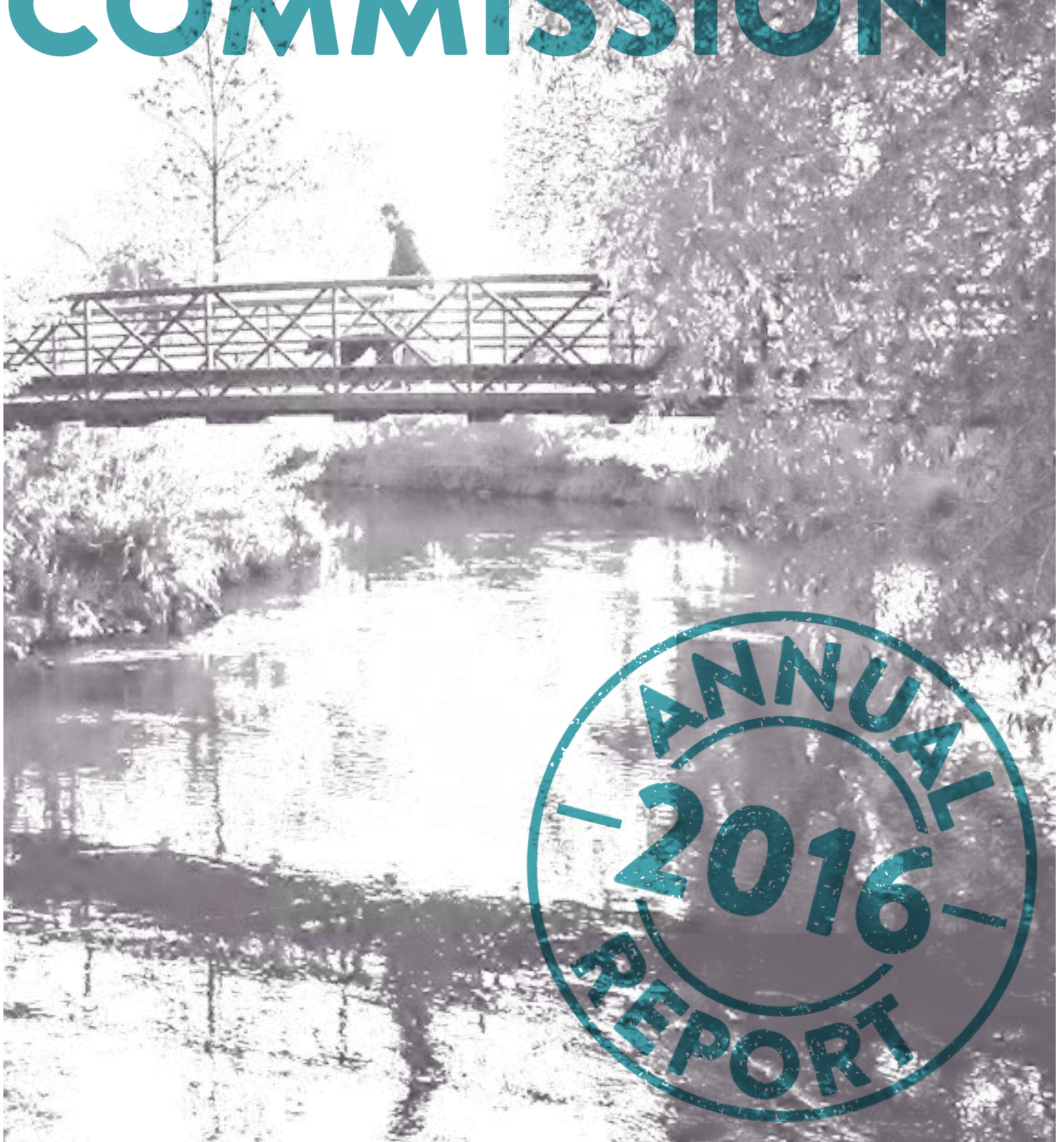



JORDAN RIVER COMMISSION



ANNUAL
2016
REPORT



ABOUT

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

DEAR JORDAN RIVER STAKEHOLDER:

The close of a year is always a great time to reflect, and the fifth full year of the Jordan River Commission brought with it some significant milestones and reasons to celebrate.

