



 **CHARLES ALLIS
ART MUSEUM**
Annual Report
2025

Overview

“ *We are not only preserving this historic home, we are reimagining what it can be.* ”



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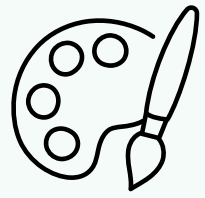
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Our Priorities



01 Equitable Access to Art

- Uplifting underserved and underrepresented artists
- Arts@1801 program: field trips, in-classroom artist talks, and exhibitions
- Exhibitions and Artist in Residence programs focus on local voices



02 Community Partnerships

- Working with neighbors and creative communities throughout Milwaukee
- Community art exhibition, *Human Condition*
- Quarterly Gallery Night MKE
- Creative economy round table with state and local arts organizations
- Partnerships, resource and knowledge sharing, exposure to new audiences



03 Gathering Place

- Provide opportunities for gathering
- Free admission to exhibition openings and community events
- Participation in Museums for All and provide low or no-cost programs
- Corporate sponsorships and grant funding for offer free or discounted admission

2025 Financial Report

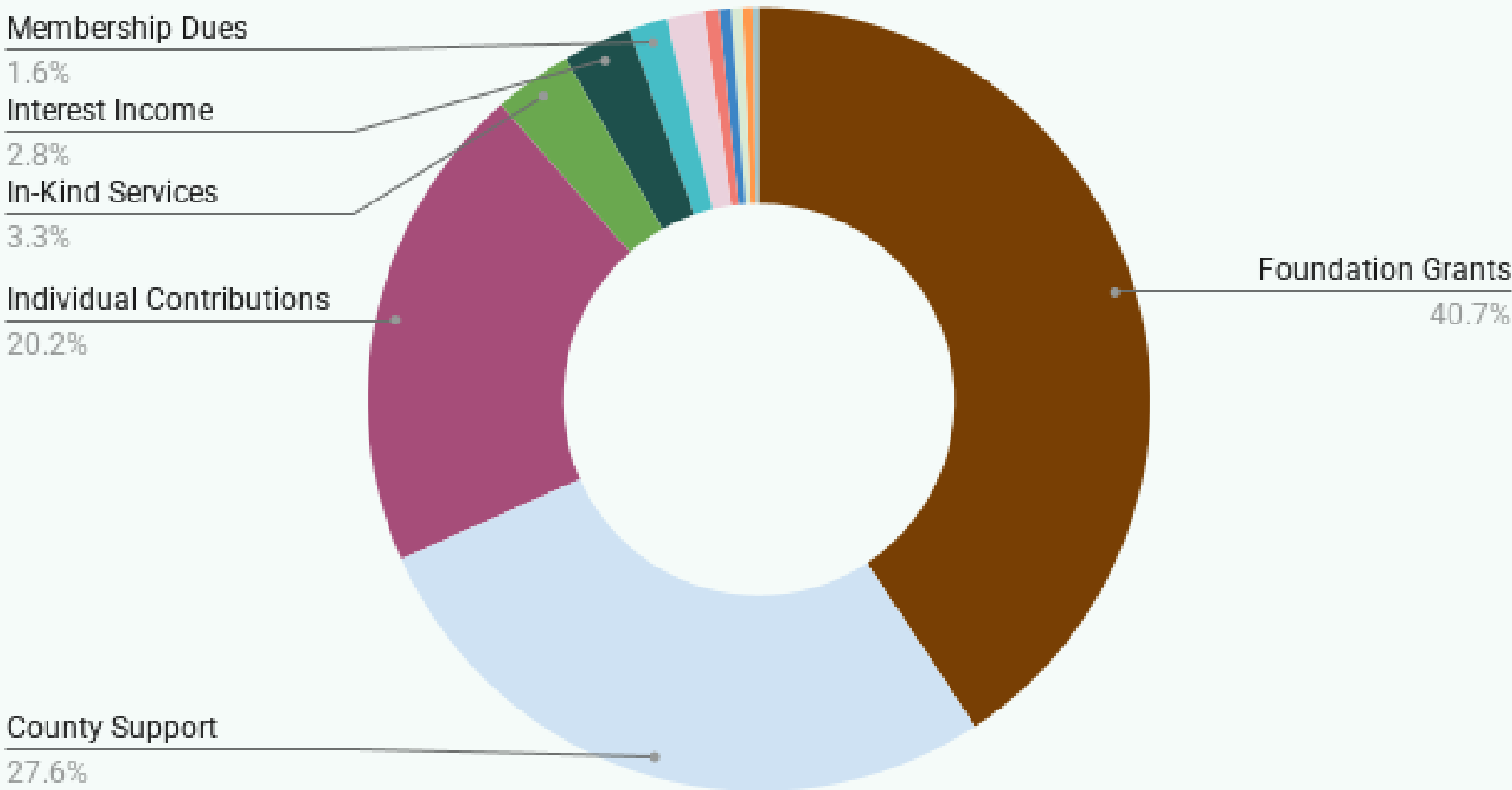


Highlights

- Met \$100,000 county benchmark
- Major gift from David & Julia Uihlein
- Net operating profit of \$24,566
- Decrease in earned income areas: admissions, rental income, and beverage sales
- Increase in earned income toward the end of the year

