Kenneth C. Griffin Museum of Science and Industry

Financial Statements As of and for the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and Independent Auditor's Report

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RSM US LLP

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Trustees Kenneth C. Griffin Museum of Science and Industry

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Kenneth C. Griffin Museum of Science and Industry (the Museum), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Museum as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Museum and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Museum's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.



In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
 fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures
 include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial
 statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Museum's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that
 raise substantial doubt about the Museum's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable
 period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

RSM US LLP

Chicago, Illinois May 21, 2025

Statements of Financial Position December 31, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Assets		
Cash	\$ 3,245,388	\$ 3,058,266
Operating investments	52,319,033	46,295,185
Pledges receivable, net	4,982,082	8,424,988
Accounts receivable	2,394,323	1,869,533
Other assets	5,991,887	6,687,639
Long-term investments	215,307,945	206,635,716
Museum properties, net	148,793,814	149,229,506
Total assets	\$ 433,034,472	\$ 422,200,833
Liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Bonds payable, net of unamortized financing fees Deferred revenue	\$ 6,496,621 29,705,993 12,589,370	\$ 7,701,731 29,691,639 13,927,485
Other liabilities Total liabilities	1,299,898 50,091,882	1,145,199 52,466,054
Net assets:		
Without donor restrictions	318,208,919	300,846,236
With donor restrictions	64,733,671	68,888,543
Total net assets	382,942,590	369,734,779
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 433,034,472	\$ 422,200,833

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets Year Ended December 31, 2024

	١	Without Donor With Donor Restrictions Restrictions			Total
Operating income:					
Revenue and support:					
Admissions	\$	16,793,557	\$	-	\$ 16,793,557
Special exhibits		2,877,144		-	2,877,144
Ancillary services		8,782,296		-	8,782,296
Membership		3,237,896		-	3,237,896
Government support		4,835,887		1,860,308	6,696,195
Private support		5,966,125		7,771,053	13,737,178
Private support—in-kind		604,813		-	604,813
Investment return designated for operations		4,725,000		920,000	5,645,000
Other income		2,896,699		-	2,896,699
Net assets released from restrictions		16,427,234		(16,427,234)	-
Total revenue and support		67,146,651		(5,875,873)	61,270,778
Expenses:					
Exhibits and public programs		25,832,094		-	25,832,094
Education programs		8,538,330		-	8,538,330
Guest services		4,887,481		-	4,887,481
Retail and supporting services		1,941,561		-	1,941,561
Membership		709,432		-	709,432
Development		4,404,260		_	4,404,260
Management and general		5,563,178		_	5,563,178
Expenses before depreciation and interest		51,876,336		-	51,876,336
Depreciation		11,607,816		_	11,607,816
Interest		607,131		_	607,131
Total expenses		64,091,283		-	64,091,283
Operating income (loss), including					
depreciation and interest expense		3,055,368		(5,875,873)	(2,820,505)
Non-operating income (loss): Gain on long-term investments, net, after investment					
return designated for operations		14,964,587		1,686,721	16,651,308
Other loss, net					
,		(657,272)		34,280 1,721,001	(622,992)
Total non-operating income, net		14,307,315		1,721,001	16,028,316
Change in net assets		17,362,683		(4,154,872)	13,207,811
Net assets, beginning of year		300,846,236		68,888,543	369,734,779
Net assets, end of year	\$	318,208,919	\$	64,733,671	\$ 382,942,590

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets Year Ended December 31, 2023

	V	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	
Operating income:					
Revenue and support:					
Admissions	\$	16,448,049	\$ -	\$ 16,448,049	
Special exhibits		3,095,358	-	3,095,358	
Ancillary services		8,133,157	-	8,133,157	
Membership		3,307,814	-	3,307,814	
Government support		5,716,877	914,626	6,631,503	
Private support		6,287,212	12,442,542	18,729,754	
Private support—in-kind		92,284	1,800,000	1,892,284	
Investment return designated for operations		5,388,914	887,560	6,276,474	
Other income		2,355,327	-	2,355,327	
Net assets released from restrictions		16,980,650	(16,980,650)	-	
Total revenue and support		67,805,642	(935,922)	66,869,720	
Expenses:					
Exhibits and public programs		22,570,646	-	22,570,646	
Education programs		8,392,918	-	8,392,918	
Guest services		4,559,408	-	4,559,408	
Retail and supporting services		1,545,935	-	1,545,935	
Membership		823,872	-	823,872	
Development		3,877,388	-	3,877,388	
Management and general		5,276,394	-	5,276,394	
Expenses before depreciation and interest		47,046,561	-	47,046,561	
Depreciation		10,655,185	_	10,655,185	
Interest		1,539,871	_	1,539,871	
Total Expenses		59,241,617	-	59,241,617	
Operating income, including depreciation					
and interest expense		8,564,025	(935,922)	7,628,103	
Non-operating income (loss):					
Gain on long-term investments, net, after investment					
return designated for operations		22,658,977	2,494,855	25,153,832	
Other loss, net		(514,744)	, , , <u>-</u>	(514,744)	
Total non-operating income, net		22,144,233	2,494,855	24,639,088	
Change in net assets		30,708,258	1,558,933	32,267,191	
Net assets, beginning of year		270,137,978	67,329,610	337,467,588	
Net assets, end of year	\$	300,846,236	\$ 68,888,543	\$ 369,734,779	

