





Supporting that free programming is at the core of RAD — as we say, RAD is for everyone. From school performances to RAD Days concerts to complimentary ticket offers for human services organizations, RAD’s annual operating grants help defray the costs associated with bringing more people to shows and exhibitions.

Another piece of the puzzle is making the cultural scene attractive to outside visitors. A 2024 report from the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council, using research from Americans for the Arts, found that arts attendees from outside Allegheny County spend more than \$91 per person, per event — far above the national average of \$61 — with many non-local visitors choosing to spend their money to spend the night in Pittsburgh, boosting the economic impact further.

Arts & culture also represent the future of Downtown Pittsburgh. In October, Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro announced a \$600 million revitalization plan for Downtown. The largest public space of that plan is the Arts Landing civic space in the Cultural District, which will be supported by a \$5 million RAD capital grant as well as continued support for the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust and for Regional Assets that will use the space for free community programming.

Perhaps RAD’s biggest impact comes “behind the curtain” with capital support for major building renovation projects that may be otherwise difficult to fundraise (have you ever tried to install a plaque on an AC duct?). These were RAD’s largest capital grants for the Arts & Culture category in 2024:

- \$800,000 to replace the roof at the **Pittsburgh CLO Construction Center**
- \$600,000 to support HVAC replacement at **Senator John Heinz History Center**
- \$410,000 for HVAC and A/V equipment at **August Wilson African American Cultural Center**
- \$300,000 for accessibility improvements and climate control at **The Frick Pittsburgh**
- \$225,000 to replace **WYEP’s** aging FM transmitter
- \$220,000 for lighting upgrades at the **Pittsburgh Cultural Trust’s** Benedum Center
- \$200,000 toward the terra cotta project at Heinz Hall, home to the **Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra**

## FREE MUSIC

1 out of every 5 people who experience the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra did so free of charge in 2024 — with RAD funding supplementing the costs — and free attendees were up 18% over the previous year.



## PARTNERSHIPS & INITIATIVES

See pages 20 and 21 to see how RAD’s new Partnerships & Initiatives are making even more free opportunities available for Allegheny County residents.

# Big Moments by Month

## JANUARY

**Carnegie Science Center** received an unprecedented gift of \$65 million from the Kamin family that will support expanded programming, exhibit upgrades and ultimately a brighter future. In recognition of their generosity, the museum will become the Daniel G. and Carole L. Kamin Science Center, a prime example of the private funding RAD encourages its Regional Assets to pursue.



## FEBRUARY

**Senator John Heinz History Center** added another title for the City of Champions, when readers of USA Today 10best voted it the #1 history museum in the U.S. The Children's Museum was voted the #2 children's museum. Both attractions, along with The Warhol, had previously made the 10best list, which was celebrated in 2023 with a month of free admission thanks to RAD's 3 For Free program.



## MARCH

**Carnegie Music Hall** of Oakland reopened after a \$9 million renovation, a project that won honors from the American Institute of Architects and included capital support from RAD. Guest experience was at the forefront of the upgrades, with the addition of air conditioning, new sound and lighting, bigger seats, and a re-sloped floor for accessibility. The 1895 hall is currently home to Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures, a proud Regional Asset.



## APRIL

**The Frick Pittsburgh** opened *Vermeer, Monet, Rembrandt: Forging the Frick Collections in Pittsburgh & New York*, made possible by renovation work in Manhattan that temporarily forced a move for works of the great masters. The show sold out day after day, making it the highest-attended exhibition in the history of The Frick Pittsburgh.

## MAY

**City Theatre, Pittsburgh CLO, Quantum Theatre and Pittsburgh Public Theater** all received plaudits from Broadway World, which named our city one of the 15 best cities to see theatre. All are longtime Regional Assets who share RAD's mission to make the arts open and available to residents.

## JUNE

**Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra** showed its impact as it wrapped its 128th season. The PSO saw a 30% increase in households attending its shows, and released a study finding it generates \$125 million in economic impact (\$4 for every \$1 spent) and sustains 1,900 jobs. It then capped off the month with two sold-out shows featuring Gen-Z jazz superstar Laufey in concert.



