

THBEA Report to TBA Members

November 2023

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 Ron Randig, Jerry Maxwell (Vice Chair), Byron Compton, Kirk Kirksey, Dodie Stillman, John "Skip" Talbert, Laura Weaver (Chair) Leesa Hyder, Secretary, 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 2023, THBEA had many successes.

- **Fundraising**

- Received \$14,552 from the Texas Department of Agriculture from the annual sale of the honey bee themed specialty license plates. A total of over \$51,364 has been received to date.
- Continued fundraising for the Nevin Weaver Honey Bee Excellence Fund.
- Raised over \$4,085 from the raffle at the Summer Clinic in June. Silent and live auctions to be held at the 2023 TBA Convention.

- **Grants Awarded**

- Awarded \$9,000 to TBA-member associations and youth organizations to help start and support youth beekeeping programs.

- **HIGHLIGHT: Youth Beekeeping Grants, Sharing the love of beekeeping with the next generation:**

THBEA annually awards Youth Beekeeping Grants to increase exposure and knowledge about bees and beekeeping to interested young people. In 2023 awarded \$9,000 to applicants. The next Grant window will align with the school year. Watch for our application announcement in May 2024!

Funds from the THBEA Youth grant can be used to:

- Create new youth beekeeping education programs in organizations that do not currently have them.
- Re-start an organization's inactive youth education program.
- Assist organizations with limited resources to expand an existing youth education program.

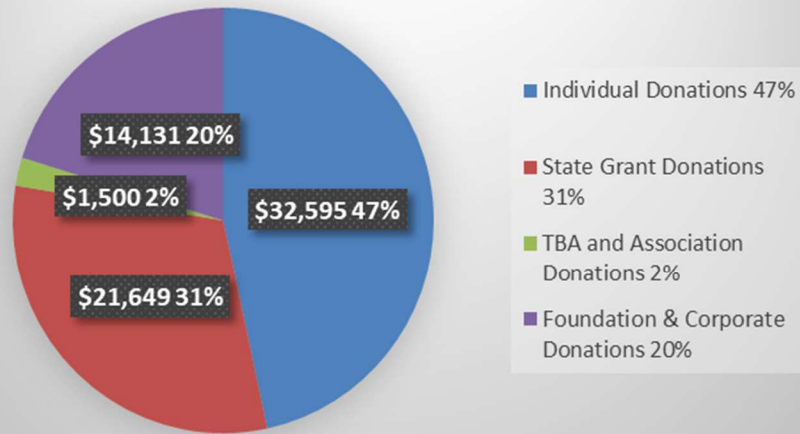
THBEA looks to focus in 2023/24 on these additional potential projects:

- Increase the number and amount of grants to TBA member associations. Work with FFA and other public schools directly with our youth grants and education.
- Review and research current print media, update accordingly, and print as needed.
- Continue support of the TBA Honey Queen Program.
- **Project in motion – Beekeeping Education Trailer:** THBEA is in the Discovery Phase of a significant project – building and implementing an interactive beekeeping education trailer that will expand our education mission beyond conventions, clinics, and print media. Keep an eye out for news and updates on this exciting project. If approved for feasibility, the trailer would be one of its kind in Texas and would be put to use at the State Fair and ag related events and schools around the state. A Committee (Kirk Kirksey, John 'Skip' Talbert, Laura Weaver) is currently working on a business plan and budget for the Beekeeping Education Trailer

