



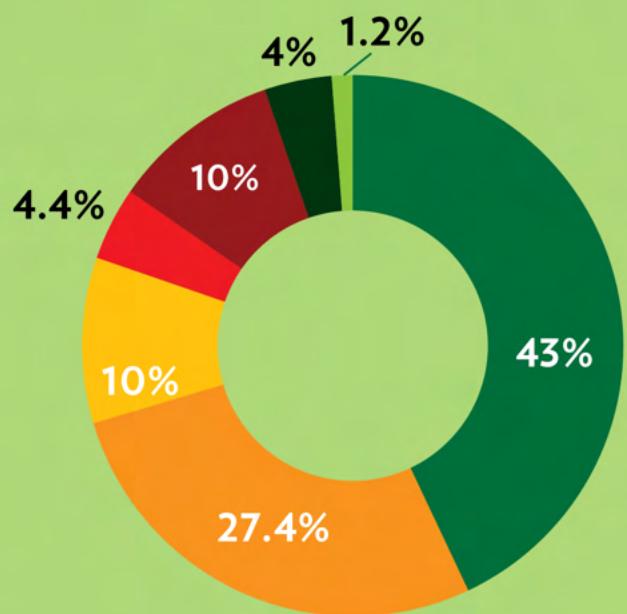
ANNUAL REPORT 2025



INCOME*

TOTAL:\$2,902,801

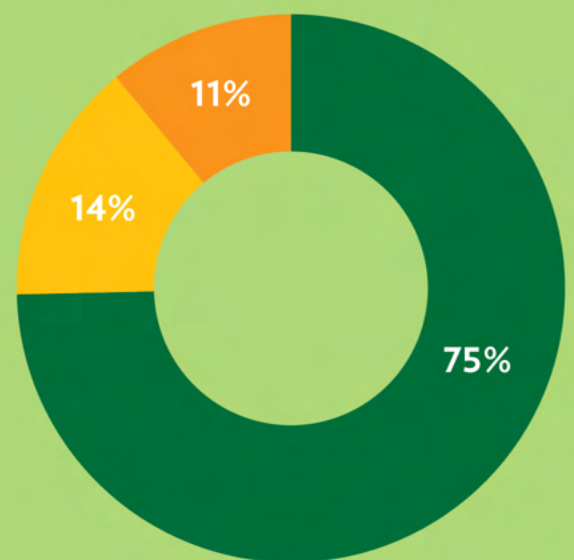
- Individual donors: \$287,301
- Foundation grants: \$1,247,747
- Government grants: \$795,217
- Corporate partnerships: \$126,934
- Earned Revenue: \$293,081
- Operating surplus from prior year: \$116,361
- Other: \$36,160



EXPENSES*

TOTAL:\$2,732,253

- People and program supplies directly accomplishing our mission: \$2,039,791
- Core operations that keep us running effectively: \$391,984
- Funds used to raise more funds, multiplying your impact: \$300,478



*Figures based on un-audited financial statements

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I say it each year because it's true. The ability to grow our own food feels more important than ever. In the face of many challenges and uncertainty, community food growing has remained a constant source of nourishment, resilience, and connection for people throughout Pittsburgh.

I feel more grounded and grateful than ever to be part of this community. Together, we have expanded access to fresh, culturally relevant food, supported neighbors in cultivating their own vibrant green spaces, and strengthened the bonds that make our communities thrive.

Your support has helped ensure that our shared work is sustained by a broad and engaged community that believes in the power of growing food and sharing the benefits of gardening. In fact, last year marked the first time that foundation grants comprised less than half of our annual income. Thanks to all of you who contributed!

Inflation and cuts to food assistance benefits continue to impact families. In fact, food insecurity is higher in our region today than it was during the pandemic. Yet I am optimistic. More people are turning to growing their own food as a way to feed themselves and build resilience. Together we are making a tangible positive difference. We remain committed to meeting the need for accessible fresh food and the resources, knowledge, and space to grow thriving gardens and the next generation of farmers and food producers.

Thank you for being part of this journey—for caring for the earth, for each other, and for helping to create a future where everyone has the opportunity to grow their own food and enjoy the many benefits of gardening.

