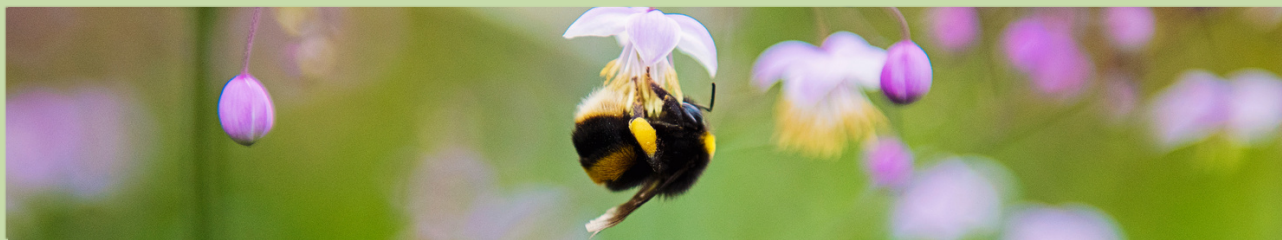




# BEYOND TOXICS ANNUAL REPORT

2020-2021







## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As I reminisce on the twenty years of highlights building an Oregon-centered environmental justice movement, a colorful and vibrant river of memories flow through my mind. There are many moments I want to share with you, our dear supporters, members and community, for without you, Beyond Toxics would not have grown from one staff (me) to eleven diverse and powerful staff in what seems a blink of an eye. These fine people are working on the cutting edge of the change you want to see in climate solutions, protecting water and air quality, giving value to forest ecosystems, saving Oregon's native pollinators for the future of our food systems and, of course, lifting up vulnerable and excluded communities

I experience Beyond Toxics' effective leadership with a sense of gratitude and awe. We are working exactly where you need us at this critical juncture in human history. As we achieve victories in the fight for a healthy environment and a stable climate future, we represent your values every step of the way.

Whether it's our testimony at the state capitol or our community meetings in pollution-burdened neighborhoods, we bring a fresh lens and an unwavering vision of justice to the work. For example, we built a coalition demanding to see climate and equity added to our land use laws, making this a top priority for lawmakers. Out in community, our testimony on what it's like to be the parent of a teenager fighting cancer in West Eugene brought tears to the eyes of seasoned agency staff and helped them commit to real regulatory change based on people, not corporations. I'm grateful that Beyond Toxic is sustained by passionate supporters to build up environmental justice and environmental resilience in our beautiful state.  
Thank you!

Sincerely,

*Lisa Arkin*



We Are OREGONIANS



## THANKS TO OUR PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORTERS

Ben and Jerry's Foundation  
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Oregon Community Foundation  
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Oregon State University  
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United States Energy Foundation  
University of Oregon  
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## OUR COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Beyond Toxics celebrates justice, equity, diversity and inclusion as these factors are essential to supporting healthy people and communities. Beyond Toxics strives to promote participatory leadership with collaborative decision-making processes that benefit underserved and marginalized communities.

We work to dismantle structural and cultural barriers that exclude Black, Indigenous, Native American tribes and communities, People of Color, economically disadvantaged communities, and those who have experienced systemic bias and racism by working to end patterns of historical exclusion that keep them from engaging in decision-making processes.

We welcome discourse on the issues of equity, diversity, and inclusion, and commit to analyzing, understanding and educating ourselves around issues of privilege, including but not limited to racial, cultural, class, ability, gender and geographic disparities.

We commit to creating a safe working environment that supports our diverse staff, Board and volunteers to cultivate more meaningful and equitable experiences. We will:

- Foster a culture of open-mindedness, compassion and inclusiveness.
- Nurture a community whose members have diverse cultures, backgrounds and life experiences.
- Provide opportunities for engagement, education and dialogue related to issues of equity, diversity and inclusion.
- Motivate Board members, staff and volunteers to grow as socially responsible leaders who engage in transformational change.