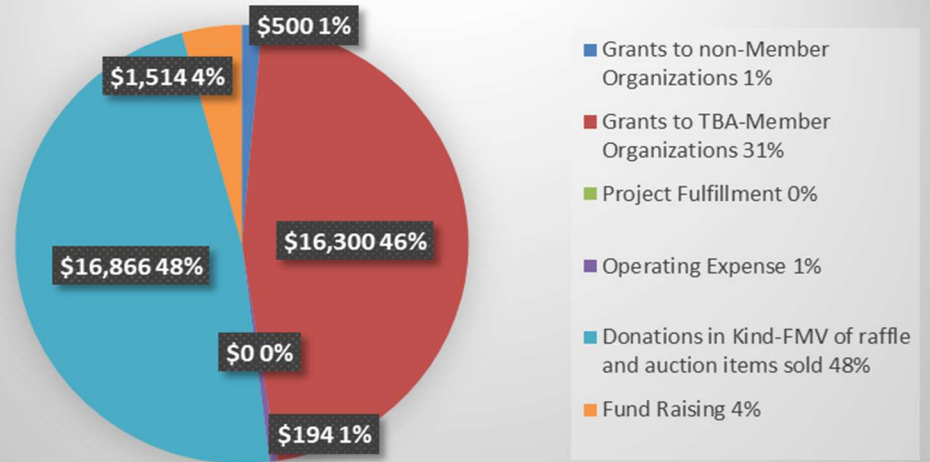
THBEA receives funding from:

- 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.

THBEA 2022 Revenues (\$69,875)

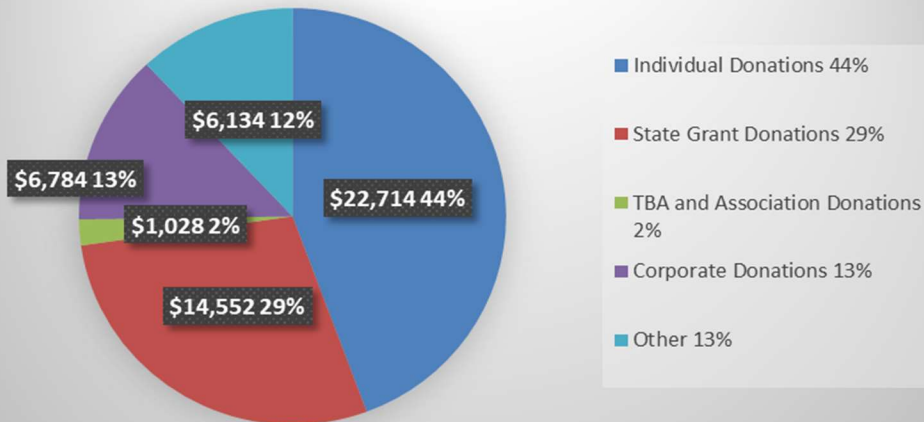


THBEA 2022 Expenditures (\$35,374)

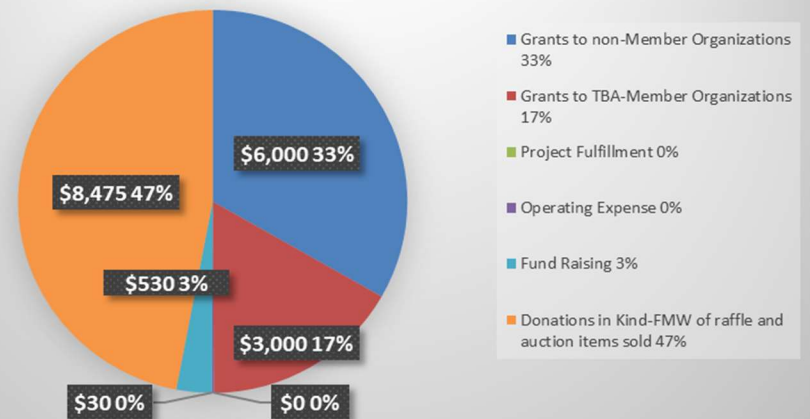


At the end of 2022, THBEA had net assets of \$108,247 and \$23,149 of these assets were restricted by donors.

THBEA Est. 2023 Revenues (\$51,212)



THBEA Est. 2023 Expenditures (\$18,035)



THBEA expects to end 2023 with net assets of \$ 141,324 of which \$14,552 is temporarily restricted by donors.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Weaver, THBEA 2022/2023 Chair – Thank you for the opportunity to serve.