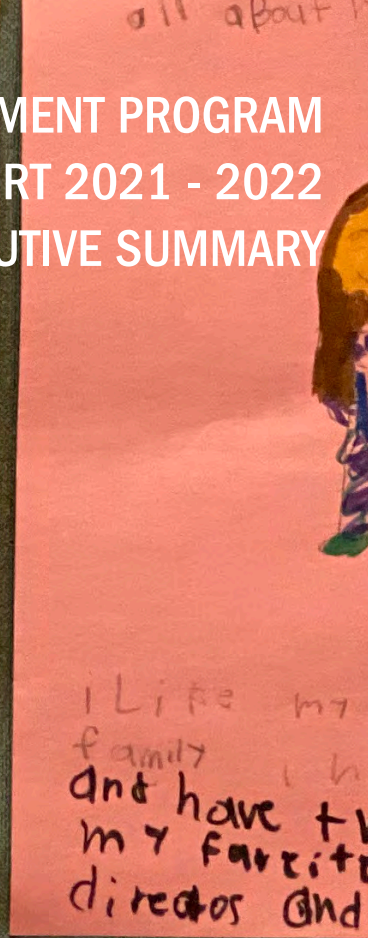
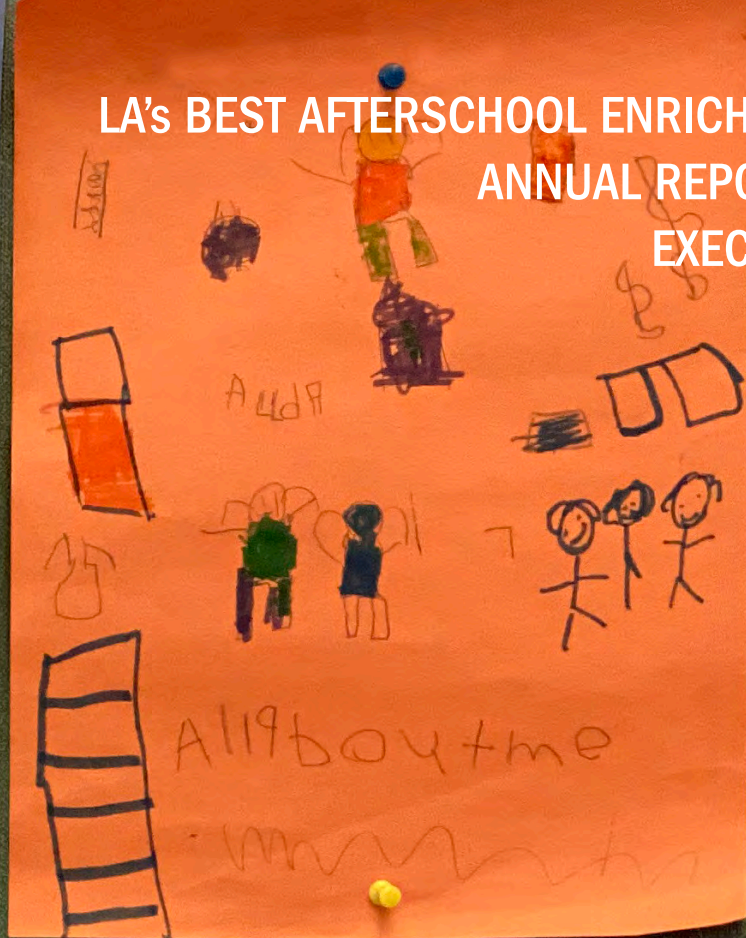




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# LA's BEST AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT 2021 - 2022 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



**See our impact across Los Angeles.**

Read how LA's BEST staff were trained to curate activities to spark students' interests and support their social-emotional development.

# We Are LA's BEST

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# Impact Snapshot

## Student Enrichment at 198 LAUSD Elementary Schools

LA's BEST staff worked tirelessly to support students' academic and emotional needs. In the wake of the pandemic, students are still struggling with learning loss. LA's BEST program staff have been proud to help students with their homework, which helps students make improvements in self-efficacy in the areas of literacy, language arts, and science.

And, as always, we incorporated social-emotional learning techniques into all elements of our program. For example, the students at one school site used their 30 minutes of physical activity time to create their own sport, which involved two soccer balls and an intricate set of rules that the students enjoyed creating together.

Although some of our formal enrichment clubs were unable to operate last year due to COVID-safety restrictions and national labor challenges, students remained engaged and staff curated activities to spark their interests. For example, 160 LA's BEST students participated in one of the arts enrichment residency clubs, where they learned dance styles from professional dancers. LA's BEST students have the opportunity to discover new skills, express themselves, and spend time with caring adults.



