

## **2022 Annual Report**



### AmericaInBloom.org

Vision: America in Bloom envisions communities across the country as welcoming and vibrant places to live, work, and play - benefitting from colorful plants and trees; enjoying clean environments; celebrating heritage; and planting pride through volunteerism.

Mission: America in Bloom promotes nationwide beautification through education and community involvement by encouraging the use of flowers, plants, trees, and other environmental and lifestyle enhancements.

Meet Our Board of Directors and Staff

### Transforming Communities, Changing Lives

We empower communities to beautify and improve the overall quality of life through our National Awards Program, Annual Symposium & Awards Celebration, Growing Vibrant Communities program, grant opportunities, free resources, and more: Interested in serving o





See our 2022 work in action!

## Watch How We Are Transforming Communities



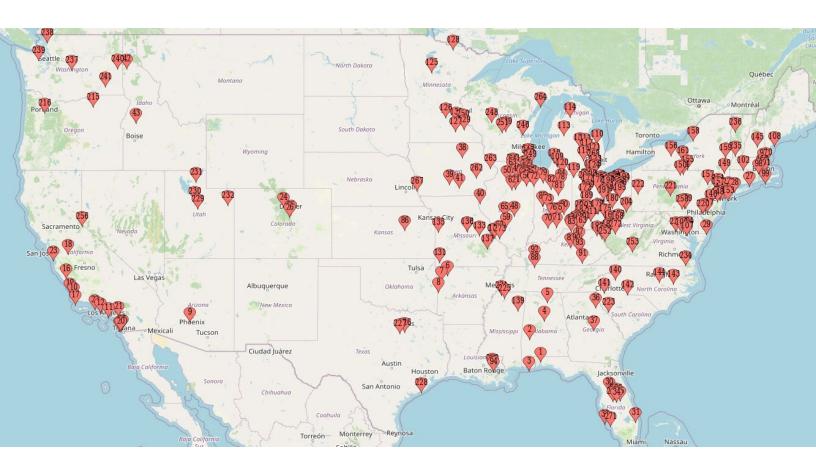
### A Community Snapshot

Watch the Logan, Ohio video.



Watch the Brewton, Alabama video.

## **National Awards Program**



### 280 communities in 43 states

Communities evaluated in 7 areas of impact:

- Community Vitality
- Floral Impact
- Landscaped Areas
- Urban Forestry
- Environmental Initiatives
- Celebrating Heritage
- Overall Impression

### **Meet the Dedicated Team of Advisors**



2022 Symposium & Awards Celebration Education + Celebration St. Louis and Washington, Missouri

- Educational sessions
- Idea sharing
- Learning tours

- Networking
- Award announcements
- Sponsor demos

## CO EcoConexions From the Ground Up

America in Bloom partners with CN Railway on a <u>grants program</u> that encourages communities along the CN corridor to take environmental action by improving their communities through healthy urban forests, landscaping, groundcover improvement, and flower displays.

More than 95 communities along the CN corridor have received grant funding since the program's inception in 2014.

In 2022 we awarded 10 communities \$25,000 each for their projects. Each project requires a matching contribution.



# Growing Vibrant Communities

Through volunteer leadership and community engagement, communities will work toward enhancement goals across seven criteria of selfassessment: community vitality, flowers, landscaped areas, urban forestry, environmental efforts, celebrating heritage, and overall impression.

### **GrowingVibrantCommunities.com**

## SMALL STEPS, BIG IMPACT.



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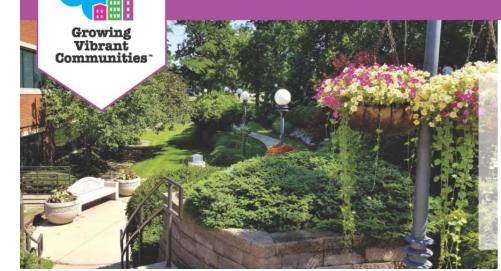
Make your community more inviting.

### WANT TO BEAUTIFY YOUR COMMUNITY?



Get started on your path toward beautification.

### **BIG Impact on a Small Budget**



#### Looking for ways to enhance your community?

Vibrant

Communities \*\*

We're here for you. Our **advisors** will help make you proud to call your community home.

## **Auction Fundraisers**

America in Bloom held two auction this year. Our silent auction took place at the Symposium and raised \$6,500. The online auction featured exciting destinations for travel, plants, and other horticultural products and more. More than \$8,000 was raised in the online auction, and we are thankful for those who donated items that allowed AIB to extend its fundraising reach.









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<u>Blackmore Company</u>

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- <u>Proven Winners</u>

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- Wallitsch Garden Center

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- Smithers-Oasis
- <u>Vis Seed Company</u>

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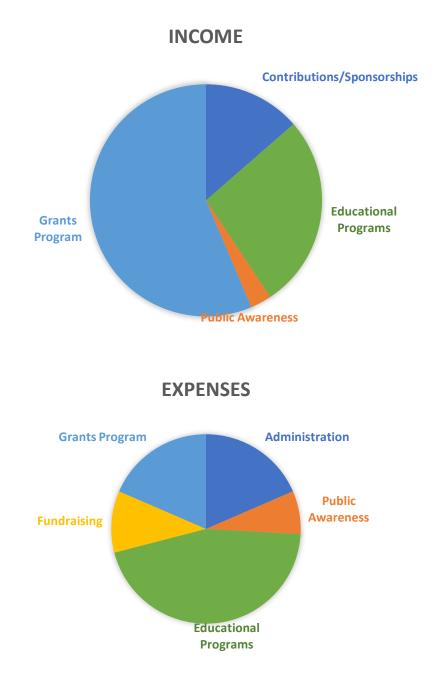
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## 2022 Financial Overview

In 2022 we had revenue of \$510,020. This does **not** include the thousands of hours donated by our Advisors, volunteers, and other in-kind donations. In 2022 we had expenses of \$609,788. Like many companies and nonprofits, we faced a deficit this past year due to reduced sponsorship, and reduced community participation as a result of lingering COVID-19 effects. We developed and launched a new way of offering programming, which we hope will lead to greater ease of participation in future years.



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