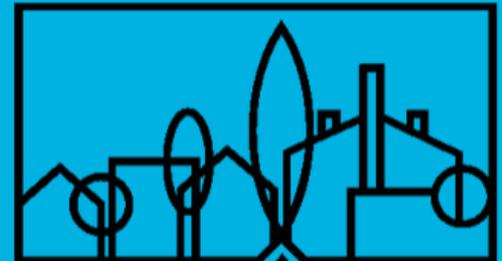


# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



**DELRI**  
**NEIGHBORHOODS**  
**DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

# MISSION

**INTEGRATING**

**ART**

**NATURE &**

**NEIGHBORHOOD**

**TO BUILD AND SUSTAIN A DYNAMIC DELRIDGE**

# PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

DNDA collaborates with local creatives and organizers to develop projects that engage young and diverse communities. Many of these programs are held at DNDA's historic Youngstown Cultural Arts Center, which houses an alternative high school, nonprofit offices, affordable rental facilities, and 36 live-work spaces for low-income artists of all disciplines. DNDA also support integrative art programming through our EcoArts Program, Arts in Nature Festival, and within our Restorative Justice and Summer Youth programs.

ART

DNDA is committed to restoring, preserving, and protecting our natural habitat by developing community stewards. Our Urban Forest Restoration Program engages volunteers to work at 11 parks in West Seattle, and through our Delridge Wetland Park we work to expand local permaculture and access to affordable healthy food, while providing a teaching garden for youth environmental science lessons.

NATURE

DNDA provides affordable housing for local artists and low-income families at 7 properties in the Delridge corridor. All of our housing options are less expensive than for-profit buildings so that families with lower incomes can always live in Delridge.

NEIGHBORHOOD





"We really appreciate the work that YCAC does and feel very lucky to have you in our neighborhood, and were pleased that we could offer our support through rental. Also - wanted to let you know that about half of our guests remarked that they had been to an event at YCAC and they enjoyed these events as well."

- Youngstown Renter



# 2018 in ART

**45,000** Youngstown visitors

**34** Art events

**84** Recording sessions with youth

**25** Film shoots & screenings

**109** Performances & rehearsals

**57** Nonprofits rented space

**2,223** Hours of space donated to Youngstown community

**\$100,170** Amount of public benefit generated by Youngstown

**580** Youth served by EcoArts

**1,900** Arts in Nature Festival goers

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Top left - Angelina Villalobos live painting at the Arts in Nature Festival

Bottom left - Art activity at Youngstown during For Charleena

(next page) Top right - Yeggy Michael's exhibition in the Promenade Gallery at Youngstown

Middle right - EcoArts spring camp with youth at Camp Long

Bottom right - Total Experience Gospel Choir at the Arts in Nature Festival



## Youngstown Cultural Arts Center

Youngstown Cultural Arts Center is an inclusive and contemporary multi-arts hub in the Delridge Neighborhood of Southwest Seattle that incubates the arts, art-makers, and organizations. Programming at Youngstown serves our multicultural, inter-generational communities in order to engage in civic dialogue and meaningful community transformation.

A school for 80 years, and a cultural arts center for the past 12 years, Youngstown has been at the heart of the neighborhood, and a symbol of community, education and the power of art for generations. Today, Youngstown Cultural Arts Center is a vibrant community focused on the arts, youth and creative collaboration.

## EcoArts

Our year-round EcoArts environmental and art education program, provides artistic, cultural and environmental programming in SW Seattle. EcoArts programming includes summer and school break camps, and after-school classes. EcoArts is a unique model for arts-based environmental education; classes take place both indoors and outdoors in the forest. Lessons are inspired by, made from, and created in nature. Our curriculum is designed to increase students' artistic skill, advance environmental awareness, foster positive identity, and increase social competence. EcoArts helps youth explore and connect their natural environment, their creativity, and their peers.