## MOTIVATED TO MAKE CHANGE

Arjorie did not set out with the intention to be a community organizer. Arjorie did not envision herself on the front lines of the fight for cleaner air in West Eugene. Arjorie was a beautician and hair stylist who just started asking questions after her 13-year old daughter was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Arjorie's daughter, Zion, and her family fought against Hodgkin's Lymphoma with several different medical interventions over the years. What was supposed to be a 5-month treatment stretched to three years of hospitals, chemotherapy, radiation and stem cell harvesting. After this long period of incredible hardship, Zion was declared cancer free in February 2021.

*"Not everyone gets the opportunity to live and walk in their purpose. Joining with the Beyond Toxics team has opened the door for me to be able to help do something about the pollution in West Eugene."*

**- Arjorie Arberry-Baribeault.**

Arjorie's passion and commitment to the wellbeing of her community created the opportunity for her to join the Beyond Toxics team as the West Eugene Community Organizer. Arjorie plays an invaluable role to organize community meetings and support neighbors, help with air quality monitoring projects and provide testimony to local government agencies.



# OUR PROGRAMS



## ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Our community-driven, multiracial movement challenges and uproots systemic, historic causes of environmental injustices. Beyond Toxics is fighting for clean air and water by demanding strong health criteria to protect Oregon's vulnerable communities. Our Clean Air for Vulnerable Communities project combats weak air pollution regulations. Our grassroots organizing highlights community narratives that confirm higher rates of heart ailments, lung disease, asthma attacks, cancer and an overall reduction in life expectancy. Our Toxics Right To Know campaign provides accurate information needed to improve laws and regulations to reduce and eliminate pollution emitted into air, water and waste streams.

## CLIMATE JUSTICE

We activate innovative policies at the nexus of forestry and climate to center equity and spearhead public involvement at every level. Working through our local Lane Climate Equity and Resilience Task Force project, Beyond Toxics and the NAACP Eugene/Springfield engage rural and BIPOC residents in climate issues. The Task Force is endorsed by the county government to ensure that climate actions approved by the County's Board of Commissioners are equitable and provide protections and benefits to communities of color and working class families. At the state level, our leadership on the Oregon Climate Action Plan advances statewide climate policies to achieve carbon sequestration in Oregon's forests, wetlands, agricultural and coastal lands.



## PESTICIDE REFORM

Beyond Toxics is leading a movement to transition beyond harmful synthetic pesticides. We work with impacted communities to win local and statewide advocacy campaigns to protect human and environmental health. Our Non Toxic Oregon project helps protect schools, parks and other public spaces and underscores our vision that people have the right to be safe from pesticide exposure known to cause cancer, learning disabilities and other health problems. Our Statewide Pesticide Policy campaign combats the use of agricultural and landscaping chemicals like chlorpyrifos, 2,4-D, neonicotinoids and clopyralid that place undue risk on farmworkers, children and consumers. For example, our 2020 advocacy campaign led to a chlorpyrifos phase-out, making Oregon 4th in the nation to do so.

## HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS

We are working with forestry communities to build a regenerative economy that supports biodiversity, climate resilience and thriving soils capable of growing healthy and resilient forests. Our Resilient Forestry project provides leadership linking forest protections with climate mitigation. As a result, we've won major reforms of Oregon's forest practices. Our approach is to uplift core values of climate and watershed protection, environmental justice and rural community health. Our Pollinator Health and Food Security projects closely intertwine the health and vitality of pollinators with regenerative farming practices, pesticide reductions and bee habitat protections.







## THE NEATEST SUMMER FUN IN TOWN

Jennifer Eisele (left) and Krystal Abrams (right) are staff in Beyond Toxic's Regenerative Ecosystems programs. Last summer they used their incredible knowledge of the natural world to help create an outdoor summer camp for local BIPOC pre-teens: Nature Exploration Adventure Teams (NEAT) Camp. Working with our partners at the UO Museum of Cultural and Natural History,\* Jennifer and Krystal put together exciting, culturally sensitive, and environmentally relevant activities to keep youth highly engaged for a series of camps focusing on nature and environmental justice.

