

## **Sustained Support: Impact and Reach**

The following document provides information on 4Culture's charter-mandated Sustained Support program for arts, heritage, and historic preservation organizations in King County. This document is in response to Council requests for information on the numbers of applications and awards and the total funding amounts going to each King County council district.

### **Program Background**

The Sustained Support Program provides operating support for two calendar years with allocations renewed annually. Funding recommendations for the Sustained Support Program are made on a biennial basis.

The Sustained Support Program is a core program of 4Culture. It provides critical and predictable operating support to a broad range of cultural organizations serving King County residents and visitors.

# Why does Heritage and Historic Preservation have less funding than Arts?

4Culture's Arts/Heritage split comes from KCC 2.49.200 Hotel-motel revenue allocations for cultural programs.

- Administration (not fixed)
- 2. Debt service obligations
- 3. Arts & Heritage buckets (100% of remaining)
  - i) Arts
  - ii) Heritage (min 20% of the remaining funds)

#### Statistics Snapshot

The following table is a snapshot of all Sustained Support applications and awards (combined Arts, Heritage, and Historic Preservation) for years 2015 to 2023.

Historical Totals	2015-2017	2018-2020	2021-2023
Applications	1156	1308	1557
Awards	1121	1263	1548
Total Funding	\$6,804,450	\$7,541,219	\$9,509,919

#### Sustained Support during COVID<sup>1</sup>

During the pandemic, 4Culture quickly adapted the Sustained Support program. Because we were able to leverage federal COVID relief funds, we were able to prioritize smaller organizations

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which made it impractical for organizations in 2020 to predict their activity in the coming two years, 2019-2020 awards were extended to 2021. No new applicants were accepted for 2021. In 2022, Sustained Support awards were supplemented by Recovery funding from the federal government; organizations that received Recovery awards were only given nominal Sustained

in Sustained Support, thereby distributing operating funds to an even broader range of organizations during the pandemic. Sustained Support was a lifeline, especially for smaller orgs that faced barriers to accessing other types of federal relief funding. For more information on that unique effort, go here: <a href="https://www.4culture.org/grants/sustained-support-recovery/">https://www.4culture.org/grants/sustained-support-recovery/</a>

#### **Eligibility**

Eligible applicants include non-profit arts, heritage, and historic preservation organizations, local agencies or programs operating through municipalities, non-profit entities serving specific geographic areas of King County, and for-profit entities determined to provide substantial public benefit. All applicants must be based in King County with a minimum three-year history of producing public programs.

#### Feedback from the Field

It is particularly gratifying to note that our award amount has been steadily increasing over the past decade, which we take as a vote of confidence in the progress that the Renton Historical Society and the Renton History Museum have made toward greater service to our community, better inclusion and representation of our diverse community, and overall improvements in our programs, operations, and physical building.

Renton History Museum

We are stretching and growing our organization so this support is very much appreciated.

Seattle Children's Chorus

Thanks so much to you and 4Culture for your diligent work in disbursing gifts equitably to organizations throughout King County.

Pongo Poetry Project

Thank you for helping the ICA realize its mission to equitably serve communities through arts education, allowing children to perceive and imagine art!

Green River College Foundation ICA

We are so inspired to continue and to expand what we do it Wintergrass when we know 4Culture believes in us. This is a remarkable time for all of us. We are getting through the pandemic, and we still have our head up!

Wintergrass Festival

Support awards to maintain their continuity in the program, so that Sustained Support awards could be increased for organizations that ineligible for Recovery funding, to help all organizations weather the pandemic.