Statements of Cash Flows Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 13,207,811	\$ 32,267,191
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net		
cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	11,607,816	10,655,185
Amortization of debt issuance costs	28,439	19,373
Bad debt expense	700,000	-
Loss on debt extinguishment	302,979	-
Change in value of interest rate swap	(78,499)	442,545
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	(151,060)	-
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	(17,937,320)	(26,562,573)
Gifts restricted for permanent endowment	(21,213)	(766,203)
Gifts restricted for acquisition of Museum properties	(144,154)	(5,404,514)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Pledges receivable, net	992,906	(698,657)
Accounts receivable	(524,790)	7,112,794
Other assets	774,251	(1,845,039)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(2,243,689)	(230,463)
Deferred revenue	(1,338,115)	1,355,141
Other liabilities	154,699	(328,109)
Net cash provided by operating activities	5,330,061	16,016,671
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of investments	(221,771,894)	(146,245,619)
Proceeds from sale of investments	225,013,137	164,495,717
Purchase of Museum properties	(10,274,976)	(24,088,447)
Proceeds from insurance claims	292,491	(24,000,447)
Net cash used in investing activities	(6,741,242)	(5,838,349)
Cash flows from financing activities:	(0.47.00.4)	
Payment of debt issuance costs	(317,064)	- (40,000,000)
Payment on bonds payable	-	(19,306,000)
Proceeds from gifts restricted for permanent endowment	21,213	766,203
Proceeds from gifts restricted for acquisition of Museum properties	1,894,154	7,448,741
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	1,598,303	(11,091,056)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	187,122	(912,734)
Cash, beginning of year	3,058,266	3,971,000
Cash, end of year	\$ 3,245,388	\$ 3,058,266
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information: Interest paid Accounts payable and accrued liabilities for Museum properties	\$ 1,376,413 1,038,579	\$ 2,219,966 2,481,354

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Description of Organization

The Kenneth C. Griffin Museum of Science and Industry, formerly Museum of Science and Industry, (the "Museum" or "Griffin Museum of Science and Industry"), a 501(c)(3) corporation, is one of the largest science museums in the world and home to thousands of artifacts. For 88 years, the Museum has been a premier destination in Chicago, Illinois. The Museum's mission is to inspire the inventive genius in everyone and its vision is engraved in the Museum's historic Rotunda—science discerns the laws of nature, industry applies them to the needs of humankind. The Museum welcomes over 1.4 million guests annually and is the top Chicago museum field trip destination for students. The Museum engages over half a million participants annually through science education programs.

The Museum features world-class permanent exhibitions that inspire and excite guests and imbue interest in STE(A)M. In Science Storms, guests can experience the extraordinary science behind some of nature's most powerful and compelling phenomena. Visitors can step aboard the U-505 Submarine to learn about the only German U-boat captured during World War II, surrounded by historic artifacts and interactive activities. Guest can also take a real hoist 50 feet down to the Coal Mine, a reproduction of an Illinois mineshaft that first opened along with the Museum in 1933. One of the Museum's newest acquisitions which debuted in 2024, the Space X Dragon, is featured in the Henry Crown Space Center, where guests can explore and understand the cosmos. And the Griffin Studio is an immersive multimedia space offering state-of-the-art technology to host dynamic and ever-changing exhibits.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting: The financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The Museum classifies its net assets, revenue, gains and losses based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Museum are reported as follows:

Without donor restrictions: Net assets that are not subject to donor-directed restrictions. Items that affect this net asset category principally consist of attendance-driven revenues and related expenses associated with the core activities of the Museum: general admission, special exhibitions, retail and guest services. In addition to these exchange transactions, changes in this category of net assets include investment returns on funds functioning as endowments and philanthropic support (government support, private support, and memberships) that are free of donor-directed restrictions.

With donor restrictions: Net assets subject to donor-directed restrictions that will be met either by actions of the Museum or the passage of time. Items that affect this net asset category are gifts for which donors have directed the use of funds toward areas of importance to the Museum's mission, including education, exhibitions, building preservation and strategic initiatives. Also included in this category are net assets subject to donor-directed restrictions to be maintained permanently by the Museum, including gifts and pledges to the Museum's endowment fund. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Museum to use all or part of the income earned on related investments for specific purposes.

Use of estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Collections: The Museum's permanent collections, which were acquired since the Museum's inception through purchases and contributions from benefactors, are not recognized as assets on the statements of financial position. Purchases of collection items are recorded as decreases in net assets without donor restrictions in the year in which the items are acquired or as decreases in net assets with donor restrictions if the assets used to purchase the items were restricted by donors. Contributed collection items are not reflected in the financial statements.

The Museum's collections are made up of artifacts of historical significance, scientific specimens and art objects that are held for educational, research, scientific and curatorial purposes. Each of the items is cataloged, preserved and cared for, and activities verifying the items' existence and assessing their condition are performed continuously. The collections are subject to the Museum's policy that requires proceeds from their sales be used for direct care of existing artifacts or to acquire other items for collections. Direct care is defined as investing in existing collections by enhancing their life, usefulness or quality and thereby ensuring they will continue to benefit the public.

Cash: The Museum had deposits at financial institutions in excess of federally insured limits at December 31, 2024 and 2023. However, the Museum has not experienced any losses in these accounts and believes that it is not exposed to any significant credit risk.

Investments: Investments are presented in the financial statements at fair value in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Investment income, realized gains (losses), and changes in unrealized gains (losses) are reflected in the statements of activities and changes in net assets. Investments received as contributions are recorded at fair value at the date of receipt. Investments are classified as either operating or long-term, based on intended use.