Major Gifts

Milwaukee County
David & Julia Uihlein
Herzfeld Foundation
Bader Philanthropies



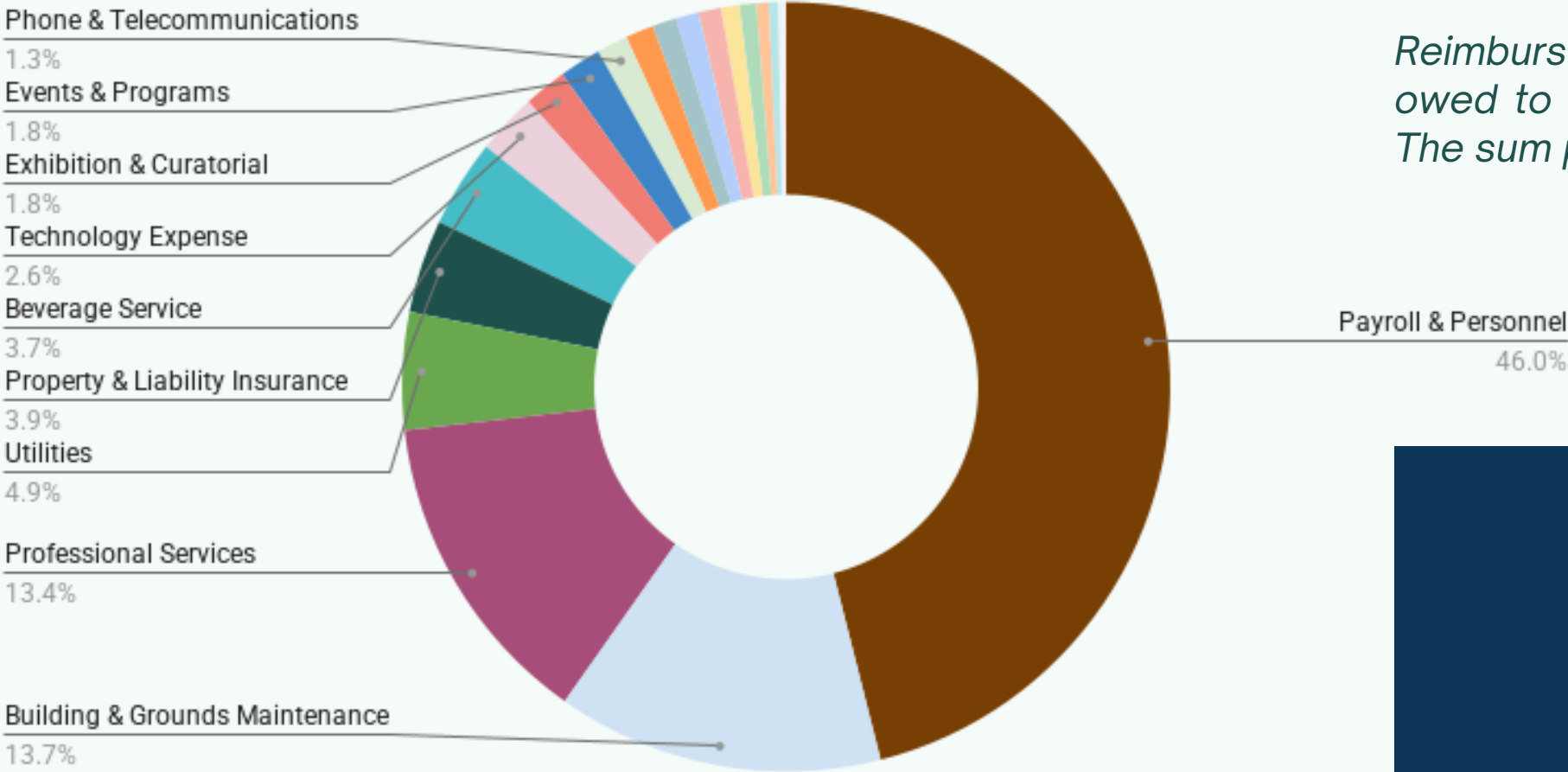
Income by Category

Foundation Grants	\$165,856 40.8%
County Support	\$112,554 27.6%
Individual Contributions	\$82,341 20.3%
In-Kind Services	\$13,275 3.3%
Interest Income	\$11,522 2.8%
Membership Dues	\$6,425 1.6%
Museum Admissions	\$6,335 1.6%
Uncategorized Income	\$2,455 0.6%
Museum Store Sales	\$2,072 0.5%
Rentals	\$1,850 0.5%
Beverage Sales	\$1,726 0.4%
Program Admissions	\$1,066 0.3%

2025 Financial Report



Expenses



2025 Villa Terrace Museum & Gardens payout: **\$230,096**

Reimbursement payouts included credits and refunded pre-payments owed to the Villa after the organizations' separation at the end of 2024. The sum paid to the Villa is not reflected in the operating reports above.

Top Expenses by Category

Payroll & Personnel	\$175,797 43.3%
Building & Grounds Maintenance	\$52,461 12.9%
Professional Services	\$51,215 12.6%
Utilities	\$18,850 4.6%
Property & Liability Insurance	\$14,957 3.7%
Beverage Service	\$14,074 3.5%
Technology	\$9,756 2.4%
Exhibition & Curatorial	\$6,917 1.7%
Events & Programs	\$6,724 1.6%
Phone & Telecommunications	\$5,003 1.2%
Artist Honorarium	\$4,492 1.1%