In 2008, community members came together in a series of workshops to discuss the future of the Jordan River and to develop a long-range vision for the river corridor. This process, led by Envision Utah and sponsored in large part by Salt Lake County, resulted in a document called the Blueprint Jordan River. The vision was ambitious, with a projected timeline of 50+ years for full implementation. It outlined a series of “Big Ideas”, and ten guiding principles and a detailed action plan for implementation. The Blueprint also recommended the creation of a new entity to facilitate implementation of this vision.

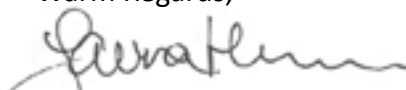
Today, representatives from 28 local and state governments and 24 additional community partners gather each month as part of the Jordan River Commission to keep this vision alive and to identify new opportunities for implementation. These partners have secured \$22 million in new funding for the river corridor, bringing us that much closer to a Blueprint Jordan River reality.

In 2016 brought with it a major milestone. Completion of the Jordan River Trail was cited as the number one priority of participants in those early visioning workshops. Thanks to the generous support of Salt Lake County voters, the Utah State Legislature, and our local governments, all the funding needed to complete the Jordan River Trail has now been secured. The designs and agreements for the very last remaining gaps in the trail system are being finalized, and we anticipate much celebration in Fall of 2017 as we cut the ribbon on a continuous, paved 45-mile Jordan River Trail.

The end of one year is similarly an opportunity to look forward. The Jordan River Commission holds a Strategic Planning Retreat every two years to set our goals for the coming year. Four areas of focus emerged as top priorities at this year’s retreat. They are, 1) Education, outreach, and marketing, 2) Improving ecological integrity, 3) Securing ongoing funding, and 4) Improving water quality.

We are excited to kick off 2017 with a focused effort to address these topics, doing what we do best: collaboration. Achieving the Blueprint vision will depend on the contributions and work of many. Thank you for joining us in this effort.

Warm Regards,



Laura Hanson

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 Utah House of Representatives
 Utah Lake Commission
 Utah Open Lands
 Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission
 Utah Senate
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

VOLUNTEERS & EDUCATION



16,031 HOURS
 volunteer time logged since 2012



110,354 POUNDS
 weeds pulled since 2012



50 ACRES
 restored in 2016



3,801 POUNDS
 trash removed since 2012



1,025 TREES
 planted since 2012



986 POUNDS
 grass seed spread since 2012

• \$111,782.30 RECEIVED IN 2016 FOR RIPARIAN RESTORATION EFFORTS •

MEMBERSHIP

In 2016, the Jordan River Commission welcomed six new members: **Midvale, Bluffdale, South Davis Sewer District, Central Valley Water Reclamation District, South Valley Sewer District, and Jordan Basin Water Reclamation Facility!**



6 DISTRICTS & 2 STATE AGENCIES

FUNDRAISING

North Temple Bridge Jordan River Trail (\$1.23 million), 2016 Legislative Appropriation
 This appropriation provides critical funding to close the final gap in the 45-mile Jordan River Trail, between North Temple and 200 South in Salt Lake City. The new 1,200 foot long bridge will provide sweeping views of the river as well as make essential neighborhood and transportation connections. By Fall 2017, the Jordan River Trail will be completed thanks to the hard work and collaboration of many cities, counties, and districts.



Jordan River Water Trail (\$2.12 million), 2016 Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Bond
 Key boater access points are already being developed at either end of the river thanks to investments from the cities of Saratoga Springs and North Salt Lake. This bond will complete the trail by implementing a Water Trail master plan for the Salt Lake County segment of the river. Expect to see a series of new boat ramps and boater-oriented signage in 2018. The goal is to eventually connect boaters from Utah Lake to the Great Salt Lake.

Pioneer Crossing Park (\$3.0 million), 2016 Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Bond
 This 20-acre natural open space will be restored with new native vegetation plantings and site improvements including a series of soft surface trails, boardwalks, picnic areas, historical education areas, a natural amphitheater, a canoe launch, and more. This site boasts a large native Cottonwood forests along the river. With this anticipated restoration effort, critical habitat area for migratory birds and other wildlife will be enhanced.





PROJECTS

COTTONWOOD POND

Along with its partners, the Jordan River Commission has transformed a neglected stormwater detention pond, overgrown with invasive vegetation and trash, into a functioning wetland. Today, dozens of species of birds can be seen here, new native plants are establishing, and public art creates a destination for the community.