The Museum's investment portfolio is subject to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility. Because of these risks, it is possible that changes in the fair value of investments may occur and that such changes could materially affect the Museum's financial statements.

Pledges receivable: Pledges receivable are recorded in the period during which the pledge is received. Pledges to be collected after one year are discounted to present value using an annual rate commensurate with the risk involved. Amortization of the discount is recorded as private support in the statements of activities and changes in net assets.

Pledges are recorded net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts. The Museum determines its allowance for uncollectible amounts by considering a number of factors, including the length of time receivables are past due, previous collection history, the donor's current ability to pay, and the condition of the general economy and industry as a whole. The Museum writes off pledges receivable that have become uncollectible.

Accounts receivable: Performance obligations fulfilled in advance of payments from customers is recorded as accounts receivable. Accounts receivable from contracts with customers was \$912,601 and \$577,848 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The opening balance at January 1, 2023 was \$3,043,025. Accounts receivable also includes government support receivables for programs where the conditions have been met and the Museum is entitled to the assets. Government support receivables were \$1,481,722 and \$1,291,685 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Based on analysis of historical collections and consideration of current and future economic conditions, no allowance for doubtful accounts was deemed necessary as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Interest in charitable trusts: The Museum is the designated beneficiary of certain trusts held by third parties. For trusts that are irrevocable, the Museum records an asset equal to the fair value of its beneficial interest in these trusts, included in other assets on the statements of financial position. For trusts in which the Museum does not have an irrevocable interest (i.e., the trust has variance power), the value of the trust is not included in the financial statements.

Museum properties: The legal title to the Museum's land and original building is vested with the Chicago Park District. The sole and permanent right to the use and occupancy of the land and original building rests with the Museum under an agreement that extends in perpetuity as long as the Museum uses the property for the purposes under which it is incorporated.

Museum properties of \$10,000 or greater are recorded at cost and depreciated on a straight-line basis over the assets' estimated useful lives as follows:

Asset description	Life
Exhibits	3 to 10 years
Building improvements	15 to 30 years
Underground garage	40 years
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	3 to 10 years
Henry Crown Space Center	40 years

The carrying values of the Museum's properties are reviewed for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable from the estimated future cash flows expected to result from its use and eventual disposition. When considered impaired, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent carrying value exceeds the fair value of the asset. There were no indicators of asset impairment during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Deferred revenue: Payments received in advance of the Museum satisfying its performance obligations are recorded as deferred revenue. The primary component of deferred revenue relates to multi-year agreements with third-party operators for its foodservice, catering, and gift shop. In exchange for the right to operate these services, the parties have provided upfront payments to the Museum to fund capital improvements. Cumulatively through December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Museum had received \$12,833,742 and \$12,789,639, respectively, in payments related to these agreements, which have a remaining term of approximately 12 years. Revenue from these payments is being recognized ratably over the life of the agreements and totaled \$1,033,563 and \$964,992 for 2024 and 2023, respectively. Deferred revenue related to these agreements at December 31, 2024 and 2023, was \$10,166,902 and \$11,156,362, respectively. The remaining amounts in deferred revenue relate to funds received for membership revenue in advance of satisfying performance obligations, which is expected to occur in the following year. The opening balance of deferred revenue at January 1, 2023, was \$12,572,344.

Asset retirement obligations: U.S. GAAP requires the current recognition of a liability when a legal obligation exists relative to an asset retirement in which the timing or method of settlement are conditional and/or based on a future event that may or may not be under the control of the entity. The Illinois Commercial and Public Building Asbestos Abatement Act requires the controlled removal or encapsulation of asbestos by a licensed contractor in commercial and public buildings, including renovation and partial or complete demolition activities.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

An asset retirement obligation (ARO) liability was recognized at its net present value, with recognition of a related long-lived asset in a corresponding amount. The ARO liability is accreted through periodic charges to accretion expense. The Museum has estimated its asbestos removal cost to be \$505,829 and \$548,929 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The Museum's estimate represents the present value of anticipated costs of asbestos abatement utilizing a discount rate of 5% and the projected year of removal based on the Museum's capital plan or an estimated future date. The liability is included within other liabilities on the statements of financial position.

Revenue recognition: The Museum recognizes revenue for admissions, special exhibits, ancillary services and memberships based on the satisfaction of performance obligations. Performance obligations are determined based on the service provided by the Museum. The following explains the performance obligations related to each revenue stream and how they are recognized. The revenue streams noted below do not include significant financing components as performance obligations are satisfied within a year of receipt of payment. In addition, there are no consideration amounts that are variable.

Admissions and special exhibits: Revenue from ticket sales, events, and group admissions is recognized on the date of visit. Payment is collected at the time of purchase.

Ancillary services: The Museum receives revenue from various ancillary services, including commissions for food sales, retail store purchases and special events. The Museum recognizes revenue for purchases of goods and food commissions at the point in time when the sale occurs. Revenue from special events is recognized when the event occurs. Commission payments are generally due within 15 to 30 days following the month in which the revenue is earned.