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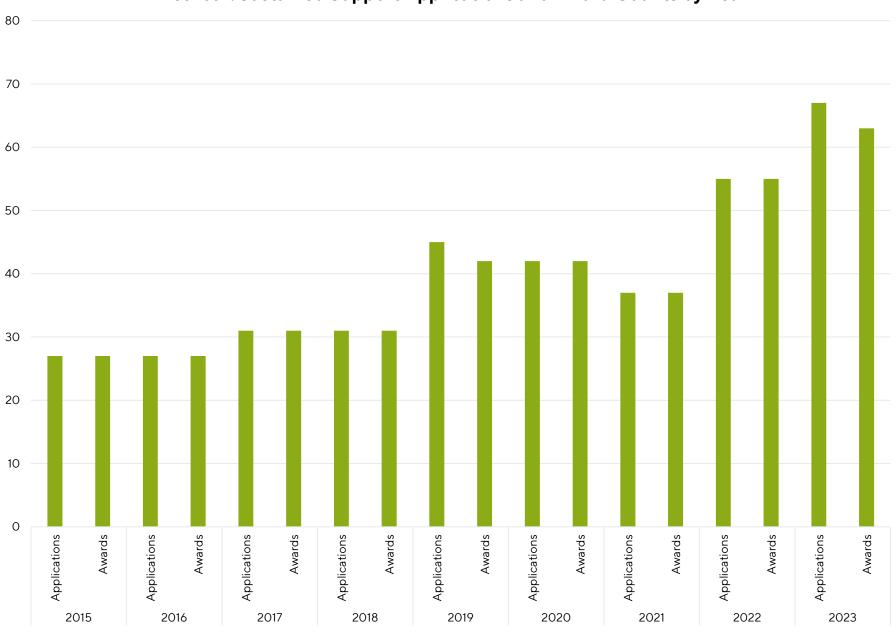
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District 1: Sustained Support Applications and Award Counts by Year

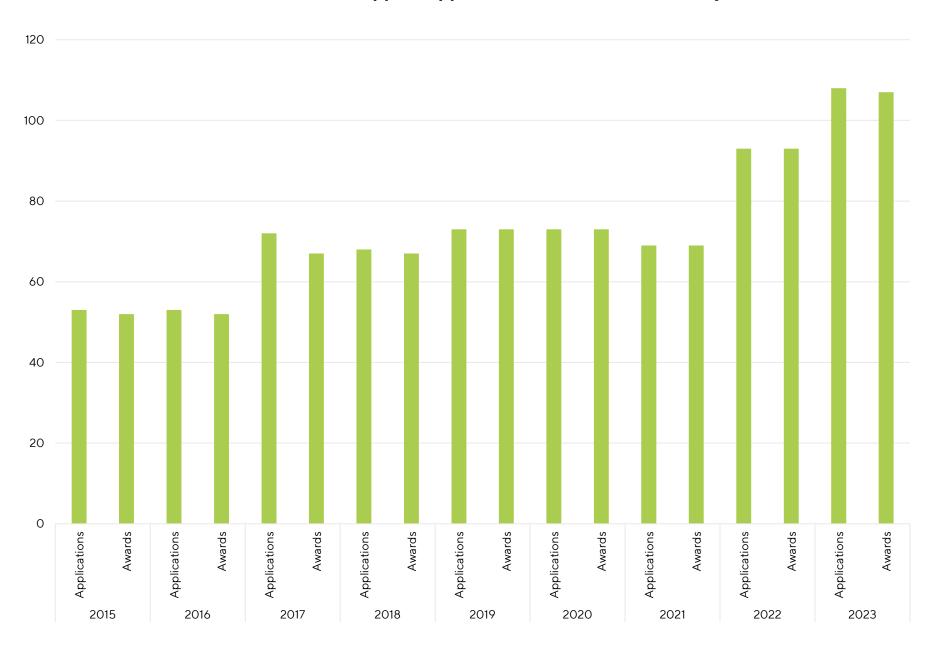


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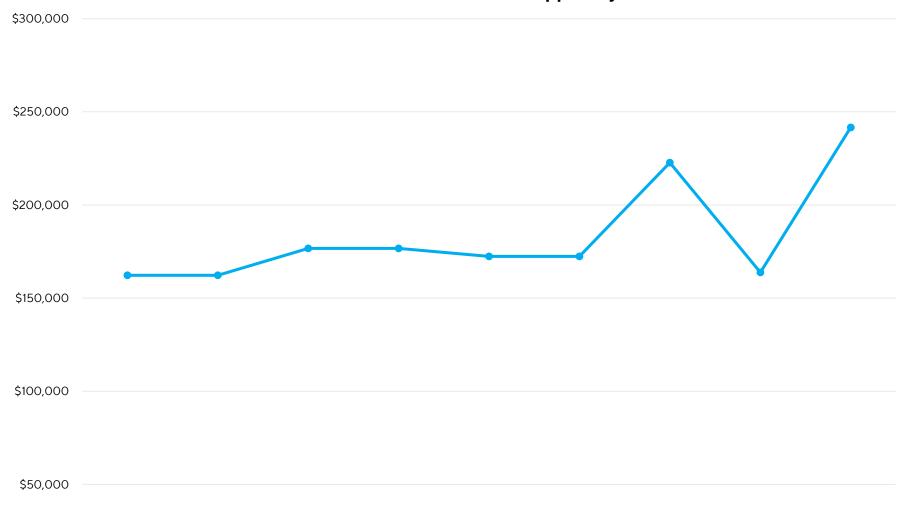


