



2023

ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION / VISION / VALUES

Mission

The mission of Dreaming Out Loud is to create economic opportunities for the DC metropolitan region's marginalized communities through building a healthy equitable food system.

Vision

DOL envisions a world with increased access to healthy food, improved health and ample wealth creation opportunities for marginalized entrepreneurs and sustainable family-supportive wages for at-risk residents.

DOL is rebuilding urban, community-based food systems through cooperative social enterprise: increasing access to healthy food, improving community health, supporting entrepreneurs and cooperatives from low-income communities; and creating opportunities for at-risk residents to earn sustainable, family-supporting wages and build wealth.

Values

Innovation

We encourage novel ways of thinking in order to address community challenges.

Accountability

We earn the trust of the communities we support and our partners by conducting our work in accordance with ethical principles.

Teamwork

We collaborate across programs internally and with members of the community.

Equity

We grant equitable access to opportunities and resources.

Quality

We abide by high ethical and performance standards.

We believe that all communities deserve equal access to fresh, healthy food choices, but that achieving this requires moving beyond the "access" paradigm to a focus on community self-determination and food sovereignty. This means that control of the food resources and food system assets that serve the community - including land and water, food-related enterprises, and the capital and labor that go into the food system - must rest with the community members themselves, not with outside entities who claim to know what our neighborhoods need or deserve. We work to create an integrated pipeline to jobs, economic opportunity, and community wealth-building that advances racial equity. Our values are evident in the various facets (detailed below) of our work.

CRITICAL PARTNERS

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HOW TO GET INVOLVED / CALL TO ACTION

DONATE

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VOLUNTEER

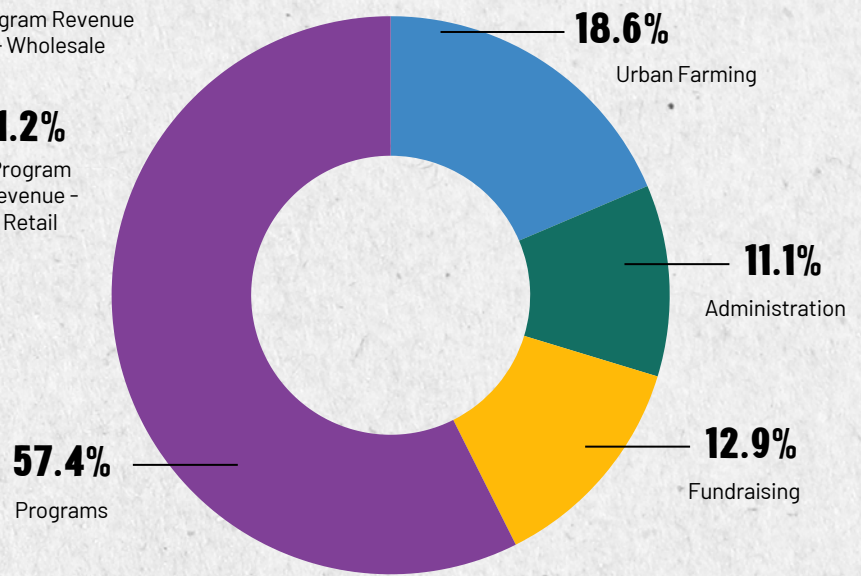
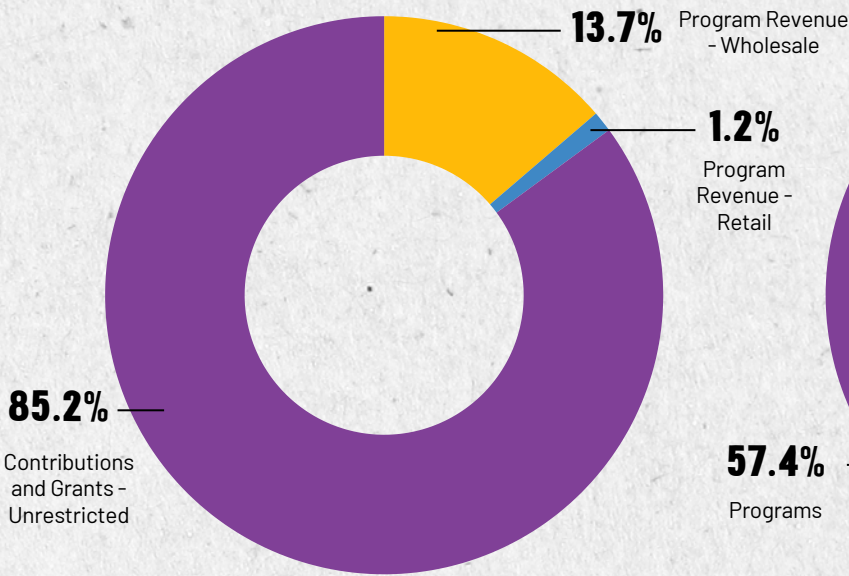
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CONNECT

