



DIVISION OF
INDIAN WORK

ANNUAL
REPORT

2019

ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHTS

LEAP 2019



LEAP 2019 was a huge success for DIW's programming. We raised over \$70,000 for our Horizon's Unlimited Food Shelf and the Youth Leadership Development Program!



Our keynote speaker for the event was Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan. WCCO reporter Reg Chapman was the Master of Ceremonies for the event, which featured a Native drum group and hoop dancers for entertainment. Over 300 people attended the 2019 LEAP event, located at the International Market Square in Minneapolis.

DIW Parade Float



DIW celebrated American Indian month with Staff creating a parade float for the annual kickoff to American Indian month on Wednesday, May 1. The parade started at Cedar Field near Little Earth and ended at the Minneapolis American Indian Center. (MAIC)



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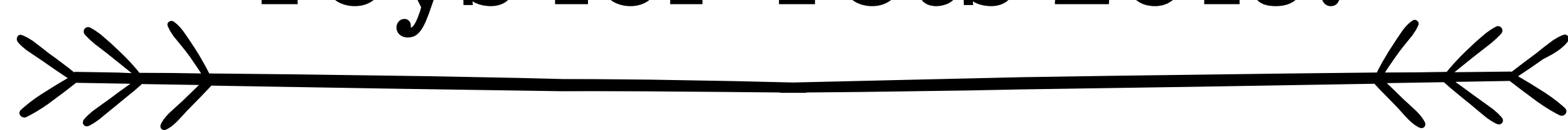
Health Fair



May was both Native American Month and American Stroke Month. The American Heart Association and DIW held an event to launch the establishment of a Blood Pressure Kiosk at DIW on Thursday, May 2, 2019. A first in Minnesota, the blood pressure machine kiosk will be located in the Horizons Unlimited food shelf for participants to check their blood pressure. The machine will track the progress for anyone that uses it and provides an email address with registration.

DIW Executive Director Louise Matson, American Heart Association Senior Vice President & Executive Director Holly Messick and Dr. Haitham M. Hussein, a Neurologist at Regions Hospital, provided remarks. The open house included a drum group, lunch, and a Health Fair featuring community partners to showcase the many resources available for American Indians in the community. Participating organizations included the Indian Health Board, Minneapolis American Indian Center, and the Native American Community Clinic. The machine kiosk was made possible by a generous gift from Franck and Katina Gougeon.

Toys for Tots 2019:



On Tuesday, December 17th, 2019 and Wednesday, December 18th, 2019 we were able to once again have Toys for Tots! We'd like to thank our staff who volunteered at and all who donated to Toys for Tots this year. We'd also like to give a huge shoutout to Maren Hardy who lead the effort this year and helped organize it for DIW. And of course this wouldn't be possible without the generous donations from the Marine Corps and their Toys for Tots program! Miigwech!





PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Youth Leadership Council

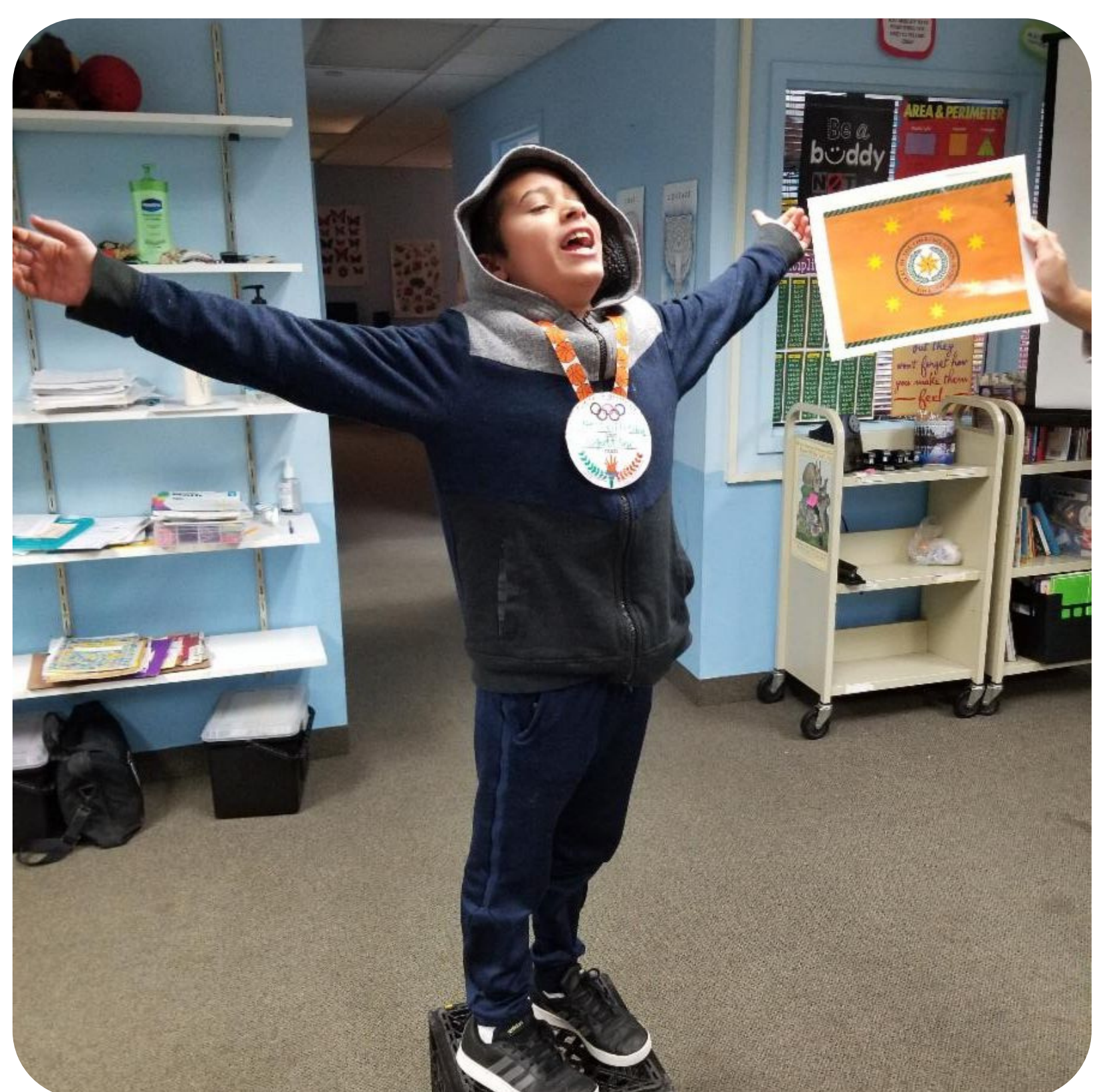


- The Vikings Table, a Minnesota Vikings Foundation custom-built food truck came to DIW on Tuesday, October 29 providing a meal to DIW clients and families. The food truck served from 5:30 pm to 7 pm outside of the DIW building with over 175 people attending. The meal included blue corn tacos and fruit. Xcel Energy was also there to provide information about sustainable energy, and engaged the kids and parents in fun activities. Vikings Table looks to use sustainable energy to deliver healthy food to youth in the community.
- On Friday, March 8th, 2019 they attended the Foster Child and Youth Day on the Hill (FCYDH) where they attended and participated in the community meeting and rally.
- Hosted a Native American Heritage celebration with the YMCA of Minneapolis on Thursday, November 21. The event was hosted at the Blaisdell YMCA in Minneapolis and featured activities to celebrate American Indian Heritage Month in Minnesota. A traditional drum group and local Indigenous dancers were part of the celebration. Traditional regalia and other items were used to help the community understand the cultural significance of Indigenous communities in Minnesota. Participants created a mural to help commemorate the event.



Youth Leadership Development Program

- Desktop computers were installed in the YLDP classroom to help students with their classroom research and other educational purposes. The five desktop computers were purchased in part with generous donations from St. Luke Presbyterian Church, and DIW donors Helen Meyer and Stephen Rivera as part of Rica's computer project to provide access to internet research for homework and classroom exercises during evening tutoring programs.
- Sixty (60) DIW youth registered for Freedom School this summer at Seward Montessori School in Minneapolis. Freedom School is a federal Children's Defense Fund research-based, multi-cultural reading curriculum. Some highlights include: they attended a National Day of Action with other Freedom Schools in the Twin Cities area and participated in a march to end gun violence; they participated in youth science day at the Science Museum with the other Freedom Schools; and the young women's group attended the Hearts of Our People exhibit at the Minneapolis Institute of Art. It was a guided tour and the girls were quite impressed and proud.



- YLDP was busy over the winter! Among all of the wonderful things that they did, some highlights include:
 - They hosted a family night in December that had 35 parents, students, and community members present. Linda Eaglespeaker was in attendance and blessed the meal that was prepared and led an activity where the participants filled clear ornaments with traditional medicines. She discussed the cultural value of the medicines and how to respectfully use them. They also had giveaways, bingo, gingerbread house building, and pretzel wand making.
 - One of YLDP volunteers is a Scientist and he came in and did some S.T.E.M experiments with the youth. He brought in dry ice and did about four experiments with it. He also did two other experiments with the youth, one that used electricity and one that used salt.
 - For Natives in Excellence, the youth learned about Jim Thorpe. They then got to make their own medals with positive awards such as “best helper” or “artists”.

