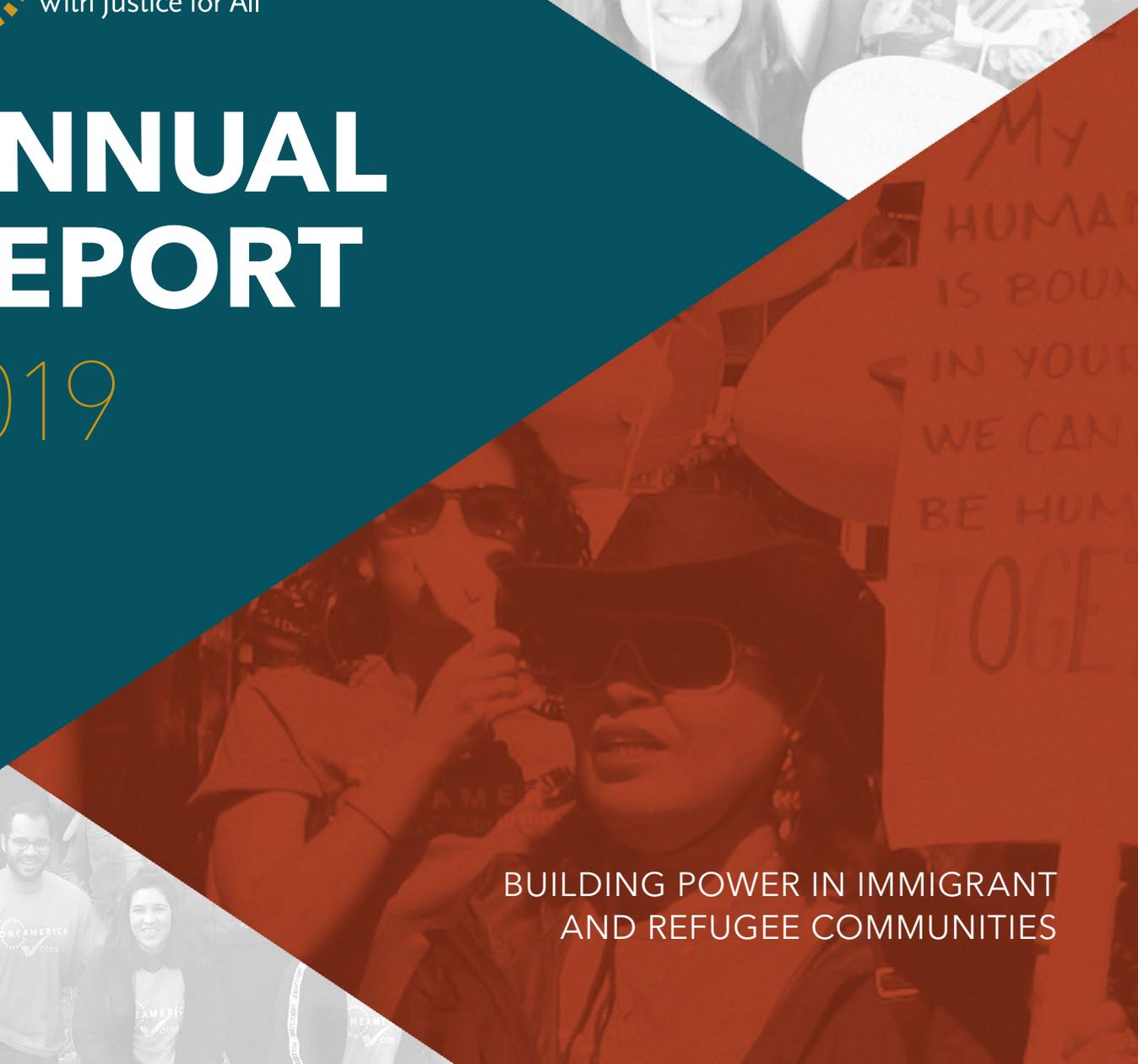




ANNUAL REPORT

2019



BUILDING POWER IN IMMIGRANT
AND REFUGEE COMMUNITIES





MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thank you for being a part of our movement to build immigrant power. Together we're unified in rejecting white supremacy and the demonization of immigrants and people of color and replacing it with hope and unity. This is our power. People like us, of every race and ethnicity, acting collectively to fight for justice.

