



DIVISION OF  
INDIAN WORK

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ANNUAL  
REPORT

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2021



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THANK YOU!



## LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings All My Relatives,

2021 was another year of challenge and change. The amazing staff at DIW continued to work creatively and diligently to deliver services to our community in the face of COVID-19. We are grateful to the Native American Community Clinic and Indian Health Board for prioritizing our staff for vaccinations when they became available. Some of our staff, such as those in the food shelf and at our Healing Spirit home, never had the luxury of working from home. Most of our staff were able to work a hybrid model, gradually increasing the size and frequency of in person meetings. We all do better when we are together in community, and our goal in 2021 was to be in-person as much as we safely could do so.

Many of our 2021 highlights are detailed in the report that follows. Another highlight that exemplifies our passion for serving our people was an award we received as part of the American Indian Food Security Work Group. We were selected as a 2021 Commissioner's Circle of Excellence Award winner by the Minnesota Department of Human Services. In the words of DHS "The awards recognize excellence among human services providers, counties, tribes, advocacy groups and other organizations that work in partnership with DHS to help people meet their basic needs so they can live in dignity and achieve their highest potential."

I look forward to all that we can accomplish in 2022.

Respectfully,  
Louise Matson

# 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

## Vikings Table Partnership



During 2021, we partnered with Vikings Table to deliver 100 meals each week to elders and other homebound community members. We were featured in the Minnesota Vikings Foundation Impact Report as their Spotlight Nonprofit Partner.

We also received technology funds through the Vikings Foundation which was invested in our Youth Leadership Council. These funds allowed for meetings to happen via Zoom, Fitbits for youth to encourage overall health, computers and printers for college students, and more.

## Horizons Unlimited Food Shelf Holiday Baskets

DIW's Horizons Unlimited (HU) Food Shelf distributed baskets in April, October, November, and December to elders and families in our community. During the Spring Feast Giveaway HU served 278 families. In November, 350 holiday baskets with turkey and sides were distributed and in December, 295 holiday baskets were distributed. A special meat giveaway was held in October for Indigenous People's Day.



HU Food Shelf also provided food boxes, meat, and other items to Minneapolis American Indian Center (MAIC) and Bii Dii Gain, an Elders Apartment Complex. MAIC had to suspend their elder meal delivery due to Covid, but they wanted to provide food in another way. Bii Dii Gain came through weekly to pick up baked goods and sometimes other perishable goods.

