

# Brooklyn Backs Brooklyn

**BROOKLYN ORG**

# Dear Friends and Community,

Brooklyn has always been a place where neighbors look out for neighbors—where the bodega owner knows your name, where block parties feel like family reunions, and where our incredible diversity creates strength that cannot be found anywhere else. This is the Brooklyn we champion, and this is the Brooklyn we must protect and nurture together.

In a time of national upheaval, as rising costs threaten to displace longtime residents and cuts to essential services leave our most vulnerable neighbors struggling, we face a choice. We can retreat into ourselves, or we can do what Brooklyn has always done best—turn toward each other with open arms and unwavering solidarity.

Our report’s theme, **Brooklyn Backs Brooklyn**, is a call to action and reflects our shared belief: when we invest in each other, we all rise. As Brooklynites, we share an unbreakable bond with our neighbors and the growing knowledge that it is harder for most to make a life here: in our People’s Pulse poll, conducted January 2025, nearly half of Brooklynites said they have considered leaving New York City because of the cost of living, and 62% said it is increasingly difficult to afford basic necessities.

This past year, your support helped us take on this critical mission, investing in the essential organizations our neighbors rely on. Brooklyn Org’s donor community distributed \$19.5 million to nonprofits, bringing our total to over \$130 million since 2009.

To expand our reach across Brooklyn, in 2024 we launched a new community-led grantmaking process that funded 125 nonprofits working on every issue—from housing to jobs to arts and culture—on behalf of families, immigrants, and older adults in every neighborhood. We also expanded our free services and trainings that supported over 500 nonprofits, while our new Neighborhood Collective Impact funding invested in bold local ideas that emerged from our Listening Tours.

As we look ahead, we’re reminded that our borough’s greatest asset isn’t our history—it’s our future. Together, we’re working to build a Brooklyn for everyone, where opportunity isn’t determined by zip code and community solidarity creates solutions to even our greatest challenges.

With deepest gratitude and partnership,

**Dr. Jocelynn Rainey**  
President & CEO

**Michael Gillespie**  
Board Co-Chair

**Nicole Gueron**  
Board Co-Chair

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# A Champion For Brooklyn

**WE BELIEVE THAT A FAIR AND JUST BROOKLYN IS WITHIN REACH—  
AND WE HAVE A PLAN TO GET THERE**

Brooklyn Org is here to match ideas with resources, challenges with solutions, and inequity with justice. But to achieve long-term change for our communities, we all have a part to play.

Our work is propelled by a deep commitment to racial justice and the critical need to close a significant funding gap: while Brooklyn is the most populated borough, home to one-third of NYC's population and one-third of its nonprofits, we receive only 7.6% of charitable revenue citywide. Moreover, our long-standing communities of color—62% of Brooklyn residents are people of color and 36% were born outside the U.S.—have endured decades of divestment and discrimination, without the adequate resources necessary for our neighbors to thrive.

Since the launch of our strategic plan in 2023, we have been hard at work on two major goals:

1. Building the capacity and power of organizations that serve Brooklyn
2. Activating and mobilizing greater resources for community impact

**In short, we are on a mission to show what is possible when Brooklyn Backs Brooklyn.**

This past year has been a flurry of activity to bring that vision to life, and we are excited to have you with us on this new journey. As the saying goes, “nothing about us without us”—and Brooklyn Org involves our community in every step of our critical work for the borough, to help us support hundreds of thousands of Brooklyn families, youth, immigrants, and older adults each year.



Brooklyn Org Volunteer Day





A CHAMPION FOR BROOKLYN

## By The Numbers

# \$130M+

To Nonprofits 2009-2024

# \$19.5M

To Nonprofits In **2024 Alone**

**\$9.2M** ← **\$15.7M** → **\$5M**

To NYC (58.6%)

In **DAF Grants**

To Brooklyn (32%)

# 500+

Nonprofits Participated In 70+  
BKO Capacity Building Programs

# 60

Community Advisors Participated In  
BKO Grantmaking Decision-Making

# 125

Nonprofits Supported By BKO Grants  
Across 12 Major Issues

# \$1.25M

Raised For 132 Nonprofits  
During BKO's Brooklyn Gives  
Year-End Campaign



BKO Changemakers Ball (Photo: Zay Wright)

“Brooklyn Org’s ability to be a force multiplier for organizations in Brooklyn is enormous. The reach, the breadth, the energy, and the pride in the work is beyond impressive.”