## Arts in Nature Festival

The Arts in Nature Festival is a celebration of the arts and the amazing diversity of our community. As DNDA's signature event for our Nature Consortium programs, the festival offers the community an engaging arts and performance experience in the woods of Seattle's only campground, Camp Long. The festival features four intimate performance stages, art installations contained in 8 rustic cabins, and hands-on art and nature activities, designed for children and adults alike. Since the first Arts in Nature Festival in 1998, the event has become a community favorite that attracts attendance from all across Seattle.



# Looking Back on Fusion Spring Nature Camp 2018

Screaming and laughing as loud as they could, the children from DNDA and SHA's High Point subsidized public housing spent a week running through Camp Long, exploring Seattle's only urban campground. The kids that participated in DNDA's Fusion Spring Nature Camp spent the whole week outdoors.

This Fusion Spring Nature Camp aims to bring DNDA and SHA residents into nature for a week and to show them their creative potential through art. From April 9-13, the kids were taught a variety of arts from DNDA Restoration Program's teaching artists as well as from our wonderful partners at Camp Long. With nearly all their time spend outside, the kids ran through the forest and got dirty in the mud and water, completely immersed in nature.

Painting and sketching were present nearly every day. Kids imagined animals and created backstories for them, drawing out their creations such as "sloth cat" and "spider cat". They painted leaves and pine cones, and then stamped them into their sketchbooks, creating colorful and original natural paintings. Carving potatoes to create stamps was one of the kids' favorite activities. They were taught the basics of photography and spent an afternoon on a scavenger hunt, practicing taking photos with different angles, lighting, and perspectives while racing to finish the hunt before the other kids. Camp Long instructors taught educational courses and took the kids rock climbing and dancing. With time to explore their personal interests including soccer, badminton, and jump-rope, the kids were never short of exciting activities to do in nature.



"It was wonderful. Our kids enjoyed it. Every time they came home, they shared what they learned about nature and the camp. It's a great experience for the kids to learn about nature... I hope to have the same program over the summer,"

- Abrehet Semerab, mother of three camp participants



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Top - Youth doing investigative work during EcoArts Spring Camp  
Bottom - Participatory artmaking with youth during the Spring Camp



## Delridge Wetland Park

The Delridge Wetland, located on 23rd Ave SW and SW Findlay St, is a project spearheaded by DNDA to protect, restore, preserve and expand the existing wetland to improve water quality in Longfellow Creek, meanwhile developing the space as a public park for all to enjoy. Beside wetland restoration, other plans for the park include the creation of an urban garden, community orchard, as well as developing the space as an outdoor classroom for local students and the community to learn hands-on environmental science and wetland stewardship.



# 2018 in NATURE

- 105** Restoration events
- 2,158** Restoration volunteers
- 828** Youth volunteers
- 8,405** Volunteer hours
- 5,044** Native plants installed
- 1.5** Acres cleared of invasive species
- 3** New parks expanded
- 78** Community partners
- 6** Community trainings
- 1,132** Number of student volunteers

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Top - Restoration work at the Pigeon Point site  
Bottom - Restoration work at the College Street Ravine site

# What's new at the Delridge Wetland?

Our project is now the catalyst for investment in our local area's green stormwater infrastructure, with a commitment from SDOT to construct a Safe Routes to School project in the right-of-way along 23rd Avenue SW and the Delridge Wetland Park. In the design, SDOT will construct a series of connected bioswales which were begun in 2017, starting along SW Juneau Street and continuing along 23rd Ave SW for two blocks to the wetland. In 2018, our project has grown to incorporate perspectives from our community in the design and planting of the bioswales. Students at Louisa Boren K-8 STEM school, working with DNDA staff, Outdoor Classroom Design, and Dirt Corps, took the lead in planting the Juneau bioswale. Additionally, as part of the spring Project Based Learning Night, the students created clay models of the Longfellow Creek watershed, on 3 different scales: 1. the wetland site, 2. the interconnected neighborhood around K-8 STEM and the wetland, and, 3. the entire Longfellow Creek watershed.

