



One of the Coastal Federation's greatest strengths is our close relationship with coastal communities. Through these relationships, we find creative solutions and work together to address the changing needs of the coast.

Recognizing local needs – and matching those needs with opportunities—resulted in increased support for our coast from competitive government grants in 2024. This enabled us to deliver some big wins: restoring large areas of coastal habitats, securing thousands of acres of land for conservation, installing on-the-ground projects to protect water quality, and removing thousands of pounds of marine debris from sensitive areas. Most of this state and federal funding passed through the Federation directly to our local partners and contractors to purchase plants, build oyster sanctuaries and living shorelines, and remove marine debris.



At the same time, our grassroots, member-supported programs remain at the heart of our organization. Working with volunteers to plant wetland grasses or clean up a local marsh is one of the best ways to make a difference and connect with like-minded individuals. Our education programs inspire local youth with hands-on experiences, and help develop the next generation of environmental stewards.

I am honored to be at the helm of an organization making such an important difference for our coast, and thank you for your support that makes this work possible.

Dr. Braxton Davis, Executive Director

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OUR MISSION: The North Carolina Coastal Federation engages people from all walks of life and diverse partners to protect and restore the North Carolina coast now and for future generations.

2024 Major Accomplishments

The North Carolina Coastal Federation provides leadership on the coast through education, advocacy and restoration of habitat and water quality. In 2024, we:



Restored 40 acres of oyster reefs



Restored 10 acres of wetlands



Constructed 3.75 miles of living shorelines at 43 locations



Removed 265 tons of marine debris, 2,463 lost crab pots and 45 abandoned vessels



Directed over \$17 million to the coastal economy to restore habitat



Mobilized over 500 volunteers



Reached nearly 800,000 readers and won 6 awards through coastalreview.org



Installed water quality improvements protecting Bradley Creek, Stump Sound, and Lake Mattamuskeet



Responded to breaking issues including petroleum and PFAS pollution, wetland protections, and oceanfront structures



Educated over 3,200 students through hands-on and virtual programs



Acquired over 2,000 acres of conservation land on the Newport River



Engaged over 5,400 people through in-person community programs

Revenue & Expenses

Full audited financials for the year ending December 31, 2024 are available at nccoast.org/financials or upon request.

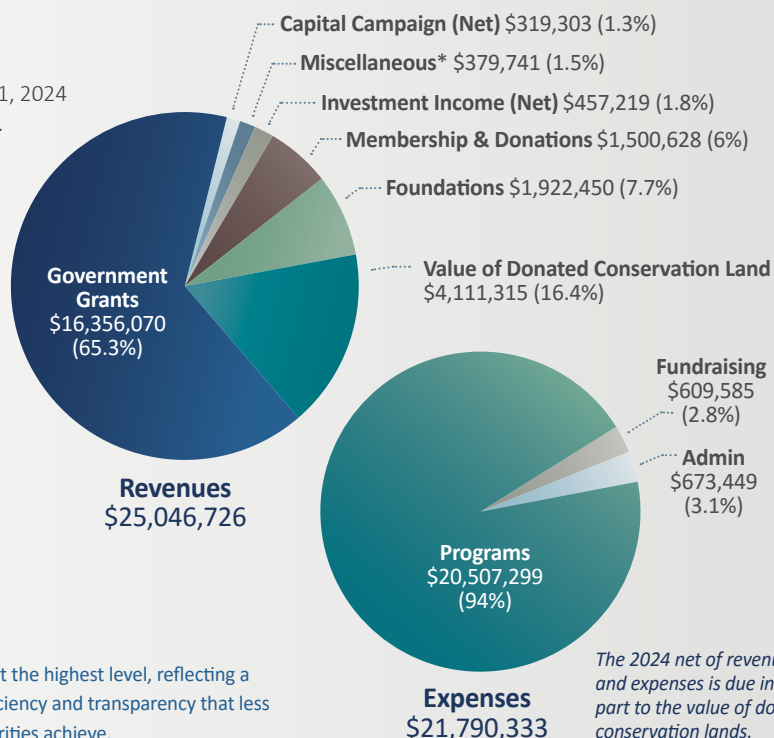
Public Support: \$3,423,078

Public support from membership, donations, and foundations is incredibly important to the Federation and provides the majority of the support for our day-to-day operations. In contrast, the bulk of the funding from governments grants passes through the Federation in direct expenses.

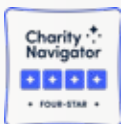
Support to the Community: \$17,329,608

These direct expenses, provided primarily by competitive federal and state grants, were spent in the local economy to fulfill our 2024 goals and benchmarks restoring coastal habitats and water quality.

*Miscellaneous includes rental income, interest income, specialty license plate revenues, net revenue from events, and gift shop.



The 2024 net of revenues and expenses is due in large part to the value of donated conservation lands.



Eleven consecutive years at the highest level, reflecting a dedication to financial efficiency and transparency that less than 10% of American charities achieve.



Special Achievements

We are particularly proud to highlight a few special achievements in 2024:

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Launched a new fellowship program with NC State University and NC Central University graduate students to engage the next generation of marine scientists through oyster research and mentorship opportunities.

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Launched a new pilot stormwater cost-share program to retrofit failing coastal stormwater systems and reduce stormwater pollution to coastal waters.

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Secured a new five-year grant through the Department of Agriculture to restore coastal habitat and implement agricultural best management practices to improve water quality in Lake Mattamuskeet and the Pamlico Sound.

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