**VISHAL SHETH**

Brooklyn Org Board Member





# Our Community

Serving nearly 3 million people across more than 70 neighborhoods, Brooklyn Org is a diverse partnership of committed residents, neighborhood leaders, small businesses, and dedicated changemakers who are shaping solutions from the ground up.



Brooklyn Org Volunteer Day



From block associations to boroughwide movements, our work is fueled by **donors** who invest in justice, **nonprofits** that lead change on the ground, **partners** including businesses, government, and foundations who help expand what's possible, and **communities** that bridge Brooklyn's past to its present and shape our future.

Through initiatives like our annual Listening Tours and community grantmaking council, we stay connected to the evolving needs of our borough and invest in trusted community organizations with proven impact. Community insights inform funding, our expertise and long-standing relationships shape strategy, and new voices are welcomed to join in.



Crown Heights (Photo: Inspired Storytellers)

“With a shared mission to uplift and empower the creative community in Brooklyn, our collaboration with BKO highlights the best of what we both stand for.”

**MICHELLE CADORE**

Owner and Co-Founder of Da Spot NYC, a BKO Merch Partner





# Amplifying Voices Across Brooklyn

Brooklyn Org listens, engages, and partners with Brooklynites across the borough to ensure that we are informed on local issues and investing in community-backed change. In the past year, we've combined public polling with neighborhood conversations and larger community forums to provide a fuller picture of what is most important to Brooklynites in this moment. We also offer opportunities for everyone to be part of local change, through volunteering with our nonprofit partners, thought-provoking events featuring expert panelists, advocacy on boroughwide challenges, and more.

In early 2025, in partnership with the 5BORO Institute, The New York Community Trust, The Staten Island Foundation, and the Altman Foundation, we launched **The People's Pulse, a citywide poll** to determine the most pressing issues facing New Yorkers. Our findings reveal that many are grappling with an affordability crisis, are deeply concerned about public safety, and are increasingly disconnected from the electoral process—yet New Yorkers remain strongly connected to their neighborhoods.

To amplify the barriers to quality of life in Brooklyn that were identified by the poll, we brought together grassroots leaders and local elected officials for our first **community forum**, giving constituents a platform to directly address their representatives in meaningful dialogue, and offer pathways forward beyond the status quo.

We also convened local leaders to build on our 2024 report in partnership with The Center for an Urban Future, *50 Ideas for a Stronger and More Equitable Brooklyn*, **generating concrete policy solutions** that city, state, and borough officials can implement to help communities across Brooklyn thrive.



**The People's Pulse  
Citywide  
Data Report**

**The People's Pulse  
Brooklyn  
Data Report**





# Who We Back

At Brooklyn Org, we know that the challenges facing Brooklynites don't exist in a silo, nor do the approaches to solving them. Issues impacting Brooklynites are deeply interconnected, and so that is how we approach our work. We have identified 12 areas of impact, recognizing the people, neighborhoods, and community-level challenges that tell the story of life in Brooklyn and the solutions we need to make it a better home for all.

## See Who We Back

Explore our grantee directory to search nonprofits by their issue area, communities they impact, and where they work in Brooklyn.

[brooklyn.org/grantees](https://brooklyn.org/grantees)



“Brooklyn Org’s funding allows us to deepen our support for older adults in Central Brooklyn, addressing challenges from transportation barriers to the digital divide to feelings of isolation, and to celebrate the shared Caribbean and Black cultural heritage of our community.”