Memberships: The Museum receives revenue from various levels of membership. Membership benefits include free admission to the Museum and invitations to attend special member events. The portion of the membership related to Museum admission is recognized over the membership period. The portion related to special events is recognized when the event occurs. Certain membership levels contain a contribution element, which is recognized as private support revenue upon receipt of payment. Payment for all membership levels is collected at the time of purchase. Revenue from memberships that is being recognized ratably over the life of the memberships totaled \$3,113,925 and \$3,182,878 for 2024 and 2023, respectively. Revenue from memberships that relates to special events totaled \$123,971 and \$124,936 for 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Government support: The Museum receives support from the Chicago Park District based upon the annual tax levy ordinance of the Park District, as well as funding from various federal and state agencies for research, programming, and capital projects. Support from the Park District is recognized in the year funds are allocated to the Museum and amounted to \$4,835,887 and \$5,716,877 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Funds allocated but not yet received by the Museum are recorded as accounts receivable on the statements of financial position. Other funding from federal and state agencies is primarily conditional contributions in which revenues are recognized as qualifying expenditures are incurred.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Private support: Contributions are recognized in the period received. The Museum recognizes donors' unconditional promises to give cash and other assets as revenue in the period the promises are made. Conditional pledges are not recognized as revenue until the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at estimated fair value. Funding for specific programs is restricted and classified as net assets with donor restrictions and released from restriction as expenses are incurred. Funding for the purchase or construction of capital projects are restricted and classified as net assets with donor restrictions and released when the asset is placed into service or according to the terms of the donor agreement, if more specific.

Gains and losses on other assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in net assets without donor restrictions unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulation or law.

In-kind contributions: The financial statements reflect amounts for the value of in-kind contributions for which an objective basis is available to measure their value. The Museum has recorded in-kind contributions at their estimated fair values of \$604,813 and \$1,892,284 in 2024 and 2023, respectively. The majority of 2024 relates to utilized advertising in support of exhibits and public programs, while the majority of 2023 relates to utilized temporary exhibition expenses which were valued at the estimated fair value based on average rates for similar exhibitions. The donated temporary exhibit is considered to be donor restricted as the display period of the exhibit goes through September 2026.

Volunteers contributed approximately 13,200 and 14,500 hours to the Museum in 2024 and 2023, respectively. The volunteers provided various services throughout the Museum. These services do not meet the criteria for financial statement recognition and, accordingly, the value of these services has not been reported in the financial statements.

Advertising expense: Advertising expense is recorded in the period in which the advertising first takes place. Advertising expense was \$2,070,555 and \$2,121,562 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Income tax: The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued guidance requiring tax effects from uncertain tax positions to be recognized in the financial statements only if the position is more likely than not to be sustained should the position be challenged by a taxing authority. Management believes that there are no material uncertain positions that require recognition in the financial statements. There are no tax positions for which a material change in any unrecognized tax benefit or liability is reasonably possible in the next 12 months.

The Museum has federal net operating loss carryforwards available to offset future unrelated business taxable income. The net operating loss carryforwards expire through 2044 and total approximately \$2,037,000 and \$2,035,000 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, management has determined the likelihood of realizing the benefit from a future utilization of the net operating loss carryforwards is uncertain. Therefore, a 100% valuation allowance has been applied to the deferred tax assets associated with the net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$621,000 and \$620,000 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The Museum files Form 990 in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and the State of Illinois.

Reclassifications: Certain 2023 footnote amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets or changes in net assets previously reported.

Subsequent events: The Museum evaluated its December 31, 2024 financial statements for subsequent events through May 21, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 3. Financial Assets and Liquidity Resources

	2024			2023
Financial assets at year-end:				
Cash	\$	3,245,388	\$	3,058,266
Operating investments		52,319,033		46,295,185
Pledges receivable		4,982,082		8,424,988
Accounts receivable		2,394,323		1,869,533
Long-term investments		215,307,945		206,635,716
Total financial assets		278,248,771		266,283,688
Less amounts not available to be used within one year:				
Pledges receivable for restricted gifts, net		(4,651,568)		(7,936,146)
Pledges receivable for operations due after one year, net		(30,090)		(193,419)
Long-term investments, net of budgeted investment return				
designated for operations	(209,007,945)		(201,167,278)
Total financial assets available within one year		64,559,168		56,986,845
Liquidity resources:				
Bank lines of credit		15,000,000		15,000,000
Total financial assets and liquidity resources				
available within one year	\$	79,559,168	\$	71,986,845

The Museum's cash flows have variations due to the seasonality of admissions revenue and a concentration of private support received at year-end. To manage its cash position, the Museum has various sources of liquidity at its disposal, including cash, short-term investments, as well as a \$15,000,000 working capital line of credit.

In addition to financial assets and liquidity resources available within one year, the Museum operates with a balanced budget and anticipates collecting sufficient revenue to cover general expenditures not covered by donor-restricted resources.

Note 4. Investments

Operating investments consisted of the following at December 31:

		2024		2023
Money market fund	\$	25,581,782	\$	26,133,233
United States treasuries	•	24,741,658	•	20,155,952
Common and preferred stocks		1,995,593		6,000
Total operating investments	\$	52,319,033	\$	46,295,185

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4. Investments (Continued)

Long-term investments consisted of the following at December 31:

	2024			2023
Short-term investment fund	\$	1,909,518	\$	2,775,613
Common and preferred stocks		19,154,583		3,220,182
Equity funds:				
Domestic		71,138,665		53,494,618
International		58,549,120		66,758,787
Natural resources		1,674,573		7,562,775
Real estate		10,555,472		7,366,656
Private equity		31,913,736		16,860,210
Fixed income funds		20,412,278		48,596,875
Total long-term investments	\$	215,307,945	\$	206,635,716