1,500 LBS
trash removed



250 LBS
grass seed spread



500 TREES
planted



100 INVASIVE
trees removed



170 STUDENTS
engaged

PARTNERS:

Center for Documentary Arts & Expression • West Valley City • River Restoration • Utah Conservation Corps • University of Utah, Parks, Recreation & Tourism • Utah Water Watch • Utah Department of Wildlife Resources



PIONEER CROSSING PARK

PARTNERS:

- West Valley City
- River Restoration
- Utah Conservation Corps
- Utah Department of Forestry, Fire & State Lands
- Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation



2,000 LBS
trash removed



650 LBS
grass seed spread



1,000 INVASIVE
trees removed



100 HOURS
volunteer time logged



PROGRAMS

BEST PRACTICES WORKSHOP

Building on our award-winning Best Practices for Riverfront Communities toolbox, our Best Practices Training Series provides local decision-makers with new tools and continuing education to better protect, plan for, and manage lands within the Jordan River Parkway. In 2016 we learned from both local and national experts on topics that ranged from wildlife to watershed protection.



120 PEOPLE
trained



2 WORKSHOPS
held

PARTNERS:

- Salt Lake County, Watershed Restoration & Planning
- NatureWorks Alliance



PUNCTUREVINE MANAGEMENT

Flat tires? We're working on that. The Jordan River Commission and its partners have been hosting regular weed pulls, reseeding with native grasses, and deploying a biological agent to help prevent the spread of these notorious weeds.



25,000 WEEVILS
released



85 VOLUNTEERS
engaged



20 ACRES
covered

PARTNERS:

- Utah Department of Agriculture & Food
- Salt Lake City, Parks & Public Lands
- Salt Lake County, Weed Control
- Utah Weed Control Association
- Utah State University, Environment & Society

JORDAN RIVER TEACHING TOOLKITS

PARTNERS:

- Utah Conservation Corps
- National Park Service

Youth education was identified as a top priority by the Jordan River Commission in 2016. It's cliché, but children truly are going to be the future leaders and protectors of the Jordan River Parkway. Our new teaching tool kits and field trips are helping kids understand the role, challenges and opportunities facing the Jordan River.



260 STUDENTS
engaged



GRANTS

The Jordan River Commission recognizes that no one entity can implement all the recommendations of the Blueprint Jordan River, and that realizing this long-range vision for the river corridor will take the concerted efforts of many organizations. To that end, the JRC is pleased to support its member governments and partner organizations with financial support for projects that help to implement the recommendations outlined in the Blueprint.

BRAIDED NEXUS, WENDY WISCHER



This project consisted of the creation of an artwork made out of native willow branches that will be woven together to form a sculptural object that functions on three levels. One level is the artwork itself, creating a design that inspires and moves the viewer in poetic ways. The second level is the sculpture functioning as part of the restoration where it will be placed along the pond bank for erosion control. Some of the willow at the waters edge may sprout new willow plants and the woven branches will provide stability for additional plants to grow. Over time, the piece will be absorbed into the landscape, melding with it. The third level is within the form itself, as it will create a gathering space through shapes the viewers can sit on; to commune or rest near the pond. Goals include connecting the community with their surroundings, while at the same time, directly impacting and participating in the restoration efforts in a tangible way.

CENTER STREET BOAT ACCESS, NORTH SALT LAKE

The City of North Salt Lake acquired property along the Jordan River to install a boat takeout facility. The facility will include a gravel boat ramp, eddy, asphalt trail leading to the ramp, picnic table with pavilion, concrete pad for portable restrooms, and asphalt parking area. The proposed boat takeout facility will be the northernmost takeout point on the Jordan River and the only facility in Davis County. The nearest takeout facility is approximately 3 miles upstream, so this would open up 3 additional miles to travel on the river. The recreational facility will be used by boaters of all types and skill levels along the Jordan River, and used for fishing. The installation of this facility will increase economic development in the area by opening up a new recreation market in North Salt Lake that previously has not been tapped. This facility will increase the number of visitors to the City and improve the appearance and function of surrounding properties.



