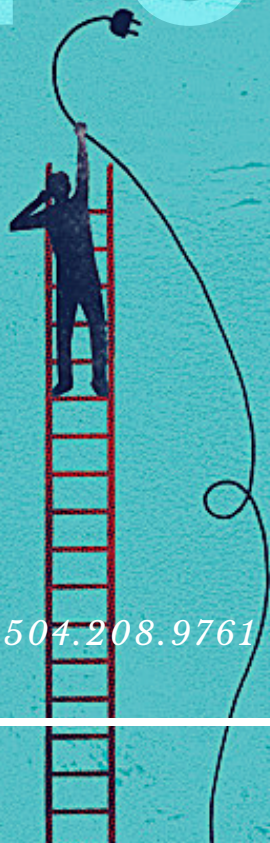

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SUCCESSES

A future where energy works for everyone.

- **Secured** three years of energy efficiency program budgets to nearly triple energy savings in New Orleans.
- **Saved** Entergy New Orleans customers over \$7 million dollars in utility costs on a single policy recommendation.
- **Improved** Integrated Resource Planning in New Orleans to require greater community input.
- **Deferred** a City Council decision on a new gas power plant in New Orleans East.
- **Defended** solar net-metering at the Louisiana Public Service Commission, allowing thousands of solar customers to continue to receive fair credit for energy they generate.
- **Encouraged** growth of low-cost wind energy in northern Louisiana through support of utility acquisition of wind-farms.
- **Sponsored** and co-hosted state-wide efforts to foster Energy Democracy to include more voices in energy policy-making.
- **Conducted** town hall and outreach meetings, and energy forums in Shreveport, Monroe, Alexandria, Lake Charles, Baton Rouge, and Lafayette.

Energy is intertwined with Louisiana's economic, environmental, coastal, and social identity.

The Alliance for Affordable Energy is the state's only consumer advocate working for solutions to bring affordable, clean energy to every resident and small business in the state, while preserving Louisiana's future.

Last year our work saw results and contributed to over \$42 million in savings to Louisiana ratepayers, with more to come. Even with considerable challenges to efficiency programs and renewable energy, the Alliance was garnered considerable successes that benefitted every resident in Louisiana.

POLICY UPDATE

Plug in and stay connected and engaged.

Statewide energy efficiency from Entergy Louisiana, Swepco, and Cleco resulted in net benefits of over \$28.3 million to customers in its second year of programs. The Commission extended the “Quick Start” phase to include two more years, while stakeholders engaged in rulemaking to expand the scope of energy saving programs to save customers even more money. The Alliance worked with the Natural Resources Defense Council, the South East Energy Efficiency Alliance, and The American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy to encourage rules that create programs to eliminate energy waste in multi-family and affordable housing, along with the already successful programs.

The Public Service Commission opened a docket to consider the challenges to Louisiana’s long-time ranking among the lowest energy “rates” in the country, as state-wide utilities look to build 1000s of MW of new fossil fuel power plants. The Alliance represented residents, reminding the Commission, and other stakeholders that energy burdens and bills are high in Louisiana despite historically low rates.

The Alliance worked with national partners to bring solutions to the Commission to avoid new power plants, reduce energy waste and cut overall costs in the future.

Last year’s efficiency programs in New Orleans resulted in net benefits of over \$7 million. On the heels of those savings, New Orleans City Council resolved to find more solutions to energy waste and passed a budget to nearly triple efficiency program savings in 3 years. In addition, research by the Alliance resulted in the Council reducing utility costs over the next 3 years by \$7 million.

In addition, research by the Alliance uncovered resulted in the Council reducing utility costs over the next 3 years by \$7 million. Finally, the Council commissioned an independent Demand Side Management potential study, to more clearly establish the potential to save energy in the city, using modern technologies and policies. The Alliance worked with Energy Futures Group and the Regulatory Assistance Project to support the Council’s search for an independent consultant. The study will inform Entergy New Orleans’ next Integrated Resource Plan.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

When we shine a light on collaboration, the entire community wins.

Collectively the “Public Interest Intervenor”, the Alliance, the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice and the Sierra Club, joined forces in 2016 and 2017 to oppose new fossil fuel power generation in New Orleans. With witnesses drawing expertise in economics, health, environmental justice, regulatory policy, and coastal concerns the Public Interest Intervenor set the record straight on Entergy’s gas plant proposal. Just a few weeks after we submitted our first testimony, the utility asked to suspend the proceeding to re-consider their future energy needs.