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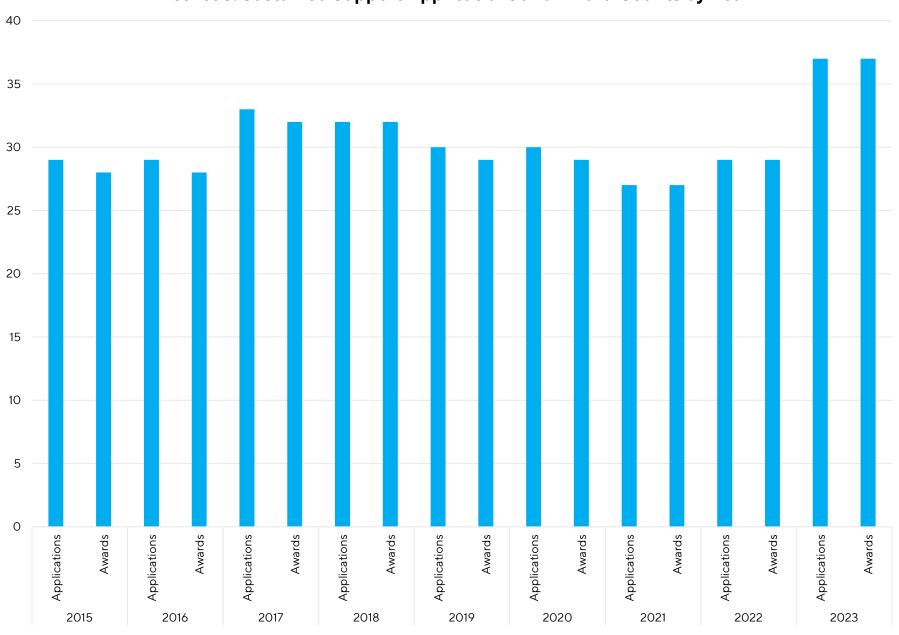


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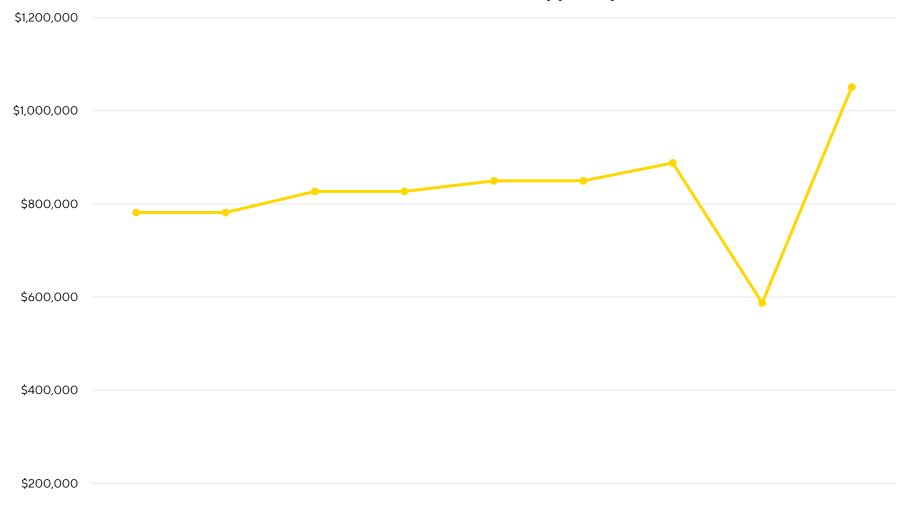