**SELMA JACKSON**

Volunteer Executive Director and Board Chair of Age Friendly Central Brooklyn

## Areas of Impact

**WE ARE PROUD TO INVEST IN WORK THAT PUTS BROOKLYN’S PEOPLE, NEIGHBORHOODS, AND COMMUNITIES FIRST**



**Families**



**Youth**



**Immigrants**



**Older Adults**



**Civil Rights**



**Justice Reform**



**Civic Engagement**



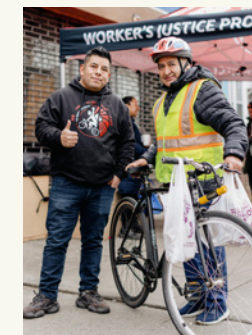
**Environmental Justice**



**Housing**



**Health & Well-Being**



**Jobs & Economic Opportunity**



**Arts & Culture**



# Investing In Brooklyn's Leaders

Each year, we shine a light on the brilliance and resilience found right here in Brooklyn through two special programs, the \$100,000 Brooklyn Org Spark Prize for nonprofits and the \$20,000 Just Brooklyn Prize for leaders, presented in partnership with The Joe and Clara Tsai Foundation's Social Justice Fund. The people and organizations recognized by these initiatives show what magic can happen when Brooklyn backs Brooklyn.

## 2024 Just Brooklyn Prize Winners

### Carolyn A. Butts

Founder and Director of African Voices Communications Inc and Reel Sisters of the Diaspora Film Festival & Lecture Series

### Christine Yvette Lewis

Organizer, Culture Outreach Coordinator, and Secretary of Domestic Workers United

### Ninaj Raoul

Co-Founder, Haitian Women for Haitian Refugees

### Chino Hardin

Co-Executive Director, Center for NuLeadership on Human Justice and Healing

### Derrick Hamilton

Co-Founder, Families and Friends of the Wrongfully Convicted

## 2025 Brooklyn Org Spark Prize Winners



### Brooklyn Book Bodega

Works to eliminate “book deserts,” areas where there is one book for every 300 residents, aiming to create more “100+ book homes” throughout the city, by providing books to children in underserved neighborhoods.



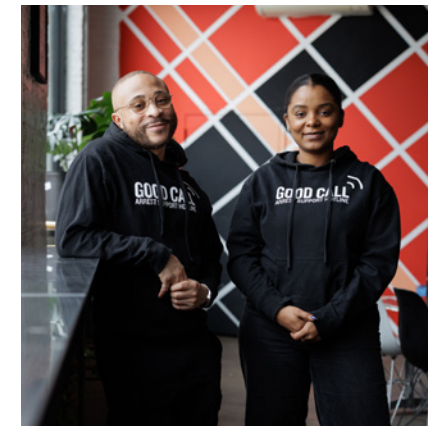
### Brownsville Community Culinary Center

Provides free, culinary vocational training for local residents, as well as access to healthy food and nutritional education, with over 400,000 meals served to the community to date.



### Community Help in Park Slope (CHiPS)

Offers free hot meals, food pantry services, and shelter to anyone who comes to their door—serving nearly 200,000 meals annually—and provides supportive housing for expectant and new mothers in need.



### Good Call

Connects arrested individuals and their loved ones with free legal support through their 24/7 hotline, providing immediate access to attorneys who explain their rights and advise on next steps for timely legal intervention in communities that are often disenfranchised in the legal process.



### Technology for Families in Need (TechFIN)

Working to close the digital divide by refurbishing and distributing computers donated by corporations to low-income families across the five boroughs.

See your support in action by scanning the QR code for videos showcasing our partners:







# Strengthening Nonprofits

We are committed to strengthening Brooklyn’s nonprofit sector from the ground up, recognizing that meaningful change depends not only on funding, but on the strength, resilience, and leadership of the organizations advancing equity every day.

Since fully launching our free capacity building programming, we have hosted more than 70 workshops, conferences, and leadership salons, engaging **over 1,300 nonprofit professionals from over 500 organizations** across the borough. These gatherings responded directly to the needs of our grantee partners and the wider sector, covering topics from fundraising and board development to narrative strategy and peer support.

Through this work, we support nonprofits in navigating complex operational issues, strengthening leadership, and building the networks they need to grow and thrive. From peer learning to technical assistance, our goal is to ensure that Brooklyn’s nonprofit leaders are equipped not only to meet the demands of today, but to shape the future of our borough.

**70+**

Capacity Building Programs

**1,300+**

Participants

**500+**

Nonprofits Reached

“Brooklyn Org’s leader salons provide us a space to network and meet fellow nonprofit founders.”