We also completely revegetated the wetlands. DNDA, working with Gaynor, Inc., identified a plant mix of native species to restore native habitat and to increase biodiversity at the wetland site. Over 1,550 plants were installed at the wetland, over a period of two months, with six work-parties held in all. Students at K-8 STEM helped with the plantings, having their very own planting work-party in March. Community members completed the majority of the planting, with five dedicated work-parties during March, April, and May. The final plantings were installed by a mix of DNDA staff and Dirt Corps. Additionally, volunteers completed sheet-mulching of the entire wetland, extinguishing invasive plants and laying the foundation for revegetating the wetlands.



"Thank you for supporting our school! Your community partnership makes it possible for students to apply skills, work in their communities, and experience hands-on learning. We look forward to working with you again next fall."

- K-8 STEM Teacher at Louisa Boren



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Top - Project design with students from K-8 STEM School  
Bottom - Planting session with students from K-8 STEM School

In the fall, we successfully engaged seven classes from Louisa Boren K-8 STEM School over grades 3-5 with wetland educational programming. We hosted 21 separate class visits to the wetland and made 13 visits to the school totaling close to 1,900 contact hours with 131 students. The seven teachers involved are committed to working with us through the rest of the year culminating in projects to be shared at the STEM K-8 Project Based Learning Night in May 2019. Fall programming has focused on science-wetland ecology and plant adaptations. Students have helped build experimental planters illustrating wetland plant adaptations to saturated soil, developed planting plans of their own and helped place over 500 native plants in the ground. We have also established 13 test plots to monitor the success of our planting efforts.

We hired Gaynor Inc. to lead the design and construction work, and are contracting with Outdoor Classroom Design to provide curriculum development and classroom services to Louisa Boren K-8 STEM School for the 2018-2019 school year. Current environmental science curriculum is already underway. Gaynor Inc. is currently completing wetland restoration, overseeing all construction activities, including permitting, Parks Proview, and coordination with City of Seattle Departments. Gaynor Inc. developed the 60% plans for the project, and permitting is underway. The 60% plans cover topographic and boundary survey, TESC and demotion plans, site work plans (grading, site improvements, bioswale, weir, wetland enhancement, crushed rock trail, sidewalk and paving, bridge, site furnishing, raised bed, shed, trellis and shelter), drainage pipe replacement, planting, and irrigation. DNDA and Gaynor Inc. signed a contract to work with SDOT and SPU to finalize plans for construction of bioswales along 23rd SW that will provide connections between the Park and K-8 STEM. SPU has agreed to maintain green stormwater infrastructure, and to maintain inflow culvert under 23rd SW that connects the neighborhood ditch system to wetland. Gaynor Inc worked on Phase 2 construction documentation and providing planning and coordination for the design of Phase 2B.

Top - Project clay model produced by students from Project Based Learning Night

Middle - 4th Grade Wetland ethnobotany activity

Bottom - Restoration and planting session at the Delridge Wetland



# DNDA Restoration Program Growth in 2018

We kicked off 2018 by hosting over 260 volunteers at our forest restoration events during the month of January. This well-attended month set the tone for a successful year of restoring local parks throughout Delridge.

This year, our program expanded our engagement with local public schools. We increased the number of in-classroom presentations completed by our staff, and the amount of classroom visits to our restoration sites. These local schools include West Seattle High, West Seattle Elementary, Lafayette Elementary, Louisa Boren STEM, Pathfinder K8, Chief Sealth High, and Roxhill Elementary.

To end the year, we hosted our annual Green Seattle Day volunteer event. We had another great experience holding it at Camp Long for the second year, with a great group of volunteers putting in a day of planting. In just a few hours, volunteers installed over 1,300 native trees and shrubs in the Camp Long forest. Events like these greatly contributed to restoring the health of the urban forests in our neighborhood.



"My kindergarten students LOVED the EcoArts project of building fairy houses. This was the perfect project for them and the next weekend a huge number of them had gone to parks or in their own yards to build more fairy houses. I loved that they were so excited about spending time in nature."