As I look ahead to 2026 and beyond, Grow Pittsburgh will continue to support our community by providing the tools needed to face the future together and build connections through a shared love of things that grow. I'm pleased to share highlights from our work together in 2025—achievements that you made possible.

With gratitude,

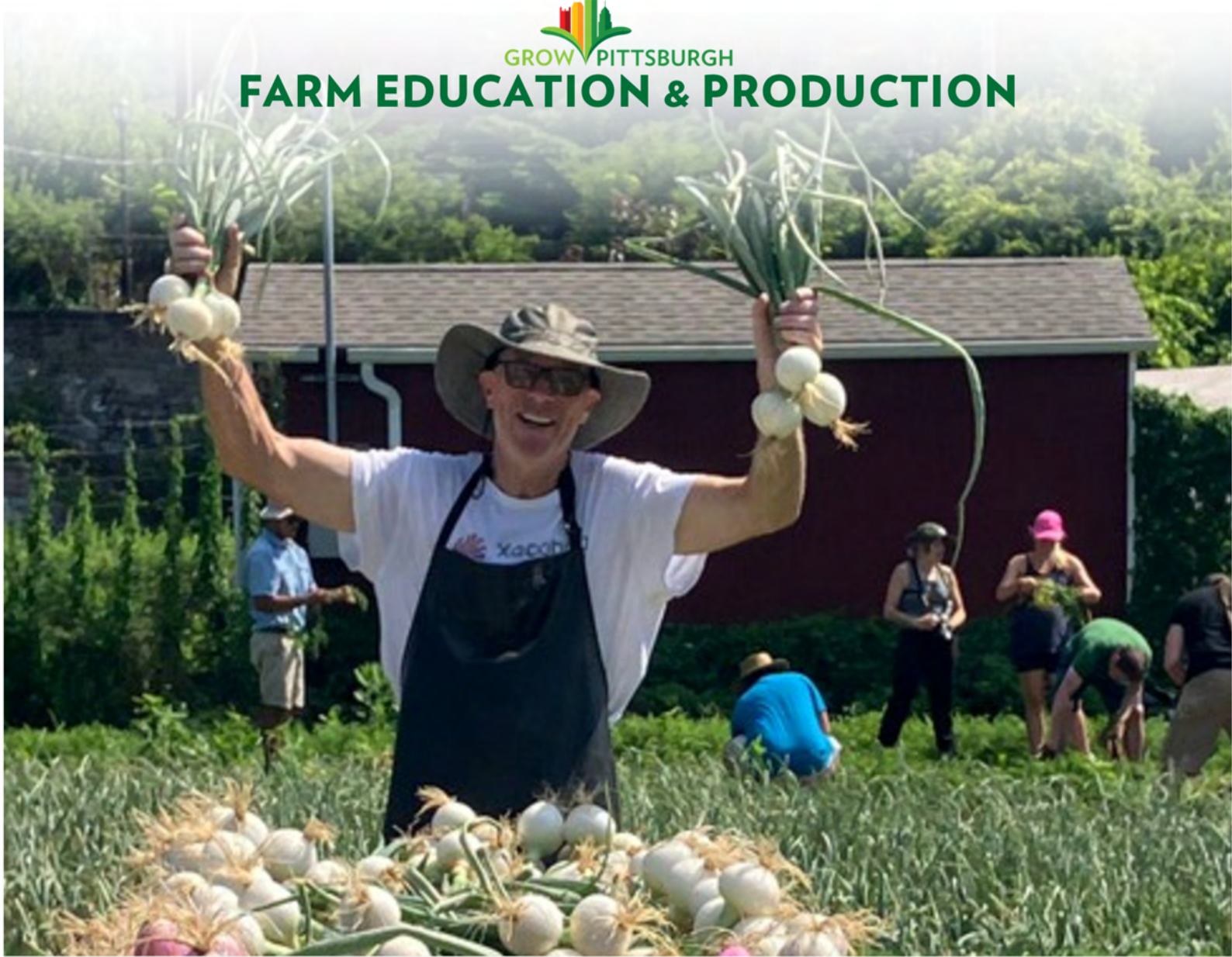
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GROW PITTSBURGH

FARM EDUCATION & PRODUCTION



2025 BY THE NUMBERS

- **24,448** lbs of food grown on our urban farms, serving **6,660** farm stand visitors
- **35,200** seedlings grown and distributed at our Garden Dreams greenhouse in Wilkinsburg
- **19** workshare participants volunteered on our farms
- **19** adult farm apprentices received hands-on training
- **28** high school students participated in our paid workforce development programming
- **662** active Garden Resource Center (GRC) members, including **207** new members



“The Homewood Market is absolutely a lifesaver. You can’t get better fruits and vegetables. I buy everything I need from [the farm stand]: turmeric, kale, watermelon, apples, beets. You name it, they’ve got it. So it’s absolutely a godsend. And we need more of it!”

