



HOUSING
CONNECT
FUND

Annual Report

2021-2022

Message from the Chair and Executive Director

As we recap our third year here at Housing Connect Fund, we are filled with gratitude for our seasoned and new generous supporters who believe our vision - helping low-income individuals and families reach their potential.

We are incredibly thankful to have had such a triumphant year serving over 1,700 low-income households through our various services. In-person workshops, classes, and events returned to our sites. We are honored to be a space for growth, security, and support for the families of Housing Connect.

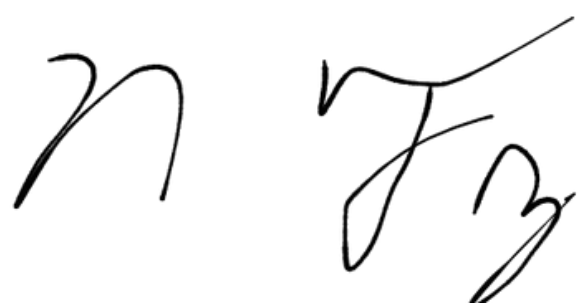
Aligned with our guiding Social Determinants of Health framework, Housing Connect Fund focused on two key initiatives - Housing Stability and Education Access.

With the support of many funders, we prioritized helping households enter into a new home or maintain their current housing through the Barrier Removal Fund established in 2020. With increased funding, we were able to serve 117 households. We are looking forward to growing that number next year.

We also created the Education Liaison position with the partnership of Housing Connect. Our dedicated staff person worked with families to ensure they were able to navigate school systems, become advocates for themselves & their children, and reach their educational goals. This is the beginning of our efforts to impact families through connecting them with best resource to fit their needs.

We are proud to have built on our strong foundation this year, while imagining how best to serve Housing Connect clients. Our team and Board of Trustees are looking forward to learning and growing in the years to come.