## JULY

**Carnegie Museum of Natural History** celebrated 125 years since the excavation of *Diplodocus carnegii*, better known as Dippy. The fossils became an international sensation, and prompted Andrew Carnegie to expand his institute so it would be big enough for his dinosaur skeleton, making his natural history museum known as “The House That Dippy Built.”



## AUGUST

**Pittsburgh Playwrights Theatre** and **August Wilson House** opened their coproduction of *Radio Golf*, staged outside Wilson’s boyhood home in the Hill District. The show appeared on multiple “Best Of” lists for Pittsburgh theater in 2024, with the Tribune-Review calling *Radio Golf* “a triumph from beginning to end.”



## SEPTEMBER

The **Pittsburgh Cultural Trust** welcomed back *Hamilton* to the Benedum Center, and along with it a big boost for Downtown Pittsburgh’s economy. The musical brought 64,000 people to the Cultural District for an estimated \$25 million in economic activity over the show’s three-week run — a fine way to mark the 40th anniversary of the Cultural Trust’s founding.



## OCTOBER

**Pittsburgh Glass Center** capped off its expansion project with a two-day Grand Reopening Community Celebration during RAD Days. Support from RAD ensured the Glass Center was made accessible to all visitors and will help sustain PGC’s free programming like glassblowing demonstrations, open house events, and more.

## NOVEMBER

**Film Pittsburgh** pulled off one of its most-award winning editions yet of the Three Rivers Film Festival, where five of its screened films went on to be nominated for Academy Awards and two (*A Real Pain* and *FLOW*) became Oscar winners. As for the festival itself, Best Narrative was shared by *Bob Trevino Likes It* and *The Strangers’ Case*, while opening-night darling *Clemente* won Best Documentary.



## DECEMBER

**Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre’s** production of *The Nutcracker* had more than just the Sugar Plum Fairy dancing with joy. By the time it closed on December 27, it was the highest-grossing *Nutcracker* in PBT history, helping the ballet to the highest-grossing year overall in the dance company’s history.



PBT Principal Artists Lucius Kirst and Hannah Carter in *The Nutcracker*

# Regional Attractions

2024 RAD FUNDING

**\$11,725,359**

TO REGIONAL ATTRACTIONS

The history and creation of a Regional Asset District for Allegheny County was intertwined with the direction of the Aviary, Phipps, and the Zoo just a generation ago.

**RAD soars, grows, and blooms here.**

## **FULL ACCREDITATION**

The Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium has once again earned accreditation from the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, signifying excellence in and commitment to animal management, safety, conservation, and education. AZA inspectors noted the excellent animal health, green initiatives and conservation education.





Phipps earned national accolades in 2024, including the IMLS National Medal for Museums for community impact and the EPA Green Power Leadership Award for renewable energy.

In the early 1990s, the cash-strapped City of Pittsburgh was the sole underwriter for all three attractions, even though more than two-thirds of visitors came from outside the city.

The Pittsburgh Aviary was perhaps in the worst shape, and then-Mayor Sophie Masloff considered closing the Aviary permanently. A community coalition called Save The Aviary, Inc. banded together to save the venue and have it declared the National Aviary. In need of a permanent funding solution, the newly-privatized Aviary began to be funded by a newly-created Allegheny Regional Asset District. Similar arrangements followed for the Zoo and Phipps to go from line items on the city budget to 501(c)(3) entities supported by RAD.

Today, the National Aviary, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, and Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium are all thriving examples of public-private partnerships, boasting attendance, staffing levels and earned revenue far above the doldrums of the early '90s.

In 2024, RAD provided vital upgrades that may be otherwise be difficult for the organizations to fund through donations — \$1.5 million for security, ADA and restroom upgrades at the Zoo; \$400,000 to restore the Sunken Room at Phipps; and \$252,000 to replace roofs over the Grasslands, Treetops and staff offices at the Aviary. From pathways to plaster, RAD can do it all.

Looking ahead to the future, the Zoo has announced a new 20-year master plan that lays out upgrades for nearly the entire campus — from modernizing the front gates to expanding the animal habitats, all in phases over the next two decades.

