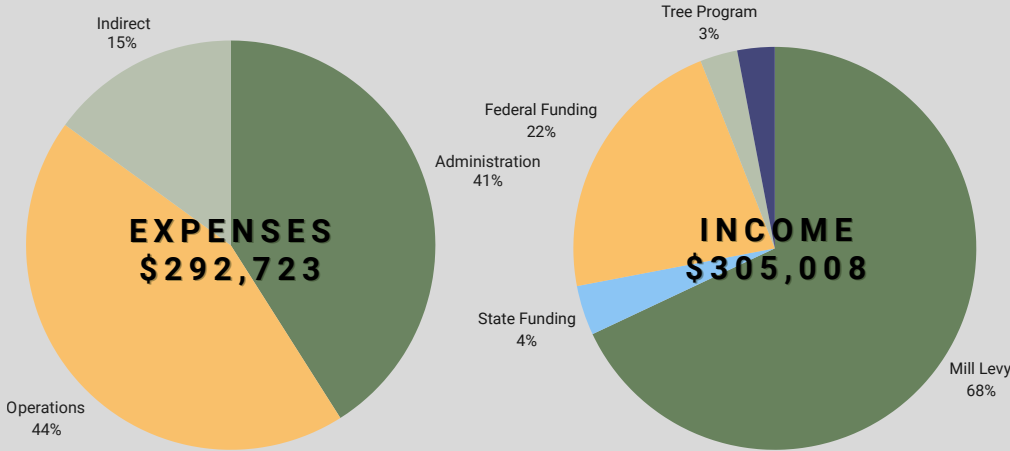


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FINANCIALS

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024



MILL LEVY BREAKDOWN

- \$207,015 Mill Levy Received
- \$151,121 spent in-County
- 73% return to the community

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

During FY2024, WCCD offered 32 Outreach and Educational Programs that culminated in 68 events/classes, impacting over 1,555 participants, 47 collaborative partnerships, and 31 organizations. Through relationship building and community connections, WCCD educational programs continue to grow and impact more Washakie County residents each year. Highlighted below are just a few of our programs offered during FY2024.

- **NACD Stewardship Poster Contest** This years theme was “May the Forest Be With You Always”. We opened this contest up to 2nd and 3rd grade students, as well as Middle School students. We had 2 State Winners: Emma Beckwith from Ten Sleep, and Claire Page from Worland.
- **Project Learning Tree Arbor Day Poster Contest** This years theme was “Plant a Tree, Grow a Future”. We opened this contest up to 4th and 5th grade students. We had 2 State Winners: Delanie Deed from Worland, and Roslyn Wiechmann from Ten Sleep.
- **Wyoming Boys School Work & Learn** In conjunction with the Worland Community Garden, WCCD provides a short lesson on natural resources, followed by students working in the Worland Community Garden or the WCCD Outdoor Classroom. In addition, Janet has secured grant funds to start up a Microgreen Program with the Boy’s School with funding through the Wyoming Hunger Initiative.
- **Full: Hearts, Bellies, Pantries** This program provides adults with workshops to educate about food security, and provide mentorship on gardening. We offered several programs during FY2024.
- **WyRED** WCCD sponsored and participated in the June 2024 WyRED days. This event is hosted through Wyoming Society of Rangeland Management to help FFA Students get some field experience as part of their rangeland education. This years event was at the Pathfinder Ranch in Alcova. Janet and 4 FFA students were in attendance.

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COST SHARE PROGRAMS

RURAL COST SHARE PROGRAM Budgeted \$40,000, Expended \$40,000

- Solar stock tank to provide a water source for cattle on a grazing allotment. \$10,000.
- Emergency pipeline install due to failure. Will eventually to be tied into a pivot system. \$10,000.
- 4 Pivot Electrical projects. \$5,000/each, \$20,000 total.

RURAL SPECIAL DISCRETIONARY PROGRAM Budgeted \$5,000, Expended \$3,000.

