

THBEA Report to TBA Members

November 2022

The Texas Honey Bee Education Association (THBEA) is a non-member, IRS designated under section 501(c)(3) non-profit, controlled entity of TBA. THBEA's current directors, appointed by the TBA Executive Committee, are Brittney Fetterman , Jerry Maxwell (Vice Chair), Chris Moore,, Ashley Ralph, Dodie Stillman, John "Skip" Talbert, and Laura Weaver (Chair) Leesa Hyder; Julie Haza, Treasurer

THBEA began in 2016, and according to its founding documents is organized exclusively to:

- **enhance and expand the awareness** of the contribution of honey bees to agriculture and to society,
- **create additional appreciation and interest in the profession of beekeeping** through studies in technical and scientific subjects,
- **strengthen beekeepers' skills** through education programs, and
- provide resources for continuing **bee research** particularly in areas that will advance bee culture, improve pollination, and conserve biodiversity.

In 2022, THBEA had many successes.

- **Fundraising**
 - Received \$12,913.62 from the Texas Department of Agriculture from the annual sale of the honey bee themed specialty license plates. A total of over \$28,000 has been received to date. The \$8,000 initial deposit will be refunded this year!
 - Continued fundraising for the Nevin Weaver Honey Bee Excellence Fund.
 - Raised over \$3,000 from the raffle at the Summer Clinic in June. Online raffle and silent and live auctions at the 2022 TBA Convention.
- **Grants Awarded**
 - Awarded \$4,300 to TBA-member associations and youth organizations to help start and support youth beekeeping programs.
 - Awarded a grant of \$12,000 to the TBA Texas Honey Queen Program, which included five youth ambassadors for the first time in 2022.
 - Awarded grants to honey bee research and pollinator promotion organizations.

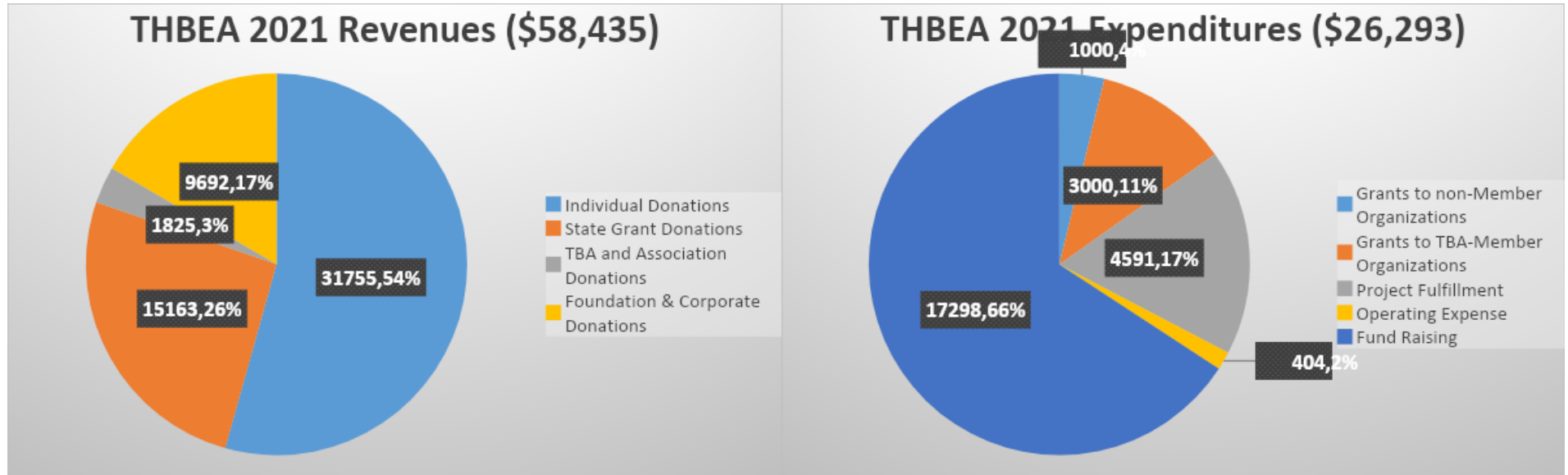
THBEA looks to focus in 2022/23 on these additional potential projects:

