

# YEAR IN REVIEW 2022-23



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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For the past 21 years, ArtsBusXpress has been enriching student learning one field trip at a time, with or without the bus. We raise funds to cover or reduce the cost of field trips for K-12 students attending under-resourced San Diego County public and charter schools. ABX is the only nonprofit in the region that provides this kind of funding directly to classroom teachers.

During 22-23, we connected nearly 13,000 students from Lakeside to Oceanside – San Diego to San Ysidro, La Mesa, Vista, Sweetwater, and South Bay – to zoos, theaters, museums, and science and environmental centers all across San Diego County!

As a former elementary school teacher, I can share that the informal learning that students experience on field trips is critical to supporting and extending classroom instruction. But don't just take my word for it – listen to what Lucille, a 2nd grader from La Mesa Dale Elementary School told us after a recent trip to the San Diego Zoo:

**"I love going to the zoo because I get to really see the animals instead of just a picture!"**

ABX creates equal access by removing financial barriers to field trip learning. Did you know that the cost of transportation can run from \$350 to \$700 for a single school bus? This prohibits so many teachers from arranging field trips that connect youth to incredible cultural resources offered in our community.

San Diego County educates over 500,000 K-12 students. Over 200,000 attend Title I schools in neighborhoods with scarcer resources. ArtsBusXpress believes that ALL students should have access to and benefit from the hundreds of informal learning opportunities on offer in San Diego.

Thank you,

*Julia McMeans*

2022-23

# YEAR IN NUMBERS

12,791

The number of students  
ABX connected to field trips!

97/24

The number of schools  
and districts impacted  
by ABX funding!

171

The number of buses employed!

36

The number of venues students visited!

6,296

The number of students  
who went on a field trip  
for the first time!

\$124,524

The number of dollars  
awarded to teachers all across  
San Diego County for field trips!