In 2019, OneAmerica organized immigrant and refugee residents of an apartment building in SeaTac to fight for dignity and respect. Local parking laws denied them parking permits in their own neighborhood. This forced them to walk long distances or face financial penalties for parking near their home. They came together, realized that the SeaTac City Council could overturn the policy, and then took their fight straight to the Council. They won, and in the process they realized their own power to shape the policies, institutions and practices - many of them discriminatory - that impact their lives.

We must organize. We must change who represents our communities so that people like us are on school boards, in city government, in the halls of Olympia and in congress to improve the lives of our leaders and immigrant families. And we're making change happen.

With your help in 2019, OneAmerica passed one of the strongest sanctuary policies in the country, the Keep Washington Working Act. Keep Washington Working keeps families together by ending unjust cooperation between local and state law enforcement and federal immigration authorities. You helped

make this possible by fueling grassroots immigrant leaders across Washington State to turn out the vote- even when they couldn't vote themselves - electing the most diverse legislature in state history. All of this was possible only because people like us made a decision that we would lead, that we would act, and that we wouldn't be intimidated by privileged and powerful people. By acting to create the world we envision, we realized that we are powerful too.

This leadership matters because the stakes are high. Our government is tearing children from their families. Our public agencies are being turned against our communities. Tens of thousands of families are separated by the Muslim Travel Ban. At the southern border, in the halls of Congress, and here in Washington State, we won't rest until the basic human dignity and rights of each person is fully recognized.

When people like us stand together, we build power. That means organizing people, money and ideas. That's what the OneAmerica family of organizations is all about, and that's what we strive for, together. Thank you for standing with us.

A note on COVID-19: While the content of this report focuses on 2019, I want to acknowledge the pandemic in 2020 and its impact on the economy and our families. Our hearts are pained for the loss of human life, and for the crises many in our communities are navigating. Immigrant and refugee communities were already in crisis prior to the pandemic, but the pandemic has layered on added fear and uncertainty as it disproportionately sickens and kills in black, indigenous and people of color communities.

The economic shut down has thrust our economy into a recession. Families are out of work or are working in unsafe conditions as essential workers, and massive federal stimulus packages largely exclude members of our communities. State and local governments are preparing for budget cuts which will disproportionately impact our most vulnerable communities, unless we take action and make corporations and the wealthy pay their share. We recognize and join the vital movement for Black lives that is unprecedented and needed, and which is creating space for systemic change that was once out of reach. We stand in solidarity with Black folks, especially our Black immigrants, as we know our liberation and work are intertwined with one another.

With the 2020 elections coming, we have the opportunity to project a vision of our economy and future that names and addresses the inequity the COVID-19 crisis and Black Lives Matter movement has laid bare.

Together, we will ground this vision in a commitment to racial equity, an inclusive and resilient economy, and a society that lives the motto "we're in this together."



RICH STOLZ
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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OUR MISSION

OneAmerica advances the fundamental principles of democracy and justice at the local, state, and national levels by building power within immigrant communities in collaboration with key allies.

OUR VISION

OneAmerica envisions a peaceful world where every person's human rights and dignity are respected, where communities appreciate differences and stand together for justice and equality, and where each person contributes to the common good.

OUR FAMILY

OneAmerica is a family of organizations made up of OneAmerica (a 501c3), our political arm OneAmerica Votes (a 501c4), our state political action committee the OneAmerica Votes Justice Fund, and the federal political action committee the OAV Justice for All PAC.



OUR VICTORIES

Enacted the Keep Washington Working Act, groundbreaking sanctuary legislation that keeps families together by limiting collaboration between state and local government agencies and an out of control ICE agency.

Launched our Grassroots Leadership Council, centering the leadership of OneAmerica’s grassroots immigrant and refugee members in organizational strategy.