## An Important Summer Break

Students were in need of extra social-emotional support during the summer of 2022, due to stresses caused by the pandemic. That's why our sites incorporated a social-emotional learning routine, featuring story books about emotions, discussions about understanding emotions, and time for journaling and drawing.

LA's BEST also incorporated a variety of wellness activities. Students enjoyed six sessions of making infused waters, and received their own canteens, which they personalized as a form of self-expression. Every student cultivated a mini-garden and participated in a workshop about healthy snacks. Plus, staff members received video yoga training and yoga cards to enable them to lead students in sitting and standing yoga, as well as breathing and meditation exercises.

**128**  
school sites

ran the LA's BEST Summer Program

**8000+**  
students

enrolled in the program

**178**  
field trips

took place including to: the LA Zoo, Aquarium of the Pacific, King Gillette Ranch, the Getty Museum, and the El Capitan Theater for a private showing of Buzz Lightyear

# Staff Development

LA's BEST caring and hardworking staff work directly with students, creating vital bonds. They are at the heart of our impact and "We Are LA's BEST" community. Uniquely, LA's BEST invests in the future of our workforce, as many staff are starting their career journey. As with our students, they too learn about career trajectories and pathways to reach their professional goals.

Especially because of the national labor shortages, we continued finding innovative ways to train and support existing and new staff. For example, the "Live From LA's BEST" podcast created space for sharing successes, challenges and solutions happening at the site level.

**125**  
new staff trainings

with sessions on the values of LA's BEST, Successful Learning Environments, Activity Planning and more.

**17**  
sessions

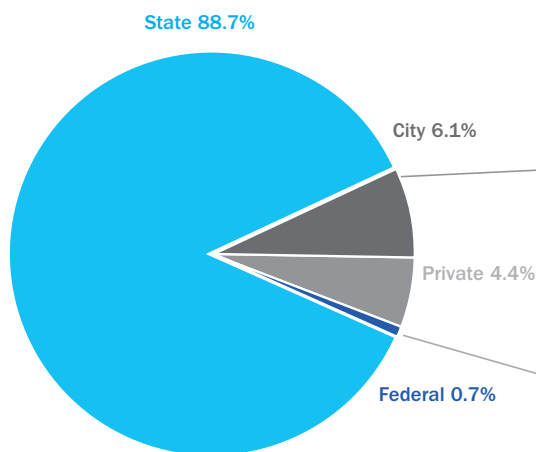
on topics such as Program Management, Child Safety, Evaluations.



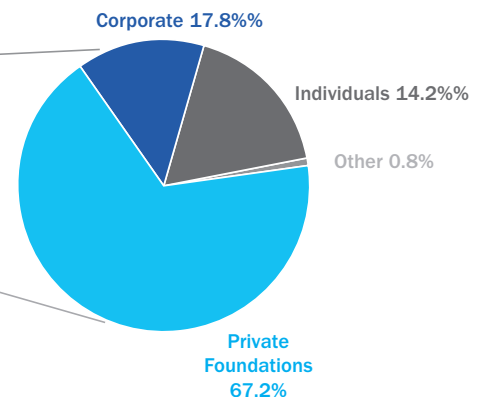
“LA's BEST has an extremely driven workforce, many of whom are simultaneously working towards furthering their education and career pathways. The training opportunities available for our staff strengthen, prepare and provide staff with the resources and skill sets to support their pathway goals.”

~ Katherine Lucero, Staff Development Director

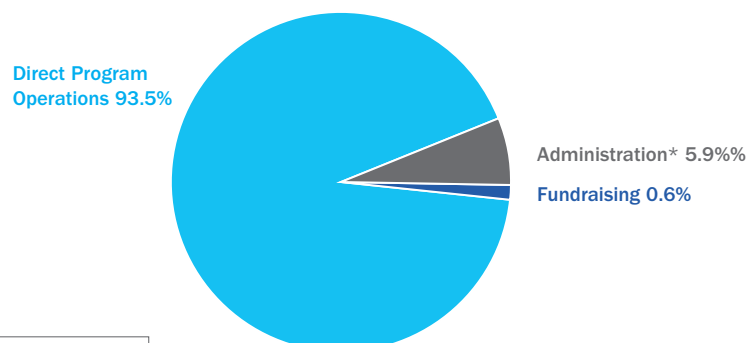
## Revenues and Support \$41,923,323



## Private Revenue \$1,857,002



## Total Expenses \$41,583,971



View the Comparative Combined Schedule of Revenue & Expenses on our website:  
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# Annual Report 2021 - 2022

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LA's BEST Afterschool Enrichment Program provides a safe, supportive and educational environment afterschool with trained staff for students attending LAUSD elementary schools in neighborhoods with the greatest needs, yet fewest resources. Students and staff have opportunities to Explore. Engage. Expand.