**DAMIAN HARRIS-HERNANDEZ**

Executive Director,  
Refugee Translation Project



Brooklyn Org Nonprofit Conference

“We are deeply grateful for the full range of capacity-building trainings and resources Brooklyn Org offers to nonprofits like ours. They are fantastic and so needed.”

**JENN CHEN**

Founder and Executive Director,  
Brooklyn FAM



# Led By Community

## Our Unique Approach

At Brooklyn Org, we believe those closest to the challenges in our communities are closest to the solutions, and we partner with an inclusive, multigenerational Advisory Council to help guide our investment in local nonprofits each year.

Brooklynites apply to join the council for up to two years of service, and once a part of the council, they are compensated to recognize their time and efforts. Working hand in hand with our team by reviewing applications, conducting site visits, and recommending grantees, their lived and professional experience and neighborhood insights ensure our funding is grounded in community.

“When I got involved and learned about all of the other nonprofits in Brooklyn out there serving people, I felt honored that I was selected to help decide which nonprofits would get funding.”

**JO-ENA BENNETT**

## Our 2024-2025 Grantmaking Advisory Council



**Alyssa Belle**  
East New York



**Xavier Ifill**  
East Flatbush



**Nicole Robinson-Etienne**  
Canarsie



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South Brooklyn



**Melanie Hart**  
Bed-Stuy



**Jackie McKinney**  
East Flatbush



**Adrien Lorenzo Weibgen**  
Flatbush

Photos courtesy of subjects



# Listening Tours

Our annual Listening Tours series helps us build relationships with neighborhood leaders and grassroots organizations and stay informed on challenges and opportunities for investment across our borough. From 2022-2024, we held 29 neighborhood conversations with 462 residents across the borough. To support community solutions raised by Brooklynites during our tours, we launched our **Neighborhood Collective Impact project funding**, which provides \$25,000 to promote collaboration between nonprofits to solve local challenges.



Brooklyn Org Listening Tour



Brooklyn Org Volunteer Day

# Volunteer Day

Brooklyn Org’s annual day of service brings together community members to roll up their sleeves and work alongside the incredible nonprofits that support our borough each spring. Between feeding chickens, recycling electronics, organizing children’s books, distributing groceries to their neighbors, and more, over 250 volunteers—including dozens of teens and kids as young as 6—joined us at sites across the borough in 2025.



**Neighborhood Collective  
Impact Projects**  
brooklyn.org/ncip



**Volunteer**  
brooklyn.org/volunteer

# Community In Action

Brooklyn Org meets our communities where they’re at across the borough, from street fairs and block parties to panel discussions and research briefings, film screenings and concerts and more.



BKO Changemakers Ball  
(Photo: Matthew Adam)



Show Brooklyn Some Love Fest (Photo: Noémie Trusty)



Community Mural Painting



BKO x The Lay Out  
(Photo: Vonecia Carswell)



**Explore Our Events**  
brooklyn.org/news-and-events



# Your Guide To Making An Impact In Brooklyn



## Explore Who Makes Up Brooklyn

FAMILIES

YOUTH

IMMIGRANTS

OLDER ADULTS

Brooklyn's population is incredibly diverse. There is power in knowing who we are as a community, and that we are all stronger together when Brooklyn backs Brooklyn.

### Brooklyn Is Over 2.7M People in 70+ Neighborhoods

**Over 1 in 3 Brooklyn residents** is an immigrant—36% of our population

**30% of Brooklynites** are under 25 years old

**1 in 7 Brooklynites** is over the age of 65—the second largest older adult population (14%) across the city and state

**Nearly half of Brooklyn** households (45%) speak a language other than English at home

**A majority of Brooklyn** households (71%) are renter-occupied

**1 in 4 children** in New York City's foster care system live in Brooklyn

#### OUR POLLING SHOWS:

**50% of Brooklynites** would support legislation providing faster pathways to work authorization for immigrants to address labor shortages and boost the city's economy

**50% of Brooklynites** rated their neighborhood as an excellent or good place to live

**51% of Brooklynites with children under 18** say they expect to stay in NYC while their kids grow up

**Brooklyn Facts**  
[brooklyn.org/brooklyn-facts](https://brooklyn.org/brooklyn-facts)







# Lay The Groundwork For Joy

CIVIL RIGHTS

JUSTICE REFORM

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

If we want to build a stronger future, the foundation starts with all of us. Whether that's through volunteering, voting, attending neighborhood meetings, advocating for causes, or making a donation, there are so many ways to advance long-term change for our communities.