Membership & Attendance

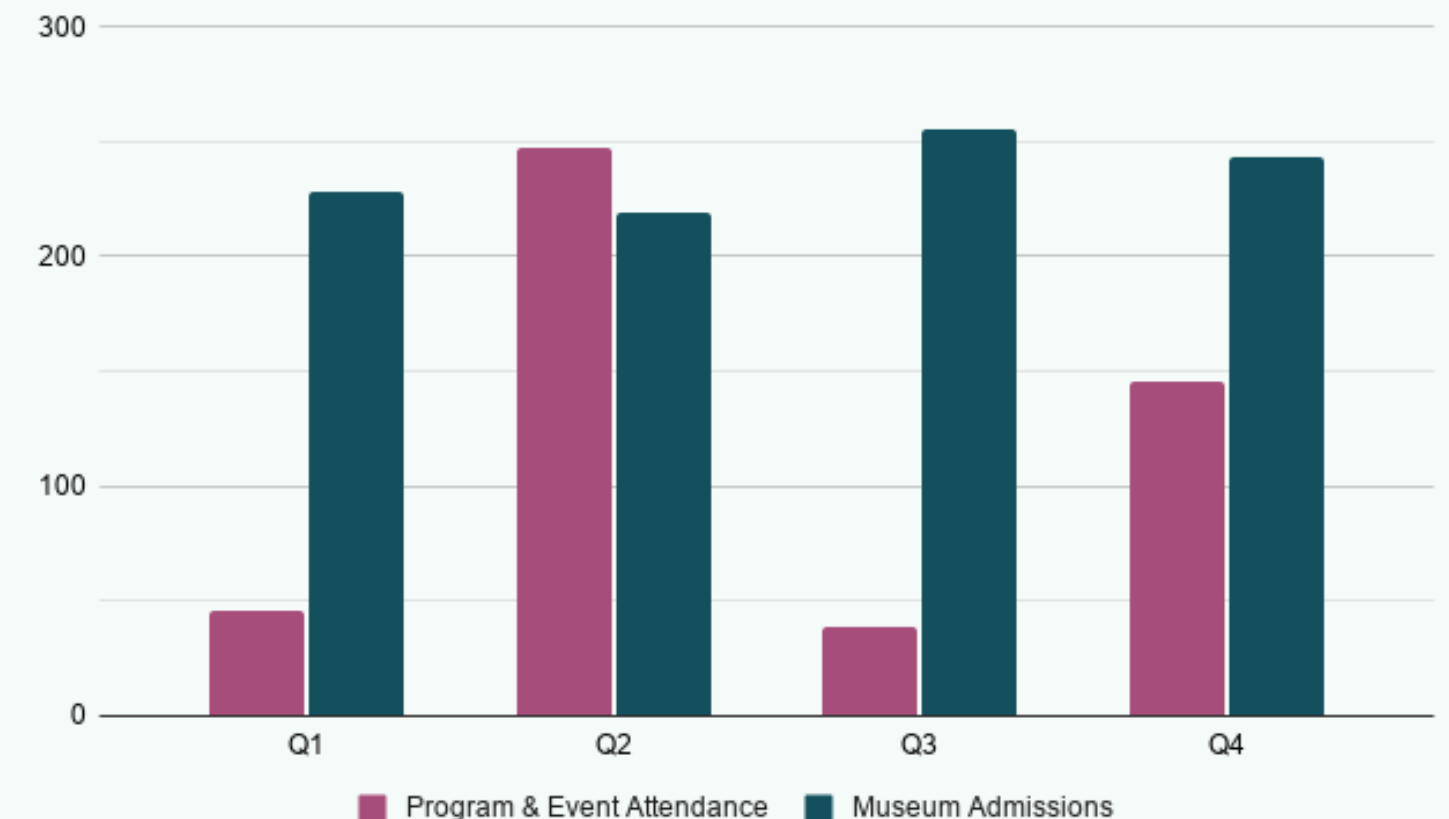


Highlights

- Total of 1,500 individuals served
- 73 active museum members
- Steady visitation all year: 945 visitors
- Program and event attendance: 477
- Engagement peaks for *Spring Into the Allis* concert and *Bird Body* exhibition
- Gallery Night MKE and Doors Open MKE welcomed 100s of visitors
- Arts@1801 outreach program served over 100 individuals



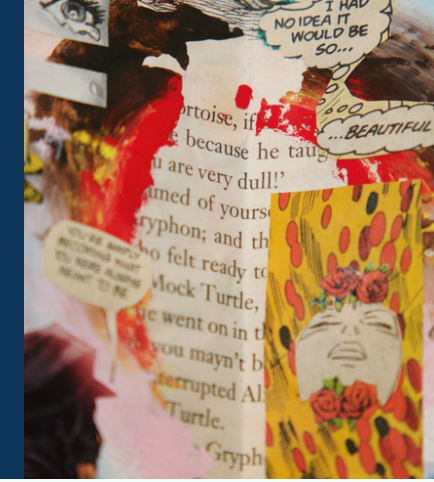
Programs & Admission Stats



Exhibitions

Highlights

- Active exhibitions calendar all year
- 5 new exhibitions in 2025
- Conclusion of 3 exhibitions from 2024
- Focus on local artists
- Wide variety of mediums and themes represented
- Offer platform to up-and-coming Milwaukee artists



