



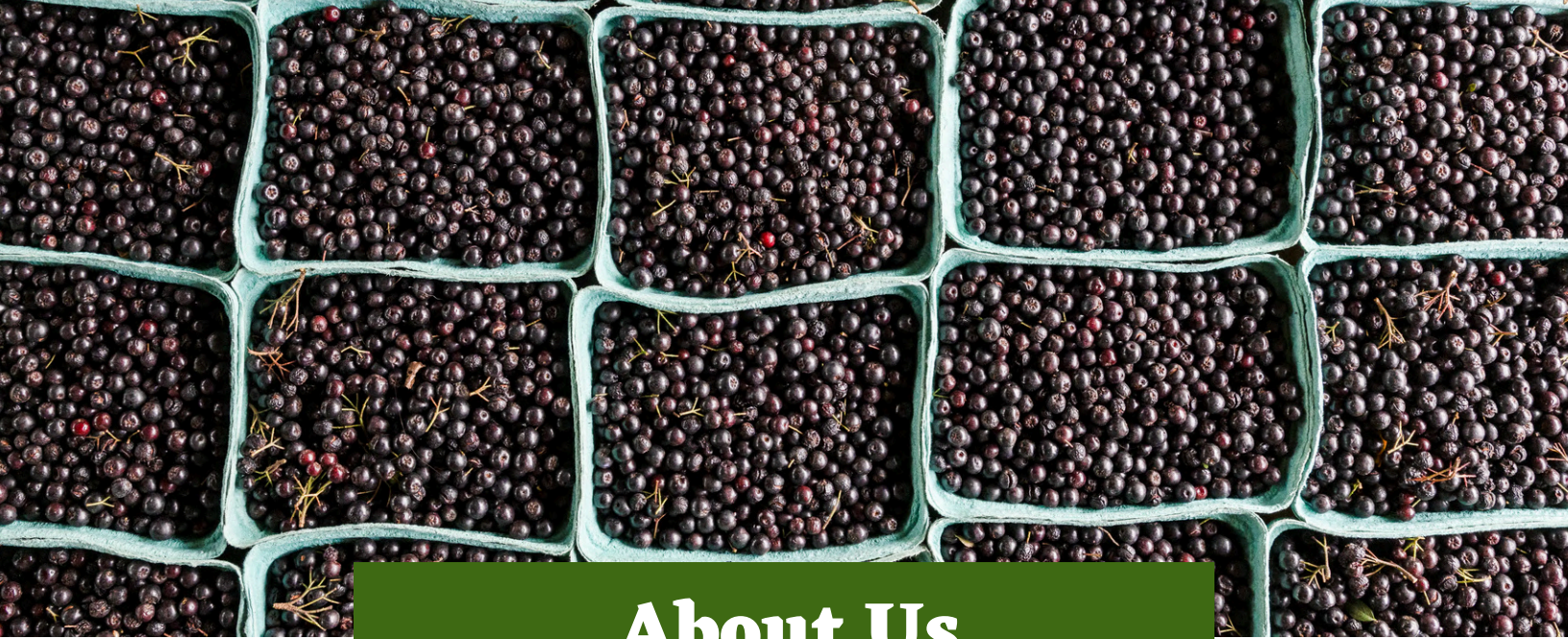
UNADILLA COMMUNITY FARM

# Annual Report

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# About Us

Founded in 2014 and incorporated as a 501(c) non-profit in 2020, Unadilla Community Farm is an off-grid, solar-powered, non-profit farm education center, situated on 11 acres in West Edmeston, NY. Our mission is to showcase and teach climate-resilient agriculture while increasing food access and access to herbalism for low-income, low-access communities. In 2024, with financial support from the National Black Food & Justice Alliance, the land on which Unadilla Community Farm operates was purchased by the Stolen Lands Community Land Trust to ensure local stewardship and access to the community farm and education center in perpetuity.