The trustees of the Museum have authorized a portion of the cumulative investment return for support of current operations. The remainder is retained to support operations of future years and to offset potential market declines. The following schedule summarizes the investment return (loss) and its classification in the statements of activities and changes in net assets:

	2024	2023
Investment return (loss):		
Interest and dividends	\$ 5,021,061	\$ 5,469,628
Net realized and unrealized gains	17,937,320	26,562,573
Management fees	(662,073)	(601,895)
Total investment return, net	\$ 22,296,308	\$ 31,430,306
Classification in the statements of activities and changes in		
net assets:		
Investment return designated for operations	\$ 5,645,000	\$ 6,276,474
Investment return, after amount designated for operations	16,651,308	25,153,832
Total investment return, net	\$ 22,296,308	\$ 31,430,306

Note 5. Fair Value Disclosures

The Museum follows U.S. GAAP on fair value measurements and disclosures, which defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Inputs are broadly defined as assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1: Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the report date. A quoted price for an identical asset or liability in an active market provides the most reliable fair value measurement because it is directly observable to the market.

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Note 5. Fair Value Disclosures (Continued)

Level 2: Pricing inputs are other than quoted prices in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the report date. The nature of these securities includes investments for which quoted prices are available but which are traded less frequently and investments that are fairly valued using other securities, the parameters of which can be directly observed.

Level 3: Securities that have little to no pricing observability as of the report date. These securities are measured using management's best estimate of fair value, where the inputs into the determination of fair value are not observable and require significant management judgment or estimation.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. However, the determination of what constitutes observable data requires significant judgment by the Museum. The Museum considers observable data to be market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market. The categorization of a financial instrument within the fair value hierarchy is based upon the pricing transparency of the instrument and does not necessarily correspond to the Museum's perceived risk of that instrument.

Investments with values that are based on quoted market prices in active markets are classified within Level 1 of the hierarchy. These include investments in money market funds, short term investment funds, U.S. treasuries, stocks, fixed-income funds and equity funds.

The fair value of the Museum's investments in certain equity funds and fixed income funds generally represents the amount the Museum would expect to receive if it were to liquidate its investments in funds excluding any redemption charges that may apply. The fair value of these funds is based on the applicable percentage ownership of the underlying funds' net assets as of the measurement date, as determined by the fund manager or the Museum. In determining fair value, the Museum utilizes valuations provided by the underlying investment funds. The underlying investment funds value securities and other financial instruments on a fair value basis of accounting. The estimated fair values of certain investments of the underlying investment funds are determined by the managers of the investment fund. Investments in these funds have certain restrictions on liquidation and may have underlying investments in private placements or other securities for which prices are not readily available. For these investments, the Museum uses the practical expedient. The practical expedient represents the applicable percentage ownership of the underlying funds' net assets as of the measurement date or net asset value (NAV).

Investments in private equity are in the form of limited partnership interests, which typically invest in private securities for which there is no readily determinable market value. In these cases, market value is determined by external managers based on a combination of discounted cash flow analysis, industry comparables, and outside appraisals. The value of the limited partnership interests is held at the manager's reported NAV as a practical expedient.

Charitable trusts are recorded at their estimated fair value based on the present value of the estimated future cash receipts from the trust. Assumptions are made regarding the expected rate of return on investments in the trust, the discount rate, and the expected mortality of the individual(s) if the termination of the agreement is dependent on life expectancy. As the fair value of these trusts is derived from internal estimates of the present value of the Museum's interest in the underlying assets, the amounts ultimately received could differ from the amounts reflected in the historical financial statements. The fair value estimate is classified as Level 3. The change in value of charitable trusts was \$75,602 and \$61,293 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and is included in private support revenue on the statement of activities and changes in net assets.

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Note 5. Fair Value Disclosures (Continued)

The interest rate swap is valued using widely accepted valuation techniques, including discounted cash flow analysis on the expected cash flows. This analysis reflects the contractual terms of the interest rate swap, including the period to maturity, and uses of observable market-based inputs, including interest rates. The fair value estimate is classified as Level 2.

The following tables summarize financial instruments by fair value levels as of December 31:

			2024			
				V	alued Using	
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3		NAV ⁽¹⁾	Total
Assets:						
Investments:						
Money market fund	\$ 25,581,782	\$ -	\$ _	\$	_	\$ 25,581,782
Short-term investment fund	1,909,518	-	-		_	1,909,518
United States Treasuries	24,741,658	-	-		_	24,741,658
Common and preferred stocks	21,150,176	-	-		-	21,150,176
Equity funds:						
Domestic	46,775,147	-	-		24,363,518	71,138,665
International	41,713,720	-	-		16,835,400	58,549,120
Natural resources	1,674,573	-	-		_	1,674,573
Real estate and infrastructure	10,555,472	-	-		_	10,555,472
Private equity	· · · · -	-	-		31,913,736	31,913,736
Fixed income funds	20,412,278	-	-		_	20,412,278
Total investments at fair value	194,514,324	-	-		73,112,654	267,626,978
Charitable trusts	-	-	772,118		_	772,118
Interest rate swap	-	2,689,586	-		_	2,689,586
Total assets at fair value	\$ 194,514,324	\$ 2,689,586	\$ 772,118	\$	73,112,654	\$ 271,088,682
			2023	V	alued Using	
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	V	NAV ⁽¹⁾	Total
Assets:						
Investments:						
Money market fund	\$ 26,133,233	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 26,133,233
Short-term investment fund	2,775,613	-	-		-	2,775,613
United States Treasuries	20,155,952	-	-		-	20,155,952
Common and preferred stocks	3,226,182	-	-		-	3,226,182
Equity funds:						
Domestic	31,971,935	-	-		21,522,683	53,494,618
International	48,708,291	-	-		18,050,496	66,758,787
Natural resources	7,562,775	-	-		-	7,562,775
Real estate and infrastructure	7,366,656	-	-		-	7,366,656
Private equity	-	-	-		16,860,210	16,860,210
Fixed income funds	23,396,501	-	-		25,200,374	48,596,875
Total investments at fair value	171,297,138	-	-		81,633,763	252,930,901
Charitable trusts	_	-	696,516		-	696,516
Interest rate swap		2,527,337			-	2,527,337