### BY THE NUMBERS

In 1995, RAD covered more than 75% of the budgets of the Aviary, Phipps and the Zoo. Today, those numbers have flipped — RAD now accounts for less than 25% of their annual budgets. The Aviary alone has seen individual donations soar by 287% since 2019.



After being declared extinct in the wild in 1988, Guam Kingfishers have thrived at the National Aviary. Three of the Guam Kingfishers that hatched at the Aviary are now living in the wild.

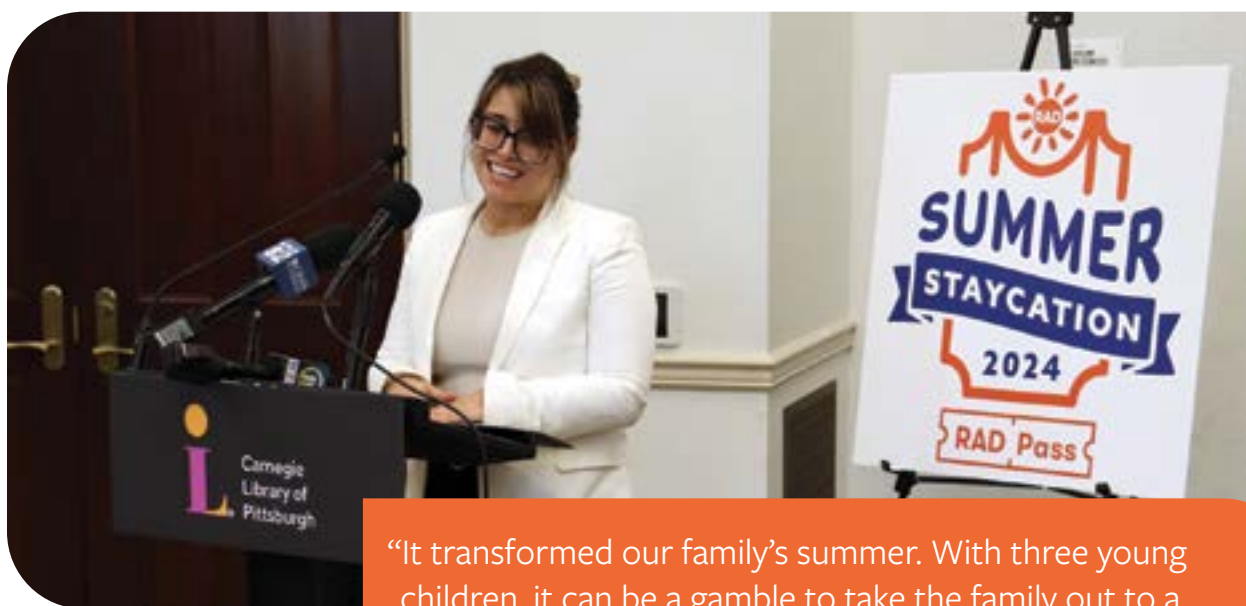
### HERE TO STAY IS A NEW BIRD

57 new birds representing 31 species joined the Aviary's flock in 2024, including a peregrine falcon, two critically endangered Eastern Loggerhead shrikes and a critically endangered Baer's pochard.

# Partnerships & Initiatives

Free experiences are part of RAD's DNA. Since 2002, we've worked with our Regional Assets to connect the people of Allegheny County with free events (think RAD Days) as a "thank you" for their long-term support of RAD funding — more than \$2.5 billion to our regional assets since its inception — and encouraging them to enjoy the fruits of their public investment.

**RAD staycations here.**



Allegheny County Executive Sara Innamorato helped RAD and library leaders unveil RAD Summer Staycation 2024 with a media event on April 25.

"It transformed our family's summer. With three young children, it can be a gamble to take the family out to a new place. We got to try new places that we had not experienced before and we might not have otherwise decided to visit, and we will certainly be going back."

— Staycation user



2024 RAD FUNDING

**\$279,766**

TO PARTNERSHIPS  
& INITIATIVES

In April 2024, RAD announced an expansion of free offerings at Regional Assets that are open regularly but typically charge admission fees. RAD Summer Staycation encouraged Allegheny County residents with a library card to enjoy being a tourist in their own city. These attractions were:

- The Andy Warhol Museum
- Carnegie Museums of Art and Natural History
- Carnegie Science Center
- Children's Museum of Pittsburgh
- The Frick Pittsburgh
- Heinz History Center
- Mattress Factory
- National Aviary
- Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens
- Pittsburgh Botanic Garden
- Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium
- Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum

Instead of a single RAD Day at each attraction, free admissions were available on RAD Pass and spread out over multiple months from mid-May through September, allowing residents to visit on the dates most convenient for them.

