



2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT





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OUR MISSION

FEEST trains youth of color and working-class youth to build collective power and organize for transformative and systemic change in their schools.



A WORD FROM JAIMÉE

As FEEST celebrates 15 years, I'm reminded of how far we have come. We planted our seeds in the soil of food justice, and through our collective efforts, we've achieved systemic improvements in school food in both Highline and Seattle Public Schools. **But as the world changed, so did we.** The 2020 initiative to remove police from Seattle Public Schools marked a pivotal moment, broadening our horizons and deepening our commitment to holistic student wellness. This moment showed us that a community united, speaking truth to power can win tangible changes even in the face of opposition. From that moment forward, **we doubled down on our commitment to ensuring that youth have a seat at tables of power, honing their agency to make decisions about issues that affect them but are often made without them.**

At its core, our mission is unwavering: **we empower BIPOC and working-class youth to channel their collective brilliance and strength, championing transformative shifts in their schools.** Our magic? It's brewed from a potent mix of grassroots momentum, nurturing young leaders, and implementing vibrant, joy-infused campaigns that catalyze genuine change. Our approach is youth-centric yet multigenerational, melding the zeal of youth with the wisdom of experience.

We envision a world where our youth, especially youth of color and from working-class backgrounds, harness their innate power to mold the systems that cater to them, ensuring holistic well-being. We imagine schools as lively epicenters of learning, spaces that resonate with the diverse tapestry of their students and amplify holistic wellness for all.

When FEEST youth win their current mental health campaign, we will have more essential funding going toward mental health services, more therapists and counselors of color, more social emotional learning skills being built, and more solutions for transformative justice instead of punitive policies.

The true stars of FEEST – our youth – inspire me daily. Their leadership, ideas, and boundless enthusiasm have been the driving force behind every initiative, every campaign, and every success. Their courage to speak up, their creativity in finding solutions, and their unwavering commitment to change have been nothing short of inspirational. **It's youth voices that echo the loudest, youth passion that ignites the flame, and youth vision that charts our course.** FEEST is not just about youth; it's because of youth.

Thanks to all our young people for being the heartbeat of this organization and for reminding us every day why this work is so vital.

Jaimie

JAIMÉE MARSH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



SCHOOL YEAR IN REVIEW

The 2022-2023 School Year was full of excitement, sweet moments of joy, and connection with our communities.



THE MENTAL HEALTH CAMPAIGN

Student Organizers in Seattle Public and Highline School Districts strengthened their campaign for getting more Mental Health Resources on campus. Students hosted panels with mental health experts in Highline and Seattle School Districts. In addition, students also hosted campaign kick-offs at each school, to spread the word about FEEST's campaign and learn from their peers what they need to support their mental health.

You can learn more about our [Student's Mental Health Campaign here!](#)



2022-2023 ORGANIZER SUMMER CAMP

Each year FEEST welcomes 40 youth across five high schools to our Student Organizer Program. We kick off each year with Summer Camp, which creates a space for our students to ground in political education, organizing, and our campaigns. We provide meaningful activities for youth to grow a foundation of community organizing skills, build relationships, and experience radical joy.

You can learn more about our 2022 [Summer Camp here!](#)



SUMMER STORIES 2023

This Summer, FEEST welcomed 13 students from across King County to join us in our second year of Summer Stories! Summer Stories is an arts-based storytelling program. Storytelling is important to youth organizing because history tells us time and time again that if we don't tell our own stories, they will be told on our behalf, or even worse, erased. Students got the chance to work with four teaching artists who led them through arts and storytelling practices rooted in their own voices and experiences.

You can read more about Summer Stories [by reading our Recap Blog here!](#)

YOUTH SPOTLIGHTS

Organizations like FEEST are working to uphold this idea of communities being together, and aiding each other. Whether it be in food access, or in joining together to fight brutality and unjust legislation, communities banding together will always be stronger.

FEEST centers youth, allowing us to grow and blossom into new trees. Through the changes that the youth can make, we can push towards new societies, free from the oppressive clutches of the current state of things.

LIZ (SHE/THEY)

FEEST STUDENT ORGANIZER

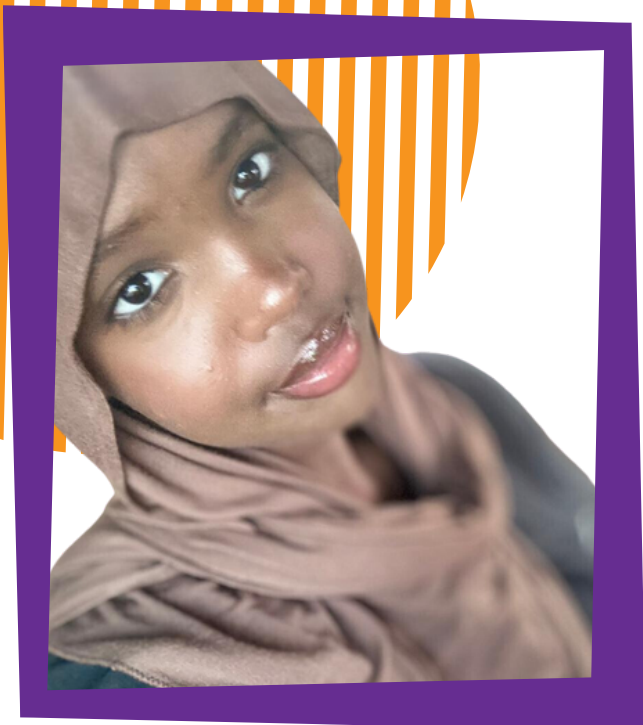


FEEST has created opportunities for people like me.