All the Best,



Nick Fritz
Chair, Board of Trustees



Zachary Bale
Executive Director

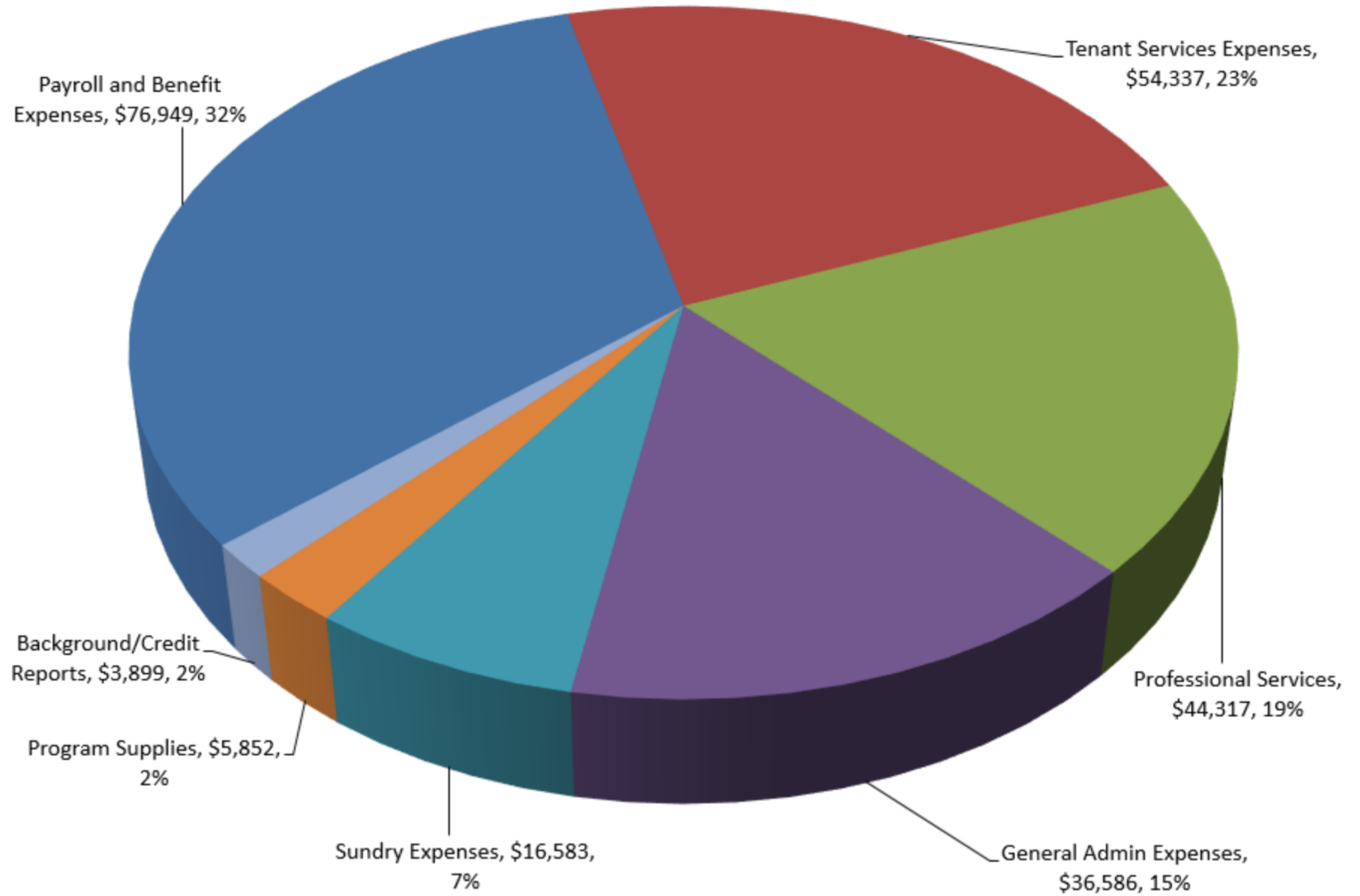
Mission

Housing Connect Fund enhances affordable housing opportunities by ensuring Housing Connect residents are connected with programs and supportive services that enrich their lives and anchor the communities in which they live.