— Teacher of participating classroom



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Top - Restoration volunteer on Earth Day

Bottom - Restoration work at the Delridge and Myrtle Site

# 2018 in NEIGHBORHOOD

**7** Affordable housing properties

**144** Affordable housing units

**378** Community members participated in our Let's Talk Race Series

**13** Race Series youth leaders

**20** Race Series partner organizations

**21** Ethnic/cultural groups represented by Race Series participants

**510** Youth served by our Summer Youth Program

**12** SYP classes offered



"The thing that stood out with us is that you guys didn't just tell us you were concerned and you worried about us, you actually showed us. When you're homeless and searching for housing, you get people who will tell you they're concerned, but they never show you, you know, and that you guys' main concern was to make sure we were okay, and we, you know, got that stability, and you showed us by doing what you had to do to help us get housing, and you made sure you kept in contact, made sure we were okay. The communication and everything was great."

- DNDA Low-Income Resident



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Top - DNDA's community investment - Croft Place Townhomes

Bottom - Participant gathering at Camp Long for Nurturing the Environment and Food Access, one of the eight Let's Talk Race Series events

# SHA Summer Youth Program

From early July to late August, DNDA hosted the annual Summer Youth Program (SYP) at High Point and NewHolly. SYP is a DNDA neighborhood-based program that provides underserved youth access to various summer activities inaccessible to families residing in underserved communities. The program provides youth access to over 15 art, recreational, and nature-based activities that include (but are not limited to) rock-climbing, painting, cooking, team soccer, and cinematography.

Our work this year set out to ensure youth continue to enjoy access to the same number of varying activities as years past. Over 15 activities were provided each week at nearby parks, community centers, and recreational spaces. The support of parents has been instrumental to bringing in new faces into the program. Alongside continuing with past activities, DNDA introduced new types of programming into the summer curriculum. Every Friday DNDA coordinated with Seattle Department of Transportation to close off a section of 31st Ave SW and SW Morgan St. to organize the program's first-ever "Play Street." Each Friday brought over 100 youth and family members for street art, summer BBQ's, biking, and childhood street games. Furthermore, NewHolly boys and girls competed in an exhibition match against a youth team under Companion Athletics – Seattle.

Most of the youth were involved, and the soccer program was their first time participating in team practices and learning the game from a prominent coach in the community. The August 29 match culminated 10 weeks of hard work as youth had an opportunity to wear official team jerseys, lace-up their boots, and proudly represent their neighborhood in an official exhibition match against a competitive local club team.



"Being part of City Wide Athletics Tournament program, which was funded by DNDA-Nature Consortium really molded me to be a competitor. I don't think twice about playing with the boys, because now I know what's it like to have that type of push in my life. I have built thick skin. Basketball has taught me discipline. Without the funding some of my aspirations wouldn't have flourished into reality, and the beginning fulfillment of my dreams."

- New Holly Summer Youth Participant



Top - Youth participating in rock-climbing at Camp Long  
Bottom - Youth relaxing in the hot tub after a swimming class

# First Annual One Love Soccer Tournament

On Sunday, December 2nd, DNDA, in partnership with Athletic Director Curtis Wells and Smilow Rainier Vista Boys & Girls Club, successfully hosted its first annual One Love Youth Soccer Tournament, a co-ed neighborhood competition for youth participating in DNDA's High Point and NewHolly Summer and Fall programs. The early morning tournament brought over 125 youth (ages 6-13) representing NewHolly, High Point, Rainier Vista, as well as Somali Health Board Youth Soccer Team, to the Smilow Rainier Vista Boys & Girls Club for a series of matches with the enthusiastic support of near 60 family members in attendance. One Love Youth Soccer Tournament signifies a tremendous amount of growth since the last tournament exhibitions between High Point and NewHolly in 2017 and NewHolly and Somali Health Board Youth Soccer in August 2018.

Starting in the summer and continuing into the fall season, players spent numerous hours in weekly practices learning the rules of the game, sharpening their skills in supervised scrimmages and drills, and developing a sense of camaraderie and team identity. While the objective of each successive practice was to provide youth an opportunity to grow as players, the overarching mission was to facilitate an experience and environment that provided youth an opportunity to develop new friendships, deepen existing bonds, and create lasting memories as a community throughout the summer and fall.