In partnership with these Regional Assets and with Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, which provided staffers to maintain the IT infrastructure and answer patron questions throughout the summer, RAD has already committed to a second edition of RAD Summer Staycation in 2025, expecting tens of thousands of additional visitors to enjoy Pittsburgh experiences they may not otherwise be able to enjoy.

### PASS-ING THROUGH

53,697 free-admission visits came via RAD Summer Staycation, with RAD incurring costs under \$5 per visitor.

"I had attended these attractions on previous RAD Days in years past but it was so crowded that I felt like I couldn't really enjoy it if I could even get in at all. I love that four packs of tickets are offered for families! It could save \$100 on admission prices alone, what a value!!"

— Staycation user

### NEW LIBRARY CARDS

Allegheny County libraries created more than 36,000 new library cards in summer 2024 — a 68% increase in new cards year-over-year.

### STAYCATION STATS

97% were 'very likely' to recommend RAD Pass to another library-card holder, and 57% went to an attraction they had never visited before.

# Sports & Civic Facilities

**RAD plays ball here.**

**Pittsburgh's North Shore stadiums are quickly approaching their 25th birthdays, and support from RAD allows these venues — along with the David L. Lawrence Convention Center and PPG Paints Arena — to stay on top of maintenance and capital needs.**

These sports and civic facilities welcomed more than 4.6 million attendees in 2024 — including 120,000 fans free of charge (a donation valued at more than \$3.8 million) — which can create plenty of wear and tear.

In addition to RAD's annual commitment to debt service on facility bonds, RAD provides funding to the Sports and Exhibition Authority's Multi-Facility Reserve Fund. Upgrades including new heaters and carpeting at Acrisure Stadium, tiling and painting at PNC Park, and additional capital repairs at the Convention Center help keep Pittsburgh a top market for sporting events and trade shows.

The venues also provide sites for community events free of charge, including the Convention Center hosting a massive two-day, free dental clinic with Mission of Mercy, as well as a Christmas Outreach Celebration for more than 500 local families.

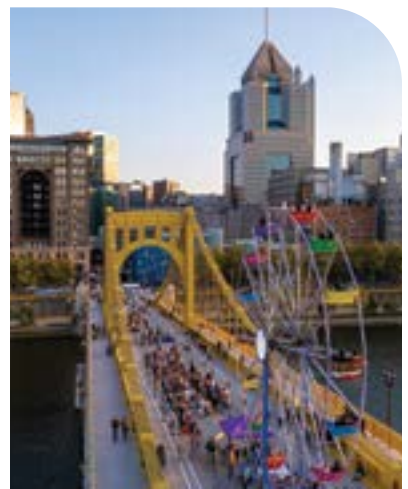
**2024 RAD FUNDING**

**\$14,200,000**  
**TO SPORTS & CIVIC FACILITIES**



## **FOOD DONATION**

15,533 pounds of ready-to-eat food were donated by Levy Restaurants on behalf of the Sports and Exhibition Authority to Jubilee Kitchen and 412 Food Rescue.



# Public Transit

2024 RAD FUNDING

**\$3,000,000**  
TO PUBLIC TRANSIT

**RAD rides here.**

For more than a decade, RAD has supported Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) with a multi-million-dollar annual grant, ensuring that everyone can access their Regional Assets — regardless of whether or not they have a car.

That support helps PRT pursue other initiatives that benefit the community, including the latest partnership with the Allegheny County Department of Human Services to benefit lower-income riders.

The Allegheny Go program offers a 50% discount to county residents ages 12-64 who receive SNAP benefits. In the first year, the program has already attracted more than 5,000 unique riders — all of whom are currently benefiting from half-off fares.

Annual support from RAD will continue to unlock an additional 8-to-1 match from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, all aimed at providing transit service to Regional Assets well into the future. RAD support helps Regional Asset employees and artists get to work, and visitors to enjoy a day out without worrying about driving or parking.



