



2021

GRATITUDE
REPORT



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African American
Museum

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FROM THE BOARD CHAIR & PRESIDENT & CEO

GROWING OUR REACH, CHANGING LIVES

NAAM continues to thrive thanks to all of you – our growing community of supporters in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. We are grateful! As we all continue to navigate challenging times, there is no better expression for NAAM's determination to grow in 2022 than the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s that, "We must accept finite disappointment but never lose infinite hope."

We are full of hope and joy thanks to you and your unbending support this past year. In 2021, NAAM experienced energized expansion in key areas. The 2021 Unity Benefit, which brought light to African Americans in the arts, soared past all previous goals thanks to over 340 donors who collectively raised \$785,000. Over 146,000 people have experienced our landmark programs, including our multi-day MLK60 Commemoration this past November which celebrated Dr. King's only visit to Seattle 60 years ago. We were honored to bring Martin Luther King, III to Seattle for this hybrid once in a lifetime happening.

Technology has also allowed us to reach so many. Due to the push and pull of the pandemic, we have all come to rely heavily on cyber space, especially since NAAM's physical space remains closed. Thanks to a growing group of supporters who have helped us by supporting our expanding technology needs, we have been able to touch the lives of so many. There is no better example than NAAM's Knowledge is Power efforts and our Virtual Storytelling series which impacts over 10,000 people.

NAAM remained full of hope with big plans for 2022. We are charting a course forward to reimagine our physical space, with health and safety at the forefront. We will also continue to offer online programs which reflect the the community's desire for more content from our region, across the US and around the world.

With all of this in mind, NAAM is passionately committed to being a cutting-edge museum for all. We are excited and steadfast to continue to shine the light on Black art, culture, and history for everyone. We look forward to sharing more details about our 2022 programs. In the meantime, we invite you to join for the first time and stretch out our collective arms to welcome you back this year.

Sincerely,

LaNesha DeBardelaben
President & CEO

Debbie Bird
Chair, Board of Directors

YEAR OF EXCELLENCE

CALENDAR OF 2021 PROGRAMS



Jan

- Annual King Day featuring Dr. Eddie Glaude, Jr. "Stick with Love" Theme

Feb

- *The New Negro: The Life of Alain Locke* book talk with Dr. Jeffrey Stewart in partnership with Elliott Bay
- "First 30 Days: Black Futures on Black History" in partnership with Black Lives Matter Seattle King County
- Washington State Historical Society partnership program on Jacob Lawrence
- *That They Lived* book talk with Rochelle Riley

Jul

- Virtual Summer Youth Writing Camp in partnership with the Hugo House
- *Afrominimalist Guide to Living with Less* book talk featuring Christine Platt with Ijeoma Oluo in partnership with Elliott Bay
- Arts & Minds in partnership with Frye Museum

Aug

- Freedom Weekend, including Knowledge is Power at JazzED and Clean Greens Farms & Market
- Descendants Series: An Evening with the great grandson of W.E.B. DuBois, Arthur McFarlane II in partnership with NAACP

RESILIENCE



Mar

- "It Takes A Village: COVID Vaccines" Think Big series on COVID in partnership with the Pacific Science Center
- "A Night at The Opera: Celebrating Black Voices" in partnership with Seattle Opera
- Virtual Descendants Series featuring great granddaughter of Madam CJ Walker - A'lelia Bundles

Apr

- The Sky's the Limit: Tuskegee Airmen event in partnership with Comcast
- Virtual It Takes a Village Program featuring nationally renowned keynote Dr. Cornel West

May

- Virtual Annual Malcolm X Day Program featuring Ilyasah Shabazz, daughter of Malcolm X

June

- Juneteenth Week: Interactive Storytime in partnership with Rave Foundation
- *On Juneteenth* book talk featuring Annette Gordon Reed in partnership with Town Hall
- Blk Freedom Collective National Virtual Juneteenth Program
- *The Second: Race and Guns in a Fatally Unequal America* book talk featuring Carol Anderson in partnership with Elliott Bay
- Juneteenth Youth Night
- Juneteenth Artists Collective in partnership with Space Needle and Chihuly Gardens
- Juneteenth Jamboree
- Knowledge is Power in Spokane in partnership with the Carl Maxey Center
- Juneteenth Encore + Black Music Month Monday Program

Sep

- Grandparents Day in partnership with AARP and Mayor's Council on African American Elders
- HBCU Day in partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Oct

