

FY 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

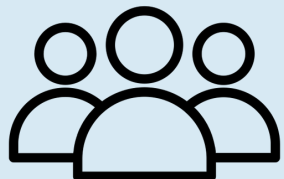
IN 2024...



88 total donors gave an average donation of \$38



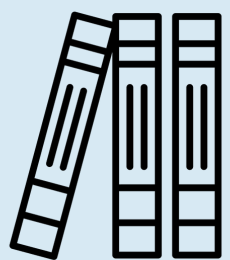
237 Antelope ROAMS deliveries were made to 1,565 readers



5,248 people visited the bookmobile

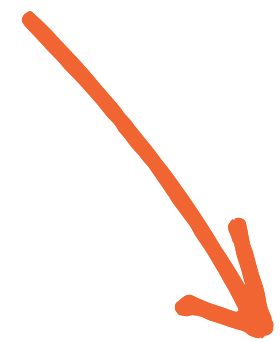


2,176 snacks were distributed through the Free Snack Program

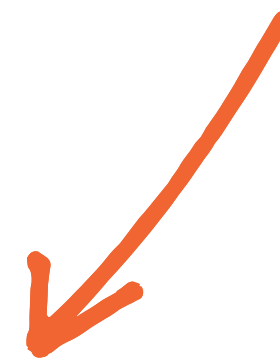


1,523 books were distributed through lobby libraries

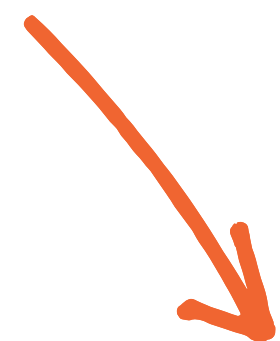
GRANTS
\$57,103



CONTRACTS
\$25,254

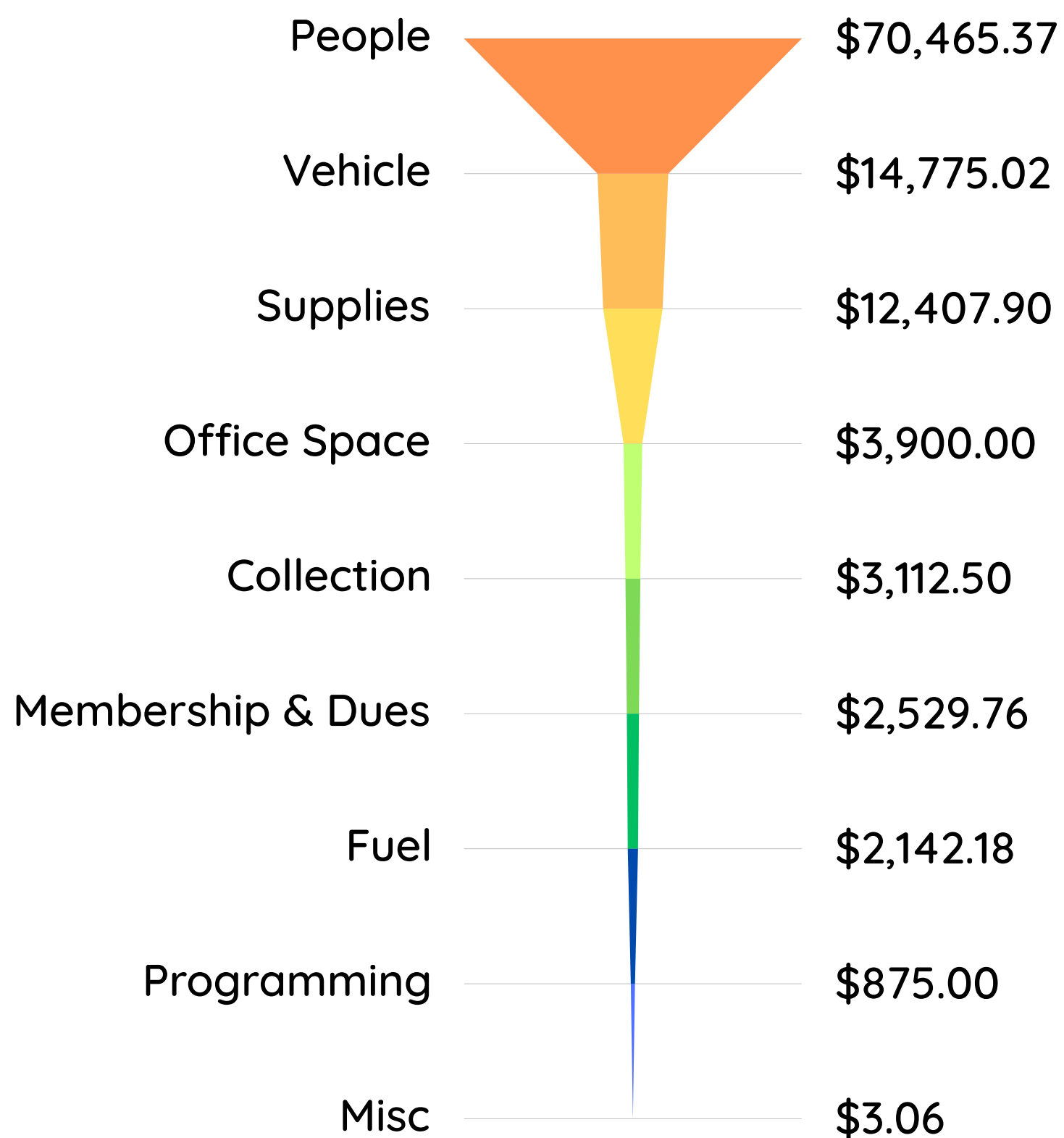


DONATIONS
\$20,904



FUNDRAISING
\$15,254

2024 EXPENSES



A LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDER:



In 2024, we continued to see the importance of coming together as friends, neighbors, and community members to support each other. Two of our team - Assistant Director Alexis Kurth and myself - became **Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians** through a rigorous, 32-hour training program supported by the State of Iowa. This certification allows us to increase the impact of our work connecting families with safe car seats for their children and educate the community at large about how to keep children safe. This effort was inspired by Alexis seeing a need in our neighborhoods for this type of support, then doing the work to help meet that need. Neighbors helping neighbors!

Our **Lobby Libraries** - collections of free books inside local businesses and social services buildings - are another way that we support community connection and well-being. It's an easy, no pressure way to share books and information without the pressure of showing up at a specific time, signing up for a library account, or needing to return materials at a later date.