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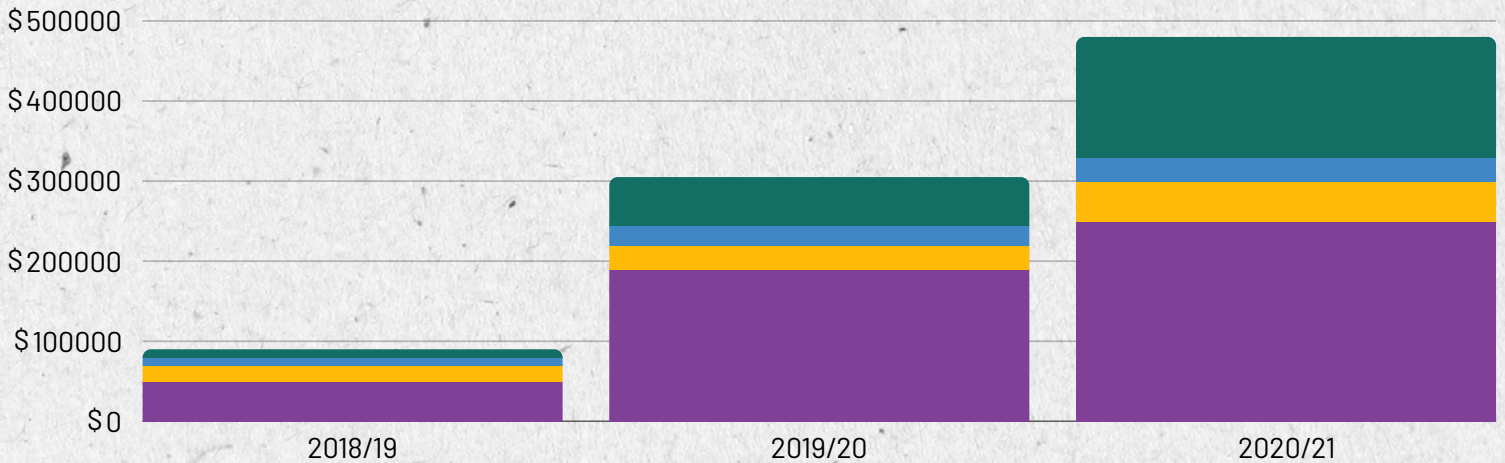
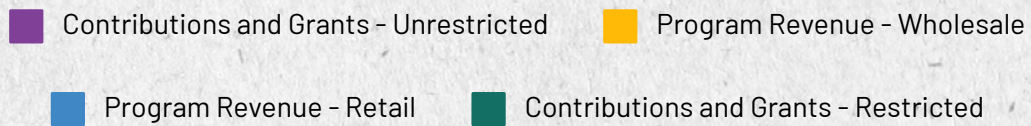
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DREAMING OUT LOUD REVENUE SOURCES

DREAMING OUT LOUD EXPENSE BREAKDOWN



DREAMING OUT LOUD REVENUE



In a world that constantly demands our labor but withholds our care, we return to love as both a foundation and a radical act. bell hooks, a visionary of love and liberation, taught us that love is not just a personal sentiment but a political tool—one that can uproot the systems that dehumanize and exploit. In 2023, our demand is not just for policy change, but for a shift in how we imagine justice, how we cultivate community, and how we make liberation a lived experience.

bell hooks reminded us: "To love well is the task in all meaningful relationships—not just romantic bonds, but the bonds of community, the bonds of struggle." The last few years have exposed the brutality of systems that refuse to love us back. From the unrelenting violence of the state to the ongoing disinvestment in our communities, we have been forced to navigate crises without the safety nets that justice should provide.

We have been told to be resilient, to persevere, to find ways to heal on our own—but we know that healing is not an individual endeavor. It is a collective one.

The future we fight for is one rooted in care. We must ask: What does it mean to build a world where Black people are not merely surviving but thriving? Where love is embedded in our policies, in our schools, in our neighborhoods? Where justice is not an afterthought, but the very fabric of our institutions?

We stand at the precipice of transformation, and we refuse to fall into the abyss of apathy. We refuse to be hardened by the cruelty of the systems that surround us. Instead, we choose to love. We choose to build. We choose to heal. This is our demand. This is our movement.

As we move forward, let us remember: Love is our birthright, justice is our demand, and liberation is our destiny.

Thank you.

CHRISTOPHER BRADSHAW

URBAN AGRICULTURE: THE FARM AT KELLY MILLER

OF POUNDS GROWN ...LBS OF VEGETABLES
GROWN FROM THE TOP TEN VEGGIES

TOP TEN (VEG ONLY) IN POUNDS

Cherry Tom's	239lbs
Corn	180lbs
Eggplant	170lbs
Bush Beans	163lbs
Okra	144lbs
Yellow Onions	148lbs
Red Onions	125lbs

URBAN AGRICULTURE: THE FARM AT FORT STANTON

OF POUNDS GROWN ...LBS OF VEGETABLES
GROWN FROM THE TOP TEN VEGGIES

TOP TEN (VEG ONLY) IN POUNDS

Cukes	1138lbs
Carrots	414lbs
Lettuce	311lbs
Bell Peppers	50lbs
Garlic	103lbs
Cayenne	61lbs