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**Candid.**





Since 2014, we have transformed an abandoned corn field into a multi-story “food forest” that is one of a kind in our region. For the past 11 years, Unadilla Community Farm has run a variety of education programs, including a Permaculture Internship, Farm Fellowship, Community Volunteer Days, and two Northeast SARE on-farm research studies. 294 people from 6 continents have participated in our education programs, with many of them receiving academic credit at the undergraduate or graduate level for completion of our internship.



Through the support of individual donors and institutional grants, we donate 100% of our produce to food pantries, mutual aid groups, and herbal clinics, which in 2024 amounted to over \$120,000 worth of produce donated. By increasing the amount of fresh fruits, veggies, and culinary and medicinal herbs available for low-income, low-access communities, we both improve health and nutrition for communities in need and reduce family food budgets, freeing up family funds for other needs.

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# 2024 Season Highlights



Value of Produce  
Donated

**\$129,653.17**

Food Pantry & Herbal Clinic  
Partner Organizations

**27**

People Served through  
Food Access & Herbal Aid Programs

**6,776**

Education Program  
Participants

**66**



# Farm Aid

Unadilla Community Farm was one of 15 farms selected to be photographed for the 2024 Farm Aid Concert in Saratoga Springs, featuring Willie Nelson, John Mellencamp, and Neil Young. Pictured here is a photo of Unadilla Community Farm Fellow Dacia Lange on the big screen during John Mellencamp's set at Farm Aid.





# Programs: Education



## Farm Fellowship

2024 was the 2nd year of our season-long paid Farm Fellowship, an opportunity for beginning farmers with at least one season of farming experience under their belt to skill up and deepen their farming knowledge. Fellows learned the day-to-day operations of a non-profit farm focused on increasing food access and access to herbalism, including how to tend to a food forest, with a focus on growing perennial fruits & herbs, cover crops, and annual vegetables. Seven Fellows participated in this year's program.







## **Accredited Internship**

In 2024, we hosted Louise Fourcade, a graduate student from University of Purpan, France, for an accredited 3-month internship focused on sustainable agroforestry. Through our Beginning Farmer Training Program, we offer accredited internship hours for undergraduate and graduate level students and have hosted students from Arizona State University, Berea College, Colorado State University, Columbia University, Minerva University, Rutgers University, University of Purpan, and more.



## **Community Engagement**

2024 was the 2nd year of our monthly Community Volunteer Days from May-September and our annual Community Farm Tour. 52 people participated in these events. This season's Community Volunteer Days covered the following topics: Dynamic Accumulator Plants, Herb Propagation, Garlic Harvesting, Herb Transplanting, Garlic Planting, and Garlic Cleaning. The 2024 Community Volunteer Days were made possible with financial support from the Otsego County Community Events Grant.

Additionally, local people from the communities we serve are invited to volunteer at the farm on their own schedule and sit in on farm classes. 6 day volunteers helped out this season.



# Programs: Food Access

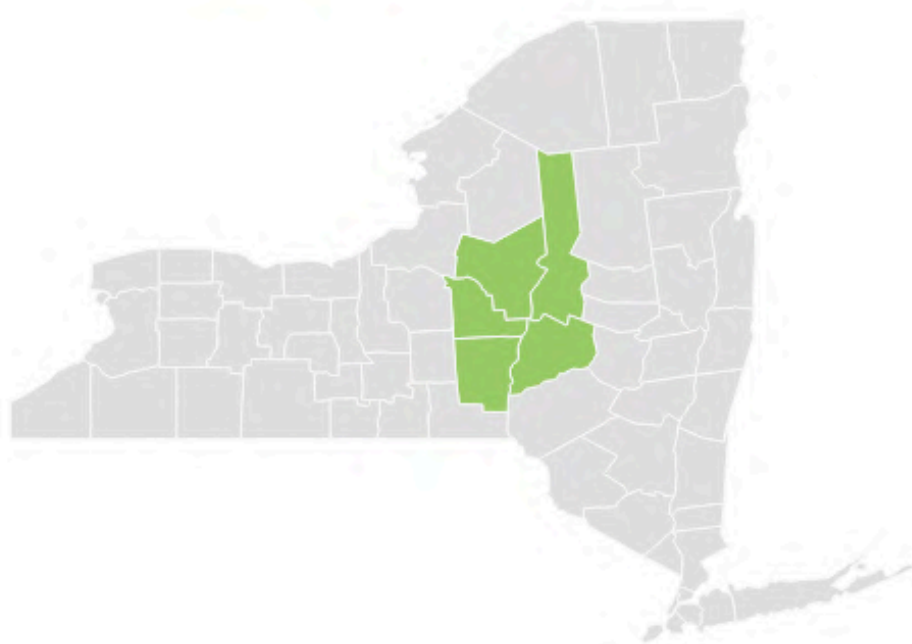
Unadilla Community Farm's Food Access Program provides free nutrient-dense fruits, vegetables, and culinary herbs to food pantries across Central New York.