⁽¹⁾ Certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been categorized in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in the tables above are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statements of financial position.

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Note 5. Fair Value Disclosures (Continued)

Investments valued at NAV using the practical expedient as of December 31, 2024, consisted of the following:

	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Equity funds:				
Domestic (a)	\$ 24,363,518	\$ -	Daily	2 days
International (b)	16,835,400	-	Daily/Monthly	2 days/30 days
Private equity (d)	31,913,736	24,348,198	n/a	n/a
Balance as of 12/31/2024	\$ 73,112,654	\$ 24,348,198	-	

Investments valued at NAV using the practical expedient as of December 31, 2023, consisted of the following:

Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
\$ 21,522,683	\$ -	Daily	2 days
18,050,496	-	Daily/Monthly	2 days/30 days
25,200,374	-	Daily	2 days
16,860,210	34,266,430	n/a	n/a
\$ 81,633,763	\$ 34,266,430		
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- (a) Funds with principally long, diversified portfolios invested in highly liquid publicly traded U.S. equity securities, including large cap, mid-cap and small cap.
- (b) Funds with principally long, diversified portfolios invested in highly liquid international equity securities, including developed funds and emerging funds.
- (c) Fund positions include a broad variety of highly liquid investments that are anticipated to have primarily a fixed income focus, including corporate, government and high yield investments.
- (d) Funds invested in limited partnership interests. There is no provision for redemptions during the life of these funds. Distributions from each fund will be received as the underlying funds are liquidated.

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Note 6. Pledges Receivable

The Museum has received various pledges from individuals and corporate donors. Pledges to be collected after one year are discounted using an annual rate of 5%, which is for present value including a risk factor. The following is a summary of pledges receivable as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, by expected period of payment:

		2024	2023
Amounts expected to be collected in:			
Less than one year	\$	3,027,790	\$ 3,682,924
One to five years		1,203,000	3,546,000
More than five years		2,600,000	2,600,000
Total contributions receivable		6,830,790	9,828,924
Less:			
Reserve on uncollectible contributions		(700,000)	-
Discount		(1,148,708)	(1,403,936)
Contributions receivable, net	\$	4,982,082	\$ 8,424,988

The Museum has received conditional pledges totaling \$8,214,463 and \$1,461,093 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. These gifts will be recognized as private support revenue when the conditions are met (generally when qualifying expenses have been incurred or milestones met and all other grant requirements have been met).

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Note 7. Net Assets

Net assets are available for the following purposes at December 31:

	 2024	2023
Without donor restrictions:		
Undesignated	\$ 318,208,919	\$ 300,846,236
With donor restrictions:		
Purpose restricted:		
Exhibit development and maintenance	\$ 14,134,348	\$ 23,104,565
Education programs	9,140,228	9,919,712
Building preservation	7,081,981	5,355,071
Strategic initiatives	4,782,962	2,860,111
	 35,139,519	41,239,459
Passage of time	3,331,139	3,094,005
Endowment funds, donations held in perpetuity:		
Education programs	11,102,917	11,102,917
Exhibit development and maintenance	6,423,750	6,408,750
Endowment for operations	3,240,463	3,234,250
Endowment funds, accumulated earnings and term endowment:		
Education programs	3,579,442	2,646,398
Exhibit development and maintenance	1,418,743	911,467
Endowment for operations	 497,698	251,297
	26,263,013	24,555,079
	\$ 64,733,671	\$ 68,888,543

Net assets were released from donor designations by incurring expenditures that satisfy the designated purpose and through the passage of time as defined below:

	 2024	2023
Satisfaction of purpose restrictions:		_
Exhibit development and maintenance	\$ 9,788,992	\$ 7,068,485
Education programs	4,239,023	4,855,611
Building preservation	392,245	3,478,819
Strategic initiatives	1,519,840	1,057,235
Passage of time	487,134	520,500
	\$ 16,427,234	\$ 16,980,650

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Note 8. Donor-Restricted Endowments

The Museum's endowment consists of donor-restricted funds primarily to support Education programs and the maintenance and upkeep of certain exhibits.

The Museum accounts for endowment net assets by preserving the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment fund absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result, the Museum classifies as net assets with donor restrictions (1) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (2) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (3) changes to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument. Also included in net assets with donor restrictions is accumulated appreciation on donor restricted endowment funds which are available for expenditure in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA, and deficiencies associated with funds where the value of the fund has fallen below the original value of the gift.

The Museum considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- 1. The duration and preservation of the fund.
- 2. The purposes of the Museum and the donor-restricted endowment fund.
- 3. General economic conditions.
- 4. The possible effect of inflation and deflation.
- 5. The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments.
- 6. Other resources of the Museum.
- 7. The investment policies of the Museum.

