


Sustainable Spending :

Tips for keeping your budget
(and the cage) organized



Sustainable Spending and Smart Budgeting

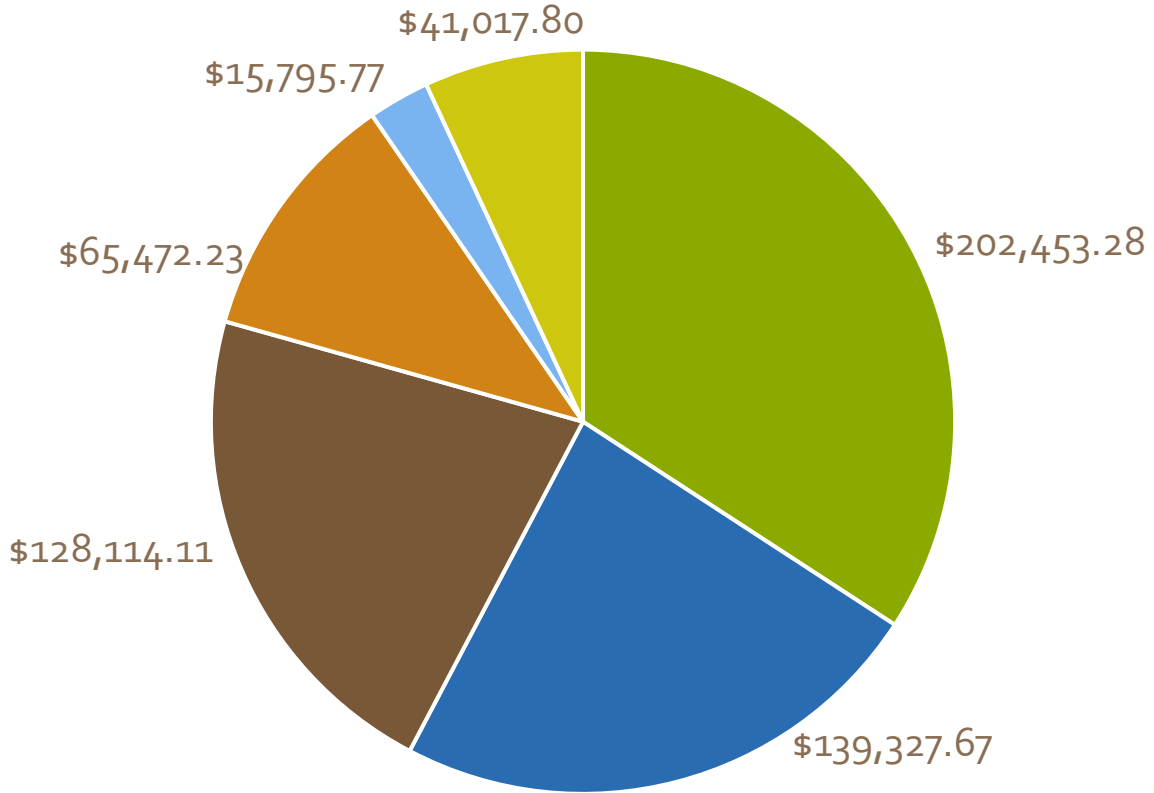
Sustainable spending means using your money wisely, so it lasts and makes a positive impact.

It's about balancing what you need now with what's good for the current and future operations of your club or committee.

Smart budgeting means making a clear plan with your money so you can cover the needs (and wants) of your organization.



Show me the money!



Total spent July 1 – Dec 15, 2025
\$592,180.86

- Travel
- Wages & Services
- Registration & Membership Fees
- Other supplies & misc services
- Refreshments
- Facility Rentals

Spend Smart, Stay Green

- Needs vs. wants – essentials first, then extras (fundraising!)
- Reusable/eco-friendly materials
- Plan ahead - avoid late fees, rush purchases (shipping)
- Understand where your money goes – budget tracker
- Even small amounts add up over time
- Adjust your plan when things change



What can your club do to make budget-friendly changes?

1. Share resources & collaborate with other clubs
2. Look for free stuff
3. Go digital
4. Proportional spending
 1. Does a one-off speaker event need to cost more than your club's annual end-of-year celebration?
5. Hidden costs, like Event Services, Dining, Parking, etc.
6. Track expenses & compare with your budget *before* making purchases
7. Check your club inventory – what do you have in storage?



Key Resources



[SGA Budget Tracker](#)

[UVM Office of Sustainability](#)

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Did you know that UVM purchases approximately 14,000 promotional t-shirts each academic year, in addition to thousands of other UVM branded clothing items?!

[Sustainable purchasing guide](#)





If you can plan a group project, you can plan a sustainable budget!

