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LA's BEST AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT 2022 - 2023 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Building Community Together

See our impact across Los Angeles.
Read how LA's BEST builds community to increase agency and self-efficacy among staff, students and families that will impact Los Angeles for generations.

Full digital report available at www.Report2023.lasbest.org



Enrichment Through Experiential Learning

Experiential learning - learning through action, experiences and intentional reflection - has always been the backbone of our enrichment programming. **Here is a snapshot of enrichment at LA's BEST during the academic year 2022-2023 and summer 2023:**

Arts

1,200 students participated in **27** visual & performing arts residencies including: Ballet Folklorico, drama theater, painting, story-telling, guitar, percussion drumming, keyboard, ceramics and so much more.

Seasonal Sports & Dance & Drill Team

500 teams played **2,925** games in flag football, soccer, softball and basketball.

1,025 students performed routines at the Dance & Drill Team Showcase!

Nutrition & Wellness

Students at **60** sites participated in nutrition education workshops like how to read food labels and how to make healthy and affordable snacks, such as low-sugar ice cream and fruit-infused water.

Students at **197** sites participated in 30-minutes of physical activity each day that nurtured self-confidence and teamwork.

STEM & Digital Learning

75 staff were trained in the LEGO® Education SPIKE™ Curriculum to think independently as STEM creators.

365 students participated in Digital Learning residencies in areas such as film and technology, robotics, and coding, and taught by local professionals with expertise in STEM.

Literacy & Academic Support

520 students participated in KidzLit or LA Kings Royal Readers that helped boost students' literacy skills and fostered a love of reading.

340 students participated in Young Authors and published their own book.

Students at **197** sites received homework assistance.

Workforce Development

Staff Development

This year, **257** site staff completed New Staff Orientation last year and over **600** site staff attended training sessions such as LA's BEST Values and Youth Development Principles, Successful Learning Environments, Building Relationships with Students, and Anti-Racist Journey: Designing Culturally Relevant Learning Experiences.

Career Pathways

Thanks to a grant from The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation, we launched an innovative initiative to explore how LA's BEST can provide pathways for our program staff to successfully and possibly simultaneously pursue careers in education, social services, or whatever they choose as part of their employment with LA's BEST.

Leadership Development

This year, **80** staff participated in the pilot sessions in topics such as: Leading with Compassion, Managing Difficult Conversations, Making a Difference: Coaching, and Thoughtful Feedback.

Summerland

This year, **260** staff members attended Summerland, an energetic annual community event, resource and technical assistance fair for LA's BEST site staff to connect, share opportunities and learn new skills to benefit students.

Yearlong Learning Across Los Angeles

Academic Year 2022-2023

197
LA's BEST Sites

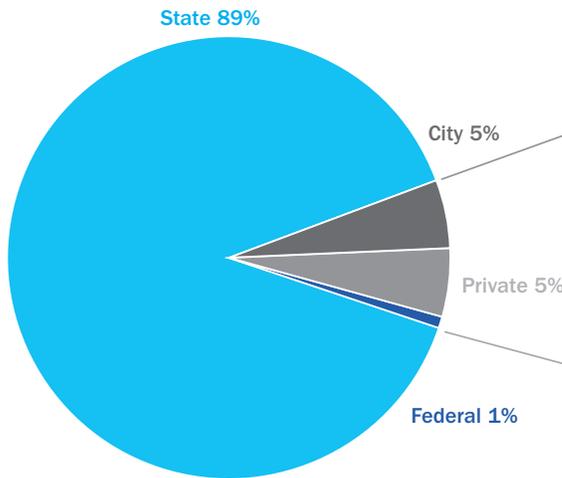
During the academic year, in partnership with the Beyond The Bell Branch of Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), LA's BEST operated afterschool programs across Los Angeles, from San Pedro to Pacoima, and Venice to East LA.

Summer 2023

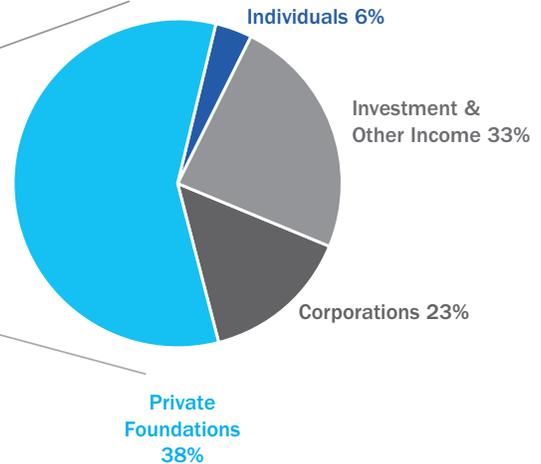
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LA's BEST Sites

The LA's BEST Summer Learning Program, also operated in collaboration with LAUSD, provided students with access to fun experiential learning opportunities from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, from June 13 to July 28.

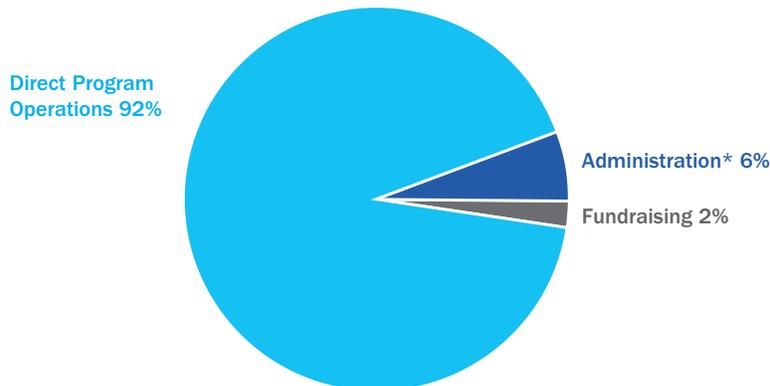
Revenues and Support \$32,927,919



Private Revenue \$1,631,057



Expenses \$33,281,602



View the Comparative Combined Schedule of Revenue & Expenses on our website:
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The external audit is expected to be completed in November 2023. We will update our financials within the digital annual report when the audit is completed.



Annual Report 2022 - 2023

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Every school day and during summer, LA's BEST Afterschool Enrichment Program provides students with a nutritious meal, academic support and the opportunity to participate in a wide array of enrichment activities – at no cost to families living in neighborhoods across Los Angeles with the highest needs, yet fewest resources.

Established in 1988, LA's BEST is a unique partnership between the private and public sectors, to keep children safe and give them additional resources to thrive in school and in life. The foundation of LA's BEST programming is training staff to engage students and nurture their social and emotional development.

LA's BEST expands and enhances equitable opportunities that benefit LA's BEST workforce, students and families living across Los Angeles, now and for generations.