Helped generate thousands of comments against the federal government’s “public charge” rule that would unfairly penalize immigrants seeking necessary benefits like health care, and participated in a lawsuit to halt its implementation.

Won a 4-year, \$5.7 million immigrant defense fund to ensure immigrants in court have access to an attorney, and an additional \$375,000 Rapid Response Fund in Seattle’s 2020 Budget to provide support for DACA recipients, community education workshops on public charge, expanding naturalization services and more.

Extended supports and capacity for dual language and bilingual programs in early learning and K-12 classrooms across Washington State.

Immigrant and Refugee leaders organized and won a local campaign in SeaTac where parking laws were denying them access to park in their neighborhoods. **The leaders used their power and won parking permits to ensure the safety of their communities.**



Provided free citizenship services and information to 8,549 individuals via our Washington New Americans program



Trained 22 individuals to run for local office via the Ready to Lead program



Organized 36,070 calls, texts and house visits to mobilize immigrants to vote



Elected 16 candidates to local office across Washington state



Deployed 195 OneAmerica Votes volunteers to elect people like us into local office



Mobilized 1,136 people to take action on our state and federal legislative priorities



Involved 447 grassroots leaders in our base communities across the state



Delivered free English classes to 440 Immigrants and Refugees via our English Innovations Program



Secured \$3.29 million from the State Legislature to create new dual language programs in Washington’s schools



Registered 929 new voters



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HONORING AND REMEMBERING A ONEAMERICA LEADER

On December 31st, 2019, longtime OneAmerica leader and our dear friend Lisette Llerena passed away after a long battle with cancer. Lisette's contribution to OneAmerica cannot be overstated. She left behind a lasting legacy for all who knew her, including many who won't have the chance to meet her, but whose lives have been touched by her advocacy.

Lisette was an immigrant from Peru who bravely started a new life for her family in both North Carolina and then Washington state. She was a dedicated mother and so proud of her four children who made her believe anything was possible. In her time as a leader with OneAmerica, Lisette bravely 'came out' as an undocumented mother in 2014, the same day that President Obama announced his executive order for relief of undocumented parents of U.S. citizens (DAPA). She was deeply involved in our education work - organizing parents in Federal Way and south King County to expand bilingual education and language access so parents could be fully involved in their child's education. Her leadership and energy was also key in helping win the Seal of Biliteracy in the state legislature, a model program that celebrates bilingual speakers in our schools, and expanding funding for dual language programs across Washington State.

In the moments when things feel really hard, we think of Lisette. Lisette responded to the hard times in her life, like a period of economic struggle due to her status, with resilience, resourcefulness and often humor. Even in the most challenging of circumstances, she saw every single opportunity as one to make change for her community. She motivates us to believe that there is no obstacle that cannot be overcome and that our future in the fight for justice is bright.

"What I have learned is that citizenship is more than just a paper, we are citizens with our actions every single day," said Lisette at our 2017 Annual Celebration, where she was a featured speaker. "We are members of our communities at our jobs, schools, and churches. We have so much value, we learn from each other and we are definitely more powerful when we stand together."

Lisette was, and always will be, a powerful embodiment of what our movement can accomplish. When we fight for justice -like Lisette did every day- we create a strong community that stands together in power. We honor her legacy and hold her in our hearts as we continue to build power in our immigrant communities.



LEADER STORY

SALMA SILVA LICON

"I was 5 years old, Kristina, my sister, was 3 and we lived in a 10 story apartment building in White Center. It was 3 in the morning when my mom, dressed in her work uniform, would wake us up, put our shoes on and wrap us both in a pink hello kitty blanket. Still half asleep, I remember being in her arms as she was holding us tightly, going down the elevator to get to her first job of the day.

For most of my childhood, I accepted that the hardships my immigrant family experienced were normal-I didn't know any different than my mother and grandmother having to work multiple jobs to keep food on the table and, yet, still be super poor. My dad not being able to afford healthcare or go to the doctor because he was undocumented. Deportations in my community were a frequent and common thing that was simply accepted.