## We All Have The Potential To Build Movements

**Over 250 Brooklynites** took part in our annual Brooklyn Org Volunteer Day

**58% of registered Brooklyn voters** cast ballots in the 2024 election

### OUR POLLING SHOWS:

**3 in 5 Brooklynites** surveyed rarely or never engage in non-voting civic activities

**71% of Brooklynites** believe that voting is important for our social and economic future



# Focus On Community Needs

HOUSING

HEALTH & WELL-BEING

JOBS & ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

ARTS & CULTURE

Every Brooklynite should have access to affordable housing and resources to lead fulfilling, enriching, and healthy lives in the communities they call home. Identify a community need to address that is most meaningful to you—whether healthcare, our local cultural landscape, closing the racial wealth gap, or other emerging challenges, you can make a real difference in the quality of life for Brooklynites everywhere.



# Become A Brooklyn Org Backer

At Brooklyn Org, our community of supporters is meeting this moment with urgency, resolve, and local solutions. Your contribution is a lifeline to our neighbors and directly backs the nonprofits that Brooklynites depend on to address our most pressing challenges—and every dollar donated brings us closer to a more fair and just Brooklyn for all.



Brooklyn Org Volunteer Day

Want to give through your IRA, Donor Advised Fund (DAF), or with stocks? Interested in opening a DAF at Brooklyn Org? Reach out to our team at [donorservices@brooklyn.org](mailto:donorservices@brooklyn.org) to get started.

Brooklyn Org (legal name: Brooklyn Community Foundation) is a 501(c)3 and **our EIN is 11-3422729**.



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# Break Bread With Your Neighbors

Brooklyn is a feast for the senses, with sights, sounds, and flavors to transport you across the globe. What better way to show your love for the borough than with a slice of it—and this recipe offers an opportunity to connect, share, and literally break bread with your neighbors.

Created by Brooklyn Org nonprofit partner **Kindred Bakery BK**, this bread is grounded in the strength and flavor of the borough’s diasporic communities. Cassava flour brings softness and resilience to the crumb while a touch of nutmeg evokes the kitchens and histories of African, Caribbean, and Latin American traditions woven into daily life in neighborhoods like Bed-Stuy, Brownsville, Bushwick, Crown Heights, East New York, Flatbush, East Flatbush, Sunset Park, and more. Together, these ingredients form a bread that’s both familiar and boldly rooted, and boldly Brooklyn.



Courtesy of Kindred Bakery BK



**ABOUT KINDRED BAKERY BK**



Founded by the parents of a young adult with autism, Kindred Bakery BK’s inclusive culinary program brings together individuals of all abilities to learn and grow in a supportive environment. Participants engage in hands-on experiences in professional kitchen settings, focusing on baking, social-emotional learning, and STEAM-based activities. The program promotes skill-building, community inclusion, and personal development—empowering each individual to build confidence, foster independence, and actively participate in meaningful community life.

# KINDRED OAT + ROOT LOAF

A Nourishing Loaf Grounded In Diasporic Resilience

**TIME**

**Preparation:** 30 Minutes  
**Rise Time:** 2 Hours  
**Baking:** 35-50 Minutes  
**Total:** 3-3.5 Hours

**YIELD**

**Total Dough:** ~1960g

- **4 × 1 lb. loaves**  
(scale at 490-500g) or
- **2 × 2 lb. loaves**  
(scale at 980-990g)