This season, we donated fresh produce **valued at \$55,314.30** to food pantries in Otsego, Oneida, Herkimer, Madison, and Chenango counties, which included continuing support to our long-term food pantry partners as well as expanding our reach to new food pantries in Madison County and increasing donations in Norwich.

Unadilla Community Farm was one of 22 leading food and farming organizations selected as a recipient of New York State's 2024 Urban Farms and Community Gardens Grant Program. This \$44,610 grant supported our work increasing food access in Central New York through the 2024 Food Access Program.



Area Served





## Food Pantry Testimonials

"We were extremely pleased to receive fresh produce from Unadilla Community Farm this summer. The clients who come to Our Daily Bread are always pleased to be able to take home fresh produce. Thank you for helping to make this possible."

~ Barbara Tompkins, Co-Coordinator  
Our Daily Bread Food Closet, Norwich



"What a wonderful organization!  
All produce was flawless and  
greatly appreciated by our patrons.  
Many thanks for your hard work."

~ Suzanne Collins, Director  
Hamilton Food Cupboard



# Programs: Herbal Aid

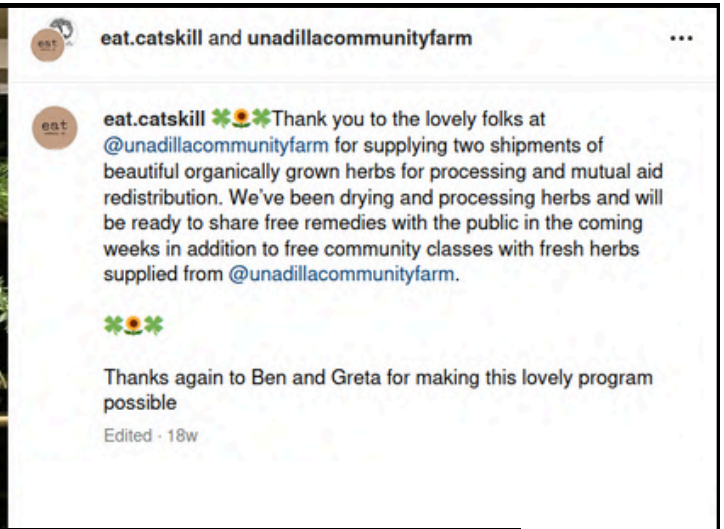
2024 was the second season of our Herbal Aid Program, which was piloted last year. Through this unique program, we grow and deliver free medicinal herbs to the “food pantry” equivalent in the world of herbal health access: free herbal clinics, community apothecaries, and mutual aid groups. We offer free delivery within a 90-minute radius of the farm as well as free shipping in insulated coolers to organizations beyond our delivery radius. Our partners then utilize our herb donations to provide free herbal services including health & wellness consultations, internal and external herbal preparations, and supplies for home medicine making, particularly for low-income, BIPOC, unhoused, and immigrant communities. In 2024, we donated medicinal herbs and berries **valued at \$74,338.87**.

We assist our herbal aid partners with filling an important gap by providing free herbal health services to low-income and uninsured people who would otherwise fall through the cracks in the U.S. healthcare system. Additionally, distributing free herbal medicine to marginalized communities serves to reclaim plant medicine traditions that have been historically erased by the for-profit pharmaceutical industry.





