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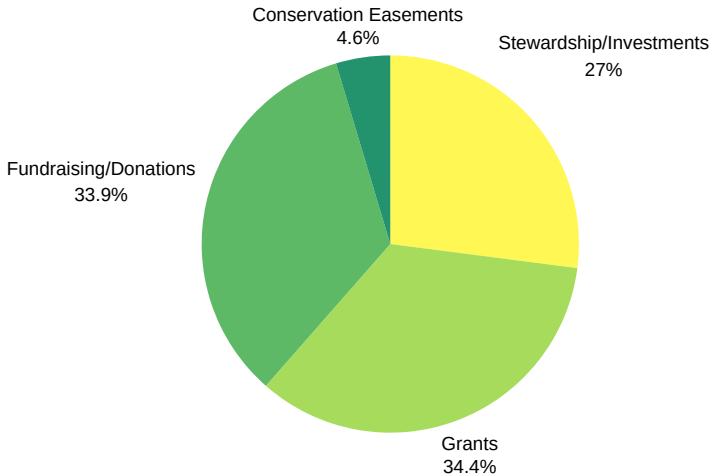


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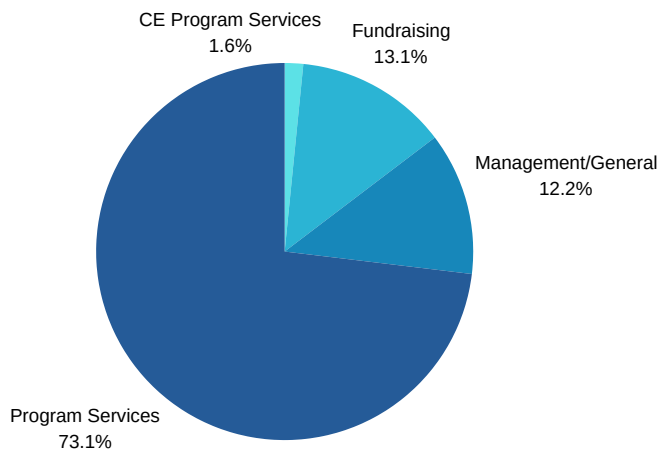
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INCOME \$252,858



EXPENSE \$178,946



Dear friends,

2023 was a good year for Ranchland Trust of Kansas! Fundraising was up and our donors keep helping with our mission each year. We had great success with grant awards. Of course, as a nonprofit, you are never going to hear us say, "we don't need any help this coming year." Like most nonprofits, we are always in need of help to add staff, raise pay for our extra hard-working current staff, and respond to the needs of our rancher clients who seek a long-term way to ensure they and their heirs will still have grasslands to graze.

2023 will be remembered for some new ventures. RTK (with lots of help from our conservation partners) put together a training session for others to learn how to do the myriad of tasks involved in a conservation agreement. We also continue to reach out to ranchers in western Kansas who might want what RTK has to offer.

In 2024, we look forward to working through the 44,000 acres in conservation easement requests and closing the gap on the 5,700 acres pending. We will interview, hire and onboard a new Executive Director, who we hope to have with us soon. In addition, we hope to add one or two new staff to help the director be able to focus on working efficiently for all the components included in our mission.

We look back with appreciation on the five years that Lynn Gentine gave us and how she helped move RTK into a more noticed, more productive rangeland trust that has the promise of doing more in the next few years; more for landowners and more with our host organization, the Kansas Livestock Association.

Stay tuned and have a great year conserving your land, preserving your heritage, and engaging other Kansans about what ranchers do for them!

Thanks for all you do,

Barth Crouch, Chair of the Board

24 conservation easements
17,453 acres conserved

5,700 acres pending
3 conservation easements pending

RTK Conservation Easement efforts to date