**INGREDIENTS**

**570ml** (2 ¼ c. + 2 Tbsp.) Water  
**100g** (7 Tbsp.) Milk  
*Vegan Option: Unsweetened Almond Milk*  
**8g** (2 ¼ tsp.) Active Dry Yeast—bloom in warm milk or water (from total, warmed to ~75°F)  
**40g** (2 Tbsp.) Honey  
*Vegan Option: Agave Nectar*  
**70g** (1/3 c.) Vegetable Oil  
**150g** (1 ¾ c.) Rolled Oats  
**658g** (4 ½ c.) All-Purpose Flour  
**225g** (1 ½ c.) Whole Wheat Flour  
**40g** (5 Tbsp.) Cassava Flour  
**40g** (3 ¼ Tbsp.) Sugar  
**20g** (3 ½ tsp.) Salt  
**1.2g** (¼ tsp.) Ground Nutmeg

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Bloom Yeast & Soak Oats**

Dissolve active dry yeast in warm milk (or a portion of the water) and let sit 5-10 minutes until foamy. Meanwhile, combine oats and the rest of the water and let sit 10 minutes.
- 2. Mix Dough**

Combine all ingredients, including bloomed yeast. Mix on low speed for ~3 minutes, then on medium speed for 3-4 minutes until moderately developed. You want the dough to feel smooth, elastic-ish, and cohesive, but not super tight. It should pull away from the bowl cleanly and feel like it has structure—but no need to overwork it.
- 3. First Rise**

Cover your dough so it doesn’t dry out using plastic wrap, a damp towel, or a lidded container. If your space is chilly, stick it in the oven with just the light on, or somewhere around 75-80°F. Let sit and ferment 1 hour.
- 4. Second Rise**

Lightly flour your work surface with enough flour to prevent sticking (but not so much that the dough slides around), and pat the dough into a rectangle about the width of your loaf pan and twice as long. Next, fold the dough once. Folding the dough is like folding a letter: take the top edge and fold it about one third of the way down, fold the bottom third up, and bring the bottom edge up to meet the fold you just made. Then, press gently along the seam with your fingertips or the side of your hand to seal the seam. Cover your dough again and let it rise another hour, or until the dough is aerated and relaxed.
- 5. Divide & Shape**

Divide and measure the dough:

  - To make 2 medium loaves, cut into pieces that are 980-990g (2 lb.)
  - To make 4 small loaves, cut into pieces that are 490-500g (1 lb.)

Shape pieces into logs, then moisten the tops with water using a damp towel or a quick spray with a bottle, and roll in oats.
- 6. Proof**

Proof until nearly doubled or dough passes the fingertip test, where you gently press your floured fingertip into the dough about ½ inch deep:

  - If it springs right back, it needs more time
  - If it comes back slowly and leaves a little dent, it’s ready to go
  - If it just stays dented, it’s over-proofed
- 7. Bake**

Line your loaf pans with parchment paper, or grease with oil. Score the dough logs lengthwise and place in the pans. Bake at 350°F (177°C):

  - 1 lb. loaves: 30-35 minutes
  - 2 lb. loaves: 45-50 minutes

Bake to an internal temperature of 200-202°F (93-94°C).
- 8. Share**

Break bread with your neighbors, friends, family, loved ones, the pigeons on the block, and whoever you want to share your love of Brooklyn! If you’re on social media, spread the word and tag us **@BklynOrg** and **@kindredbakerybk**





# Join Our Movement

## Stay Connected

- Follow us on Instagram @BklynOrg
- Attend our community events
- Sign up for our newsletter at [brooklyn.org](https://brooklyn.org)

## Donate

**With Brooklyn Org, you can ignite change in Brooklyn from the ground up.**

By taking advantage of our membership or monthly giving programs, you'll have a unique opportunity to make an impact, helping you deepen your connection to your community and the vital nonprofits working to end inequity and injustice across Brooklyn.



**Stay Connected To Brooklyn**  
[brooklyn.org/follow](https://brooklyn.org/follow)

**Rep The Borough With BKO Merch**  
[brooklyn.org/shop](https://brooklyn.org/shop)



## Open A Donor Advised Fund

Does your desire to support the frontlines of change reach beyond Brooklyn? Give anywhere while maximizing your local impact by opening a tax-efficient Donor Advised Fund (DAF). Simplify your giving with our easy-to-use online portal and allocate grants to your favorite nonprofits at your own pace while simultaneously supporting Brooklyn Org's work.