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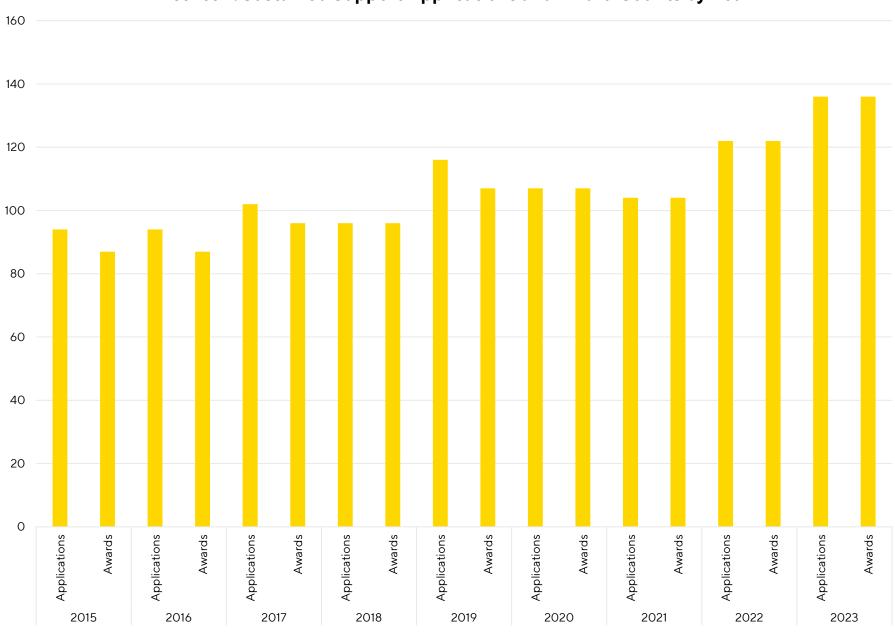


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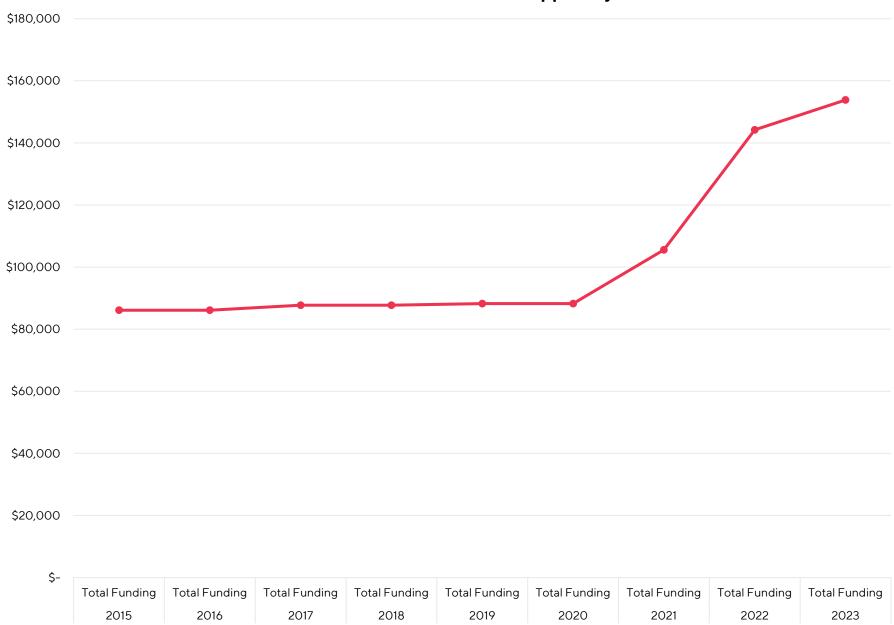


