

new era creative space



**IMPACT 2023**  
— AT A GLANCE —

Dear Friends,

As I look back on 2023, I'm thankful for the progress NECS has made in the community. We achieved remarkable milestones that embody NECS's spirit, from captivating performances and groundbreaking partnerships to the recognition of our student film "We Are Democracy" at the Peekskill Film Festival. Our student-led podcast, "My Activist Life," inspired dialogues on justice, and receiving the WNYC Lehrer Prize highlighted our commitment to children's social and emotional well-being. Our 10th-anniversary celebration at the Paramount Hudson Valley Theatre, supported by community leaders, reaffirmed the impact of our work.



As we grow in 2024, your support remains invaluable. Thank you for being an essential part of the NECS family. Here's to another year of inspiration, creativity, and a brighter future for our children and community!

Warm regards,

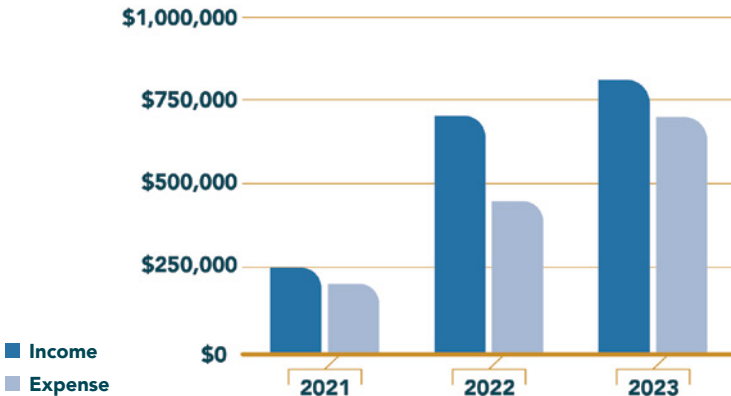
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Ridvan Idara  
Executive Director, NECS

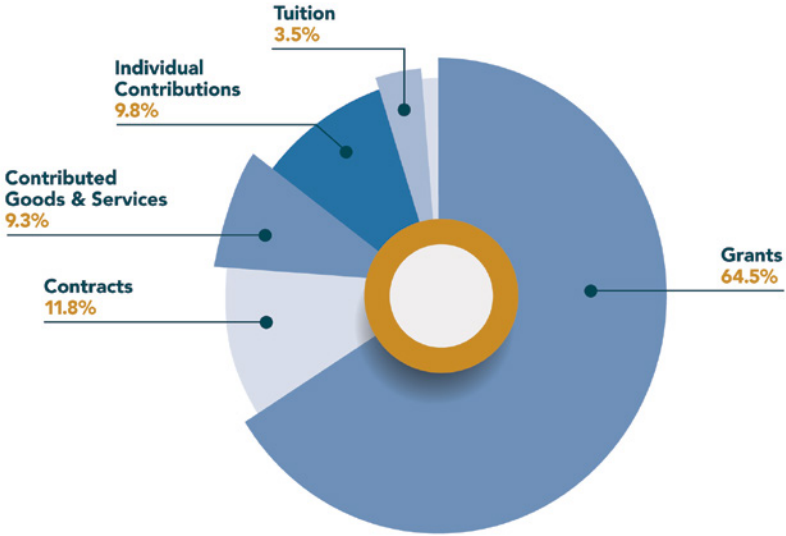
## By the NUMBERS

Thanks to community and foundation support, New Era Creative Space has been able to expand our impact over the past three years. We have developed strategic partnerships and brought our programming into the community. In addition to the support reflected here, those who work for and with NECS **donated over \$75K in-kind.**