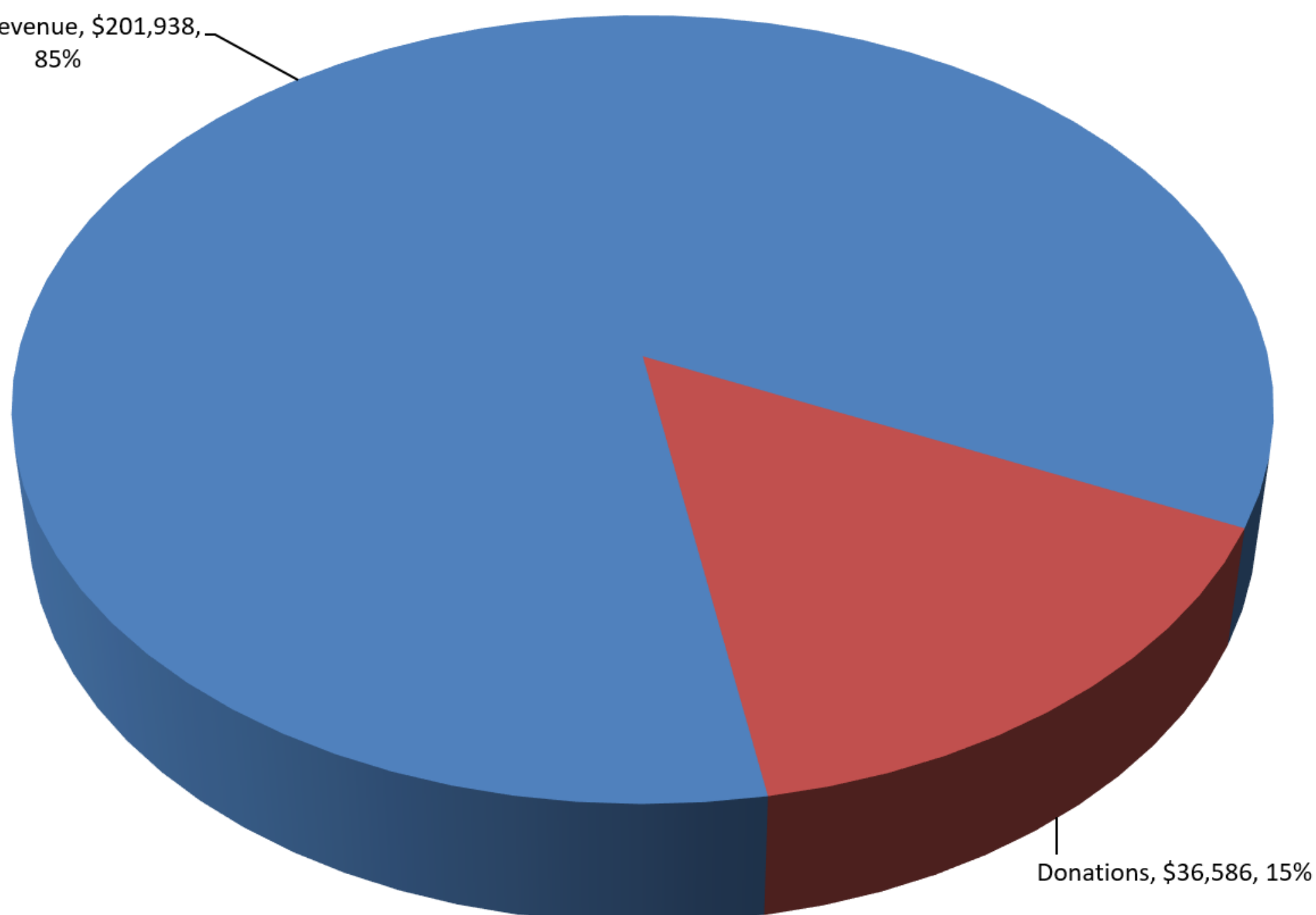
Statement of Financial Activities

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Total Expenses
\$238,523



Grant Revenue, \$201,938,
85%



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\$238,523

Resident Services Demographics

Housing Connect Fund is committed to providing supportive services to low-income families and individuals that promote self-sufficiency through our resident services programs. During the 2021-22 FY, we served **1,748** households.

BRIDGING THE GAP

Addressing gaps in services for financial capability, employment, education, transportation and homeownership. For the 2021-22 fiscal year, there were X total participants.

47 PARTICIPANTS INCREASED THEIR EARNED INCOME

74 PARTICIPANTS OBTAINED EMPLOYMENT

30 PARTICIPANTS INCREASED OR MAINTAINED THEIR CREDIT SCORES

2 PARTICIPANTS PURCHASED HOMES

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

A model that combines low-barrier affordable housing, health care, and supportive services to help individuals and families lead more stable lives.

PEOPLE SERVED

Grace Mary Manor

95

Supportive Housing

164

Kelly Benson Apartments

67

Approaches that Impact Lives

139

High Rise

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES



Promotes healthy development through direct service programs, community resource connections, and network opportunities for families encompassing the following programs: Families BOND, the Education Liaison, and Bud Bailey Services.