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Top, Middle, and Bottom: Youth participating in the One Love Tournament



# Let's Talk Race Series

Our 8-event Let's Talk Race Series was highlighted by the City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods. With support from the Neighborhood Matching Fund, the Let's Talk Race Series included 8 interactive workshops on a variety of topics relevant to our community. From migration to restorative justice, these workshops gave community members an opportunity to learn and grow together in order to create a stronger, more unified Delridge.

Here's what the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods had to say:

For 30 years our Neighborhood Matching Fund (NMF) has been providing financial support and resources to help make our communities stronger and more connected. In that time, we have funded more than 5,000 projects across the City of Seattle, including neighborhood improvement projects, community organizing efforts, cultural events, public art, workshops, and so much more.

Now and then, a project comes along that really gets to the heart of the NMF program and highlights what communities can accomplish when they come together around common goals. The Let's Talk Race Series produced by Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association (DNDA) is one such project. The series, which concluded last month, provided eight interactive workshops focused on challenging institutional racism and fostering a culture of belonging in the Delridge neighborhood. Through film, dialogue, storytelling, and restorative justice, the series tackled specific topics relevant to the Delridge community. Immigration, food access, housing, criminal justice, education, and other issues were all examined to illuminate how they relate to race and the daily lives of people in the neighborhood.

"This was an amazing experience for me. I could feel my growth during the process and it was really cool to have a product at the end that I was so proud of. One of the best things about this facilitation process was the fact that I was given endless support by my adult co-facilitators and by Nafasi. At the same time, I was given so much room to grow and learn and lead on my own. I really valued the space that was made for my opinions and voice. It was also really awesome to get to learn about the topic and then share back to my community in a way that I feel like really made a difference. I think this project is having such an amazing impact on the community: it is bringing us together, providing a space to look closely at subjects that are often shied away from, facilitating healing. For me this workshop gave me a greater sense of community and a new way to examine my whiteness."

- Sonja Lerner, Youth Facilitator



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Top - Participants at 13th and U.S. Policies  
Bottom - Discussions at Restorative Justice and Healing

DNDA wasn't interested in just hosting passive workshops. They were looking to engage Delridge's incredibly diverse community as active participants in this work. Each event allowed individuals to participate in interactive activities, have group discussions, learn engagement skills, practice healing, access resources, and push themselves to become leaders and changemakers in their community. DNDA also emphasized youth involvement throughout the process – even engaging young people to lead some of the discussions. This provided youth from the neighborhood an opportunity to amplify their voices and get involved in issues they cared about.

"I was given so much room to grow and learn and lead on my own," said youth facilitator Sonja Learner. "I think this project is having an amazing impact on the community: it is bringing us together, providing a space to look closely at subjects that are often shied away from, and facilitating healing."

Seattle Department of Neighborhoods is proud to support projects like this – projects that engage a community in working towards an inclusive and shared vision of their future. Funds from the NMF program made it possible for DNDA to present the series as free and open to the public and add services like childcare that worked to eliminate barriers to participation.

"By hosting free workshops as part of this series, we were able to eliminate any financial burdens that would otherwise have prevented people from attending," said Nafasi Ferrell. "The Neighborhood Matching Fund allowed us to create a comfortable space for participants, complete with food and refreshments, as well as to widely publicize these free events to encourage greater community engagement."