## LEAP! 2021



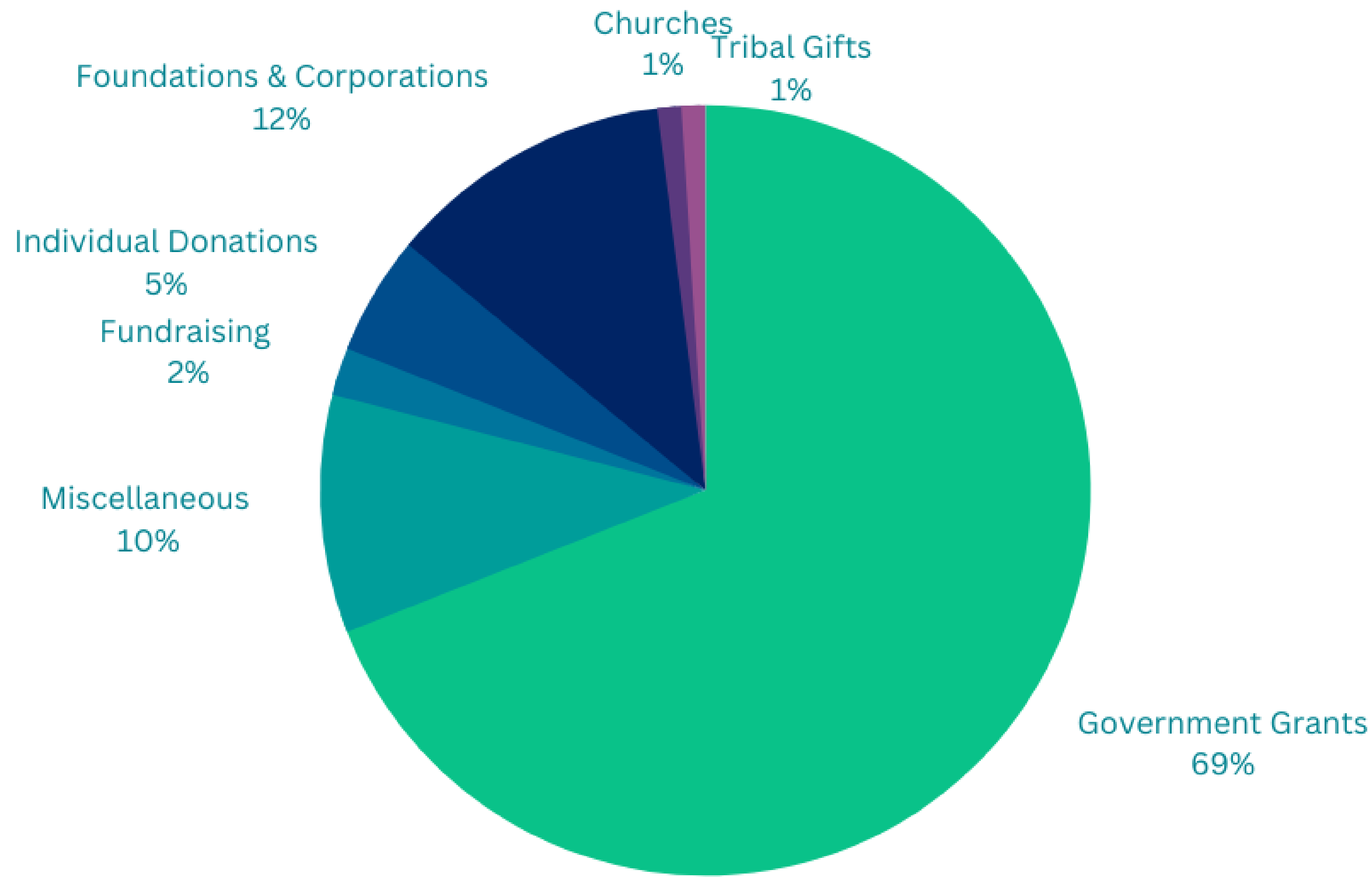
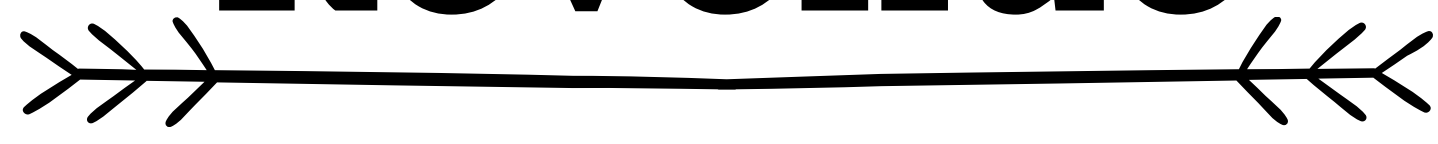
Miigwech to all who participated in our online auction and attended our sixth annual LEAP! event held virtually for the second year in a row on Monday, September 27th 2021! We are very grateful to our loyal sponsors, ticket purchasers, table hosts, emcees, and those from the general public that attended and donated.

The evening included special messages from Allina President & CEO Penny Wheeler and local author Marcie Rendon, a cooking demo by our own chef Derek Nicholas, traditional drumming, and dance demonstrations.

We are happy to report that your generous contributions helped us raise over \$80,000 for our Horizons Unlimited Food Shelf and Youth Leadership Development Program! Thank you to our amazing LEAP! committee for a great event!