*"You never know if a scientific foray into nature may inspire a middle-schooler to pursue a future course of study in the sciences, environmental conservation or the humanities."*

– **Jennifer Eisele**

Activities at NEAT Camp ranged from making bee boxes to help pollinators to venturing to a local waterway with mesh nets to count aquatic invertebrates. A special presentation from Brenda Brainard, an elder and Indigenous Storyteller from the Coquille Tribe, demonstrated how native plants are used for traditional basket-weaving.

All of the NEAT Camp participants were from BIPOC and/or lower income households, and they lived in places where there are few public parks. A hike through the beautifully preserved Hendricks Park near the University of Oregon elicited comments like, "We don't have places like this where I live." Another excursion to Alton Baker Park was an opportunity for the children to learn about the thriving black community that used to live in the area before families were relocated.

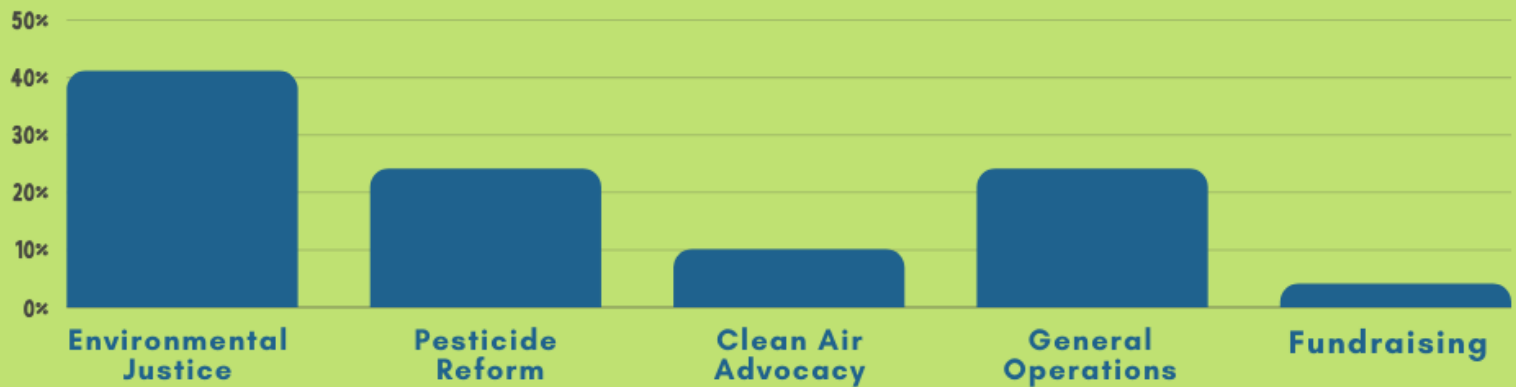
A year of being isolated at home throughout the pandemic created the challenge of getting these middle school students to open up and engage with their peers and mentors in a new setting. It turned into a rewarding experience for all. After this initial year of NEAT Camp, Beyond Toxics is looking forward to creating another exciting and engaging experience for BIPOC middle-schoolers next summer.

\*The NEAT camps and the partnership with the UO MNCH were made possible by a grant from the Gray Family Foundation Youth Leadership for the Environment.

