

# NCAT Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report

October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020



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The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic created challenging times for NCAT and its staff, as well as for the thousands of farmers, ranchers, business owners, and disadvantaged individuals we serve. As in-person meetings were cancelled, our staff members became proficient at providing critical assistance to people through the virtual world of online events. **We continued to offer the nationally-recognized programs and services that support sustainable agriculture, local food systems, homegrown energy solutions, and resilient communities.** We helped folks adapt to the changes wrought by the pandemic, including new distribution and marketing needs, no-contact energy assessments, and increased demand for energy cost assistance

Despite the lack of face-to-face encounters, **NCAT continues to be a leader in helping individuals and communities adopt local solutions that encourage self-reliance, prepare for uncertainties, and create a cleaner, healthier future for all.** The following information provides key highlights of our accomplishments during the fiscal year..

The need was great this year, as the pandemic affected our economy, and our



**National Energy Assistance Referral (NEAR)** program

helped **1,947,804** low-income people find local resources for paying utility bills.

Our Energy Services team helped Montana businesses, government agencies, and non-profits save **120,720,039 kWh of electricity** and more than **\$9.6 million in energy costs.**



**Our Energy Corps AmeriCorps** service members

educated **3,484** people about energy efficiency and conservation practices.

The Energy Corps AmeriCorps members logged **29,636** service hours, much of it online.



We manage the **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Clearinghouse**, providing technical assistance to agencies and tribes serving those in need of help with energy bills.

Last year the Clearinghouse website had **602,948** visitors.

Our podcasts on sustainable agriculture topics were played

**860,876** times.



Our videos about sustainable agriculture were viewed

**130,502** times.

NCAT is committed to racial justice. We stand with those who peacefully protest the continuing American legacy of racism and institutional violence. We are proud that much of our work focuses on serving Black, Native, Latino and Hispanic, Asian-American and refugee communities as well as impoverished Americans of all races. And we pledge to continue our efforts to serve vulnerable communities so they can strengthen local self-reliance through sustainable food and energy solutions.

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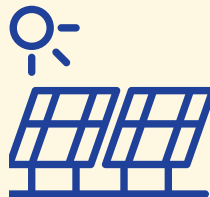
Our sustainable agriculture staff provided technical assistance to clients **47,838** times.

**3,348,790** technical resources were accessed through our ATTRA Sustainable Agriculture website.



We donated over **1,216** pounds of food grown on our **SIFT demonstration farm** to local charities serving folks in need.

The photovoltaic solar array at our Butte, Montana, headquarters produced **69,326 kWh** of electricity during the year, more than enough to meet our consumption of **53,265 kWh** for the year.

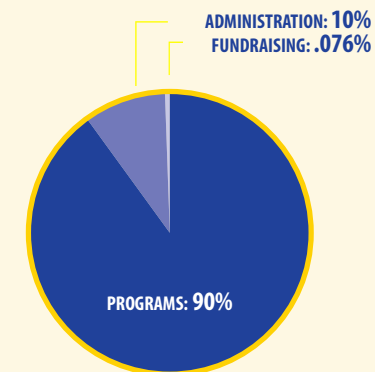


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## CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Total revenue from all sources	\$6,320,664
Total expenses for all activities	\$6,148,929
End-of-year net assets	\$2,273,745
Program Expenses:	\$5,596,375
Sustainable Agriculture Programs	\$4,391,435
Sustainable Energy Programs	\$1,204,940
Administrative Expenses:	\$548,308
Fundraising Expenses:	\$4,246



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**OUR MISSION:** *Helping people build resilient communities through local and sustainable solutions that reduce poverty, strengthen self-reliance, and protect natural resources.*