## SAVING ON FARES

As of March 2025, Allegheny Go has saved participating riders more than \$779,000 through its discount fares.



# Project Grants

2024 RAD FUNDING

**\$642,015**

TO PROJECT GRANTS

In recent years, RAD has substantially increased its commitment to funding projects that increase connections between Regional Assets and foster accessibility for all visitors.

**RAD connects here.**



RAD funding works hand in hand with other sources to complete big projects, as other private, foundation and government grants helped to create accessible trails at the Frick Environmental Center.



A record-breaking \$630,000 in project grants in 2023 gave way to \*another\* record-breaking \$642,015 in project grants in 2024. Applications are made to RAD separately from the annual cycle of operating and capital support, providing organizations with more opportunities to access funding for worthy projects.

### ACCESSIBILITY GRANTS

For projects providing a long-term benefit of equitable access for people of all abilities and experiences

- \$50,000 to **Frick Environmental Center** to make a ground-level restroom fully accessible with an adult changing table for users of the Outdoor Sensory Classroom and Nature Play Trail
- \$36,300 to **Attack Theatre** to make the facility universally accessible by modifying three door and pathway areas and to improve organizational policies, practices, and programs for disability access by hiring an accessibility advisor and consultant
- \$25,000 to the **Heinz History Center** to make accessibility improvements to the History Center's website

### CONNECTION GRANTS

For projects that implement new, long-term efforts that improve the financial position of two or more Regional Assets

- \$215,000 to **August Wilson African American Cultural Center** to launch an August Wilson-centered marketing campaign with the **August Wilson House** and **Pittsburgh Playwrights Theatre**
- \$150,000 to **Pittsburgh Public Theater** to formalize a residency program for **New Horizon Theater** to use the Public's Helen Wayne Rauh Hall for their performances
- \$113,241 to **Attack Theatre** to hire and share an Enterprise Data Manager with **Manchester Craftsmen's Guild** for strategic partnerships, donor management, and fee-for-service projects
- \$52,474 to **Radiant Hall Studios** for a shared facilities manager with **Sweetwater Center for the Arts**

Part of Attack Theatre's mission is to 'provide accessible, creative learning opportunities,' and RAD support provides an assist.



# Grant Distribution

RAD invests here.

ASSET	2024 OPERATING	2024 CAPITAL
<b>CONTRACTUAL</b>		
Allegheny County Library Association *	\$ 7,754,976	\$
Allegheny County — Regional Parks	25,557,932	5,565,000
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh	24,481,188	
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh — Debt Service	1,000,000	
Carnegie Library eiNetwork	3,678,822	3,123,075
Carnegie Library eResources	269,844	
Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh	3,735,423	360,000
City of McKeesport — Renziehausen Park	839,312	500,000
City of Pittsburgh — Regional Parks	8,331,670	2,780,000
National Aviary in Pittsburgh	1,466,756	252,000
Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens	2,827,904	400,000
Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium	\$ 5,278,699	\$ 1,500,000

\* See Allegheny County Library Association Distribution chart on page 29

## MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT

SEA Stadium Convention Center Bond Issue	\$ 13,400,000	\$
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## ANNUAL

Afro-American Music Institute	\$ 24,500	\$
Allegheny Brass Band	3,800	
Allegheny Land Trust	30,000	253,850
Allegheny RiverTrail Park	5,000	50,000
Andrew Carnegie Music Hall	7,500	
Arcade Comedy Theater	8,000	5,000
Assemble	7,500	
Associated Artists of Pittsburgh	8,000	
Attack Theatre	65,000	
August Wilson African American Cultural Center	525,000	410,000
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	
Balafon West African Dance Ensemble	3,000	
Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve <i>a project of the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania</i>	40,000	
Belle Voci	3,000	
Brew House Arts	\$ 3,500	\$