- Increasing the number and amount of grants to TBA member associations. Explore ways to assist public high schools with the new state-approved beekeeping curriculum.
- Review and research current print media, update accordingly, and print as needed.
- Exploring a Beekeeping Education Trailer for use at the State Fair and ag related events and schools around the state. A Committee (Kirk Kirksey, John 'Skip' Talbert, Laura Weaver) is in the research/development phase.
- Continued support of the TBA Honey Queen program.

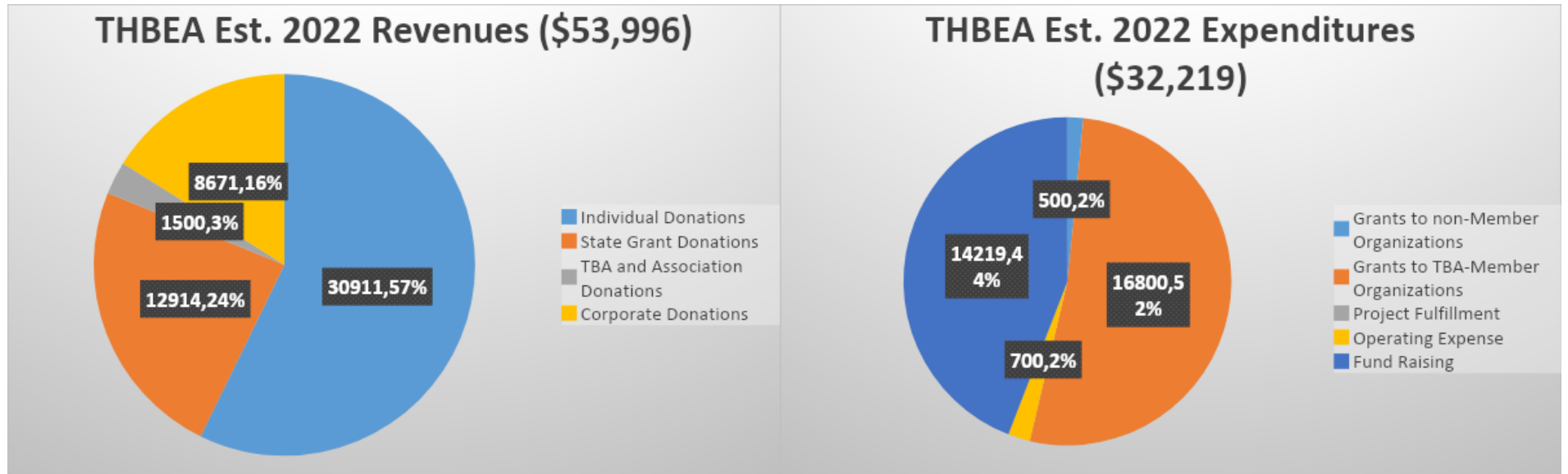
THBEA receives funding from:

- Contributions from beekeepers and those interested in supporting the beekeeping industry in Texas,
- Contributions from TBA members and local TBA member associations through the year,
- Funds raised through raffles, auctions and various other avenues at TBA events,
- Grants from other 501(c)(3) organizations whose goals are in line with THBEA's, and
- Grants from Texas Department of Agriculture for sales of the honey bee themed TxDMV specialty license plate. THBEA receives \$22 for each new plate or registration renewal.

At the end of 2021, THBEA had net assets of \$73,746, and \$0 of these assets were restricted by donors. During 2021, THBEA received a \$15,163 grant from the State of Texas. Activity under this grant will occur for the foreseeable future.



THBEA expects to end 2022 with net assets of \$98,632 of which \$14,414 is temporarily restricted by donors.



Respectfully submitted by Laura Weaver, THBEA 2021/22 Chair – Thank you for the opportunity to serve.