OTHER JORDAN RIVER COMMISSION SMALL GRANTS AWARDED:

- University Of Utah - Evaluation of human use and health outcomes on the Jordan River Trail - Phase I
- Jordan River Foundation - Evaluation of human use and health outcomes on the Jordan River Trail - Phase II
- University Of Utah - Restoring Rivers, Serving Students: Juvenile Justice & Environmental Education
- Center for the Living City - Three Creeks Confluence: Urban Interventions & Environmental Education
- West View Media - Jordan River Community Engagement Project



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BUDGET

DONORS

PLATINUM SUPPORTERS

(\$10,000+)

Barry and Elaine Harman Foundation
Zions Bank

GOLD SUPPORTERS

(\$4,999 to \$9,000)

Chevron
Rocky Mountain Power
Workers Compensation Fund

SILVER SUPPORTERS

(\$500 - \$5,000)

Brant Snow
Tracy Aviary
Utah State Fairpark

BRONZE SUPPORTERS

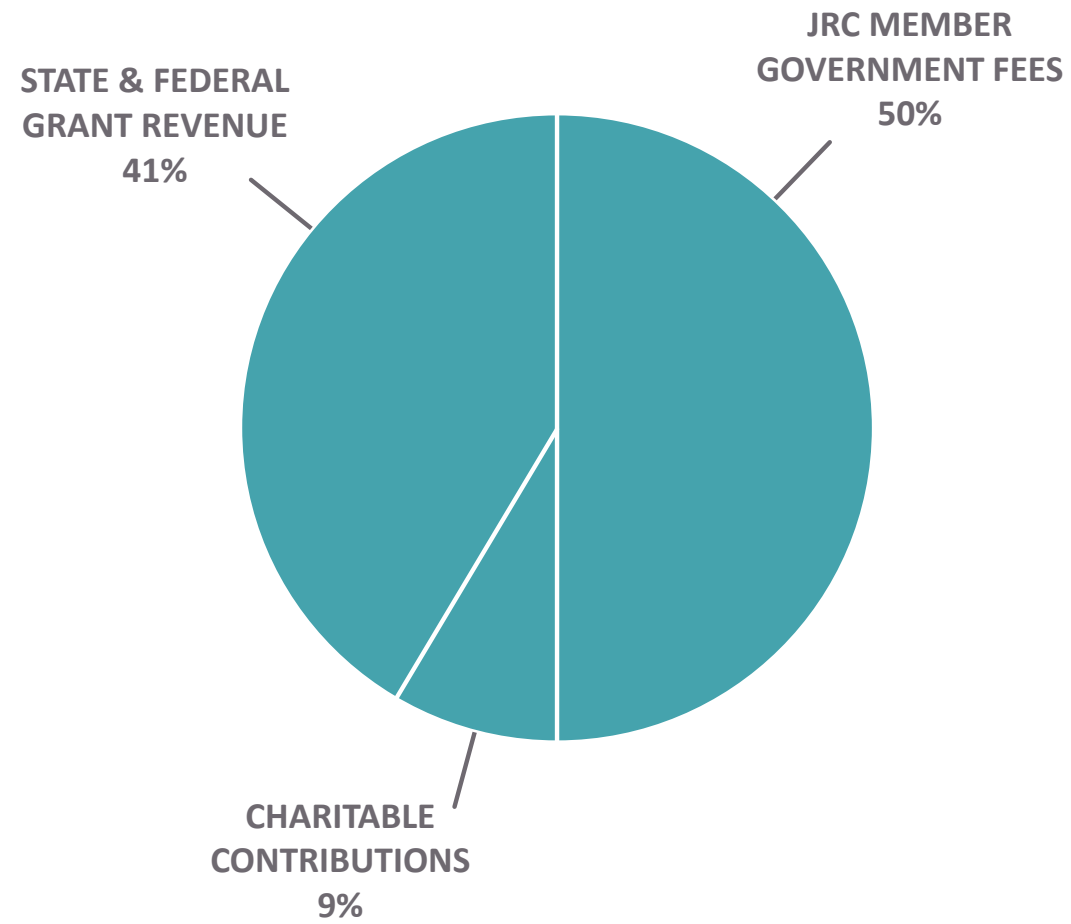
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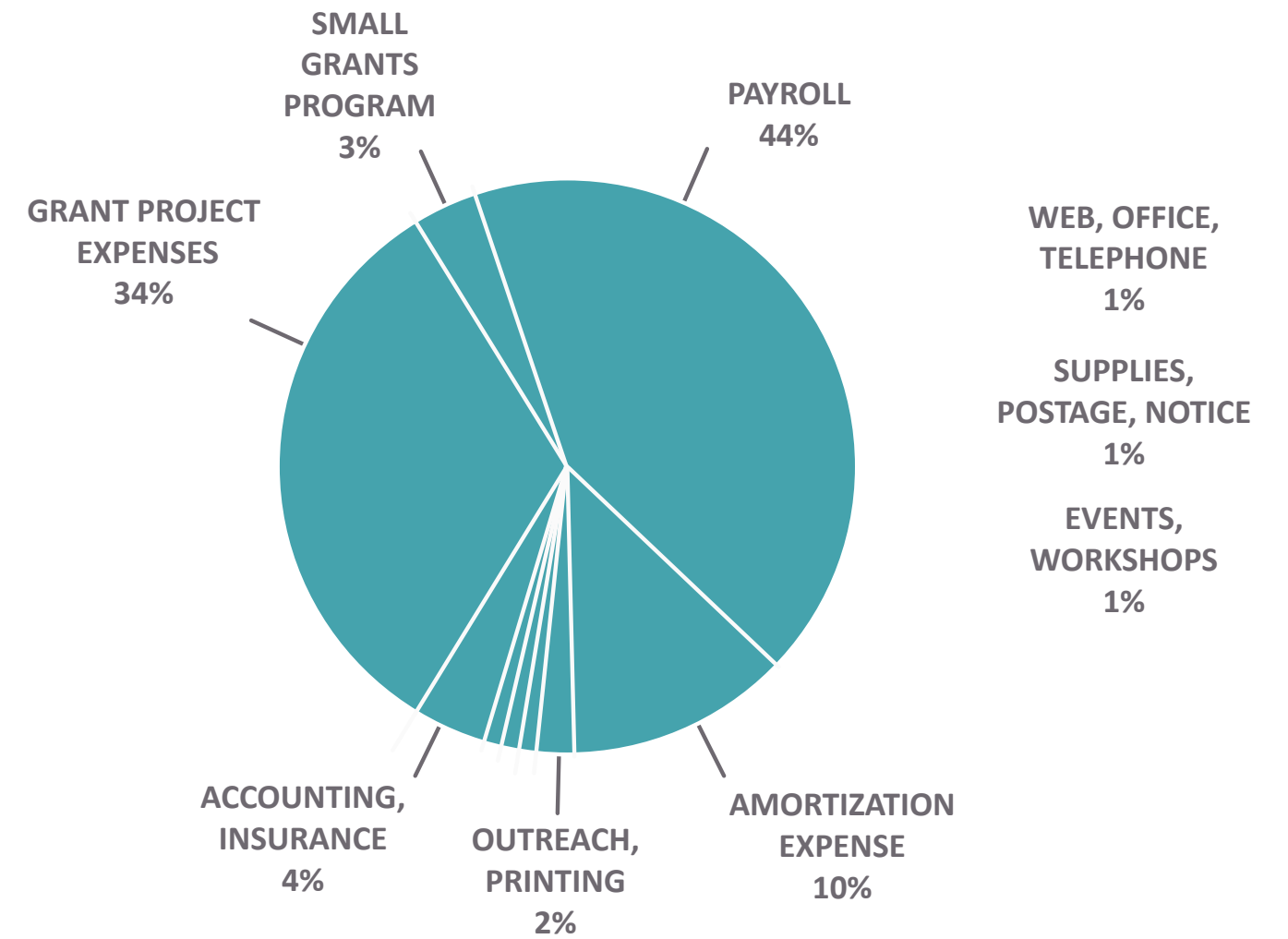
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FINANCIALS

INCOME



EXPENSES



INCOME	\$295,533	PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$117,506
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$149,920	END OF YEAR NET ASSETS	\$213,845

Full financial statements available at the Utah State Auditor



A VOLUNTARY PARTNERSHIP OF GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL MEMBERS WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPLEMENT THE BLUEPRINT JORDAN RIVER, TO SERVE AS A TECHNICAL RESOURCE TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES, AND TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR COORDINATION OF PLANNING, RESTORATION, AND RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE JORDAN RIVER CORRIDOR.