# FINANCIALS

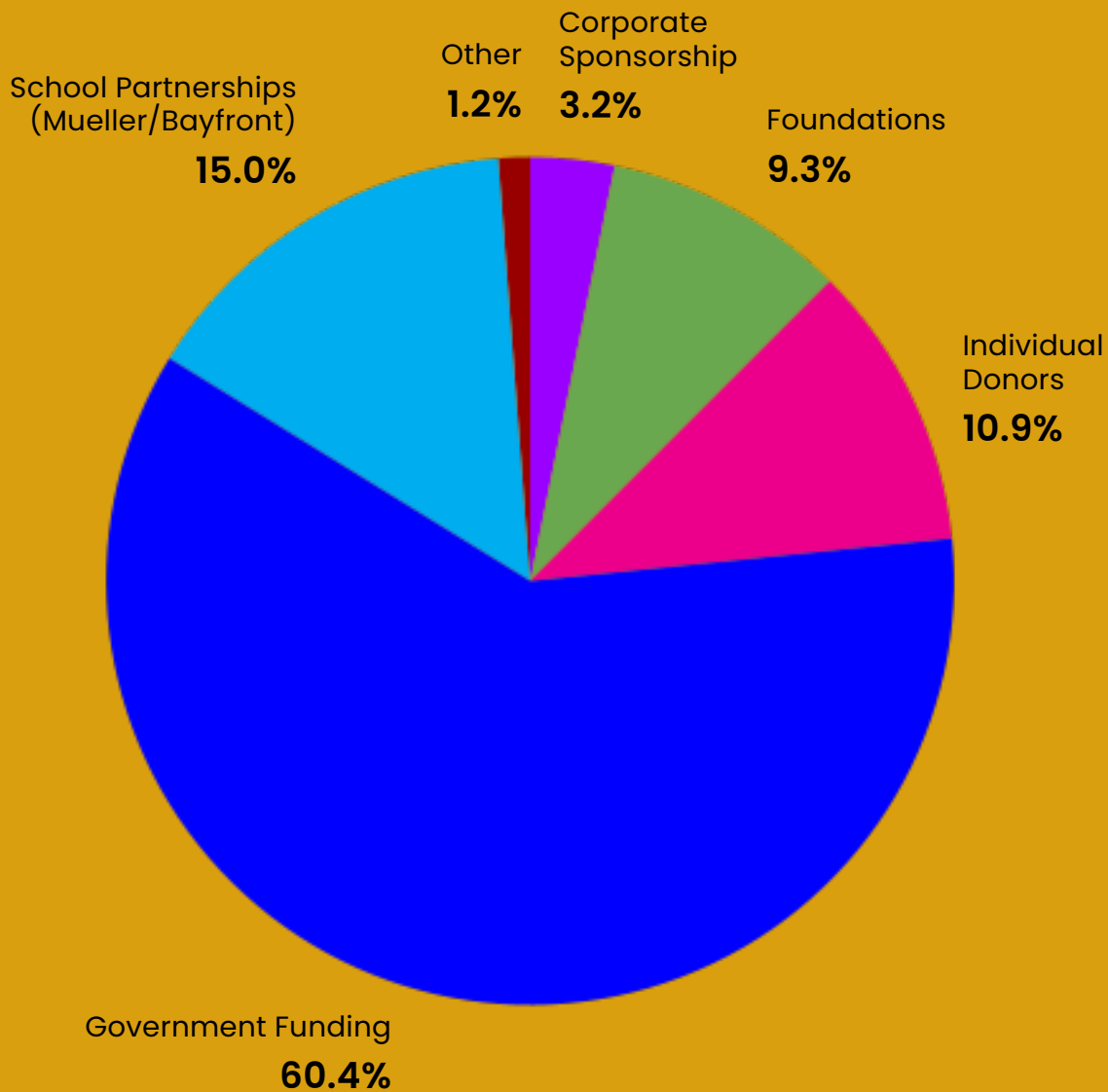
	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Income - Fundraising</b>	\$54,950	\$85,129	\$168,144	\$265,545
<b>Operational Expenses</b>	\$19,405	\$20,685	\$61,423	\$277,791
<b>Field Trip Funding</b>	\$38,000	\$48,883	\$84,388	\$124,524

\*Bank Rollover for 2023 - \$103,233





# INCOME



**"This is the best day of my life!"**

- Second Grader from La Mesa Dale Elementary School on a visit to the San Diego Zoo



# WHAT'S NEW AT ABX!

## WELCOME ABX NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

**Michelle Gilmore**  
ABX Board President

**AJ Steinberg**  
ABX Vice President

**Leslie Yu**  
ABX Board Director

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

ABX would like to thank **Mr. Ted Pena**, former board president, who worked tirelessly as a volunteer on behalf of the organization for many years. Ted's energy, creativity, and passion were pivotal in growing the organization and shepherding it through the rough waters of the pandemic!

## ABX NEW WEBSITE

ABX has a beautiful new website, and it is thanks to **Kathleen Lynagh**, Principal at **IcIt Designs**. Kathleen donated her time and talents to help us develop a much-needed new site that provides a more visually pleasant and streamlined experience for our teachers and other visitors.



## CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP DECK

ABX has a new corporate sponsorship deck to help us grow our donor base so we may help more students!

[Check it out here!](#)

## DONOR SPOTLIGHT!

Thanks to the generosity of the Linda Brandes Foundation, ABX and the Institute of Contemporary Arts (ICA) have been able to offer a free or very low-cost immersive art experience for students in San Diego County.

To date, over 1,000 K-5th grade students have participated in the *Explore & Make* program where students get to visit the museum, tour the current exhibition, then create an art project of their own to take home.



*Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.*



# ABX TEAM

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## ABX STAFF

### **Julia McMeans**

Executive Director

### **Patty Womack**

Program Administrator

### **Jennifer Cooluris**

ABX Accountant

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### **Jeri Denniston**

ABX Co-Founder

### **Ted Pena**

ABX Former Board President

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