When I started at Federal Way High School, my friend Genesis said come join Fuerte, a OneAmerica youth group and a place where immigrant youth come together and fight for justice. **At Fuerte, I felt safe, understood and a part of something bigger than myself.** I learned I don't have to just sit there and accept the circumstances for myself or my family but that there was something I could do about it. And I, together with my community, had the power to make that change.

I learned how to be a leader, and together with other Fuerte leaders, we organized and led marches for immigration reform, educated our community about their rights, and coordinated phone banks and canvasses to get our community civically engaged and elected. We traveled to Olympia to testify on the Washington State Dream Act and talked to our representatives about passing legislation that would make our lives better.

I clearly remember in one of our meetings, being told by one of our political representatives that every "minority group goes through some struggle and now it's your turn." I was stunned and shocked, but then remembered that ultimately he is accountable to us. We told him that we weren't going to accept that. He wasn't the biggest fan of us, but guess what, he's also not in office anymore. And that's what I mean by power!

When Trump was elected I felt like everything that I had worked so hard for, all our hopes for justice just went out the window. I went through a phase when I was feeling very unmotivated and discouraged. But I knew I couldn't stay there, I had to do something about it.

I looked around UW and I couldn't find anything that was fighting for justice the way I wanted to fight for justice, the way that OneAmerica taught me to fight for justice. And that's how we started Fuerte UW.



While it's not easy to organize students on campus, my hope is that as immigrant youth we can ground ourselves in the roots of our passion and build that upwards towards something that has a direct impact on our communities and remain part of a movement that goes ways beyond the university. That's what OneAmerica is all about, giving us that place and the tools to organize and be connected to others in the movement.

My growth as a leader and my fight for justice is how I know that my mom's dream for me to finish school, to be independent and to have power is coming true. I hope and believe that she knows that this is my way of fighting for her too, just as she did for me every morning she woke up at 3 am, put on her work uniform and went to her three jobs."



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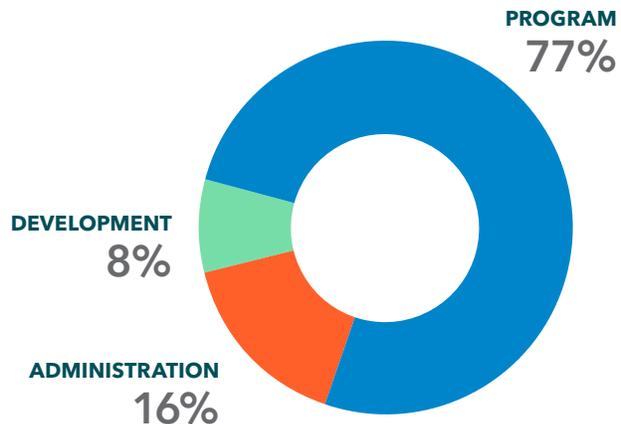
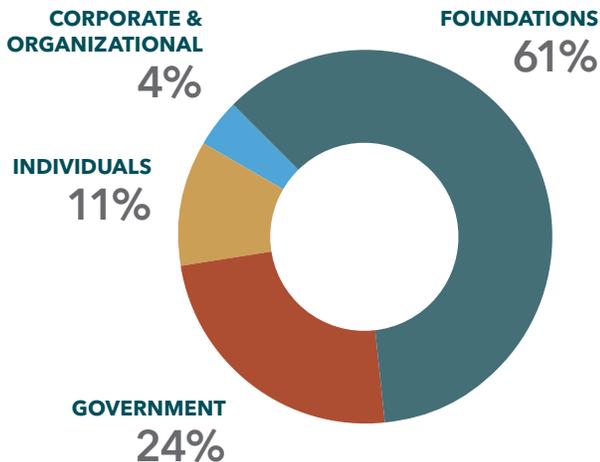
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EXPENSES \$ 4,044,845