- Unity Benefit: An Evening of African American Artistic Excellence
- Descendants Series: An Evening with the great-great-great grandniece of Harriet Tubman, Tina Martin Wyatt
- *Her Honor* book talk with Judge Cordell in partnership with Elliott Bay and Seattle University

Nov

- MLK60: 60th Anniversary of Dr. King's 1961 Seattle visit featuring Martin Luther King, III
- *Until I Am Free*: Fannie Lou Hamer book talk with Dr. Keisha Blain in partnership with Town Hall

Dec

- Virtual Black Santa
- Kwanzaa

NAAM BY THE NUMBERS in 2021:

146,695

People NAAM served programmatically in 2021

8,960

free books NAAM distributed

534

of new donors NAAM attracted in 2021

\$784,000

Record amount raised during NAAM's Unity fund

365

days NAAM fulfilled its mission in service to community





MAKING IMPACT AGAINST THE ODDS IN 2021:

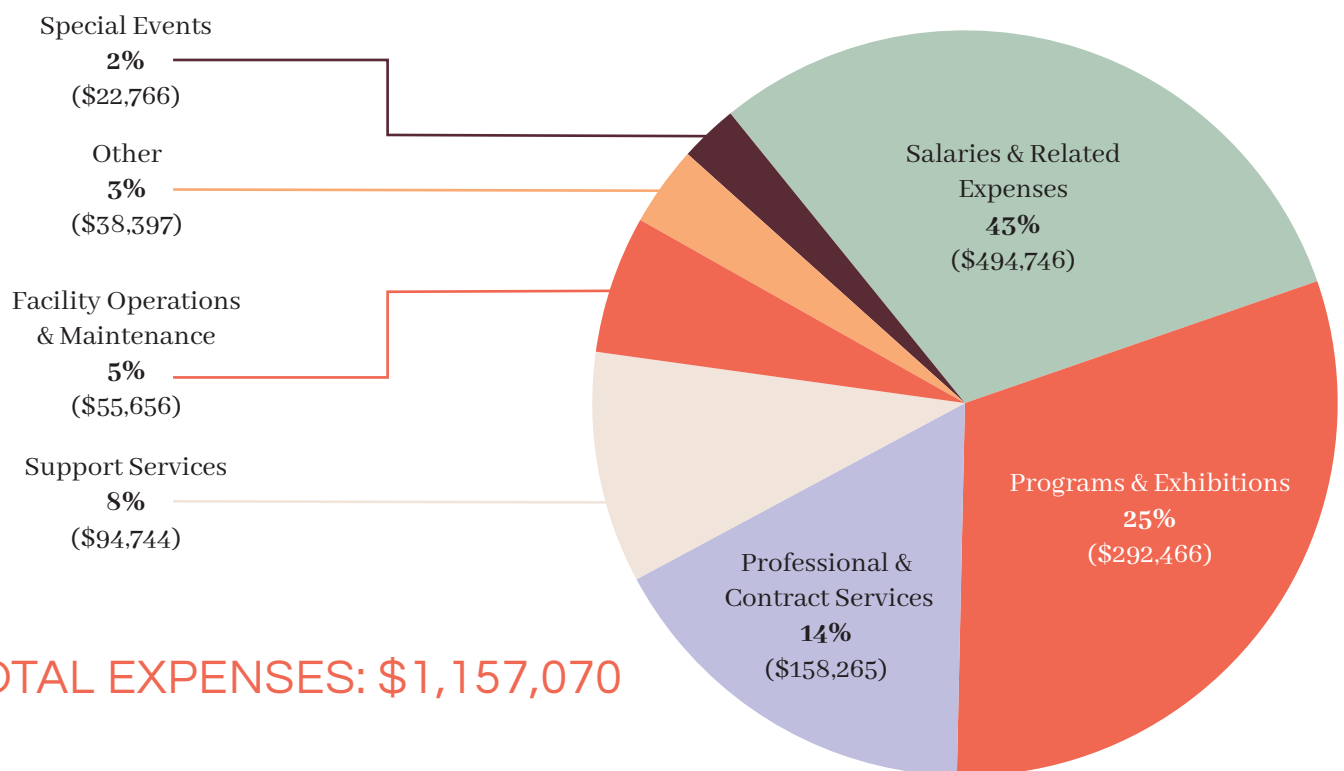
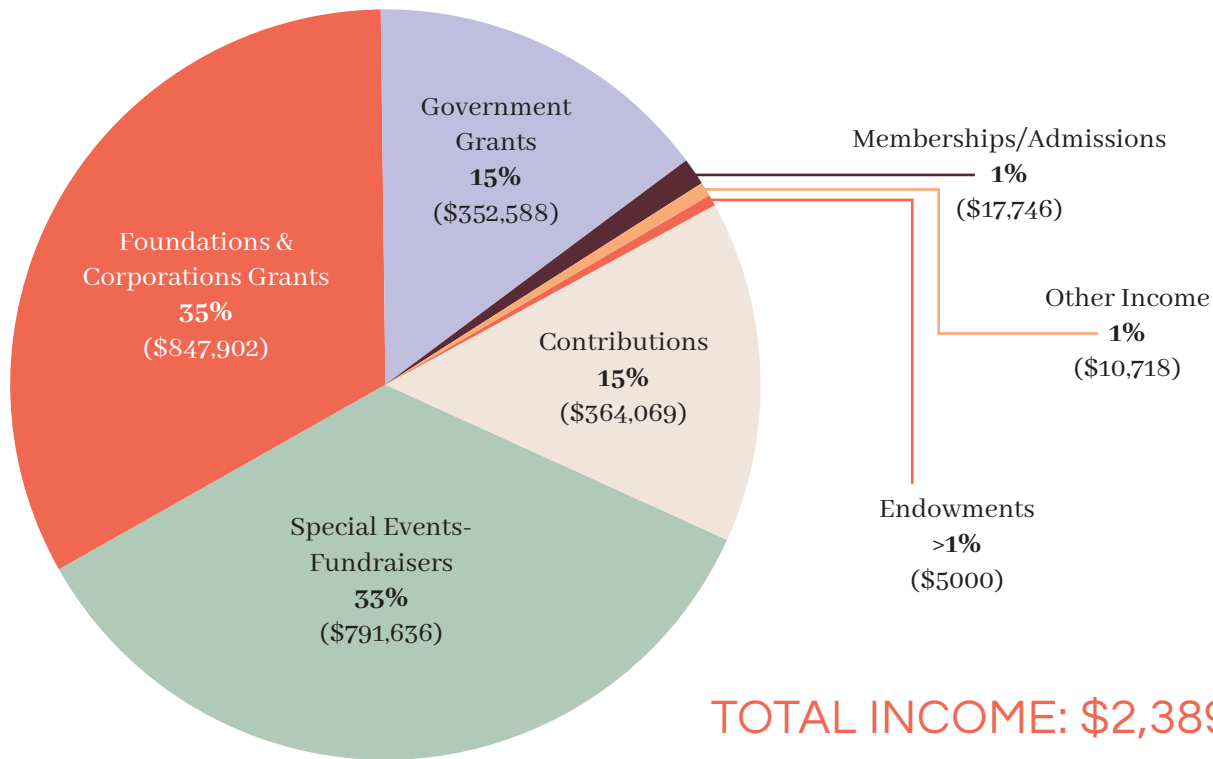
We at NAAM deeply believe that history can be used to heal and heritage can inspire hope. This is why we educate to liberate, why we bring people together to understand our shared past, to empower our present, and to create an equitable future.

