



IMPACT REPORT ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

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During the 2025-26 academic year, Heart of Los Angeles served over 2,000 youth across eight service sites through weekly core programming in academics, visual arts, music, and athletics, while engaging an additional 4,000+ community members through workshops, clinics, and wellness care from our Family Services Department, and an additional 5,500+ individuals through free public events, workshops, and exhibitions.

6,000

Students and community members served across all LA **2,094** through weekly core programming



100%

high school seniors in our academic program graduated & enrolled in postsecondary institutions

476

Families (over **800** individuals) received counseling and case management from our Family Services Department

450+

Volunteers mentoring, teaching, and supporting our students

Why the Data Matters

Data collection is crucial both for continuous quality improvement of our key programs and because it maximizes community voice. Heart of LA's pedagogy is informed by and responsive to quantitative data, as well as qualitative measures including surveys and community listening sessions that honor each student's voice. Academic programs collect report cards to track grade-appropriate data that help staff address individual needs; and music students measure progress through "juries" that track technical, musical, and social-emotional skills. Additionally, we collect surveys from students and parents across programs to assess well-being, satisfaction, interests, improvement, and class assessment. These responses provide qualitative input that is vital to informing daily operations.

Our Impact



Academics:

Served 441 Youth

441 youth served across Smart Start (grades 1-5), Bridges (grades 6-10), and College & Career Success (high school juniors/seniors and college students). By Winter, 86% of Smart Start students were performing at or above grade level. All 73 College and Career Success seniors graduated high school and enrolled in post-secondary institutions. 40 of 42 juniors are on track to complete their A-G requirements for UC and CSU colleges.

Visual Arts:

Served 315 Youth

315 students engaged in nearly 30 weekly classes per term and 474 students served at expansion sites, with active institutional partnerships including LACMA, MOCA, the Broad, and the Smithsonian. The MARKINGS/HUELLAS creative placemaking initiative launched in Fall 2025 in partnership with UCLA cityLAB and the Mellon Foundation. Visual Arts has an extensive curriculum that's designed and delivered by emerging and established artists working to empower the next generation of artists to explore their talents.



Music:

Served 400 Youth

Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles (YOLA) program served 294 students and Heart of Los Angeles Music Studios (HMS) engaged 71 students. Combined with the Los Angeles Children's Chorus program and Eisner Intergenerational Orchestra, Choir, and Big Band, approximately 400 youth received music instruction and performed at venues including the Music Center's Walt Disney Concert Hall.





**“Heart of LA is life changing.
Without it I would have never
considered going to college.”**

- Heart of LA Student



Athletics:

Served 584 Youth

Comprehensive sports programming was provided for 584 youth, plus hundreds more through clinics with partners including Kelsey Plum, LAFC, the LA Rams, and Good Sports, providing youth who have limited access to organized athletics or spaces to play, supporting their physical, social-emotional, and mental well-being.

Family Services:

Served 476 Families

476 families and 800+ individuals received access to critical resources including crisis response, essential item distributions, parent workshops, and a total of 2,015 counseling hours, 824 hours of case management, and over \$42,000 in direct aid.

Expansion Sites:

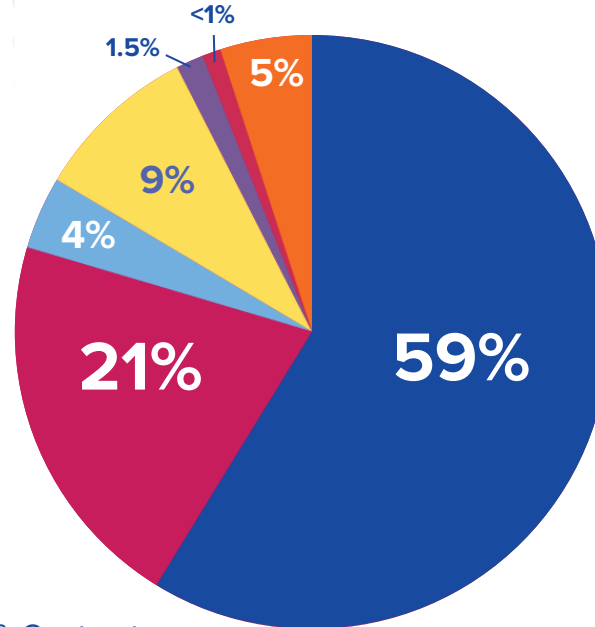
Served 474 Youth

474 students engaged across seven sites in South Central, Watts, Koreatown, and Southeast LA, including 144 youth served through Bridges academic programming at our partner sites.

Financial Report for the Fiscal Year July 2025-June 2026

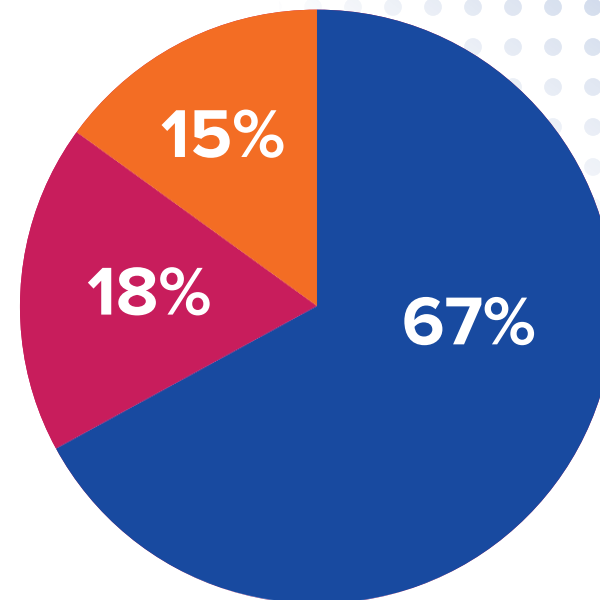
Heart of LA regularly seeks new and renewed funding from individuals, private institutions, and government grants. **Despite the many challenges this year, Heart of LA is grateful for the support of our partners and, through this generosity, exceeded projected philanthropic income for FY25-26.** On an undeniably special evening of celebration, warmth, and resilience, our annual fundraising gala, held on May 8, 2026, brought in \$980,000, exceeding projections by 30%. In the most recently completed fiscal year (FY25-26), revenue was apportioned as follows:

Revenue



- 59% - Foundation Giving
- 21% - Corporate Giving
- 5% - Individual Giving
- 4% - Government Grants & Contracts
- 9% - Special Events
- 1.5% - Other Income (Rent, Memberships, Interest)
- <1% - Capital Campaigns

Expenses



- 67% - Programs
- 18% - Admin
- 15% - Operations