**"When we learned that Brooklyn Org could provide a DAF option, it was an easy choice because it supports organizations that are close to home—especially those that work with immigrants."**

**ALAN M. DELSMAN**

Fund Holder at Brooklyn Org

## Become A Funding Partner

As the borough's go-to giving partner, Brooklyn Org is excited to collaborate with corporations, small businesses, and fellow philanthropic organizations to develop strategic initiatives that touch every corner of Brooklyn and employ our sector-leading approach to racial justice giving.



**Open A Donor Advised Fund**  
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**Ways To Give**  
[brooklyn.org/give](https://brooklyn.org/give)





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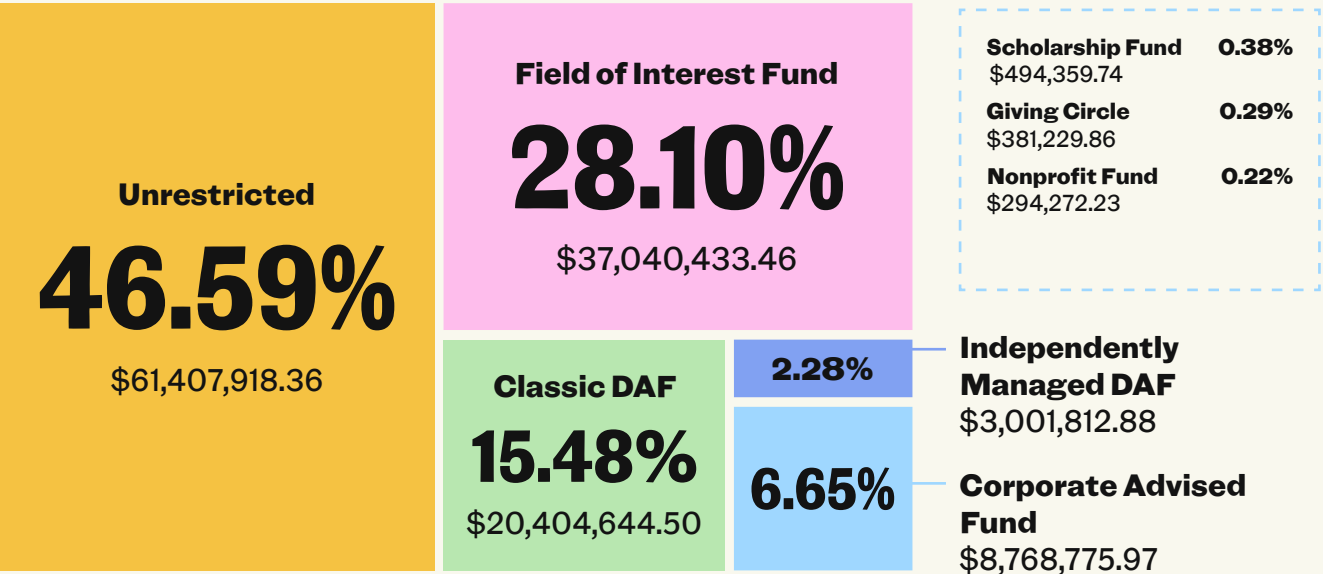