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Top - Youth Facilitators during Understanding Islam

Middle - Participation during American Housing and Economics

Bottom - Self-reflection activity during Migration and the World

# Restorative Justice Program

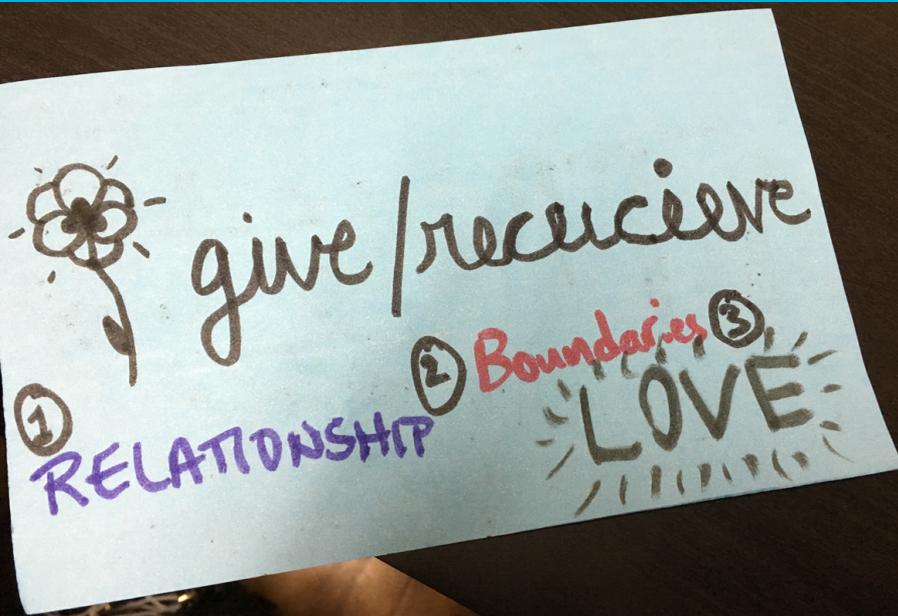
With the support from King County-Best Starts for Kids initiative and Seattle Foundation's Resiliency Fund, DNDA launched the Restorative Justice Program in 2018 at Interagency Academy, both Beacon and Roxhill sites. In the first year of the program, we were able to start customized programming at 2 of their 12 sites in Seattle. Our Circle Keepers and Credible Messengers do ongoing work with students and teachers during the school year, helping them to work through conflict, learn to respect one another's views, opinions, and express themselves openly and freely.

Our work with students and teachers during the school day has rippling effects into student's lives and throughout the community. When our students leave school, our students will be able to use the skills they learn during circles to resolve conflicts. We believe conflict resolution in the school day contributes to positive school climate, improve attendance, and decrease disciplinary actions.

Moving forward into 2019, one of our goals is the increase the number of students who attend 70% or more of the time so they can reach their academic goals. We plan to identify common barriers and use systems of best practice (evaluating attendance data reports, tracking students individually, educating families on factors related to attendance, completing Student Attendance Agreements, offering monthly truancy workshops, and conducting home visits) to connect students to necessary resources to increase attendance and break this cycle. Additionally, we will continue building our repertoire of restorative practices, including peacemaking circles, restorative conferences, and looking into how other types of circles (like affinity) could help us address culture issues (examples - representation, bias, racism, sexism, teaming, core values and beliefs, and best teaching practices).



"I have learned that in circles you can speak up, talk about whatever you want and you won't feel bad. The circles have impacted me because I feel more comfortable with talking." - Interagency Student



Top - Participant offerings before a peacemaking circle session  
Bottom - Participant described what a peacemaking circle is about

# Looking Forward

We hosted a strategic planning session in November to evaluate current organizational processes and to identify opportunities to grow. We will continue and build upon board and staff training in equity, diversity, and inclusion, with specific focus on strengthening DNDA as an anti-racist organization, in addition expanding our understanding and inclusion of other marginalized communities including LGBTQIA communities, women, youth, the elderly, and others.

