

Regional Bahá'í Council of the Atlantic States

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October 1, 2018

Status of the Regional Fund Assembly and Individual Participation toward Self-Sufficiency

To all Spiritual Assemblies and Registered Groups in the Atlantic Region

Dearly loved co-workers in the Cause of God:

The National Bahá'í Treasurer's Forum on September 20-22 provided rich learning and exchanges among the local and regional treasurers in attendance. One repeated request from local treasurers is that there be more regular information about the status of the regional fund. A brief graphic report on the status of the Atlantic Regional Fund thus far in the fiscal year (May 2018-April 2019) is attached.

The Regional Fund is a branch of the National Bahá'í Fund. Contributions to the Regional Fund count toward the overall National Fund goal, which is \$38 million this fiscal year. Two important principles to bear in mind are:

- (1) Institutions and individuals are called to contribute directly to all of the funds:

“As far as the Cause is concerned, all the work must be kept going; all the funds need to be supported, both directly by the believers, and also by the making of contributions by Bahá'í institutions from one fund to another, which do not take the place of contributions from individuals—the source of the life-blood of the Cause.” (The Universal House of Justice, June 1993)

- (2) The Universal House of Justice asks the Regional Council to work toward regional financial self-sufficiency:

It encourages believers within its region to contribute to various funds of the Cause, including the regional branch of the national fund, with the aim that, in due course, the entire expenditure for the region would be provided by the believers in the region. (The Universal House of Justice, May 30, 1997)

As of now, 51 of 85 Assemblies, a few groups, and 269 individuals out of nearly 6,800 potential adult contributors in the region have participated this year. These contributions have covered 26% of the region's expenditures. It would be heartening if Spiritual Assemblies, Registered Groups, and individuals in the Atlantic Region contributed directly and consistently to the Regional Fund, with the aim of reaching universal participation and supporting all of the work of the region through their sacrificial gifts.

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Those volunteers who receive some financial support from the fund are very aware of the sacrifices and generosity of believers who have contributed. It is not infrequent that volunteers, having assessed their needs, contact the Treasurer's Office to ask that their support be reduced. In fact, one individual, having completed service and obtained a job, let us know that she will be repaying to the fund all of the support that she received during her period of service. The Council, the Regional Training Institute, and the dedicated servants in the region show, by these responses, a genuine and heartfelt gratitude for your willingness to be the lifeblood of the Cause.

Please encourage the friends in your communities to consider including the Regional Fund in their contributions, and share with them the current status of the fund. In coming months, we will communicate further and regularly about the Regional Fund and the many ways the fund supports the activities of the Atlantic Region.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,