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted funds may fall below the level that the donor or UPMIFA requires the Museum to retain as a fund of perpetual duration (underwater endowments). At December 31, 2024, there were no underwater funds. At December 31, 2023, funds with original gift values of \$828,750, fair values of \$812,675, and deficiencies of \$16,075 were reported in net assets with donor restrictions.

Investment and spending policies: The Museum has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that aim to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, endowment assets only include those assets of donor-restricted funds that the Museum must hold in perpetuity or for donor-specified periods. Under this policy, as approved by the Board of Trustees, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to provide adequate liquidity, maximizing returns on all funds invested and achieving full employment of all available funds as earning assets. The Museum has an active Finance Committee that meets regularly to ensure the objectives of the investment policy are being met, and that strategies used to meet the objectives are in accordance with the Museum's investment policy.

The annual endowment draw amount is up to 5% of the average market value of each endowment for the twelve trailing quarters ending September 30. This amount will be incorporated in the budget and submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval. Upon approval, it becomes the draw amount to be appropriated in the new fiscal year.

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Note 8. Donor Restricted Endowments (Continued)

During 2024 and 2023, the Museum had the following donor-restricted endowment-related activities:

	2024	2023
Endowment net assets, beginning of year Private support	\$ 24,555,079 21,213	\$ 21,294,019 766,205
Interest and dividends Net realized and unrealized gains on investments Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditures	535,622 2,071,099 (920,000) 1,686,721	524,065 2,858,350 (887,560) 2,494,855
Total change in endowment net assets	1,707,934	3,261,060
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$ 26,263,013	\$ 24,555,079

Note 9. Defined Contribution Plan

The Museum has an active 401(k) plan. Under the terms and conditions of the 401(k) plan, participants may defer up to 50% of annual salary or a maximum amount defined by law of \$23,000 for 2024 and \$22,500 for 2023. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the plan year are also eligible to make catch-up contributions.

The Museum makes a matching contribution of 100% of the first 1% contributed by participants and 50% of the next 5% contributed by participants. Vesting is 100% in the employee contribution and Museum match at all times. The Museum matches were \$538,143 and \$538,162 in 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Note 10. Museum Properties

Museum properties consisted of the following at December 31:

	2024	2023
Exhibits	\$ 179,743,064	\$ 168,493,284
Building improvements	159,417,622	152,418,802
Underground garage	54,666,665	54,666,665
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	19,326,121	19,084,122
Henry Crown Space Center	16,127,626	11,009,176
Construction in progress	5,946,756	18,448,376
Total properties	435,227,854	424,120,425
Less accumulated depreciation	(286,434,040)	(274,890,919)
Properties, net	\$ 148,793,814	\$ 149,229,506

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Note 10. Museum Properties (Continued)

Depreciation expense was \$11,607,816 and \$10,655,185 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Gain on disposal of fixed assets totaling \$151,060 for the year ended December 31, 2024, relates to insurance proceeds received to cover property damages, in excess of costs incurred to remediate the damage to date. Construction in progress consists primarily of new exhibit construction and building improvements. The total remaining cost to complete these projects at December 31, 2024 and 2023 is expected to be approximately \$690,000 and \$12,700,000, respectively.

Note 11. Other Assets

Other assets balances at December 31:

		2024		2023
	•	0.000.500	•	0.507.007
Interest rate swap	\$	2,689,586	\$	2,527,337
Prepaid expenses and deposits		2,112,262		3,108,124
Charitable remainder trusts		772,118		696,516
Life insurance policy		260,769		244,238
Inventories		157,152		86,055
Film consortium investment		-		25,369
Total other assets	\$	5,991,887	\$	6,687,639

Other assets consists of: (1) the fair value of the asset in connection with the Museum's interest rate swap agreement, (2) prepaid expenses for insurance and other agreements whose economic benefits extend into future fiscal years, (3) the Museum's irrevocable interest in donors' charitable trusts, (4) a life insurance policy that was purchased by a donor for the Museum and recorded at its surrender value, (5) inventories, primarily for items held for resale, and (6) the Museum's interest in the Giant Dome Theater Consortium, whose purpose is to promote and support the development, production, distribution and exhibition of educational films for giant dome theaters.

Note 12. Other Liabilities

Other liabilities balances at December 31:

		2023		
Asset retirement obligation	\$	505,829	\$	548,929
Funds on deposit		418,682		334,051
Supplemental retirement plans		270,152		195,152
Interest payable		105,235		67,067
Total other liabilities	\$	1,299,898	\$	1,145,199

Other liabilities consists of: (1) an asset retirement obligation for the Museum's estimated cost of asbestos remediation, (2) funds on deposit for group admissions and rental space, (3) a supplemental executive retirement plan, and (4) interest payable on the Museum's outstanding bonds.