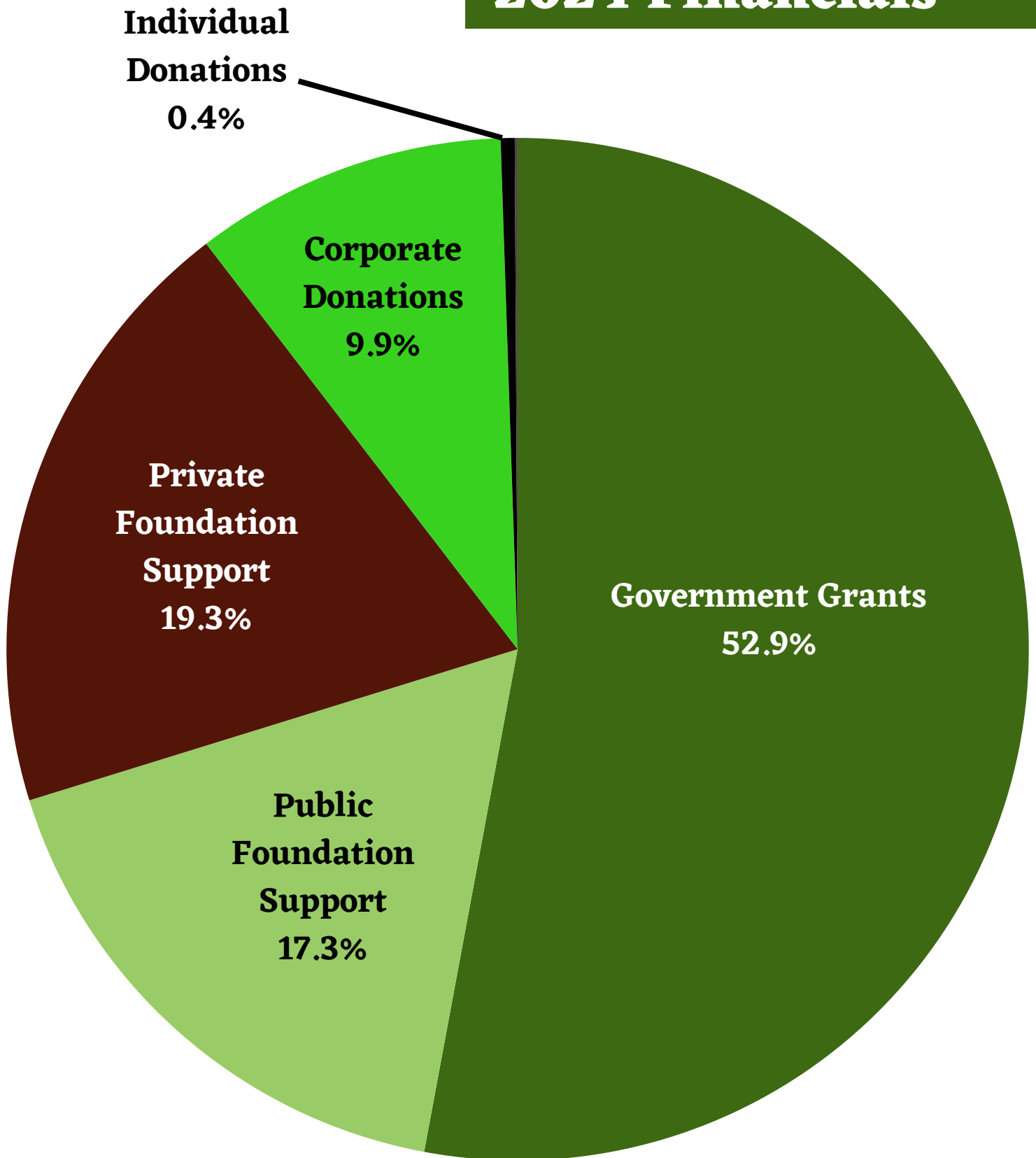
# Herbal Aid Partnerships



Unadilla Community Farm's herbs distributed for free at Herban Cura's Plants to the People event in New York, NY (credit @herban.cura)