PEOPLE SERVED

842

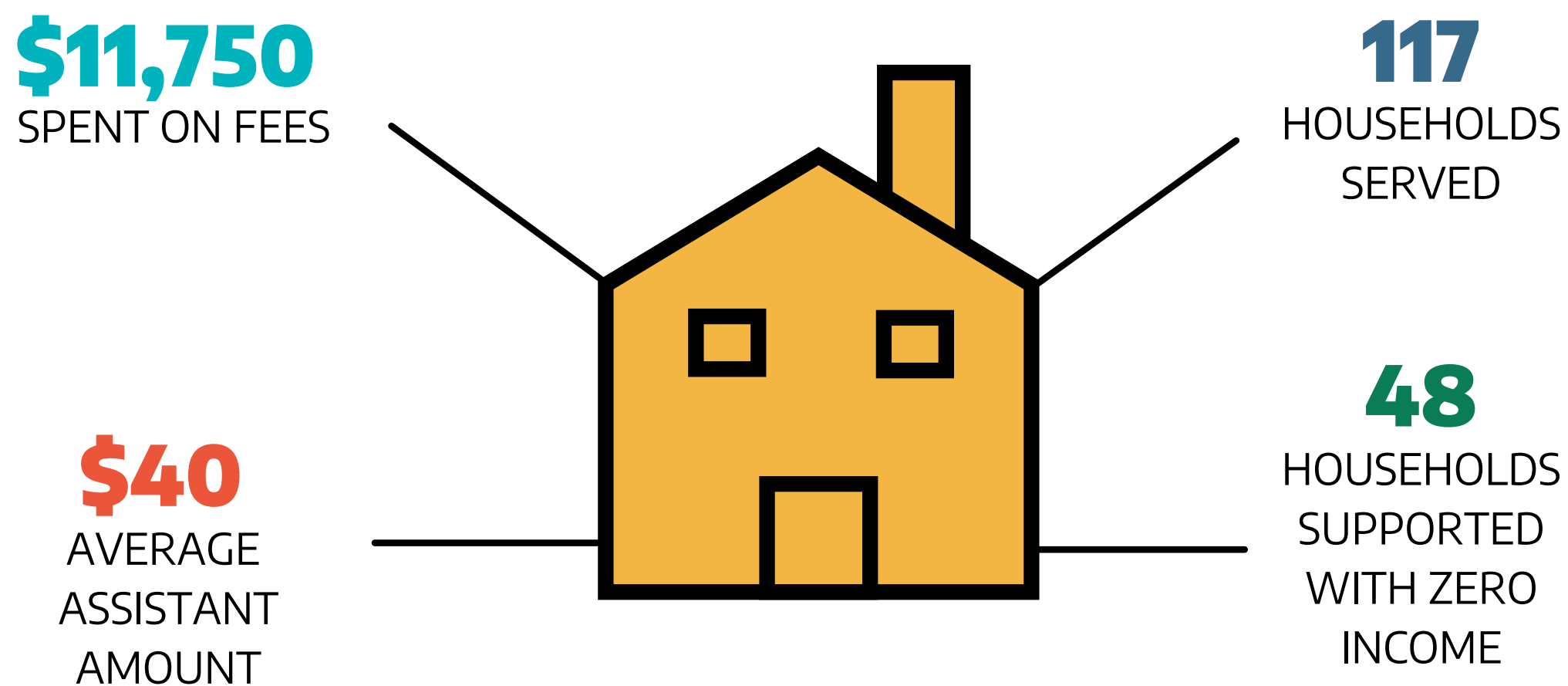


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Highlights

BARRIER REMOVAL FUND

The BRF is designed to increase access to affordable housing by removing the known barriers of low-income individuals and families. Barriers include: application fees, money for rental deposit, and other fees. Oftentimes, clients who are deemed eligible for housing assistance through Housing Connect have difficulty utilizing the rental assistance due to barriers to housing entry. The BRF addresses those barriers to entry. Housing Connect Fund was able to expand the BRF with the support of our generous donor, Intermountain Health Services.



CLIENT SUCCESS STORY

Rejaa has been in the United States since 2008, and on the Family Self Sufficiency program since 2020. The FSS Program has given her a “back to lean on” and the opportunity to create the foundation for a life she wants to live. While on the FSS program, she has started her own non-profit organization, Homeland Community Association of Utah. Her non-profit is focused on creating a community for other Iraqi immigrants and refugees in Utah. They have been working on an Arabic translation of the driver’s handbook so that more individuals can work towards getting driver’s licenses. She hopes to create a community where other Iraqi women can learn about the community resources available to them, become more educated about domestic violence, obtain employment, attend workout classes, celebrate holidays together, and learn English.



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July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

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