We at DNDA continue aligning ourselves with like-minded partners to support, and to help mobilize neighborhood action, specifically in areas that are mission aligned for DNDA. We envision these including:

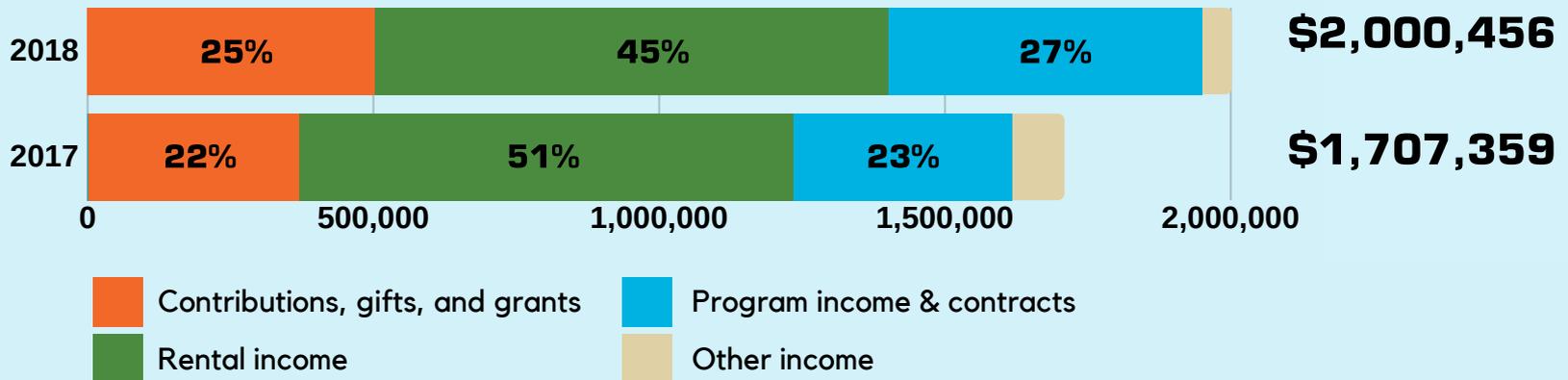
- Affordable housing development in the Delridge corridor and beyond, not as the “solution”, but as one answer to the increasing gentrification and displacement facing our region,
- Protecting urban green spaces while mobilizing a new more diverse contingent of environmental stewards, and
- Eliminating obstacles to equity for students, i.e. working to eliminate the school to prison pipeline.

We are already involved in this work, and strive to manage, sustain and grow our current programming, strategically, while increasing our partnerships to leverage results and increase youth led solutions to some of these current dilemmas. We are in the process of building a partnership with Sound Transit as they plan light rail expansion and associated transit-oriented development in Delridge. We are expanding our Restoration and Wetlands projects, bringing diverse youth and community members into local greenspaces to learn about the importance of stewardship of our resources. We will continue our restorative justice program, working directly with Interagency and Seattle Public Schools, to alleviate students’ trauma. In order to remain a relevant community organization, we need to remain true to our founding roots, and amplify the voices of historically marginalized groups in Southwest Seattle.