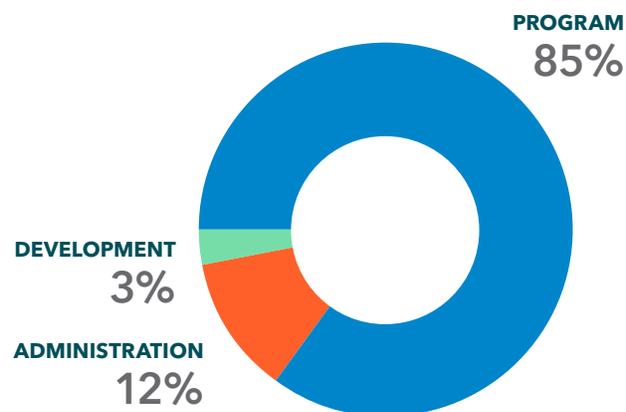
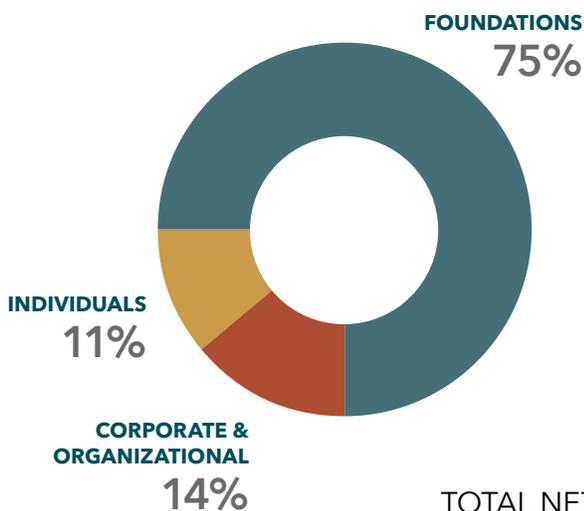


TOTAL NET ASSETS \$ 1,465,749

ONEAMERICA VOTES

REVENUE \$ 284,349

EXPENSES \$ 255,621



TOTAL NET ASSETS \$ 150,185

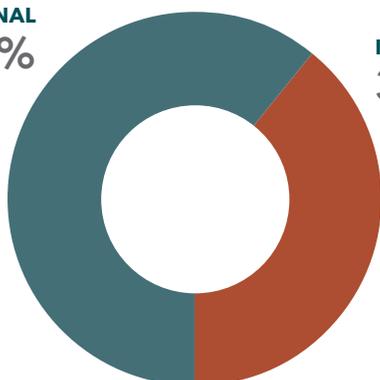


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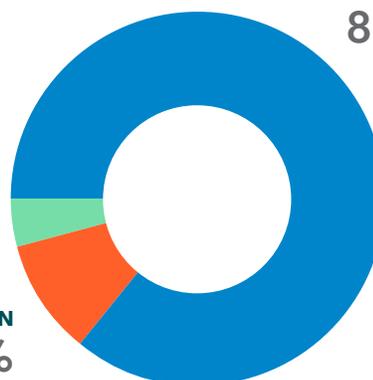


INDIVIDUALS
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PROGRAM
86%

DEVELOPMENT
4%

ADMINISTRATION
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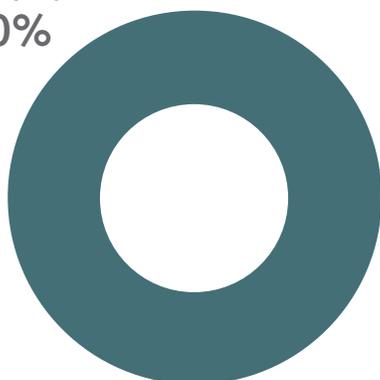
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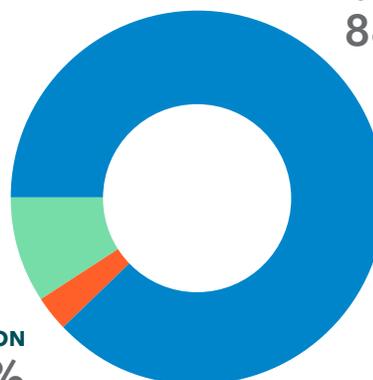
INDIVIDUALS
100%



PROGRAM
88%

DEVELOPMENT
9%

ADMINISTRATION
3%



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