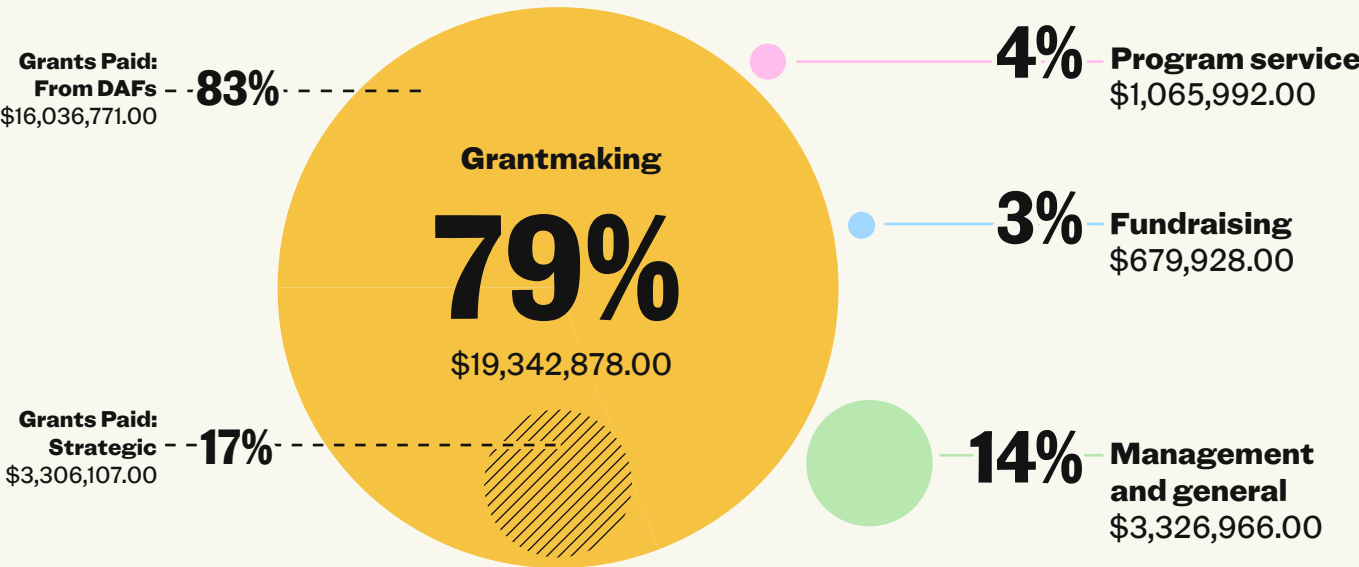
# Financials

Highlights of our FY24 Audited Financials (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)

**Total Assets: \$131,793,447.00**



**Total Expenses: \$24,415,764.00**



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## DEFINITIONS

**Unrestricted:** Brooklyn Org’s team conducts our strategic grantmaking from these assets to support nonprofits that advance racial justice and provide critical resources to communities who have been historically disempowered and discriminated against across our borough. All eligible Brooklyn-serving organizations are invited to apply for general operating support; applications are accepted at any time, and funding decisions are made twice per year in partnership with our Advisory Council of local community members. Funding from these assets also supports Brooklyn Org’s general operating costs.

**Field of Interest Fund:** These funds support specific causes chosen by the donors who established them, with grantmaking directed by the Programs team at Brooklyn Org. Field of Interest funds can be seeded with assets from nonprofits that have ceased operations but are required to transfer their assets to another nonprofit conducting work on particular issues, to maintain the original philanthropic intent of donations.

**Classic DAF:** All grantmaking from Classic Donor Advised Funds is made through grant recommendations from their Donor Advisors (we also refer to these individuals as “fund holders” at Brooklyn Org). These assets are considered unrestricted, since they are not dedicated to a particular purpose upon creation, and grantmaking decisions lie in the hands of the individual fund holders, as opposed to Brooklyn Org.

**Corporate Advised Fund:** We frequently work with businesses to develop well-rounded corporate giving programs, including matching gift programs, through these funds to support causes that are important to companies and their employees.

**Scholarship Fund:** Similar to a Classic DAF, all grantmaking from Scholarship Funds is made through grant recommendations from their Donor Advisors. We leave it to the Donor Advisors to determine how they set up and manage any scholarship applications and criteria they may have; our team simply makes their grants once they decide on the recipients.

**Nonprofit Fund:** Sometimes called a “Nonprofit Agency Fund,” these allow an organization to focus on its mission, rather than spend time identifying and supervising investment managers. These funds are ideal for nonprofits looking to set up an account for long-term invested assets, separate from their daily operating expenses. It can also help a nonprofit with gift planning and endowment-building to ensure its long-term financial sustainability.

**Giving Circle:** Giving Circles allow a group of donors with shared interests to combine their resources as a group to make high-impact grants to the nonprofits and causes they care most about. Like the charitable version of a book club, how you organize your goals and your group’s structure is up to you.

**Independently Managed DAF:** Allows you to open a charitable fund with a minimum initial gift of \$1M, while continuing to receive support from your personal wealth advisor to manage and grow the fund’s assets. This option combines the flexibility and personalized investment strategies of your advisor with Brooklyn Org’s philanthropic expertise to ensure your giving has the greatest possible impact.

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