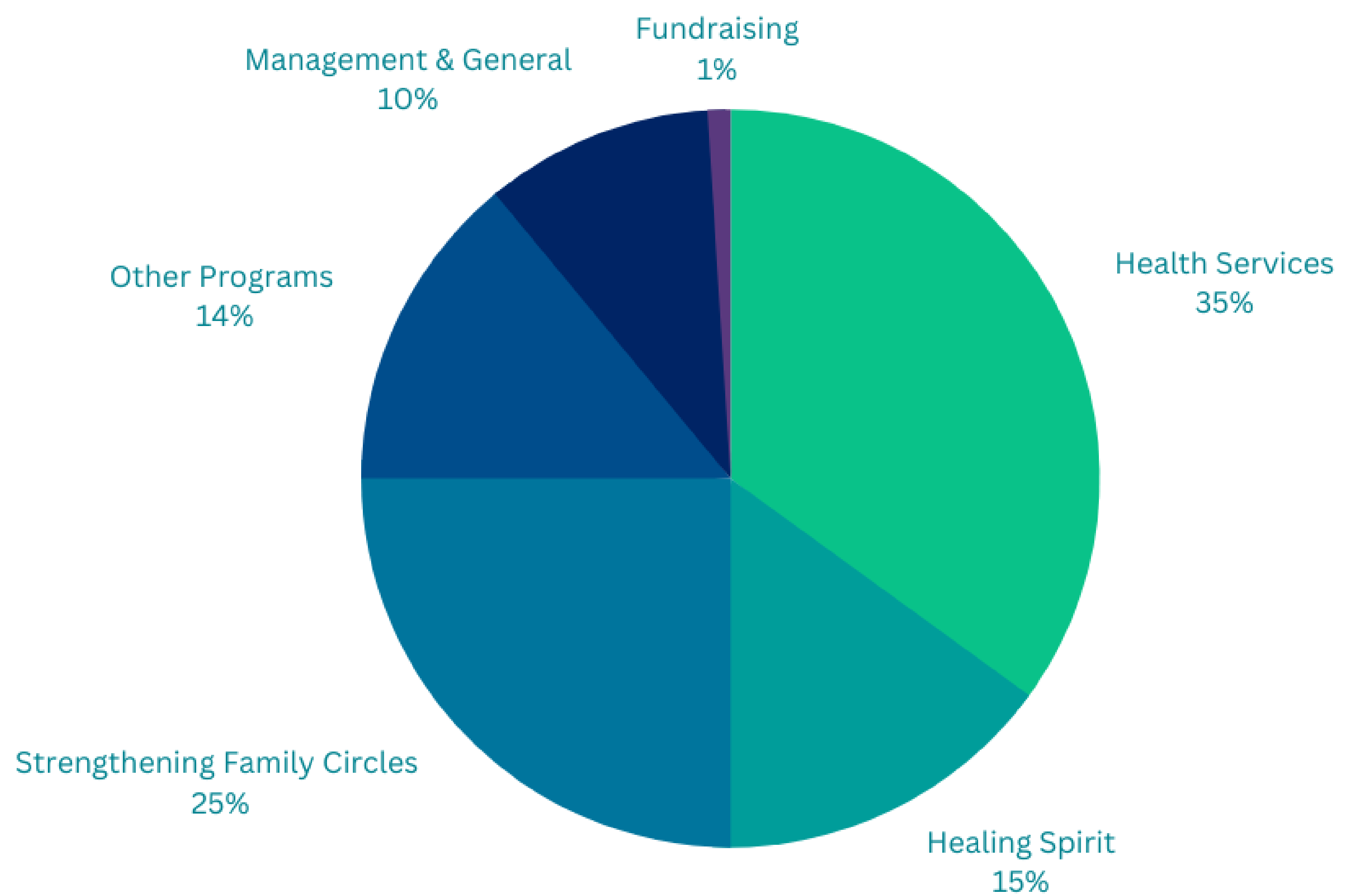
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FEEDING NATIVE FAMILIES  
EMPOWERING NATIVE YOUTH

# Revenue



- Foundations & Corporations \$398,740.56
- Government Grants \$2,404,289
- Tribal Gifts \$31,000
- Individual Donations \$177,486.19
- Churches \$43,580
- Fundraising \$81,111
- Miscellaneous \$297,140

# Expenses



- Healing Spirit \$491,591
- Health Services \$1,074,445
- Strengthening Family Circles \$764,557
- Other programs \$432,510
- Management & General \$322,208
- Fundraising \$15,661

# DIW'S GENEROUS 2021 FUNDERS & PARTNERS

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**Advent Lutheran Church**  
**Ahmann Family Foundation**  
**All Saints Episcopal Church**  
**Allina Health\***  
**Allina Health CARES Employee Resource Group**  
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**Code42 Foundation**  
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**Highland Bank\***  
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**Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors (MUID)**  
**Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures**  
**Minnesota Humanities Center**  
**Minnesota State Arts Board**  
**Minnesota Vikings Children's Fund**  
**Minnesota Vikings Football, LLC**  
**MN Blue Cross Blue Shield**  
**MN Dept of Health**  
**MN Dept of Human Services**  
**MN Dept of Public Safety**  
**MN Indian Women's Resource Center**  
**Myslajek, Tim and Jan\***  
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**Prairie Island Tribal Council\***  
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**Running Strong for American Indian Youth**

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**United Way**  
**University Baptist Church**  
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**Washburn McReavy\***  
**Warners' Stellan**  
**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
**Womens Foundation of MN**  
**Xcel Energy\***

This list reflects grants and partnerships from January 1 to December 31, 2021. If you awarded us a grant and/or partnered with us in 2021 and do not see your name on the list, please forgive our inadvertent omission and contact Ardie Medina, Development Officer at [amedina@diw-mn.org](mailto:amedina@diw-mn.org) or 612-279-6325.

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