NAAM is a resilient organization. We're doing vital cultural and educational work. What we do is not just for now, but for generations from now.

NAAM is not slowing down, because what we do is essential. What we do is a necessity. There's so much in store for NAAM in 2022 and beyond. When you support NAAM, you are supporting Black artistic excellence, Black history, Black futures, and Black wellbeing.

2021 FINANCIALS

JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2021



FRIENDSHIPS & PARTNERSHIPS

NAAM'S PARTNERS IN 2021:

AARP
ADEFUA Cultural Education Workshop
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated,
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Black Lives Matter Seattle King County
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Boeing
California African American Museum
Carl Maxey Center of Spokane
Charles H. Wright Museum of African
American History
Chihuly Garden and Glass
City of Seattle
City of Tukwila
Clean Greens Farm and Market
Comcast
Comcast Black Employee Network
Delta Dental
Dow Constantine
Dr. Carver and Carmen Gayton
Elliott Bay Book Company
Enterprise Rent-A-Car
Faith Action Network
Frye Museum
GardnerGlobal
Harvey B. Gantt Center for African
American Arts+Culture
Historic Mitchellville Freedom Park
Hugo House
Impact Public Schools
Interactive Storytime Guest Readers: Deaunte
Damper, Steve Zakuani, Jacquelyn Howard,
Judge Anita Crawford, Dr. Dwane Chappelle,
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NAACP Seattle King County Branch

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NAACP Tacoma Branch
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National Civil Rights Museum
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