Expenses



Healing Spirit: \$456,498

Health Services: \$708,699

Youth Leadership Development

Program (YLDP): \$407,181

Strengthening Family Circles (SFC): \$538,040

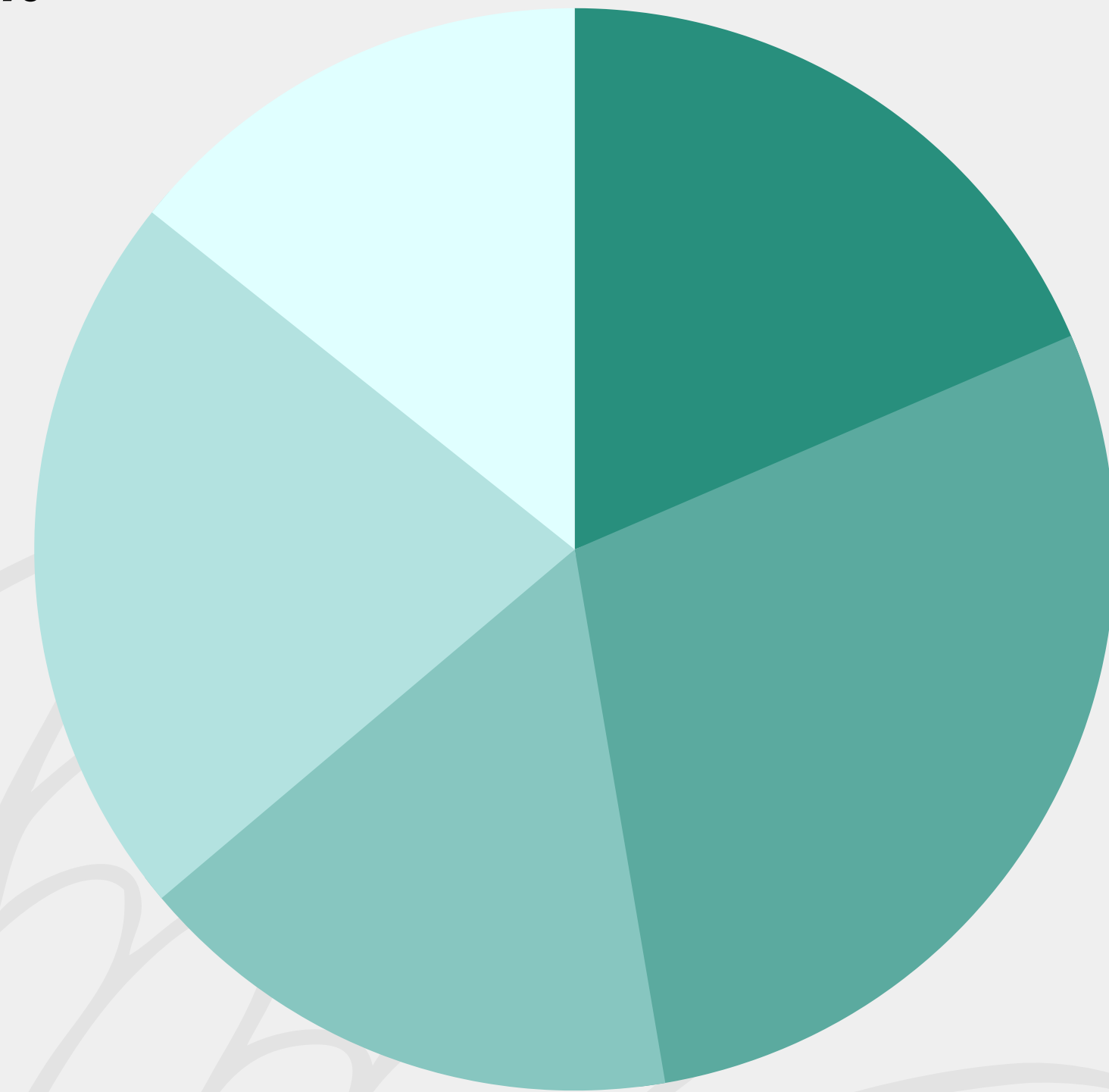
Admin & Building: \$352,123

Total: \$2,462,541

Admin & Building
14.3%

Healing Spirit
18.5%

SFC
21.8%



Health Services
28.8%

YLDP
16.5%

Revenue



Individuals: \$126,961

Foundations & Corporations: \$620,531