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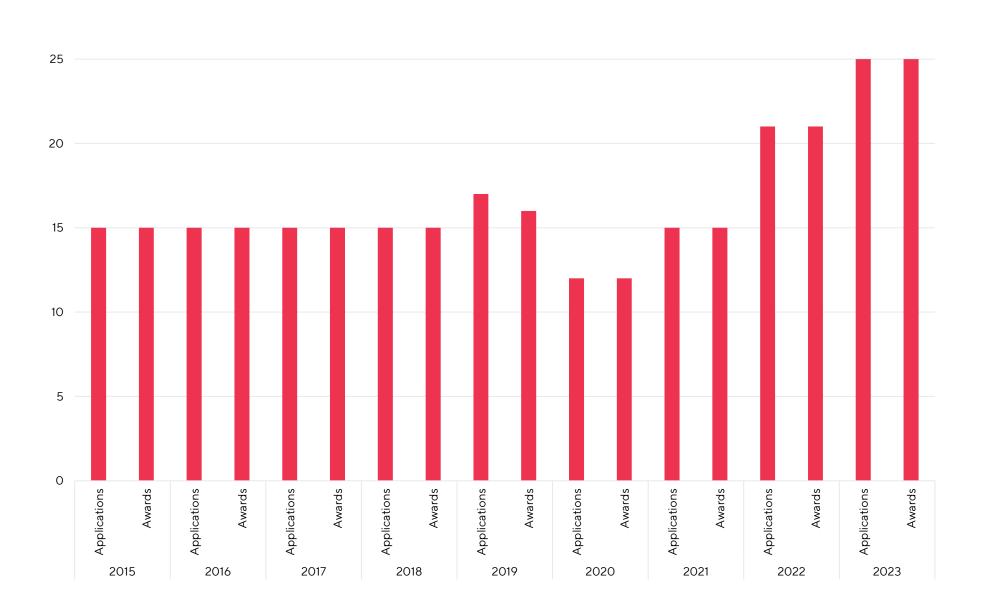
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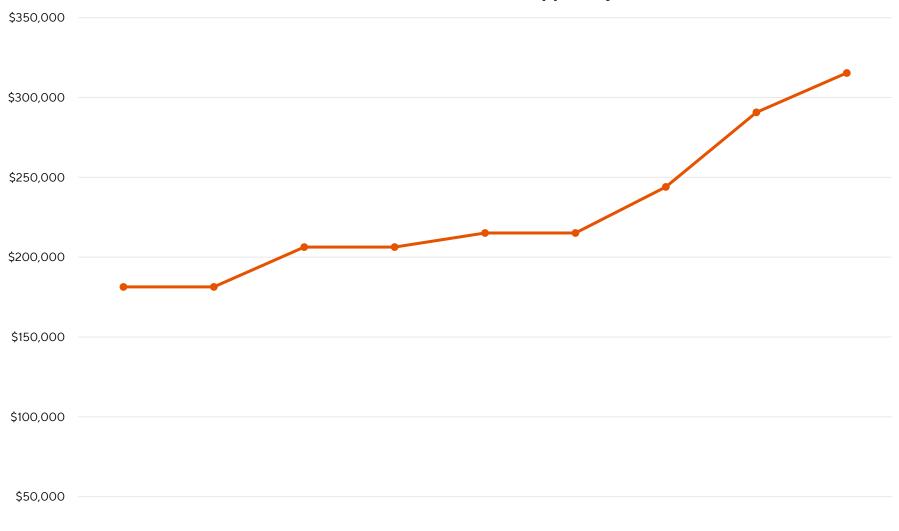
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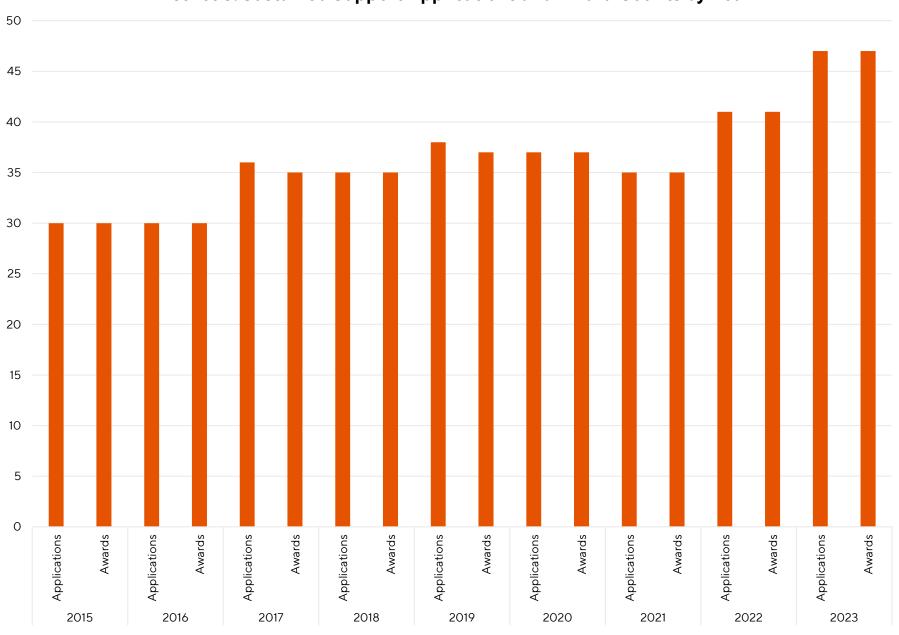


