



IMPACT REPORT 2025



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER



As I sit here in the summer of 2026 writing this summary letter about 2025, I am taken back to the tumultuous first few months of the new Administration and what followed.

At first glance, walkability seems like a lesser issue given everything that was happening. In fact, America Walks' mission—ensuring the ability of everyone to move in their communities with dignity—was under direct attack.

DOGE threatened public health funding that supports more physical activity through community design for walkability. USDOT withheld grants for safer streets and for transit that complements walkability. ICE created fear that denied many the simple freedom to move about their community.

We did not shy away from any of these issues. We have worked with our partners on federal policy, and we have raised our voices on behalf of those denied the basic human dignity of freedom of movement.

Here is what we know: The public is with us. We continue to train and support local advocates, and they continue to win real improvements on the ground. Local organizing still matters, whether it's for a new crosswalk or stopping a damaging highway expansion. We see states taking action on safer vehicles where the federal government won't. With our partners, we stopped the worst cuts to public health and transportation. And we are proud to contribute our voice to the groundswell of opposition to grossly excessive immigration enforcement.

The attacks have not stopped. The Administration is making even more extreme proposals, such as cutting federal support for transit entirely and scrubbing USDOT's website of recommendations for making streets safer.

But the thing is, the pendulum always swings—and it's starting to swing our way. As challenging as it seems, the work we did in 2025, and are doing in 2026, is exactly what is needed to give that swing a hard push over the coming years. The passion of community leaders in the walkability movement, with your support, cannot be denied.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Week Without Driving Gained National Acclaim

More than **600** organizations, **900** elected and public officials, and **1,300** grassroots advocates took part in Week Without Driving, bringing attention to the gaps in our transportation system for the 1 in 3 people in the U.S. who are nondrivers—by choice or necessity. We proudly partnered with leading micromobility provider Lime to expand Week Without Driving's national reach in 2025.

Rewrote the Rules for Safer Vehicles

We've championed Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) to hold vehicles to the speed limit—and it has taken off. Three states adopted laws to curtail repeated, reckless speeders by installing ISA, and more cities are piloting or requiring this life-saving technology in their own vehicles.

Communities Over Highways Inspires Advocates Across the Nation

The 2025 Communities Over Highways Summit brought together **107** advocates from **21** different states, plus the District of Columbia—over **two times the number of attendees** at the 2023 Summit. Attendees established connections with others fighting to reconnect communities, as well as tangible strategies and tactics for organizing, and successful policy solutions to advocate for at the state level.

Empowered Walkability Leaders to Create Change

Our webinars, walking colleges, and technical assistance initiatives have empowered thousands of advocates, elected officials, transportation professionals, and public health leaders to advance safer, healthier, and more accessible streets in their communities.

WHAT WE'RE FOCUSED ON



1. Advancing Racial Justice



2. More Proactive Advocacy



3. Scale Grassroots Engagement and Base

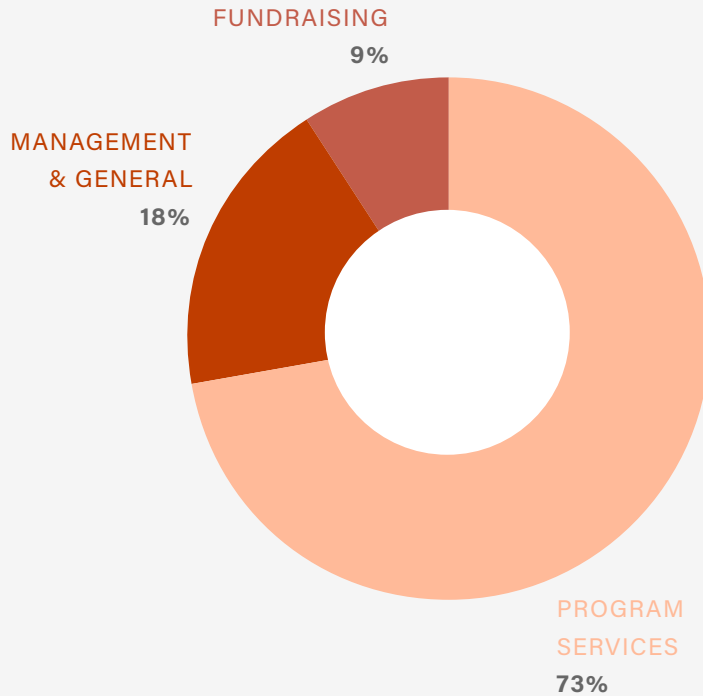


4. Reach More People with our Message



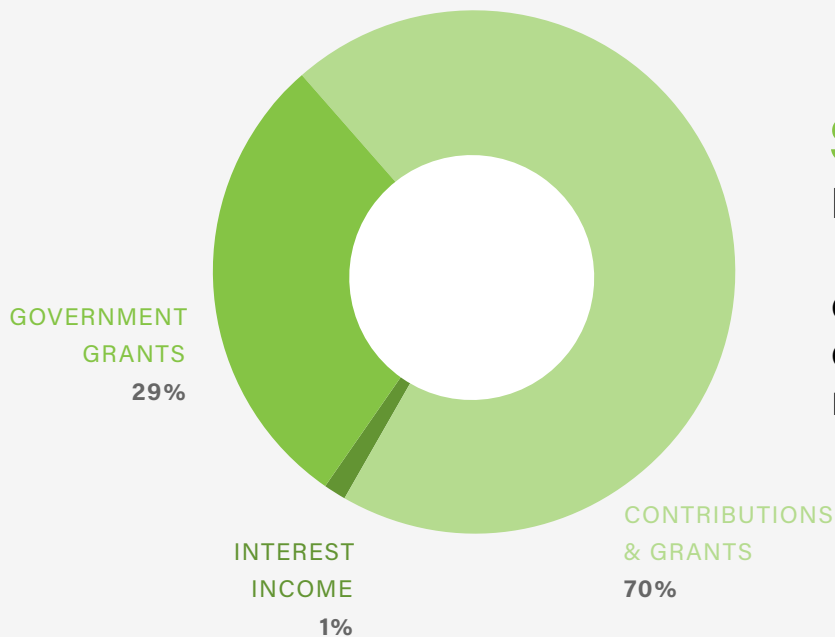
5. Diversify and Grow Funding

FINANCES



\$1,374,228
Expense Total

Program services: \$995,523
Management & general: \$256,305
Fundraising: \$122,400



\$926,129
Revenue Total

Government grants: \$268,796
Contributions & grants: \$643,281
Interest income: \$10,498

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