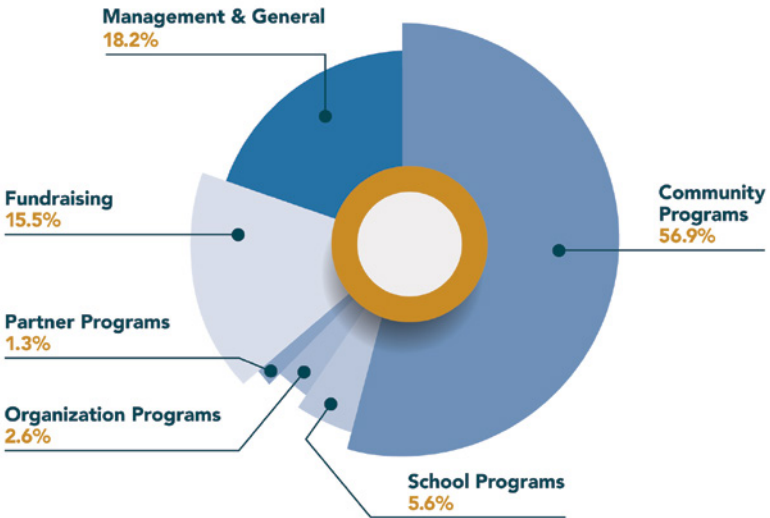
### Growth: Income & Expense



## Income Total: \$811,035



## Expense Total: \$661,717



**72**  
programs

**621**  
people participated  
in NECS programs

In 2023, NECS offered...

**287**  
donors supported NECS

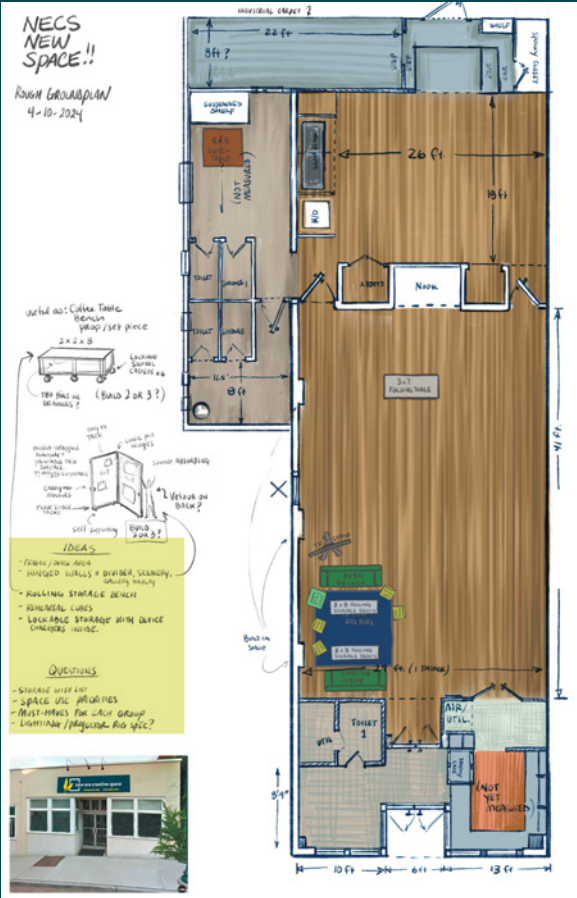
**100%**  
of students who indicated need received financial support

**OVER 75K**  
Saved through  
volunteered time  
and talent

# Looking to the **FUTURE**

NECS will transition into a new facility in Spring 2024, marking a significant milestone in our journey. This move enables us to grow our programs with dedicated classrooms and office space, fostering creativity, empowerment, and community engagement. The new space will accommodate after-school classes, workshops, and events. We plan to expand our programs to include music production, lessons, and woodworking workshops, reflecting our commitment to innovative educational experiences.

We are grateful to our supporters and volunteers for making this expansion possible. Your support shapes NECS's future. Join us in furnishing and equipping our new space. Your generosity impacts the students and communities we serve. Thank you for your belief in our **mission to inspire stronger communities through creative programs.**



**SCAN TO DONATE**



*Thank you*