



**TEXAS
BEEKEEPERS**
ASSOCIATION

THBEA Report

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THBEA 2024/2025 CHAIR

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TO SERVE.



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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.**
- The THBEA is a non-member, IRS designated under section 501(c)(3) non-profit, controlled entity of TBA.

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 throughout 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's current directors, appointed by the TBA Executive Committee are: Jerry Maxwell (Chair), John “Skip” Talbert (Vice-Chair), Jimmy Middlebrooks, Kirk Kirksey, Randy Oakley, Leesa Hyder, (Secretary), and Rusty Kaskel (Treasurer).

Highlights

- THBEA annually awards Youth Beekeeping Grants to increase exposure and knowledge about bees and beekeeping to interested young people. In 2025, \$15,000 was awarded to applicants. Our grant window now aligns with the school year. Watch for reports in the Journal.
- The THBEA attended the 2-day LEAD conference in Austin, TX last February, reaching hundreds of FFA high school students to promote interest in beekeeping. We also spoke with program leaders on the ways THBEA can help support their beekeeping programs.
- THBEA Board members regularly participate in community education events and several serve as officers in local beekeeping clubs.

In 2025, THBEA had many successes

Fundraising

- Estimate \$16,411 from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) from the annual sale of the honeybee themed specialty license plate sales and renewals. A total of \$82,271 from TDA has been received since the partnership began.
- Raised \$3,490 from the raffle at the Summer Clinic in June. Silent and live auctions will be held at the 2025 TBA Convention.

Grants Awarded

- Awarded \$15,000 to TBA-member associations and other youth organizations. 2025 awardees are:

Bowie High School	Brock FFA	Clear Falls High School Beekeepers Club	
Lamar County 4-H Club	Lamar High School FFA	Longview Beekeepers Assoc.	Texas Natural Beekeepers Assoc.

Sponsorships

- \$7, 000 to sponsor PhD Level Researchers from across the country to speak at TBA events.

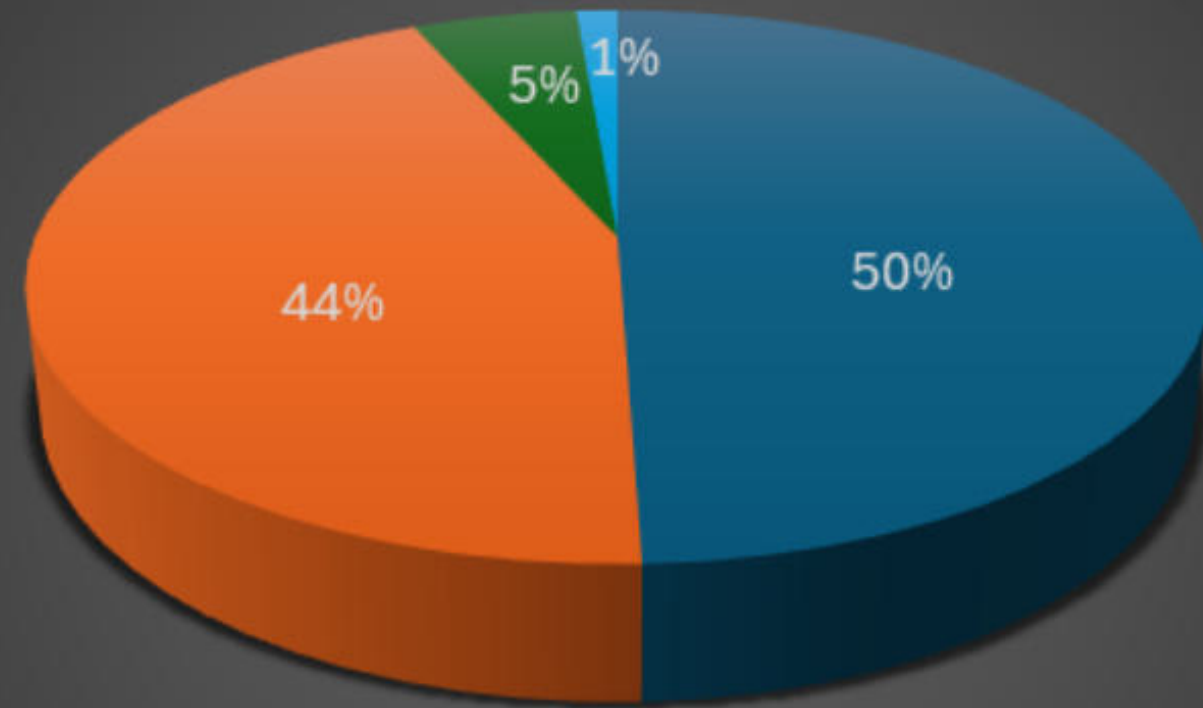
Donations

- Donated \$11,500 to Project Apis m to continue their important research on honey bees.
- Donated \$2000 to the Nevin Weaver Endowment Fund, which helps support the valuable research done by Dr. Juliana Rangel's department at Texas A&M.