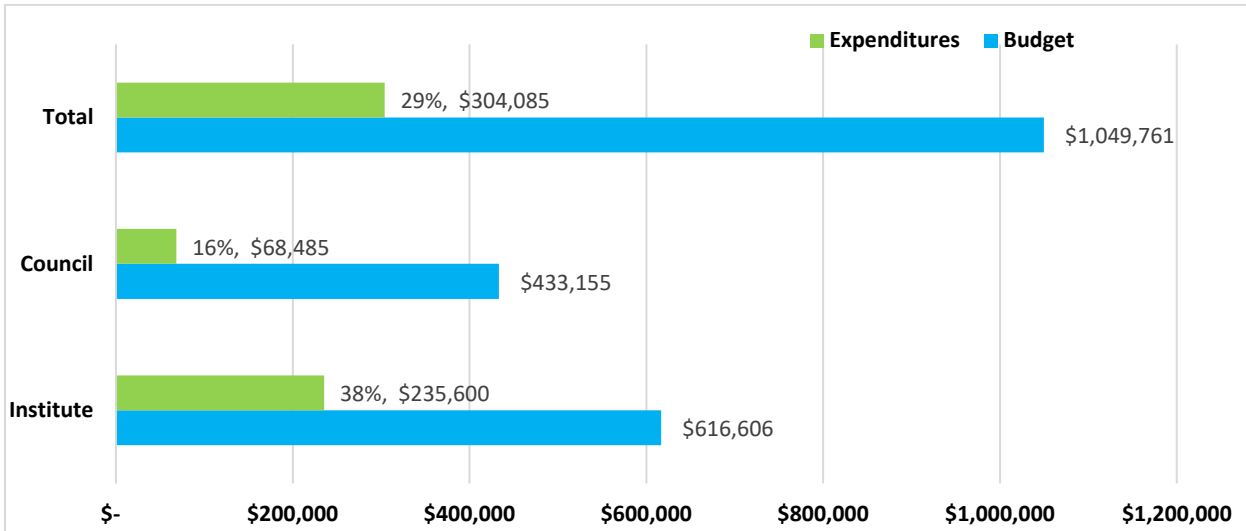
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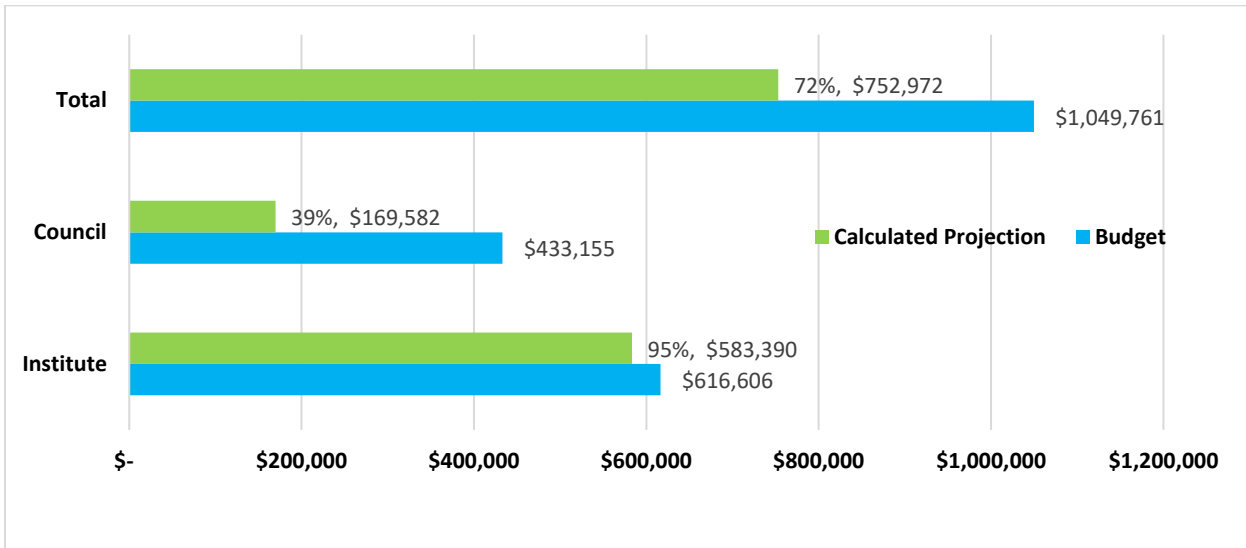
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Atlantic Regional Fund
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 as of September 30, 2018