ASSET	2024 OPERATING	2024 CAPITAL
Bulgarian Macedonian National Educational & Cultural Center	\$ 5,000	\$
Calliope: The Pittsburgh Folk Music Society	10,000	
Chamber Music Pittsburgh	20,000	
Chatham Baroque	22,000	
Children's Museum of Pittsburgh	600,000	
City of Asylum/Pittsburgh	45,000	
City Theatre Company	175,000	15,000
Confluence Ballet Co.	3,000	
Contemporary Craft	89,000	
Dreams of Hope	12,500	
Edgewood Symphony Orchestra	4,800	
Film Pittsburgh	9,000	
Focus on Renewal (Father Ryan Arts Center)	10,500	
Frick Environmental Center	25,000	
Front Porch Theatricals	15,000	
Gemini Theater Company	7,500	
Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council	102,000	
Hill Dance Academy Theatre	30,000	
Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh	20,000	
Kelly Strayhorn Theater	95,000	121,186
Latin American Cultural Center	3,000	
Manchester Craftsmen's Guild	475,000	135,000
Mattress Factory	95,000	
Mendelssohn Choir	13,000	
New Hazlett Theater	50,000	45,000
New Horizon Theater	40,000	
North Hills Art Center	15,00	
North Pittsburgh Symphonic Band	2,000	
PearlArts Movement and Sound	7,500	75,000
Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures	36,000	
Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre	195,000	150,000
Pittsburgh Botanic Garden	75,000	
Pittsburgh Camerata	4,000	
Pittsburgh Center for Arts and Media	35,000	
Pittsburgh CLO	225,000	800,000
Pittsburgh Community Broadcasting Corp. — WYEP	45,000	225,000
Pittsburgh Concert Chorale	5,000	
Pittsburgh Cultural Trust	2,200,000	220,000
Pittsburgh Girls Choir	\$ 2,500	\$

# Grant Distribution (CONTINUED)

ASSET	2024 OPERATING	2024 CAPITAL
Pittsburgh Glass Center	\$ 85,000	\$ 125,000
Pittsburgh Musical Theater	80,000	50,000
Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble	7,500	
Pittsburgh Opera	225,000	153,789
Pittsburgh Philharmonic	4,900	
Pittsburgh Playwrights Theatre	50,000	141,000
Pittsburgh Public Theater	230,000	185,300
Pittsburgh Regional Transit	3,000,000	
Pittsburgh Savoyards Inc.	2,750	
Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra	1,750,000	200,000
Pittsburgh Youth Chorus	15,000	
Pittsburgh Youth Concert Orchestra	3,000	
Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra	20,000	
Prime Stage Theatre	17,000	
Quantum Theatre	48,000	
Radiant Hall Studios	5,000	
Renaissance City Choir	5,000	
River City Brass	115,000	
Riverlife	15,000	398,800
Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation	50,000	
Saltworks Theatre Company	11,600	
Senator John Heinz History Center	800,000	600,000
Silver Eye Center for Photography	24,500	
SLB Radio Productions	12,000	
Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum	360,000	
South Hills Chorale	4,500	
South Park Theatre	11,000	
Sports and Exhibition Authority	800,000	
Squonk Opera Inc.	17,500	
Sweetwater Center for the Arts	52,500	
The Frick Pittsburgh	185,000	300,000
Three Rivers Young Peoples Orchestras	22,500	
Tickets for Kids	40,000	
Tuesday Musical Club	4,900	
Union Project	20,000	
Upper St. Clair Twp. Boyce-Mayview Regional Park	265,000	250,000
Venture Outdoors	3,000	100,000
Western PA Conservancy	97,000	
WQED Pittsburgh	\$ 525,000	\$ 84,750
<b>TOTAL 2024 OPERATING/CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$ 113,257,896</b>	<b>\$ 19,573,750</b>

# Grant Distribution (CONTINUED)

ASSET	2024 OPERATING	2024 CAPITAL
<b>ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES</b>		
Connection, Accessibility & Inclusion Grants	\$ 642,015	\$
Access & Opportunity	10,750	
Partnerships & Initiatives Reimbursements	271,622	
Summer Staycation Marketing	8,144	
RAD Administration	\$ 1,091,141	\$
<b>GRAND TOTAL 2024 EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$134,855,318</b>	