THBEA looks to focus in 2025/26 on these additional potential projects:

- Grow the THBEA Youth Education Grant program and support organizations who want to implement a beekeeping curriculum.
- Work with Texas A&M AgriLife Apiculture Department to create a Junior Master Beekeeper Program
- Provide printed and digital resources at various events around the state to help educate the general public about beekeeping and honey bees.
- Create a practical beekeeping award program for both adults and youth in TBA affiliated clubs.
- Invite Undergraduate Biology Students to present their research projects at TBA events

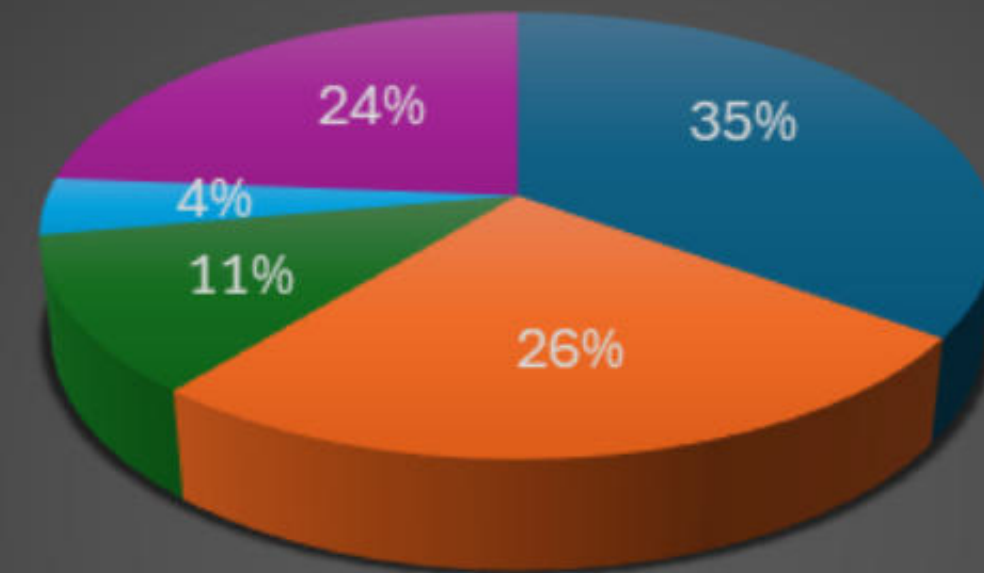
THBEA 2025 Revenues: \$37,412 (est.)



- Individual Donations (est.)
- State Grant Donations (actual)



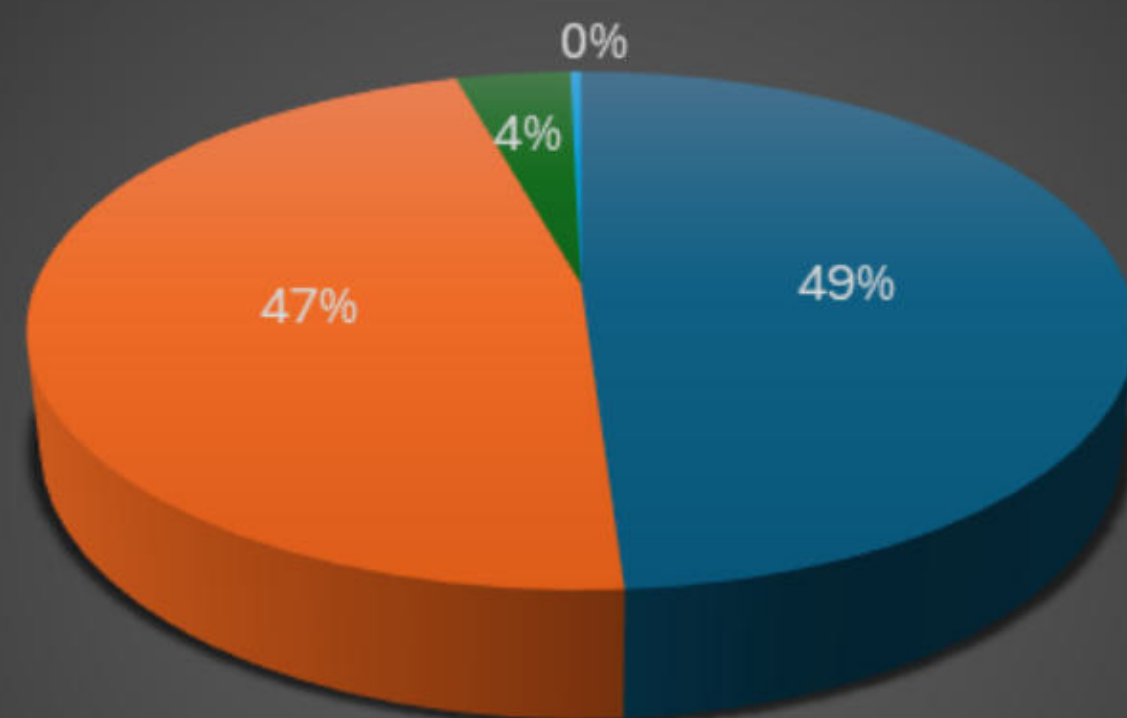
THBEA 2025 Expenses: \$48,500 (est.)