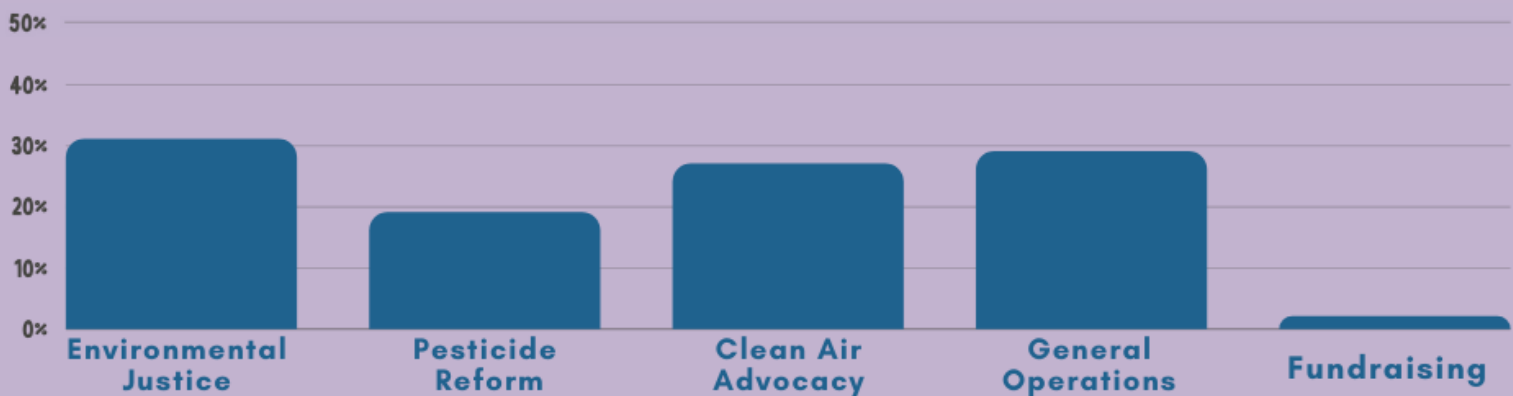




# 2020 & 2021 FINANCIAL REPORTS

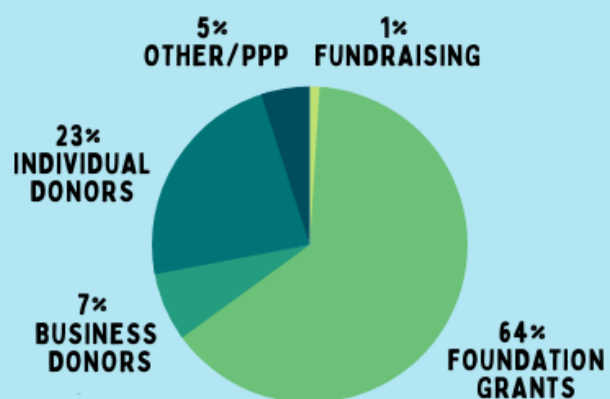


**2020 EXPENSES: \$515,611 USD**

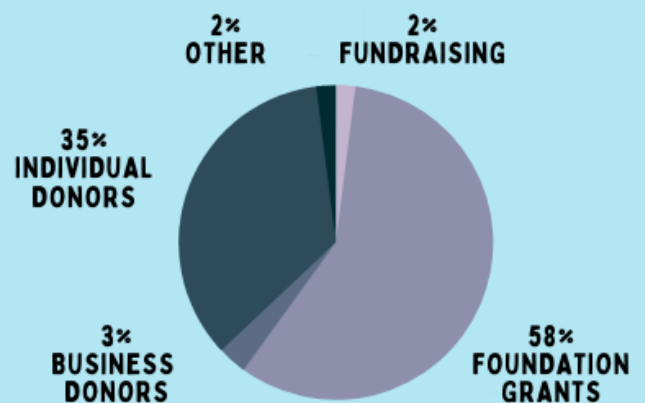


**2021 EXPENSES: \$601,571 USD**

## 2020 REVENUE



## 2021 REVENUE







## WAYS TO LEAVE A LEGACY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

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We truly value your support! Here are a few suggestions about how to leave a lasting impact on environmental protections and justice in Oregon!

### **DEPENDABLE DONATIONS**

Monthly donations are the most efficient and dependable way to support a better future!

### **IRA DISTRIBUTIONS**

To avoid tax consequences, please consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution donation directly from your IRA (for those 70 ½ years plus).

### **DONATIONS OF STOCK**

We accept donations of commonly held, publicly traded stocks. You can donate stock by electronic or certificate transfer. By sharing your stocks with others, you are helping confront climate change, toxics and harm to our air and water.

### **MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGNS**

Please consider being one of those generous donors who launches a matching gift campaign to encourage others to also give.

CALL OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT  
**541-543-2465**  
TO DISCUSS MORE WAYS TO SUPPORT!



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## OUR VISION

**We envision a society where everyone has equitable access to healthy food, clean air and water, and underserved communities are included in decision making processes that affect them. Together, we move beyond the damaging environmental practices of the past and collectively work to support and maintain ecological resilience and balance.**

*Learn more about our work at [www.beyondtoxics.org](http://www.beyondtoxics.org)*