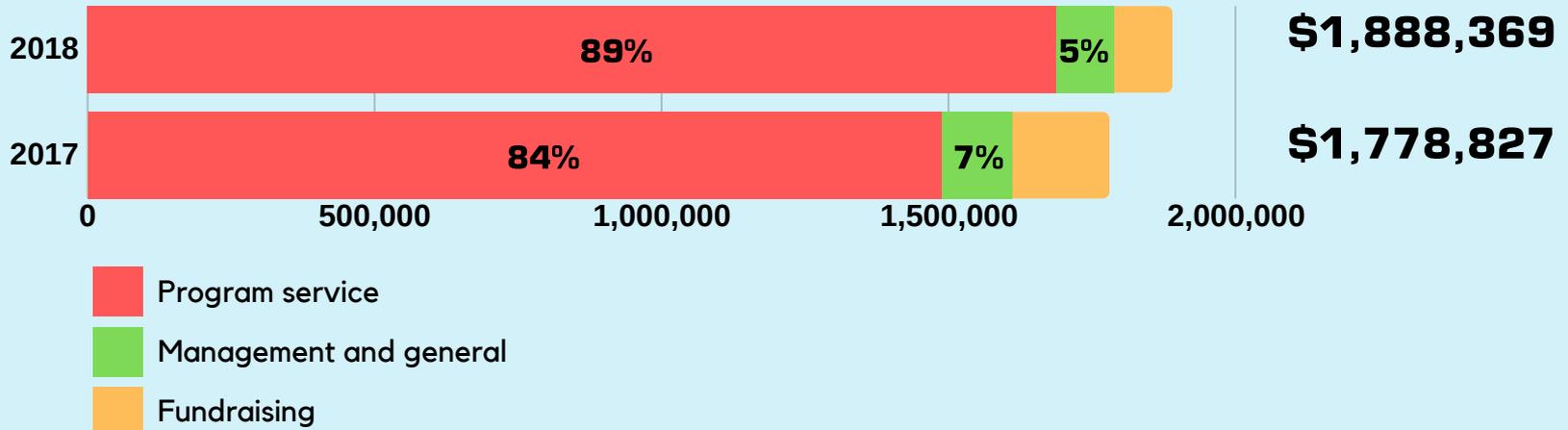


# FINANCIALS

## INCOME



## EXPENSES



# CORPORATE AND NONPROFIT SUPPORTERS

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# A statement from David Bestock, DNDA Executive Director

2018 was another year of growth for DNDA, as we expanded our work further into our communities.

Building on our Cultural Events Series from 2017, we ran our Let's Talk Race Series in 2018, hosting 8 compelling community events centering issues of race in context with various aspects of our lives and society – education, criminal justice, religion, and more. The series finished with a Restorative Justice and Healing event, a perfect culmination to the series, and one that propelled us into our new Restorative Justice program. In the Fall of 2018, we launched this new effort in partnership with Interagency Academy, an alternative program of Seattle Public Schools, and support from King County. We helped train school staff and teachers around issues of equity and peacemaking circle practice, and we brought together a team to launch our new in-school program, enhancing Interagency's circle practices, and bringing new arts engagement to students at two of Interagency's sites.

This program has continued and grown, and is an example of DNDA's adaptive programming, building on our history of swinging our resources to where our communities tell us they are needed most. In this case, working to give voice and strength to some of our region's most disenfranchised young people.

Meanwhile, our Youngstown Cultural Arts Center is as bustling as ever, and it is a joy connecting with partners and program providers who fill our space with creativity and collaboration. Through DNDA's programming, and that of our tenants and partners and renters, we are cultivating a safe and bold space for connection, self-expression and performance.

In 2018, we also saw the expansion of our Summer Youth Program, in partnership with Seattle Housing Authority, where we work with hundreds of kids at SHA's High Point and NewHolly Communities. Classes include sports, arts, cooking, sewing, and more. We also closed off a street at High Point every Friday through the summer to throw weekly block parties for youth and families, which were a hit. And we held our first annual One Love Soccer Tournament at Rainier Vista, bringing four different communities together for friendly competition and family fun. It was a great success, and our Summer Youth Program and partnerships continues to grow and thrive.

Our Urban Forest Restoration Program was also a bloom in 2018, as we engaged volunteers of all ages to continue caretaking one of our region's most valuable resources, our urban greenspaces. With the help of over 2,000 volunteers, we improved 18 sites at 11 parks throughout West Seattle. It's awesome to revisit some of these sites each year and see how our work is improving both the health and accessibility of these parks.

Work continues at our Delridge Wetland Park, at 23rd SW and SW Findlay, where we work with a few hundred 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders each year restoring the natural wetland at this former City Light substation. We lead applied science lessons for students from the K-8 STEM school a block away, and work with teachers to connect lessons to their classroom curricula. The park is really taking shape, come by for a visit!

While our programs and organization grew in 2018, we did bid farewell to Willard Brown who retired from DNDA after an amazing 7 years on the board and over 3 years on staff. Willard will be missed here, but remains super active in the neighborhood, and our team continues to build on his incredible work. Big thanks to Willard for his years of leadership and community activism!

More than ever, I continue to be amazed, impressed, and humbled by the staff, board, and community of supporters at DNDA who hold central our mission and goals. The work of fostering a thriving neighborhood requires patience, persistence, and humility, and we are honored to do this work alongside you, our community. Here's to more great things in the year to come!

With gratitude,

David Bestock



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