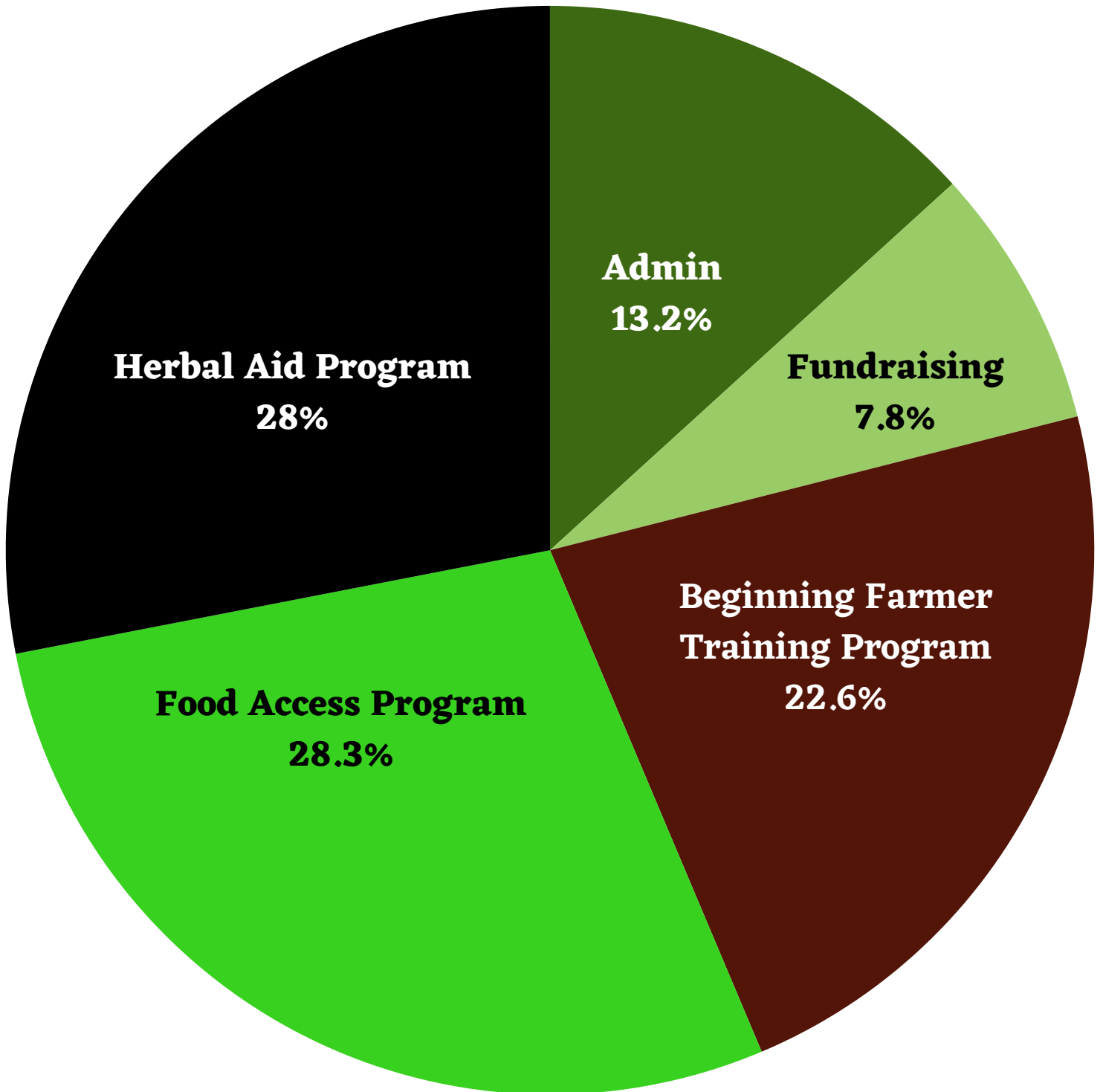
# 2024 Financials



**Income: \$116,227.51**



# 2024 Financials



**Expenses: \$98,363.96**



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