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Note 13. **Related-Party Transactions**

The Museum obtains banking and other services, as well as procures products from companies with which certain Museum trustees are associated. The Museum also receives pledges and contributions from its trustees. A summary of balances and activities as recorded in these financial statements are as follows:

	2	024		2023
Cash and investments held by the Museum Outstanding pledges, gross Private support contributions Bonds payable Utilities Interest and bank fees Other	6,2 8,3 30,0 1,3	432,026 215,000 332,607 000,000 300,800 531,027 148,470	\$	252,905,576 8,997,500 7,502,851 - 1,254,311 474,395 131,562
Note 14. Bonds Payable and Lines of Credit				
Following is a summary of bonds payable as of December 31:				
	20	024		2023
Illinois Finance Authority (IFA) secured bonds:				
Series 2017A—PNC Bank, N.A.	\$	-	\$	15,000,000
Series 2017B—BMO Harris Bank		-		15,000,000
Series 2024—Wintrust Bank	30,0	000,000		
Total		000,000		30,000,000
Less unamortized financing fees	(2	294,007)		(308,361)
Bonds payable, per statements			•	00 004 005
of financial position	\$ 29,	705,993	\$	29,691,639

IFA Series 2017 Bonds: The interest rate at December 31, 2023 was 5.04%. The Series 2017A and Series 2017B had a mandatory tender date of May 1, 2024. On April 11, 2024, the Series 2017 bonds were redeemed. Unamortized debt issuance costs of \$302,979 were written-off when the bonds were redeemed and are included in other loss, net, on the statement of activities and changes in net assets.

IFA Series 2024 Bonds: On April 11, 2024, the Museum issued to the IFA tax-exempt bonds (Series 2024—Wintrust) totaling \$30,000,000 through a private placement. The proceeds were loaned to the Museum for purpose of redeeming the Series 2017A and Series 2017B bonds. The Series 2024 bonds have no annual principal payments. The Series 2024 bonds have a mandatory tender date of April 1, 2034. The interest rate at December 31, 2024 was 4.07%. Debt issuance costs of \$317,068 were capitalized and are being amortized over a 10-year life.

Note 14. Bonds Payable and Lines of Credit (Continued)

Interest rate swap agreement: In December 2019, the Museum entered into an interest rate swap agreement to convert \$30,000,000 of notional principal from floating-rate to fixed-rate instruments on previously issued bonds. The agreement, which was transferred to Wintrust in 2024 and expires in December 2029, has monthly settlement and a fixed interest rate of 1.2885%. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the cumulative unrealized gain on the Museum's swap positions was \$2,689,586 and \$2,527,337, respectively, based on the amount that such an instrument could be settled with a third party as determined by the counterparty. Changes in valuation of the Museum's swap of \$162,249 in 2024 and (\$442,545) in 2023 is recognized under non-operating activities within other loss, net, on the statements of activities and changes in net assets.

Line of credit: During 2023 and through April 11, 2024, the Museum had a \$15,000,000 working capital line of credit, with an interest rate of Daily SOFR plus a fixed basis point component on outstanding amounts. On April 11, 2024, the Museum terminated its line of credit and entered into a new \$15,000,000 working capital line of credit with a new lender, with an interest rate of monthly term SOFR plus a fixed basis point component on outstanding amounts. This line of credit expires on April 10, 2026. There were no borrowings on the lines of credit during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Note 15. Commitments and Contingencies

In its normal course of operations, the Museum has various contracts including food service, security, janitorial, advertising, and fabrication for exhibits. As of December 31, 2024, the total commitments under those contracts are approximately \$10,100,000. The commitments extend through 2028.

From time to time, the Museum is a defendant in legal proceedings arising out of the ordinary course of its business. Although the outcome of these proceedings cannot readily be determined, in the opinion of management, disposition of these proceedings would not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Museum.

Note 16. Functional Classification of Expenses

Expenses by functional classification for the year ended December 31, 2024, consist of the following:

		Program I	Ξхре	nses							
	Exhibits and blic Programs	Education Programs	Gu	est Services	Retail and Supporting Services	N	Membership	De	evelopment	anagement nd General	Total
							·				
Compensation and benefits	\$ 9,429,639	\$ 5,791,023	\$	3,007,640	\$ 531,617	\$	203,617	\$	2,493,287	\$ 3,501,032	\$ 24,957,855
Facilities operations	4,333,748	181,918		276,957	759,918		-		89,563	415,778	6,057,882
Supplies, services, and other	12,068,707	2,565,389		1,602,884	650,026		505,815		1,821,410	1,646,368	20,860,599
Depreciation	9,122,452	186,986		1,513,656	352,220		-		-	432,502	11,607,816
Interest	 607,131	-		-	-		-		-	-	607,131
Total	\$ 35,561,677	\$ 8,725,316	\$	6,401,137	\$ 2,293,781	\$	709,432	\$	4,404,260	\$ 5,995,680	\$ 64,091,283

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Note 16. Functional Classification of Expenses (Continued)

Expenses by functional classification for the year ended December 31, 2023, consist of the following:

		Program	Exp	enses		_					
	Exhibits and	Education Programs	Gı	uest Services	Retail and Supporting Services	N	lembership	С	Development	lanagement and General	Total
Compensation and benefits	\$ 8,423,387	\$ 6,181,652	\$	2,801,273	\$ 513,772	\$	189,430	\$	2,495,373	\$ 3,438,873	\$ 24,043,760
Facilities operations	5,006,685	131,794		239,073	592,121		-		77,609	301,128	6,348,410
Supplies, services, and other	9,140,574	2,079,472		1,519,062	440,042		634,442		1,304,406	1,536,393	16,654,391
Depreciation	7,807,136	160,511		1,518,081	798,193		-		-	371,264	10,655,185
Interest	1,539,871	-		-	-		-		-	-	1,539,871
Total	\$ 31,917,653	\$ 8,553,429	\$	6,077,489	\$ 2,344,128	\$	823,872	\$	3,877,388	\$ 5,647,658	\$ 59,241,617

Natural expenses attributable to more than one functional expense category are allocated based on certain factors, such as headcount, square footage, and time and effort.