



2019 Annual Report

The Gallatin Invasive Species Alliance is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization working to protect natural resources from the threats of invasive species.

OUR STORY

The Alliance began in 2004, when two people witnessed spotted knapweed overtaking Gallatin Canyon and decided to take action. Today, our organization is celebrating 15 years of positive impacts on the lands we love.

THE CHALLENGE

"Resource managers everywhere recognize that invasive non-native species are the biggest threat to the integrity and function of terrestrial and aquatic environments. The Gallatin watershed is no exception. Over several decades of resources management, I have seen landscapes recover from every type of calamity but I have never seen a landscape recover from the introduction of invasive species."

~John Councilman, board chair, retired US Forest Service Resource Assistant, Custer-Gallatin National Forest

IMPORTANT WORK

Our project area encompasses some of the most ecologically and economically important resources in the state, providing vital habitat and water for plants, wildlife, and the people who live and recreate in the area.

The Alliance works to address and mitigate the impacts of human activity upon natural resources to ensure that what we love so much about this place is not destroyed by our pursuit to experience it.

Inspire - Educate - Conserve

The Gardens at Crail Ranch

The Alliance teamed up with other local organizations to build a demonstration garden at Crail Ranch to educate residents, students, and visitors about sustainable gardening, showcase water savings over time, and enhance the Ranch's natural heritage.

700 WILDFLOWERS PLANTED

Twenty five native species were planted in 4 gardens.



223 VOLUNTEER HOURS

Twenty nine volunteers helped build, plant, and mulch the 4 gardens.

Our Partners



Beth MacFawn Landscape Design, Big Sky Community Organization, Big Sky Landscaping, Big Sky Owners Association, Big Sky Resort Tax, Big Sky Water & Sewer, Gallatin Canyon Women's Club, Gallatin Conservation District, Gallatin River Task Force, Gallatin Waterworks, Meadowview II LLC, Moonlight Community Foundation, Rotary Club of Big Sky, Spanish Peaks Community Foundation, Westscape Nursery, Yellowstone Club Community Foundation

With more to come in 2020, we can't wait to see the gardens bloom in the coming years and become a cornerstone of community conservation.



Educate



1,566 YOUTH EDUCATED

at local camps, fairs, summits, and field trips.

177 REALTORS EDUCATED

at 2 continuing education courses.

3.25 MILLION VIEWS

of 2 Highway 191 Clean.Drain.Dry. billboards in a 6 month period.

5.4 MILLION READERS

learned about Clean.Drain.Dry. through multiple media outlets.

Conserve

Human activity impacts all wildlife habitats and is the primary mechanism for invasive species establishment and spread.



317 ACRES IN GALLATIN CANYON

treated at heavily used recreation sites and critical wildlife habitat through our new program called "CONSERVE OUR CANYON."

1,178 POUNDS OF NOXIOUS WEEDS

removed from public lands & parks, trail heads, and river access points by 100 volunteers. In the past 11 years, 1,139 volunteers have removed 17,900 pounds!

143 ACRES INSPECTED

during 20 landowner site visits in 2019. Over the past 11 years, the Alliance has assisted 10,089 acres.

\$16,405 TOWARD COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

for on-the-ground noxious weed management. In the past 6 years of the program, \$72,835 has gone towards treating local open space.

\$15,925 INVESTED IN HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS

to the benefit of native plants, which sustain our local herd of bighorn sheep.

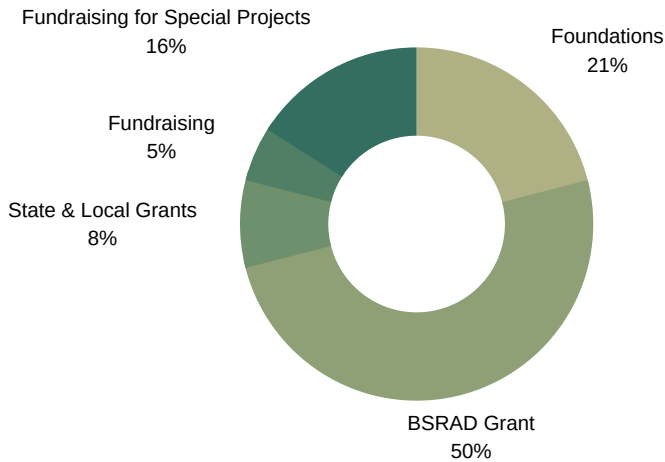


2019 Financials

FY 7.1.18 - 6.30.19

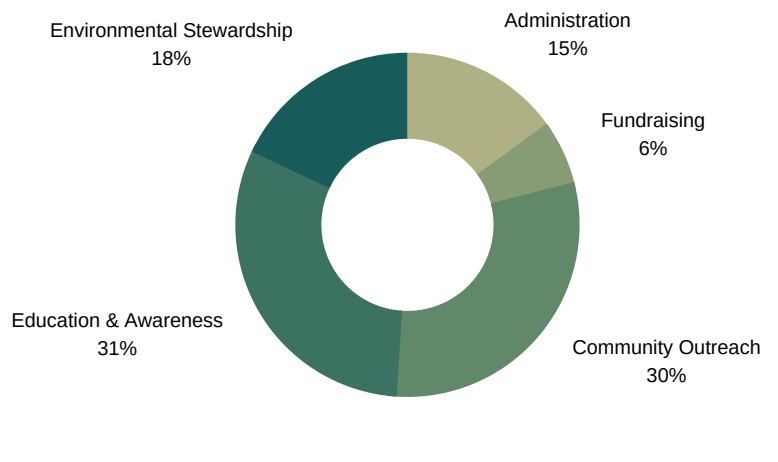
REVENUE BY SOURCE

Total Revenue \$111,019



EXPENSES BY PROGRAM

Total Expenses \$82,888



Not included in the revenue or expenses are:
 \$10,000 of grant funding awarded to our partners for cooperative projects
 \$81,911 of In-Kind donations
 \$1.78 8 year average match - \$1.78 In-Kind to \$1 of grant funding

Not included in expenses is \$28,629 paid out during the summer of 2019 to build the Gardens at Crail Ranch.

Thank you to our partners, funders, donors, and volunteers for helping make our work possible!



Big Sky Community Organization
 Big Sky Landscaping
 Big Sky Owners Association
 Big Sky Resort
 Big Sky Resort Tax
 Big Sky Water & Sewer
 Bridger Brewing Company
 Coffee Pot
 Custer-Gallatin National Forest
 Jack Creek Preserve
 Gallatin Canyon Women's Club
 Gallatin County Conservation District
 Gallatin County GIS Department
 Gallatin County MSU Extension

Gallatin River Task Force
 Gallatin Valley Land Trust
 Greater Gallatin Watershed Council
 Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Cmte
 Historic Crail Ranch
 Madison County Weed District
 Madison Gallatin Trout Unlimited
 Moonlight Basin
 Moonlight Community Foundation
 Montana Conservation Corps
 Montana Department of Agriculture
 Montana Department of Transportation
 Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
 Montana State University

Montana Weed Control Assoc.
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 Montana Weed Control Association
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