BIRD BODY

April 24 - September 25, 2025
Artist in Residence Hattie Grimm

- 20 wooden paintings and sculptures
- Inspiration from the migratory wisdom of birds
- Explored instincts, emotions, and physical sensations



Exhibitions Concluding in 2025

left with your memories

August 29, 2024 - February 23, 2025

Artist in Resident Tracy Keller Nickolaus

Talk Back Chapter Two: Collection

August 29, 2024 - February 16, 2025

Christina West & Meg Lionel Murphy

Everyday Elegance: Finding Beauty in the Ordinary

December 19, 2024 - April 24, 2025

Community Exhibition

Arts@1801 Student Showcase

June 13 - July 19, 2025

Rufus King High School Students

- Bader Philanthropies grant-funded program
- Serves Milwaukee-area students
- Connects students to local artists, curators, and gallery practices
- Workshops, artist talks, museum visits, and exhibition opportunities
- In the classroom and at the Charles Allis Art Museum



Exhibitions



Human Condition: A Study of the Body

September 4 - December 11, 2025
Community Exhibition

- Themes of resilience, vulnerability, memory, and transformation
- Eight artists respond to and represent the human body
- Featuring watercolor, pastel, acrylic, screen printing, and cut paper
- Artists: Myriam Baudin, Kasia Drake-Hames, Ellie Garry, Cynthia Hayes, Francisco Ramirez, Anja Notanja Sieger, and J.M. Wood

Waves and Wings: Masterpieces in Motion

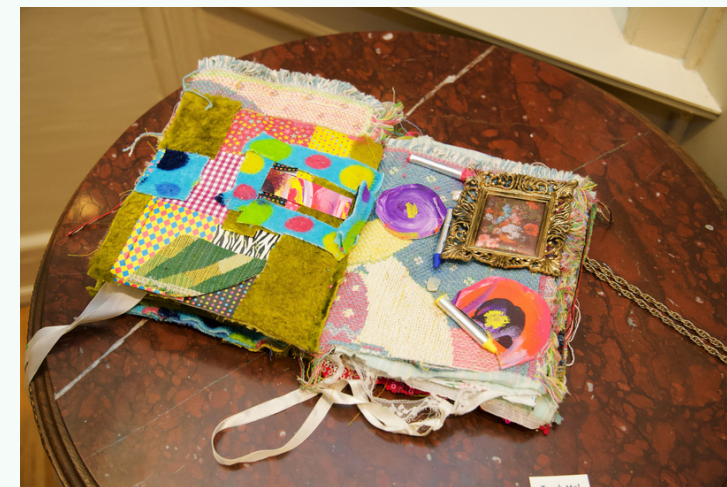
April 24 - September 25, 2025
Charles Allis Art Museum Permanent Collection

- Bird imagery from the Allis collection
- Featuring Wisconsin-based artist Bruno Ertz
- Inspiration from the Great Lakes
- Coastal scenes by Winslow Homer
- Hover, rest, and take in the Ambiance of The Allis

Bated Breath: Neglected Possessions

October 30, 2025 - February 28, 2026
Leah Schlageter, Sea Green, and Catherine Martin

- Exploring uncertainty, destruction, and liberation
- Multi-media and found object art
- Creation of art and beauty in unexpected places with discarded objects



Public Programs



Highlights

- Exhibition openings, concerts, and workshops
- Hired Public Programs staff in October 2025
- Expansion of programs and events late in the year
- BIRD BODY workshops and programs
- Doors Open MKE in the Fall
- Quarterly Gallery Night MKE
- Spring Into the Allis
- Lectures & Libations
- A Holiday Evening at the Allis
- Arts@1801



Arts@1801 Feature

- 75+ Milwaukee-area students served
- 5 field trips
- 8 artist talks
- 1 exhibition opportunity
- Partnerships with Rufus King High School, St. Marcus Lutheran, and Starns Discovery

Thank you!

To our donors, members, sponsors, staff,
volunteers, board members, and visitors!

We are looking forward to building momentum in
2026!



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