Expenditures Year-to-Date compared to Annual Budget

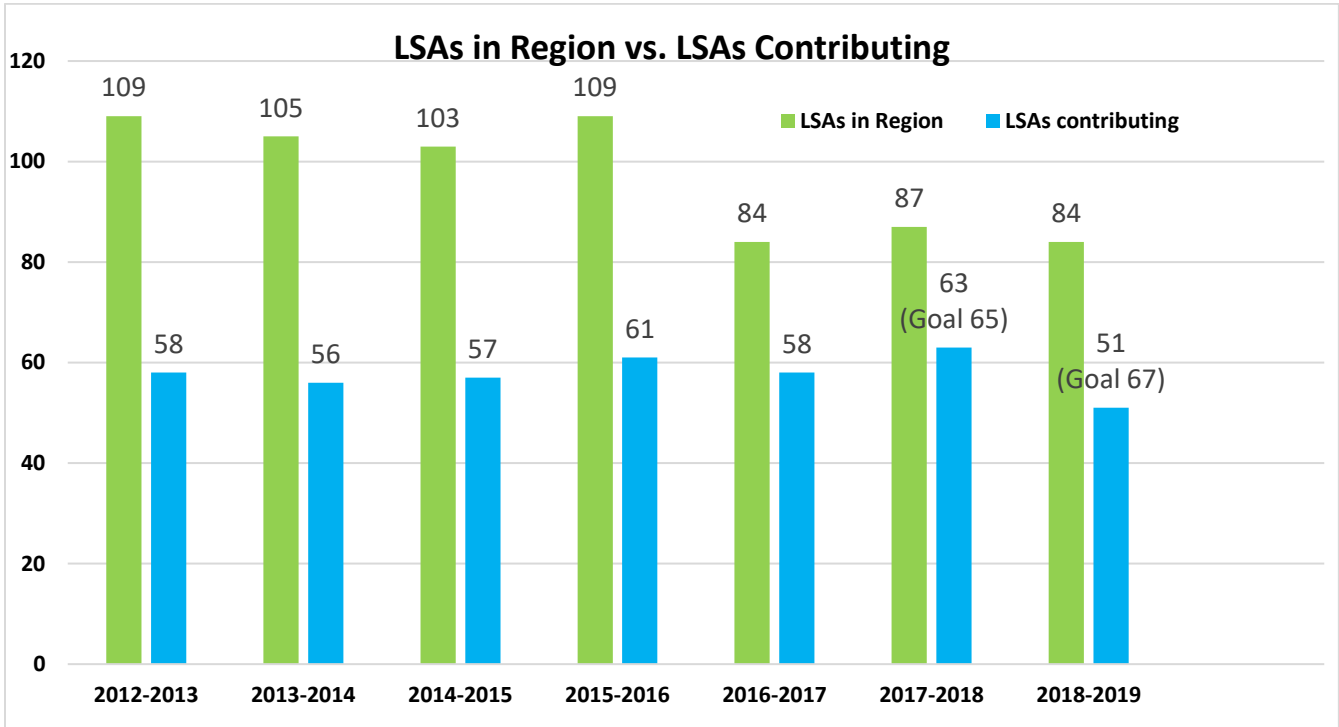


Projected Expenditures by April 30, 2019

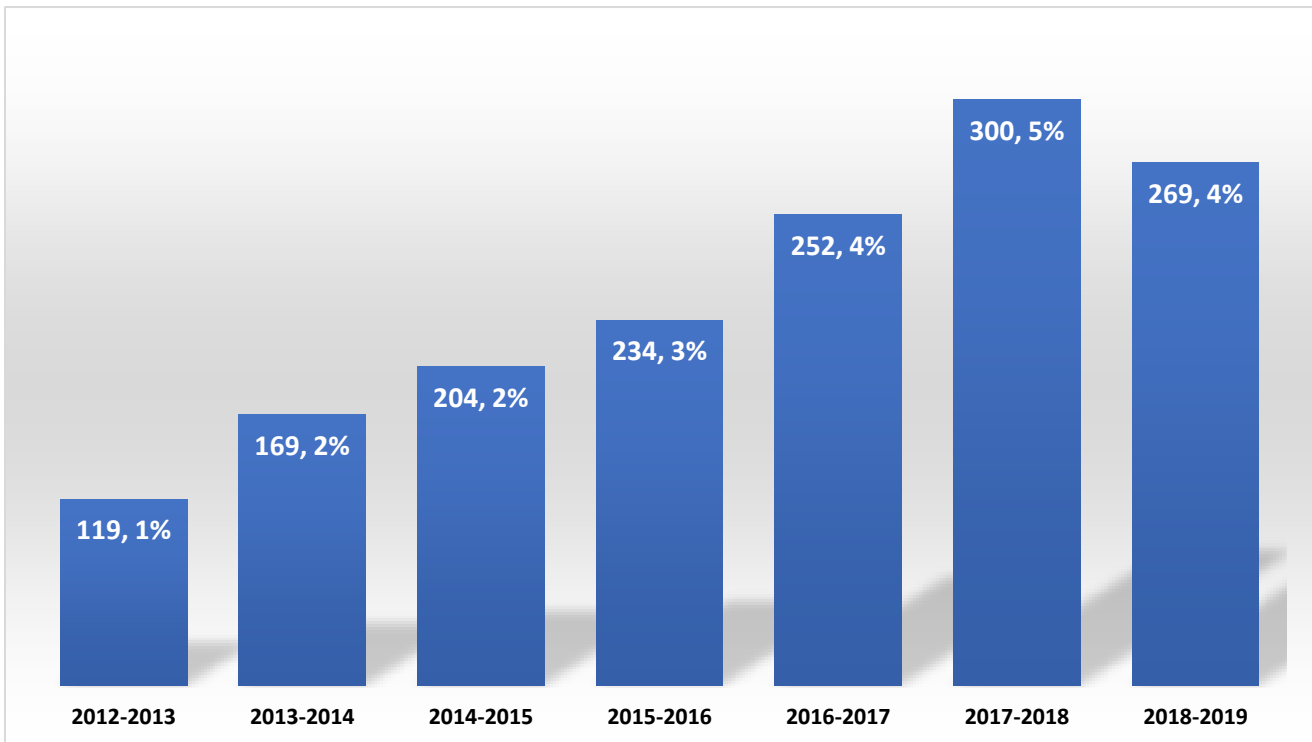