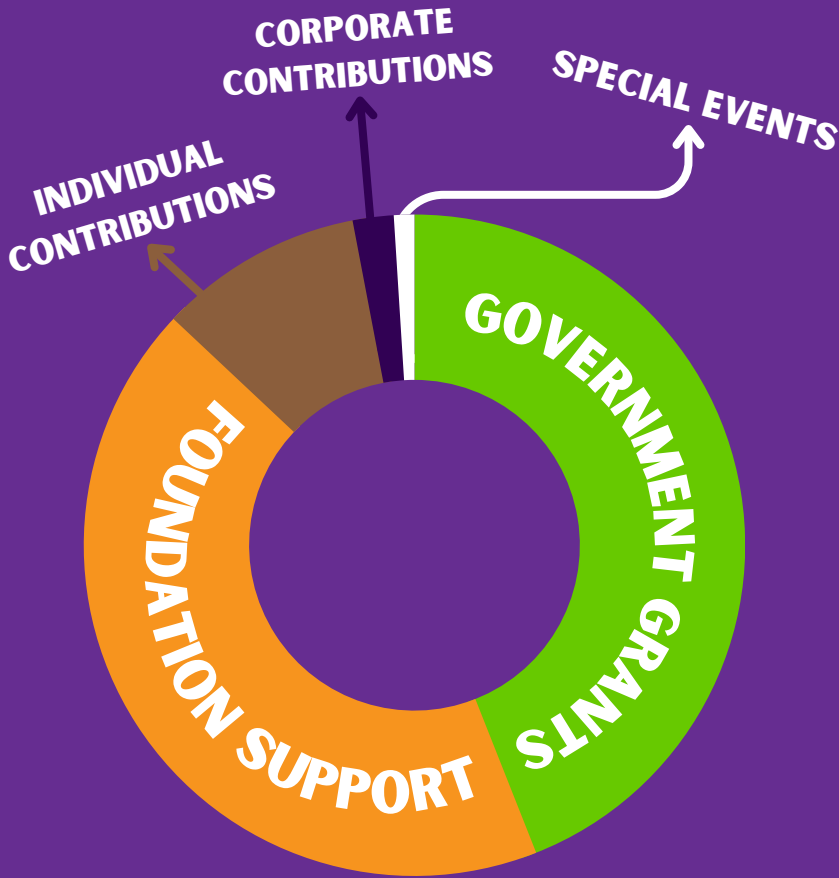
I've learned to always be ready to grow as a person and be ready and come out of my comfort zone, be passionate, and to always have fun while respecting others with different opinions and perspectives.

SIHAM (SHE/HER)

FEEST STUDENT ORGANIZER



FINANCIAL HEALTH



INCOME

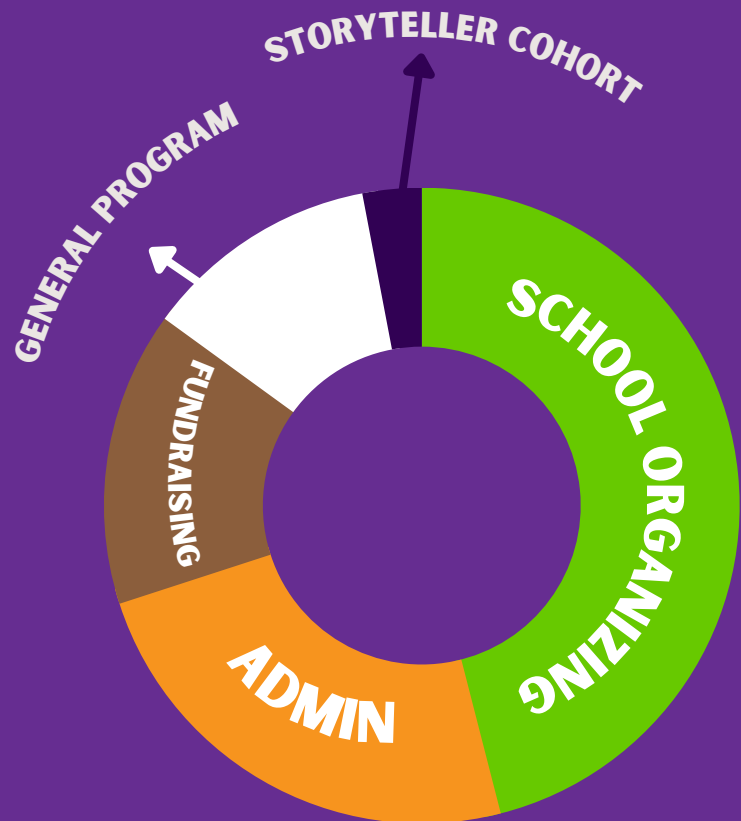
- Government Grants: 44%
- Foundation Support: 44%
- Individual Contributions: 10%
- Corporate Contributions: 1%
- Special Events: 1%

Total Income: \$1,156,433

EXPENSES

- School Organizing: 47%
- Administrative: 24%
- Fundraising: 15%
- General Program: 10%
- Storyteller Cohort: 4%

Total Expenses: \$1,138,939



THANK YOU!

We'd like to thank our youth leaders, families, teachers, our dedicated Board of Directors, our committed staff, and generous donors and funders. Together, we are building a world where our youth and communities thrive!



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