-George,
Homewood market regular

“When I’m harvesting in the garden, I feel like I’m in a movie on a sunny day. I don’t have [anything] to worry about. I’m just a free agent picking flowers and skipping home to my mom.”

- Sahara,
Wilkinsburg youth program participant

“My experience as a pre-apprentice at Shiloh has been invaluable to my growing experience. In just one season, I feel so much more confident in growing my own food and food for others!”

-Felicity,
pre-apprenticeship participant



“A really incredible resource for Pittsburgh! Sliding scale membership and lovely staff. Tool libraries are what we need for the future. I’m so grateful to be able to use the GRC for our home garden projects.”

-Dan,
Garden Resource Center member

COMMUNITY PROJECTS



2025 BY THE NUMBERS

- **63** community gardens were supported through our Sustainability Fund
- **67,294 lbs** estimated pounds of food grown across all 57 community gardens that Grow Pittsburgh has established or preserved
- Over **12,000** seed packets distributed to **1,800+** community members at free seed swaps
- **7** residents completed comprehensive Community Composter School training and established **6** community-scale composting sites
- **6** gardens received hands-on active programming with our team, including four new gardens built in 2025
- **2** gardens had parcels permanently protected through our partnership with the Allegheny Land Trust



"You allowed us to fill all our beds with seedlings [that became] the food we grew throughout the summer! Our hoop house was full and resulted in over 350 pounds of produce!"

Trevor, Gardens of Millvale



“The first year we came [to the Seed Swap], we started our garden, and now it’s almost an acre. When I was poor, I planted seeds. When I had more, I planted trees. Now we have a massive garden and share with all.”

- Didi,
Seed Swap participant



“This course was so helpful in both the low and high views of composting. We learned a lot about the scientific parts of it, but also the very usable and common sense approaches to compost management. Both were very helpful.”

-Jana,
Community Compost
School participant



School Gardens



2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR BY THE NUMBERS

- **21** school gardens received hands-on active programming with our team
- **4** new school gardens created in 2024-2025
- **100%** of teachers believe gardening enhanced student engagement in class
- **100%** of teachers believe that work in the school garden increased student capacity for teamwork and cooperation
- **100%** of teachers feel that students experienced physical and emotional benefits from being outdoors
- **100%** of teachers believe that children enjoyed trying new foods from the garden



Everyone **LOVES** the garden. One of our teachers uses it for her leadership program with the students. They look forward to working in the garden and helping the younger students plant different types of veggies.

-Teacher at Duquesne Elementary School



Our Pre-K program is training young children to love growing plants and watching them grow.

- Teacher at Weil PreK-5

I had a student who needed strategies to calm himself and he found that working in the garden was a good strategy for him to find peace.

-Teacher at Manchester 3-5

The garden helps get some students to come out of their shells. They enjoy the “non-academic” space and exploring. Students who do not enjoy the activities of recess find peace in the garden during recess times. Many have taken home seeds and produce from the garden and have begun to grow at home.

- Teacher at Schiller 6-8



THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS WHO MAKE THIS WORK POSSIBLE

2025 COMMUNITY PARTNERS -

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, BUSINESSES, AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT HELP SHAPE OUR EFFORTS

Adagio Health
AgRecycle Compost Center
Allegheny County Conservation District
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AmeriCorps/KEYS Service Corps
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Big Burrito
Bird Lab
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Braddock Carnegie Library
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Your gift today is more important than ever. With the federal funding cuts, shifting priorities among foundations, and uncertainties we're facing this year, donations from caring friends like you are the most reliable source of funding to make sure this work can continue.

The growing season is nearly here. And more people than ever are eager to grow food for themselves, their families, and their neighbors. But they need materials, resources, and knowledge to get started.

The good news is you can help with a contribution today.



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