



Makana Revive! Trust – IT #.000191/2018

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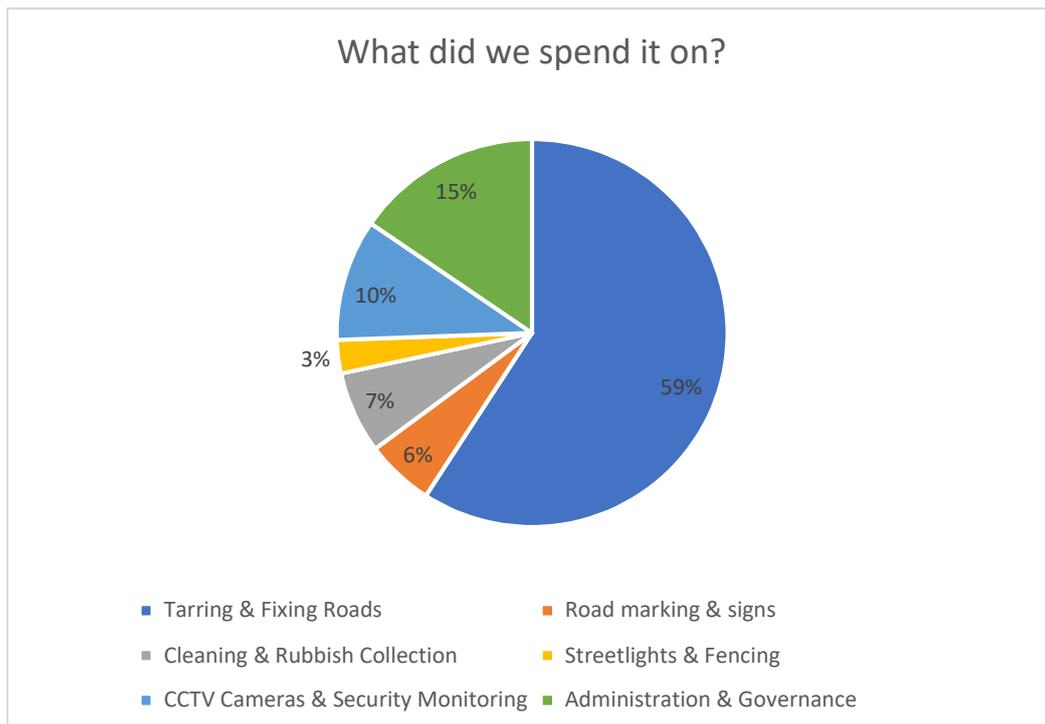
Our community faces increasing challenges. The threat of a Festive Season power shutdown by Eskom due to non-payment by Makana Municipality; the reality that we face a water supply and quality crisis where many areas of our city have little or no water; and most recently the strike by certain SAMWU members that has left our streets strewn with rubbish at a time when we welcome many new faces to the town.

Rands and cents...

Transparency and accountability to our community and donors remains a pillar of our ethos. Below is a financial summary for the eleven months to the end of January 2019.

We began the financial year (1 March 2018) with a surplus in our pool of funds of R190 000. Generous donations and the proceeds of the Fundraising Event held in June totalled R615 000 and the funds grew by R8 000 through sensible investment of the surplus. With the assistance of our many partners in Makana, R560 000 has been channelled into projects. The surplus of R 253 000 will be spent on the projects that have been prioritised as the most critical in our city.

The following graphic will give you an overview of how the funds were applied:



Citizen heroes...

Our citizens have every reason to despair and feel angry but for the most part all these challenges have mobilised the heroes in our midst and all the crises seem to have brought our divided city closer to unity. Ordinary people have stepped up to help the people of our community who were in desperate need of water. Individuals and the business community have mobilised to hold Makana Municipality accountable for their negligence in not paying the Eskom account and for ignoring the 'writing on the wall' about the water crisis.

Operation Clean-up...

Many individuals and businesses have stepped up and cleaned rubbish, kept the road to the dump clear, provided transport and equipment and valuable time. GBS Mutual Bank made a substantial contribution to the Makana Revive! Clean-Up project, and we have received donations from individuals and organisations. We are humbled and grateful to those who also contribute monthly. All of this has made it possible for us to say "Yes" when asked to assist with this project. We do need to specifically praise the Makana Revive! refuse removal team headed by Cindy Deutschmann. From bio-degradable refuse bags to loans of vehicles and equipment; Thomas Stone, Pieter Burger, Colin Meyer, Marius Lombard, you are legend. Thank you!

Many offered valuable assistance but have asked to remain anonymous. You know who you are and please accept our gratitude.

Our lesson is that the people of this community are not easily defeated - and for this Makana Revive! salutes you.

Potholes and parks...

We have also managed to fill some potholes around town and will be continue with this project as funds are set aside to tackle this issue. Road repairs are the costliest of our endeavours.

At the beginning of this year we began collaborating with the Grahamstown Project on their Oatlands Park/St Philips project. But more of that from Graeme Holmes in his future 'Vlogs'.

In conclusion...

Our activities are only limited by our resources and funding. Nevertheless, it has been possible to have a positive impact on the lives of our wider community. My sincere thanks also to my co-Trustees, all highly qualified and experienced volunteers who find the time to communicate and keep us going and growing.

Looking ahead,

Ron Weissenberg
Chairperson