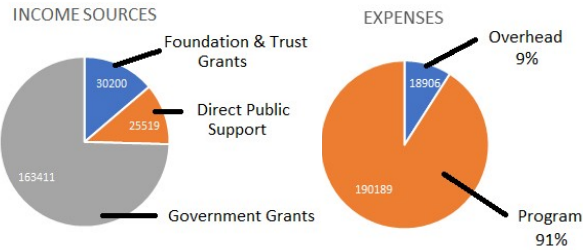


**FINANCIALS. Continued.**

We spent \$18,906 on general operating expenses (overhead), and the remaining \$190,189 on program deployment work. This yields a 9% overhead rate. Pie charts of income and expenses appear below:



Older student explains recycling and composting to younger student at Anderson Valley Elementary School, Worm Wizards of Waste program.

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## Programs that Protect

The North Coast Resource Conservation & Development Council's programs provide opportunities for youth and community members to take action to plant habitat, conserve water, recycle waste, and support sustainable agriculture and communities.

### Bee Patches



In 2017, the NCR&DC continued to work directly with Girl Scout troops partnering with farmers and ranchers to educate youth and tend existing patches of bee forage habitat. The girls tended their plantings of native perennials and annual blossoming plants designed to provide a safe environment for bees and other pollinators to forage all year round.

### Rain Catchers



Capturing winter rain to store and use during the dry season is the heart of our Rain Catchers program. Whether at the landscape level in a watershed, or at the school level, this program is the epitome of education and action. This past year we continued our work with Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District to implement government grants to store water for dry season use and enhance

## Programs that Conserve

summer flow in streams. We also expanded our typical work with schools that includes installing complete Rain Catchers rooftop rainwater collection systems, and began an innovative project combining art and science. We launched a spinoff opportunity to expand knowledge about the hydrologic cycle and water conservation through development of a children's picture book on water conservation. The book would be illustrated by school children as an art project at a school where we have installed a Rain Catcher system.

### Worm Wizards



We began deploying our Worm Wizards of Waste project for the first time in Mendocino and Lake Counties, and continued to build composters in Sonoma County schools. Our *Recycling Changes Everything* classroom lesson combined with either schoolwide onsite composters or smaller classroom bins successfully reached hundreds of students. This program addresses climate change by reducing food scrap waste going to greenhouse gas producing landfills. The schoolwide composters are designed to be an enduring school feature.

## Programs that Inspire

### Cultivating Commerce



We are all part of Sonoma Strong, and were fortunate and proud to serve as the 501(c)3 fiscal sponsor, without charge, for the fire-destroyed Mark West Community Pre School in the Larkfield area. Beginning in November, we assisted with our fiscal sponsorship and event support at a spaghetti feed-and-auction fundraiser. The event would take place just after the New Year to help the Re-Build Mark West Community Pre School group.

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION FY 2017

Our income last year was \$219,931, and the largest bulk of the income was from government grants supporting landscape-level Rain Catchers water conservation projects partnering with Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District. FY2017 also represented our best year yet in private foundation and trust grants supporting our youth environmental education and action projects, resulting in \$30,200 in awarded grants. We were pleased also to have our best fundraising year with direct donations reaching \$25,519. Our overall expenses were \$209,096 for the year, with the bulk of these expenses being contracts with Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District.