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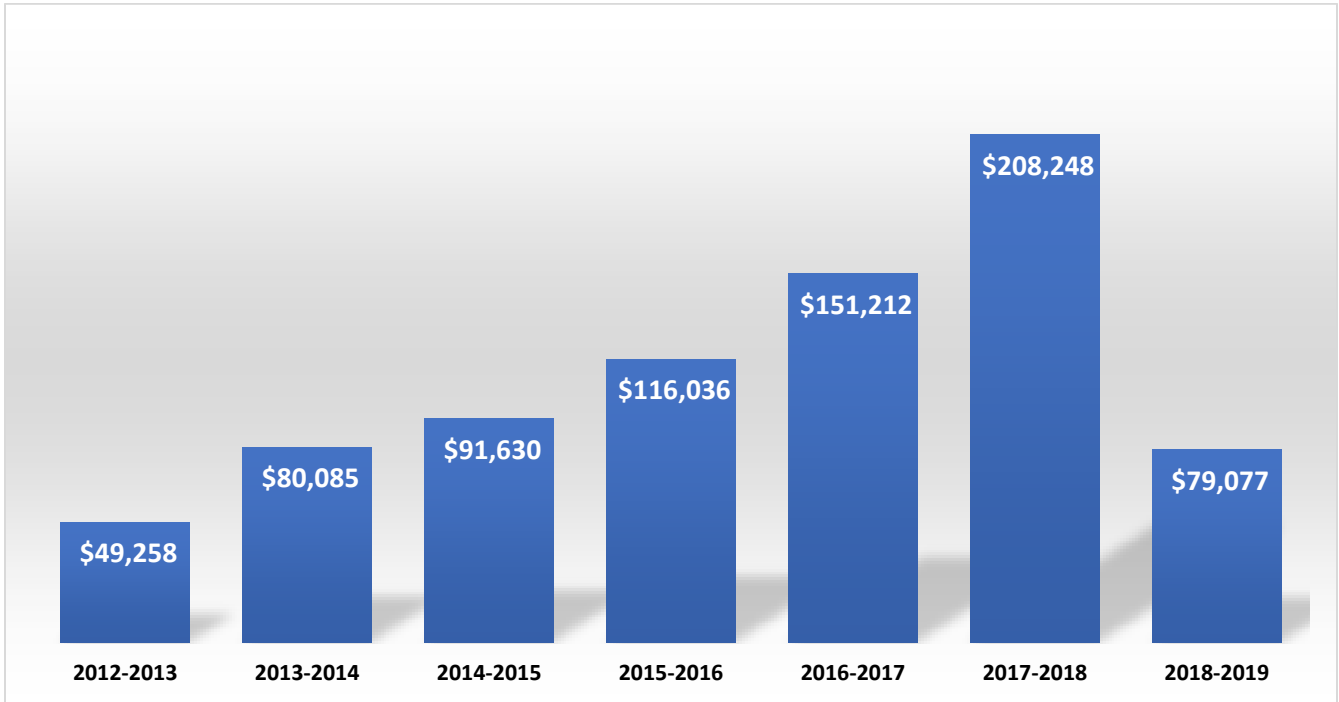
Believers Contributing



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Total Contributions from the Region



% of Expenses Covered