- Grants to Non-Member Organizations (est.)
- Grants to TBA-Member Organizations (est.)
- Operating Expenses (est.)

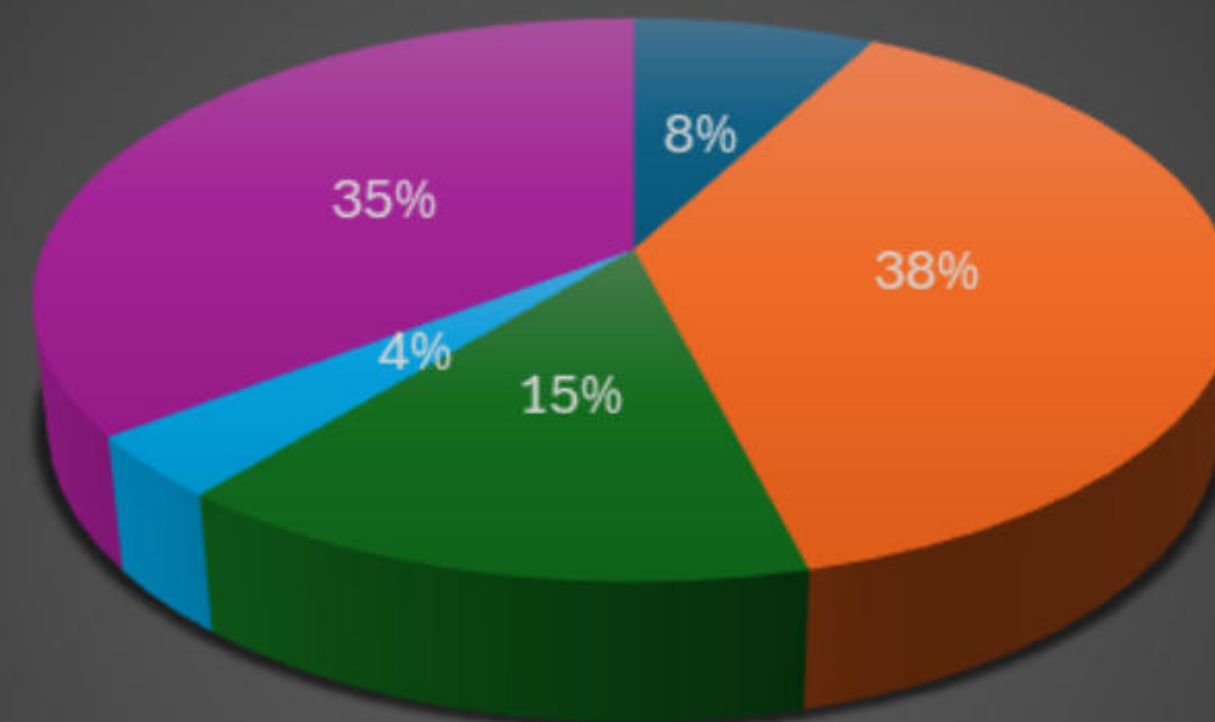


THBEA 2024 Revenues: \$37,771



- Individual Donations
- State Grant Donations

THBEA 2024 Expenses: \$32,179



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- Grants to TBA-Member Organizations
- Operating Expenses
- Fund Raising
- Donations In-Kind-FMV or Raffel & Auction Items Sold