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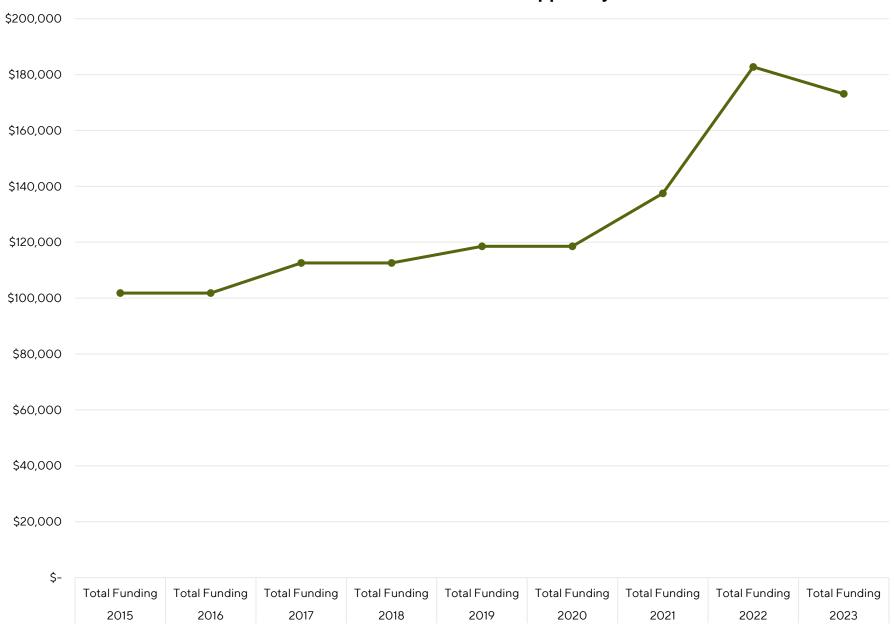


