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Dear Community Gardeners and Friends,

It's an exciting time for urban agriculture! 2015 was a fruitful year for the Los Angeles Community Garden Council as we continued to expand and support the number of community gardens in Los Angeles County! As green spaces and nutrition in our urban landscape become increasingly crucial, we are excited about the accomplishments we made last year and the upcoming projects that are taking root.

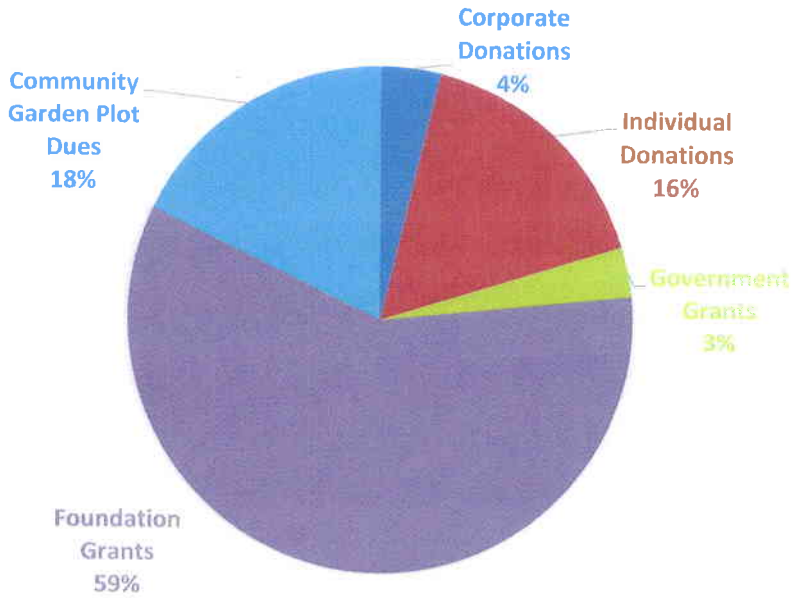
At the same time, garden costs have gone up considerably, and continue rising. With large rent charges and proposed water rate hikes up to 289%, community gardeners have been dealt a considerable blow, especially in food insecure areas. With these increases, our work at LACGC, and the efforts of our partners and volunteers, becomes increasingly important. Community gardens hold a true key to health and happiness and we hope that you will join us in preserving their equity and success for all.

Thanks to the support of hundreds of volunteers, donors, and dedicated gardeners, we have:

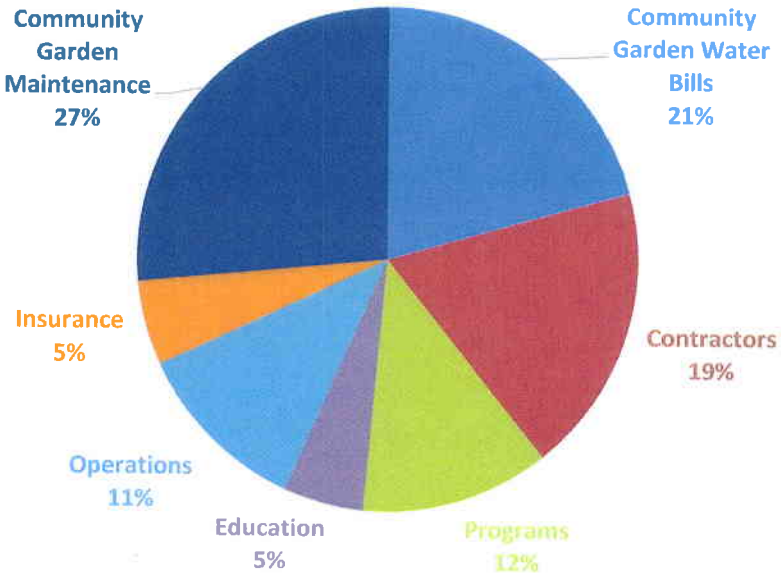
- Partnered with 40 community gardens in Los Angeles County to manage the business of gardening including accounting, lease negotiations, insurance, and taxes.
- Worked with partner organizations to open Eastmont Community Garden, Patton Street Community Garden, South Pasadena Community Garden, Spring Street Community Garden, and Wilmington Community Garden.
- Offered gardening and community organizing advice and support to more than 125 community gardens.
- Launched a year-long series of free garden education classes at Solano Canyon Community Garden.
- Provided workshops and seminars concerning drought-tolerant gardens, leadership building, water conservation, and more to residents all over Los Angeles.
- Hosted a Gathering of Community Gardens, an educational celebration of community gardens, providing workshops, exhibitions, and networking for over 200 community gardeners.
- Supported efforts to pass AB551, Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone Act, in to the county; it passed unanimously in September 2015 and will help create more land for food growth.

Financially, we ended the year in a strong position. LACGC sources of revenue and expenses for 2015 break down as shown below:

## LACGC Operating Revenue 2015




## LACGC Operating Expenses 2015




As we enter 2016, our goals for the year are to increase individual giving to the Los Angeles Community Garden Council and provide more education and programs to each of our partner gardens.

We extend a huge thank you to everyone who supported LACGC's work in 2015. We would like to especially acknowledge those who gave $100 or more in the past year:

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We look forward to greening Los Angeles and creating more access to healthy foods with you in 2016, one community garden at a time!

Sincerely,

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