## Allegheny County Library Association

Andrew Bayne Memorial Library	\$ 93,852	Millvale Community Library	\$ 83,205
Andrew Carnegie Free Library	180,917	Monroeville Public Library	236,711
Avalon Public Library	93,813	Moon Township Public Library	149,391
Baldwin Borough Public Library	113,579	Mt. Lebanon Public Library	339,327
Bethel Park Public Library	201,301	North Versailles Public Library	68,285
Braddock Carnegie Library	203,835	Northern Tier Regional Library	161,965
Brentwood Library	121,623	Northland Public Library	536,425
Bridgeville Public Library	103,161	Oakmont Carnegie Library	133,609
C.C. Mellor Memorial Library	164,832	Penn Hills Library	156,843
Carnegie Free Library of Swissvale	151,232	Pleasant Hills Public Library	112,803
Carnegie Library of Homestead	162,861	Plum Borough Community Library	93,178
Carnegie Library of McKeesport	367,728	Robinson Township Library	110,021
Clairton Public Library	126,379	Scott Township Public Library	81,160
Community Library of Allegheny Valley	191,448	Sewickley Public Library	264,695
Community Library of Castle Shannon	83,252	Shaler North Hills Library	264,570
Cooper-Siegel Community Library	217,250	South Fayette Township Library	97,202
Coraopolis Memorial Library	83,920	South Park Township Library	131,893
Crafton Public Library	94,006	Springdale Free Public Library	76,862
Dormont Public Library	79,201	Upper St. Clair Township Library	169,808
F.O.R. Sto-Rox Library	191,088	Western Allegheny Community Library	133,063
Green Tree Public Library	108,008	Whitehall Public Library	124,133
Hampton Community Library	102,696	Wilkinsburg Public Library	246,445
Jefferson Hills Public Library	\$ 80,038	ACLA Admin. And Mobile Services	\$ 667,355
<b>TOTAL ACLA FUNDING</b>		<b>\$7,754,976</b>	

ACLA's funding distribution formula is evaluated annually by its member libraries, with final approval from 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 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	2024 FUNDING	MUNICIPALITY	2024 FUNDING
Aleppo Twp	\$ 43,750.95	Collier Twp	\$ 248,341.89
Allegheny County	64,139,719.31	Coraopolis Boro	371,580.38
Aspinwall Boro	105,168.95	Crafton Boro	302,396.25
Avalon Boro	280,258.64	Crescent Twp	81,622.33
Baldwin Boro	831,129.11	Dormont Boro	457,298.87
Baldwin Twp	95,646.05	Dravosburg Boro	87,495.08
Bell Acres Boro	45,009.37	Duquesne City	696,382.90
Bellevue Boro	468,713.65	East Deer Twp	45,263.66
Ben Avon Boro	61,254.09	East McKeesport Boro	119,858.25
Ben Avon Heights Boro	14,630.75	East Pittsburgh Boro	157,991.04
Bethel Park Boro	982,095.41	Edgewood Boro	128,604.33
Blawnox Boro	65,224.25	Edgeworth Boro	46,643.58
Brackenridge Boro	143,437.27	Elizabeth Boro	81,733.41
Braddock Boro	178,320.45	Elizabeth Twp	353,397.52
Braddock Hills Boro	84,548.52	Emsworth Boro	85,253.84
Bradford Woods Boro	26,644.41	Etna Boro	181,702.86
Brentwood Boro	576,001.88	Fawn Twp	49,199.60
Bridgeville Boro	207,680.68	Findlay Twp	181,706.47
Carnegie Boro	352,748.05	Forest Hills Boro	295,182.91
Castle Shannon Boro	414,691.58	Forward Twp	56,930.65
Chalfant Boro	37,445.44	Fox Chapel Boro	122,997.58
Cheswick Boro	57,179.63	Franklin Park Boro	256,581.25
Churchill Boro	133,665.84	Frazer Twp	14,975.13
Clairton City	\$ 478,276.97	Glassport Boro	\$ 368,261.18