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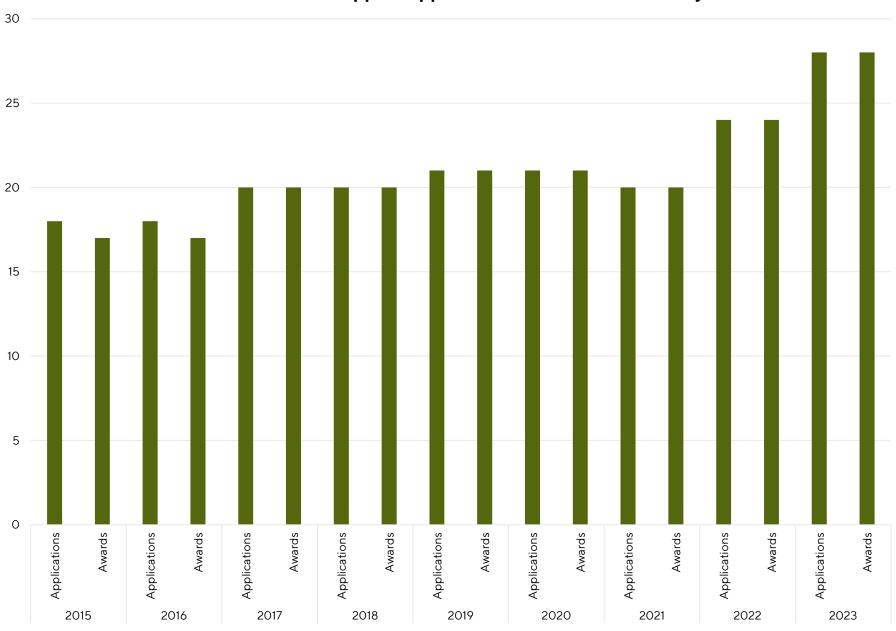
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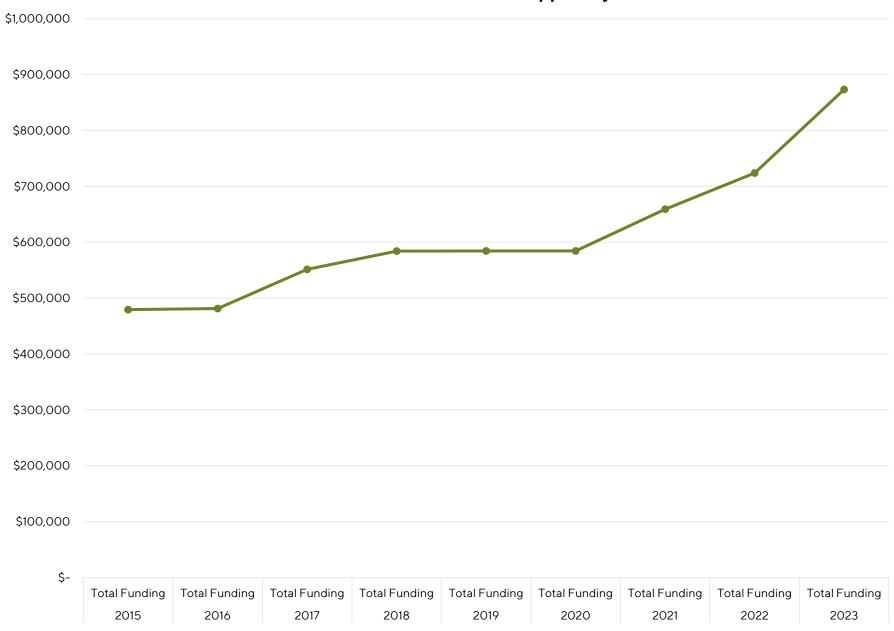
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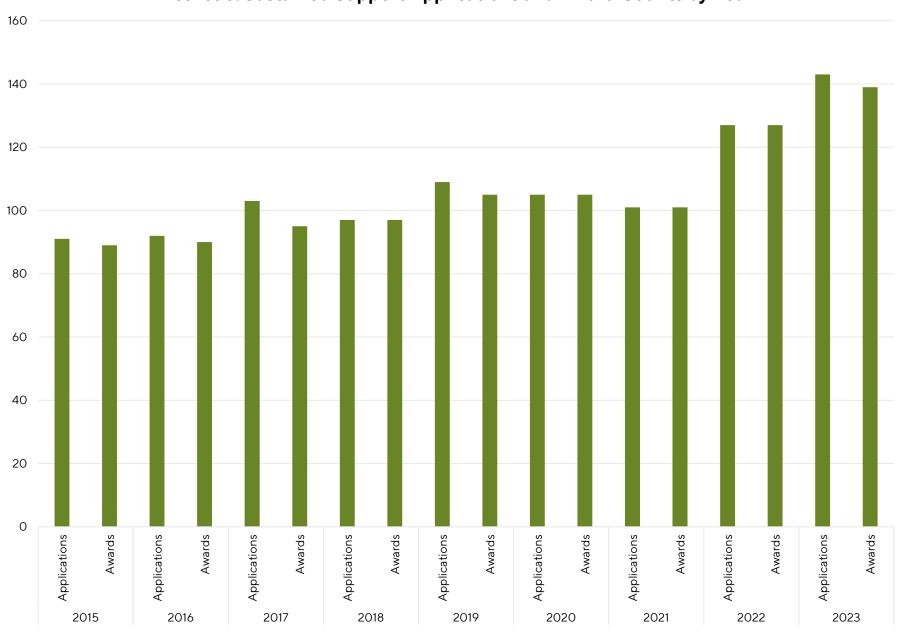
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**District 8: Combined Sustained Support by Year** 



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District 9: Combined Sustained Support by Year



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