Tribal Gifts: \$6,200

United Way: \$190,217

Government: \$1,371,877

Program Income: \$4,236

Rent Income: \$65,381

Miscellaneous: \$151,659

Total: \$2,537,062

Miscellaneous

6%

Program Income

0.2%

Foundations & Corporations

24.5%

Tribal Gifts

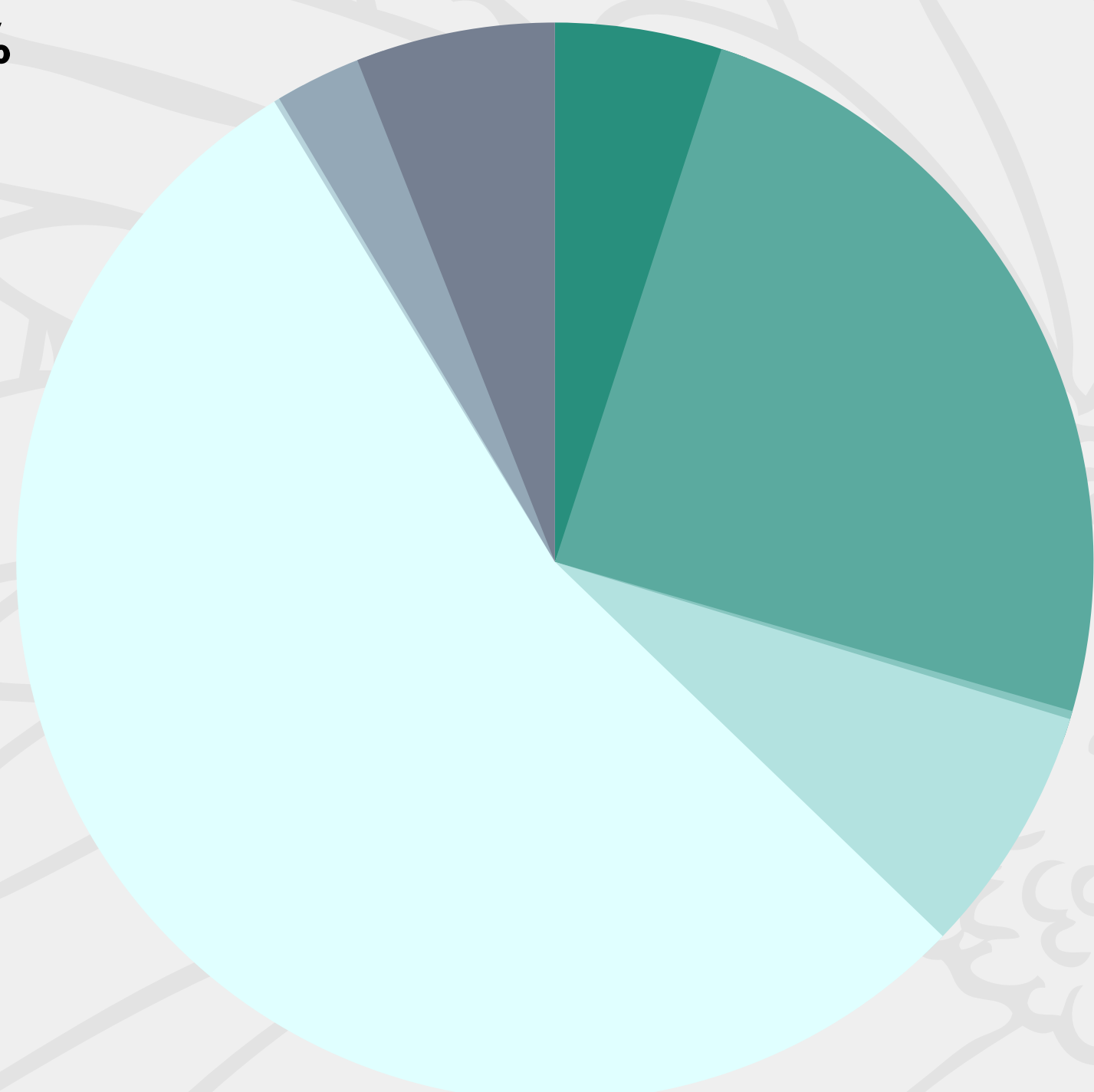
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United Way

7.5%

Government

54.1%



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