We are so lucky to live in a UNESCO City of Literature where books are plentiful and reading is valued and we are proud to support this culture of literature with our work.

In December, we once again participated in the **Iowa City Toy Redistribution Project**, collecting and redistributing quality used toys in our community around the winter holidays. We love supporting this project because everyone in the community is invited to participate - there is no proof of need required to come select donated items - helping break down the stigma of gifting reused items and inviting all to participate in both giving and receiving.

While we are not a political organization, we see how **current politics are negatively affecting our friends and neighbors**. With increased anxiety around immigration policies, including threats of increased deportations, we have moved our weekly English Class online to prioritize the safety of our students while still offering support and connection. We are also reviewing our own library policies, procedures, and programs to ensure that we are doing our part to protect our most vulnerable community members from undue hardship.

As book banning continues and hate speech has become normalized both online and in person, we know that finding support within our communities is a strong way forward into 2025. **We deeply appreciate each and every one of you** who have visited, volunteered, donated, and helped spread the word about our work.

Thank you for coming together as part of the Antelope Lending Library community.

In community,
Cassi Elton, MLIS
Antelope Lending Library Director

DONATE IN 2025

- \$100** snacks for 10 neighborhood visits
- \$50** funds 1 week of English Class
- \$25** maintains 1 Lobby Library per month

