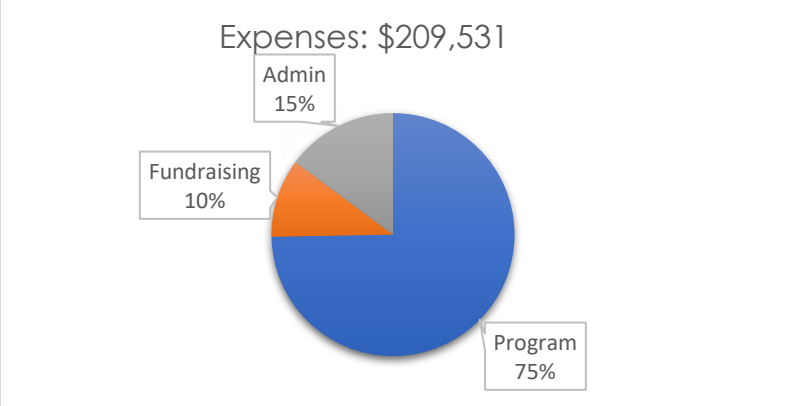
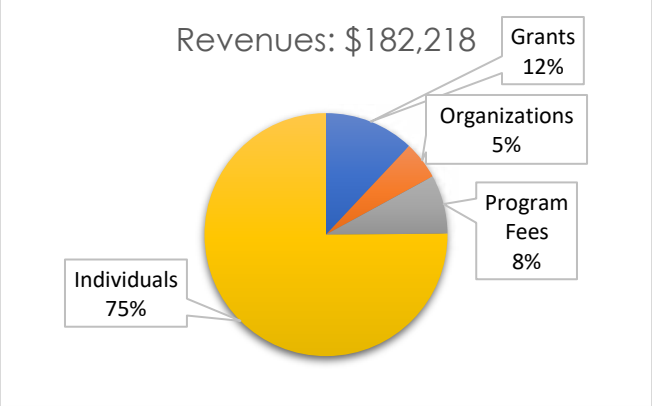
Massachusetts Rivers Alliance

2018 Annual Report





The year 2018 saw some wonderful victories for the state's rivers: At our urging, Massachusetts legislators significantly increased funding for river protection and restoration work. In addition, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the US Environmental Protection Agency finally implemented the new storm water requirements following the lawsuit we led with nine of our member organizations. Thanks to the work spearheaded by member organization Nashua River Watershed Association, Congress added the Nashua River to the country's Wild and Scenic River system, our fourth such nationally recognized and protected river.

As we entered our 10 th year of operations, we embarked on a new phase of strategic planning, growth and capacity-building at Mass Rivers in an effort to expand our positive impact on the health of Massachusetts rivers. We therefore chose to invest in some professional fundraising, despite the fact that it meant a slight deficit in 2018. Our goal is to increase our capacity to more effectively protect our rivers and better serve our member organizations over the next several years. Our funding comes almost entirely from philanthropic donations from individual donors and organizational member dues – we are extremely grateful for and depend on your loyal support.

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