- Remediate a septic system with a failing leach field that could possibly contaminate a nearby water source. \$3,000.

URBAN COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM Budgeted \$5,000, Expended \$3,682.65

- Worland Community Garden Fence Expansion Program. This cost share funding will provide a portion of funds needed to expand the community garden fence to incorporate the addition of land donated by the City. \$2,500.
- Zia Rojas Casitas Xeriscaping Project. To reduce stormwater runoff, this project will utilize native plants and replace grass along the sidewalk with gravel, and will cover the purchase and installation of rain barrels to water the native vegetation planted. \$1,182.65

WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

UPPER BIG HORN SUB-BASIN WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

WCCD entered into the 3rd year of this program during FY2024. This year we commenced the Water Monitoring Program, which will run for 2 years.

- Washakie Watershed Steering Committee ranked one landowner project, which was approved by the WCCD Board of Supervisors. This current project will convert 4,403 feet of open ditch to buried pipe, and help reduce erosion and sediment entering the Big Horn River. Project is estimated to be completed late in Q4 2024. The other three projects that were approved were completed during FY2024 and cost share was provided by WDEQ. These three projects ending up totaling 5,802 feet of dirt ditch converted to buried pipeline, 8,250 feet of gated pipe and 2 settling ponds, all to help eliminate erosion and reduce sediment into Gooseberry and Slick Creeks, which flow into the Big Horn River.
- Water Quality Monitoring included an upstream and downstream site on the Nowater, Slick and Sage Creeks. WCCD is testing for E. coli and Turbidity. We completed year 1 in September 2024 and will monitor again during the 2025 monitoring season. Prior to monitoring, we submitted for an approved Sampling and Analysis Plan to WDEQ, which the development of this plan was funded through WDA Water Quality Program.

GRANT FUNDING SECURED

- Wyoming Water Development Commission Small Waters Project Program, \$10,000 for Livestock Well Development
- Wyoming Department of Agriculture Water Quality Program, \$5,925 for Water Monitoring Equipment
- University of Wyoming Barnyards & Backyards Rural Living Workshops, \$1,000 for Grow Washakie 2025
- Wyoming Community Foundation, \$8,000 for Worland Community Garden Fence Expansion
- Wyoming Hunger Initiative, \$5,000 for Wyoming Boys School Microgreens Program

WASTE MANAGEMENT & TREE PROGRAMS

- **Ten Sleep Recycling Trailer** Last fiscal year we completed the Recycling Trailer Mural with funding through Wyoming Art Council. Final grant reporting was completed this fiscal year. WCCD staff had the opportunity to speak to the Wyoming Art Council Board of Directors when they held a meeting at the Washakie County Museum and Cultural Center. The Ten Sleep Recycling Trailer and monthly recycling drives continue to function with the help of community members. (8 recycling hauls)
- **Christmas Tree Recycling** WCCD is in its 29th year of offering this recycling option to the communities of Worland and Ten Sleep. This opportunity is only possible with our volunteers, who have year over year contributed to the success of this event! Over 100 trees were collected with the help of 30 volunteers from Rotary, Chief Washakie FFA and other community members. The trees were then chipped into mulch by Big Horn REA and made available at no charge to the general public. (30 volunteers, 105 trees collected)
- **WYDOT Adopt-a- Highway Cleanup** In our 3rd year of this program, WCCD and volunteers pick up a two-mile stretch of highway between Worland and Ten Sleep. During FY2024, two pick up events were held with the help of local businesses The Right Click and WBI Energy staff. (21 bags of trash, 23 man hours, 15 volunteers)
- **Seedling Trees, Wildflower Seed & Native Plant Sale** The seedling tree sale was expanded to include native plants sourced from Piney Island Native Plants in Sheridan and wildflower seeds sourced from Wind River Seed in Manderson. A variety of bareroot trees and shrubs were offered to the public with selections tailored to assist in riparian repair, windbreaks, and wildlife habitat. (1100 trees sold, 160 native plants, 41 seed packets and 2.5 lbs bulk seed)