MUNICIPALITY	2024 FUNDING
Glenfield Boro	\$ 2,558.99
Green Tree Boro	197,576.50
Hampton Twp	428,908.14
Harmar Twp	61,171.22
Harrison Twp	333,638.54
Haysville Boro	2,321.89
Heidelberg Boro	54,529.87
Homestead Boro	205,753.29
Indiana Twp	234,065.29
Ingram Boro	131,581.69
Jefferson Boro	411,212.75
Kennedy Twp	188,400.62
Kilbuck Twp	18,110.50
Leet Twp	65,189.34
Leetsdale Boro	59,333.71
Liberty Boro	111,605.85
Lincoln Boro	42,553.86
Marshall Twp	168,871.49
McCandless Twp	567,271.44
McKees Rocks Boro	414,199.87
McKeesport City	1,872,768.99
Millvale Boro	206,337.80
Monroeville Boro	1,365,877.70
Moon Twp	608,318.75
Mt Lebanon Twp	1,289,359.37
Mt Oliver Boro	347,398.57
Munhall Boro	630,976.22
Neville Twp	28,571.76
North Braddock Boro	300,583.19
North Fayette Twp	396,235.61
North Versailles Twp	483,303.70
Oakdale Boro	45,427.02
Oakmont Boro	168,751.95
O'Hara Twp	229,785.77
Ohio Twp	159,249.55
Osborne Boro	17,944.55
Penn Hills Twp	2,574,158.45
Pennsbury Village Boro	24,344.35
Pine Twp	323,634.81
Pitcairn Boro	195,197.93
Pittsburgh City	\$ 26,233,780.11

MUNICIPALITY	2024 FUNDING
Pleasant Hills Boro	\$ 355,926.51
Plum Boro	811,289.03
Port Vue Boro	202,957.34
Rankin Boro	188,830.66
Reserve Twp	108,748.15
Richland Twp	240,068.50
Robinson Twp	366,078.06
Ross Twp	760,314.51
Rosslyn Farms Boro	17,677.18
Scott Twp	614,560.69
Sewickley Boro	142,237.27
Sewickley Heights Boro	27,464.72
Sewickley Hills Boro	15,321.45
Shaler Twp	667,734.87
Sharpsburg Boro	166,408.11
South Fayette Twp	579,901.71
South Park Twp	345,682.25
South Versailles Twp	7,494.85
Springdale Boro	166,502.49
Springdale Twp	52,087.26
Stowe Twp	373,220.58
Swissvale Boro	434,508.83
Tarentum Boro	194,786.94
Thornburg Boro	16,385.92
Turtle Creek Boro	328,215.59
Upper St Clair Twp	731,406.14
Verona Boro	117,630.11
Versailles Boro	81,461.57
Wall Boro	28,440.03
West Deer Twp	277,078.51
West Elizabeth Boro	13,315.30
West Homestead Boro	91,443.05
West Mifflin Boro	1,099,260.87
West View Boro	263,525.20
Whitaker Boro	77,836.14
White Oak Boro	354,836.06
Whitehall Boro	626,008.62
Wilkins Twp	289,244.08
Wilkinsburg Boro	1,079,372.59
Wilmerding Boro	\$ 148,673.67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$128,279,438.62</b>

# 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 2024 includes the 1% statutory allocation for Pittsburgh and Allegheny County Parks.

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 2024, the amount transferred to the General Fund for administrative costs was 0.82% 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 2024, RAD conducted over 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 2024. Independently audited financial statements on actual 2024 results along with budgets and monthly updates are posted at [RADworkshere.org](https://radworkshere.org) and are also available through the RAD office.

2024 tax revenue of \$128.3 million was 4.3% lower than 2023, a year that saw a corporation pay a one-time sales tax penalty to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. RAD used \$3.1 million of its sales tax reserve balance at December 31, 2024.

	SALES TAX REVENUE FUND	GENERAL FUND
Grant Stabilization Reserve balance, (for future grants and debt service) at 12/31/23	\$ 47,231,220	\$
Unreserved balance 12/31/23		627,218
Actual tax revenue (cash basis)	128,279,439	
Interest earnings	3,362,119	39,517
Allocations authorized	(133,764,176)	
Transfer from Sales Tax Revenue Fund		1,245,702
Miscellaneous revenue, lapses, and adjustments	(901,135)	
Net administrative expenses		(1,091,141)
Grant Stabilization Reserve balance at 12/31/24 net of receivables	44,207,467	
Unreserved balance 12/31/24	\$	\$ 821,296

Source: RAD Audit 2024

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