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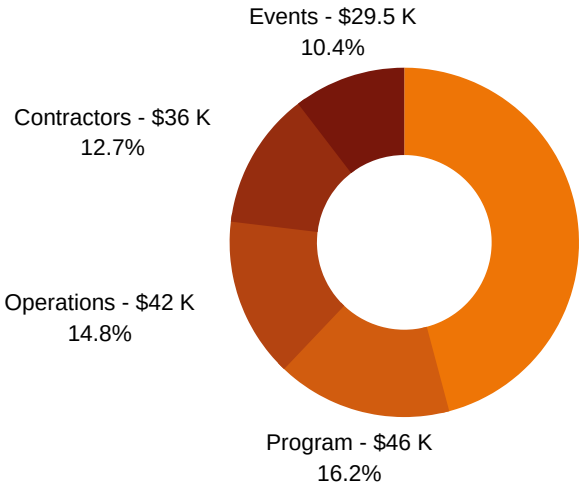
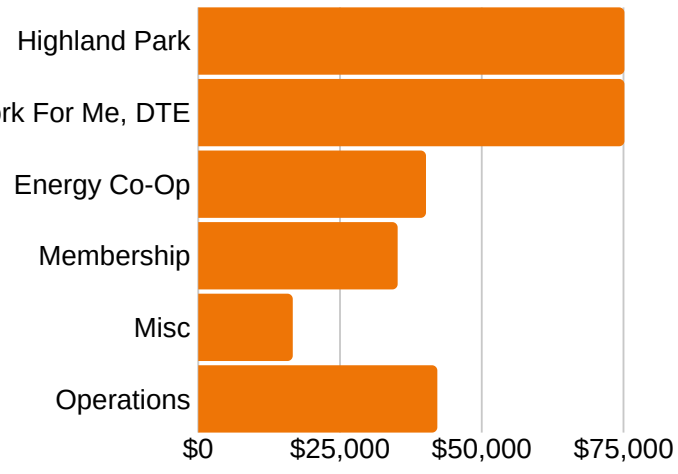


EXPENSE OVERVIEW

Soulardarity's 2019 expense report reflects a people - and impact - focused budget. The staff who operate and advance our programs & campaigns make up 45.9% of our spending, with events, contractors, & other program costs comprising 39.3% and administrative & operations costs comprising 14.8% of our overall budget of $283.5 K.

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN

This chart reflects the breakdown of staff, event & other programmatic investment, advancing our mission of energy democracy. You can see major new investments in the emerging Work For Me, DTE campaign and developing our first energy co-op, while maintaininging commitment to strong operations, member leadership, and community partnerships.

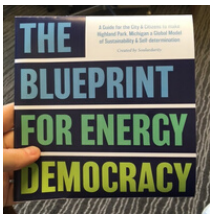


These expenses do not include the substantial in-kind support we receive from volunteers, legal clinics, and community partners. An estimate from just one of our legal clinics came in at over $200,000 for 2019.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

BLUEPRINT FOR ENERGY DEMOCRACY

The BFED is the product of 7 years of community organizing, deep research, and democratic practice. It's goal is making Highland Park a global model of sustainability and self-determination. Get your copy at **soulardarity.com/bfed**



HP SUSTAINABILITY COMMISION

SUSTAIN HP!

Soulardarity Member-led Citizens For A Sustainable Highland Park collected over 700 signatures to put a strong a sustainability commission on the ballot and presented our proposal to City Council.

POLAR BEAR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Filed incorporation paperwork for Polar Bear Sustainable Energy, a member-owner cooperative that will provide holistic energy services in Highland Park and beyond, developed by a 16-person team of Soulardarity members and partners.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISION

Advocated at the Michigan Public Service Commission for health, affordability, and community-owned clean energy leading to hundreds of millions in avoided rate hikes, stopping poverty tax billing, and a judge recommending rejection of DTE's dangerous and destructive 15-year energy plan.

WORK FOR ME, DTE!

Soulardarity co-created the Work For Me, DTE! campaign, which has generated nearly three thousand public comments, media narrative, and movement building for energy democracy and environmental justice.

ENERGY DEMOCRACY CONVENING

We convened 40 energy democracy leaders from around the country in Detroit to build mutual support for our work. It created joint projects to increase access to resources and information for energy democracy at a national level,

HONORING OUR SUPPORTERS & COMMUNITY

MAJOR DONORS & FOUNDATIONS

Thank you to the major donors and foundations that have show deep commitment to our work.

The Climate Justice Alliance, Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, The Ford Foundation, The Energy Foundation, Gerard and Diane Koeppel, Natural Resources Defense Council, New Economy Initiative, Patti Aaron, The Peck Family Foundation, Race Forward, The REAMP Network, Valerie Pels

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT: MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COALITION

Over a period of 6 years, 31 activists, leaders, scholars and scientists worked together to create the Michigan Environmental Justice Plan: a robust, multi-sector framework, to reduce environmental harm on vulnerable populations across the state.

Soulardarity's 2019 success is deeply connected to the partnership we have built with MEJC to connect energy democracy and environmental justice through strategic campaigns and coalition building.

Learn more at https://michiganej.org/

KEY PARTNERS

Thank you to these additional partners and allies, as well as our volunteers and members, without whom our work would not be possible.

Abrams Environmental Law Clinic, Avalon Village, The Cooperation Group, East Michigan Environmental Action Council, EcoWorks, Empower Michigan, Energy Democracy Project, Great Lakes Environmental Law Center, Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association, Highland Park Business Association, MI Interfaith Power & Light, Parker Village, Sierra Club, University of Michigan Community Enterprise Clinic & Community-Based Research Program, Vote Solar