



2021-2022 Annual Report



FYE 2022 BY THE NUMBERS

- \$20,275 Amount of post-secondary scholarships awarded
- 22 Number of high school graduates through The Education Corps
- 2,175 Number of trees planted
- 360 Acres of land restored from invasive species
- 32,100 Pounds of e-waste collected
- 350 Number of children served through afterschool programs

The mission of the Conservation Corps of Long Beach is to support young people in realizing their potential through work, service, conservation and education.



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The 2021-2022 program year brought so many great things to CCLB - from being able to serve more than 200 Corpsmembers to solidifying our organizational infrastructure and to completing work projects that truly make a difference in the lives of community members. Our Corpsmembers worked tirelessly to ensure the grand opening of Heritage Point Park in Signal Hill was completed with all the desired attention to detail. The River Ambassador program with the Rivers & Mountains Conservancy and the Watershed Conservation Authority kicked off and is on track to provide the insight needed next year to evaluate its impact along the lower Los Angeles River.

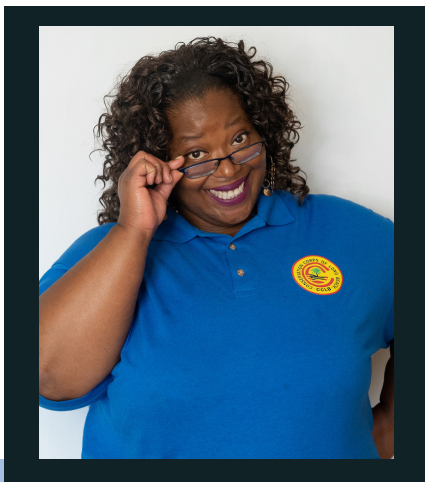
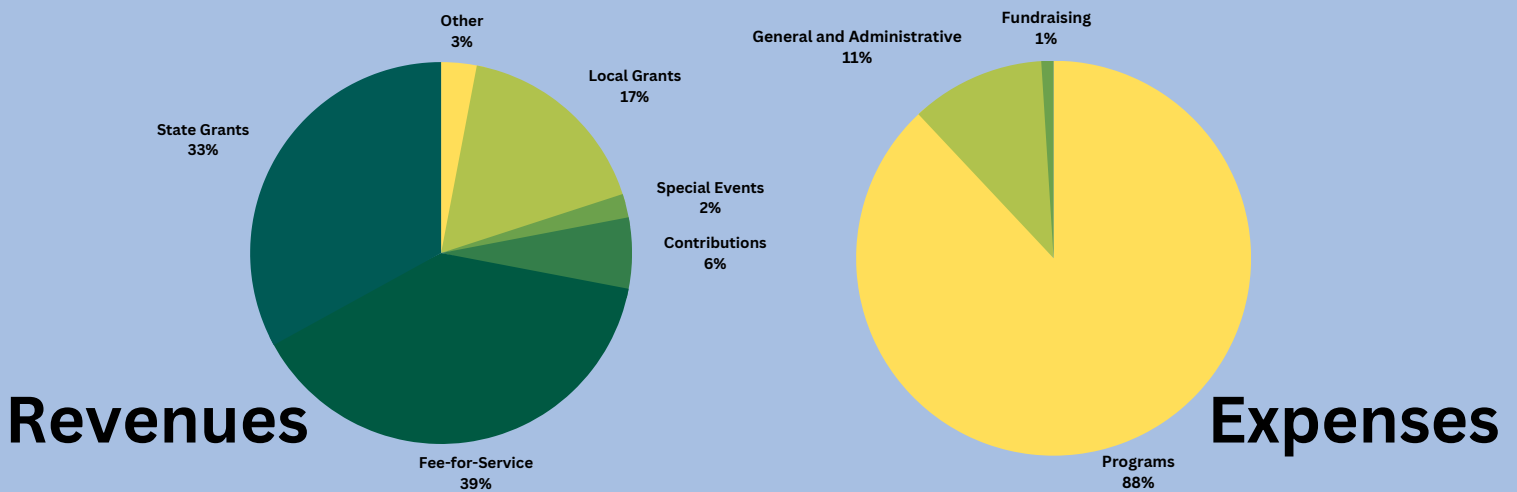
Our work took us from Catalina to the Angeles and Cleveland National Forests and from Lakewood to South Gate. We are grateful for every opportunity to serve these areas and provide the workforce to address environmental needs as well as the ever changing landscape due to climate change. Our partners and donors allow us to do all of this work. Our board of directors continued to uplift and guide what we do, providing the supportive expertise needed to round out a fantastic organization.

In partnership and with gratitude,

Dan Knapp
Executive Director & CEO



FYE 2021 FINANCIAL SUMMARY July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 Total Budget \$11,994,279



"CCLB works in partnership with the Long Beach Unified School District to provide expanded learning/after school programs through the WRAP program (Winners Reaching Amazing Potential). Working from Dooley Elementary and Lindsey Middle School, we serve over 350 students annually. WRAP's mission is to provide high-quality, expanded learning opportunities for all students. Our program leaders show up each day for our students to help them build healthy relationships and experience diverse activities that support their academic, social, emotional and physical needs.

Regina Ridley, Program Coordinator

"Working with the Conservation Corps has given me the opportunity to not only positively impact the lives of young people, but to also work on projects that make our communities better places to live environmentally. From working on lawn-to-garden projects to developing facilities like our new hub at DeForest Park - each project has its environmental factors that together, make such a difference towards climate change and even the health of people who live in these communities."

Juan Garcia, Technical Supervisor



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"The work done by our Corpsmembers not only serves as environmental training, conservation and education, but also provides much needed attention to the climate needs in our region. The work directly impacts the health and well-being of the people in local communities, thus creating more environmental equity."

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ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINTS



Lower Los Angeles River Restoration & Accessibility

Through our partnership with the Rivers & Mountains Conservancy, we are part of a pilot project that provides insight into the effectiveness of the River Ambassador program. The mission of the program is to foster connections between communities, agencies and resources in order to promote the safe and equitable usage and stewardship of the River and its tributaries as an activated and connected greenway that supports ecological, social and recreational opportunities.

Public Park Development

Creating and maintaining green spaces is central to the mission of CCLB. Corpsmembers learn core concepts of irrigation, drought-tolerant landscaping, creating pathways for increased access and more. 2022 brought the City of Signal Hill's Heritage Park to fruition, as well as the green space near Willow Springs Park adjacent to Signal Hill Petroleum in Long Beach. Wrigley Greenbelt broke ground in Long Beach, providing a future green space along the lower Los Angeles River.



Recycling

A large part of CCLB's work is recycling. Corpsmembers collect e-waste twice monthly, work in collaboration with EDCO for tire recycling and work nearly every City of Long Beach event to ensure all recyclables make it into our hands for processing. Our sorting facility is located inside of our Signal Hill Environmental Education Center where Corpsmembers learn how to properly handle and process recyclable materials. All revenue received from recycling goes back into the organization so we can continue to provide support to interested young people.

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