

Funding Breakdown Methodology and Assumptions

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Data was gathered from the TRMF annual financial statements, input from a long-term board member, TRMF board meeting minutes, and information available through reviewing the PRRD agenda items and supporting material from 2014 – 2018.

Information based on other funding and grant based work led to a process of extrapolating data to generate a “best guess” breakdown of remaining expenses and how PRRD funds were distributed. This is also based on the assumption that PRRD funding was for operational expenses as no information was available to indicate that the funds were to be directed to specific projects. It appears the operational funding was leveraged to secure project specific monies, for example 500,000 building renovation through NDIT & Cultural Spaces grants and programmes funding through an annual sponsorship from Meikle Wind.

Also of note – only the broadest of categories were used as some of the more detailed categories accounted for less than half a percentage point. Where it made sense these detailed categories were combined, for example Office Supplies/General Office also includes janitorial and basic facility maintenance like the purchase of lightbulbs and snow clearing. Accounting and Legal also includes bookkeeping for the two years it has been outsourced. I’m happy to provide some further explanation if required. Only related expenditures were grouped together.

2018 – 2020: As the PRRD is well aware, the TRMF has experienced shift in operations over the last two years with staff turnover and capacities, and this is reflected in the sudden drop in the research and fieldwork categories resulting in a higher skew in other places. Fieldwork, et all, will begin to increase again in coming years as we redevelop our research program.

COVID-19 and the unknowns of 2020. The best estimate of the current year has been provided. Training has been considerably reduced as most opportunities have been cancelled for the remainder of the year. Office supplies have gone up with the increased cleaning protocols, and with an expected shortfall in earned revenue, we won’t understand the full impact until later in the year.

In estimation and despite the known anomalies, there’s a fairly consistent pattern to how funds were used.

TRMF - PRRD Funding Breakdown 2014-2020

Year	Amount	Wages & Benefits	Utilities	Telephone / Internet	Consulting Fees / Training	Insurance	Accounting / Legal	Office Supplies /General Office	Advertising / Promotion	Collections/Research/F ieldwork	
2014	\$ 125,000	56%	11%	2%	6%	5%	6%	2%		12%	100%
2015	\$ 200,000	53%	7%	1%	6%	5%	5%	1%	4%	18%	100%
2016	\$ 200,000	59%	6%	1%	8%	7%	3%	1%	2%	13%	100%
2017	\$ 200,000	56%	11%	2%	7%	5%	3%	1%		15%	100%
2018	\$ 200,000	61%	10%	1%	14%	2%	5%	2%	1%	4%	100%
2019	\$ 93,992	60%	20%	2%	2%	12%	2%	1%		1%	100%
2020	\$ 110,000	68%	8%	1%	2%	6%	6%	3%	1%	5%	100%
Total	\$ 1,128,992 Avg	59%	10%	1%	6%	6%	4%	2%	2%	10%	