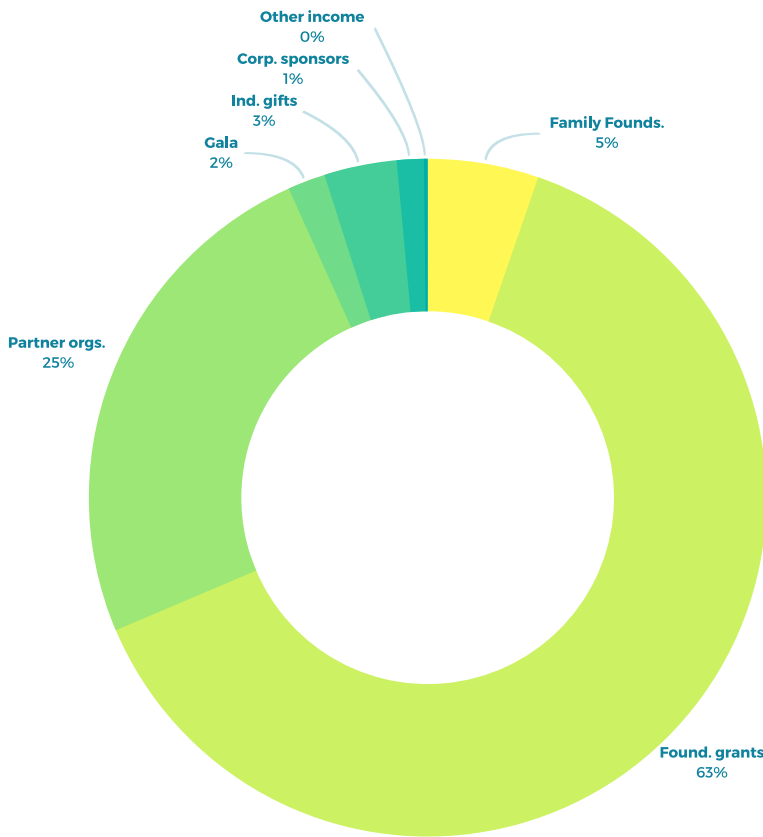
We worked closely with our attorneys at Earth Justice to strategically position fair and affordable energy alternatives to compete with gas-fired generation, by working with the Council to improve Integrated Resource Planning in the city. These partners were also part of a statewide effort to encourage Energy Democracy in Louisiana, and to support the development of a state energy plan in Louisiana that works for everyone. The Alliance worked with The Sierra Club and Network for Human Rights to hold quarterly meetings of advocates, practitioners, and community.

Our Partners

**Deep South Center for Environmental Justice
Earthjustice // GCE Services // Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance
Gulf Coast Center for Law and Policy
Gulf States Renewable Energy Industries Association
Natural Resources Defense Council
National Housing Trust // Vayla
Sierra Club // 350 Louisiana - New Orleans**



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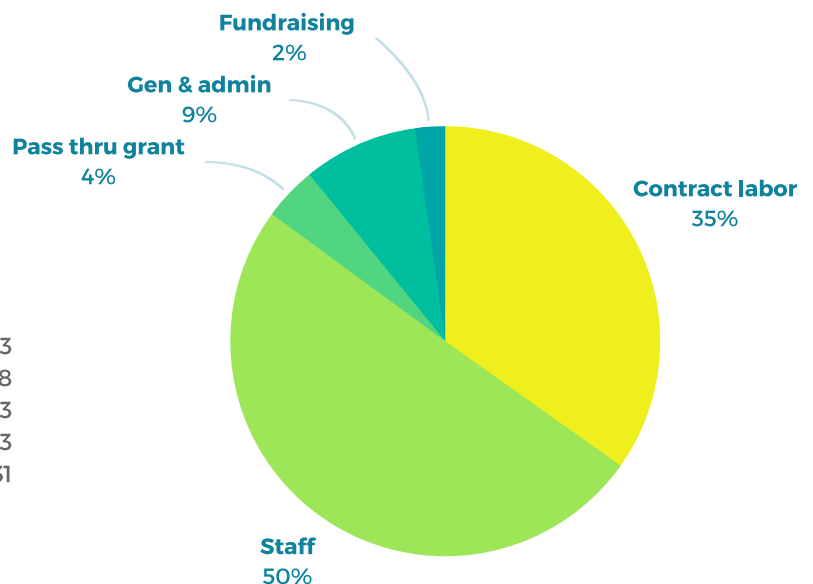


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Foundation grants:	\$251,307
Partner organizations:	\$97,932
Family foundations:	\$21,000
Individual gifts:	\$13,755
Gala:	\$7,123
Corporate sponsors:	\$5,100
Other income:	\$706

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Merck Family Foundation • Louisiana Public Health Institute
Energy Wise Alliance • Kabacoff Family Foundation
Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance • Greater New Orleans Foundation



EXPENSES

Staff:	\$165,803
Contract labor:	\$114,848
General / Administrative:	\$28,483
Pass through grant:	\$13,333
Fundraising:	\$7,431

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