



# annual report 2019



Dear Friend of the Gulf,

2019 was another challenging year for Healthy Gulf as the Trump administration continued its assault on environmental laws and pushed for expansion of the petrochemical industry. Of course, things got even more challenging in 2020 due to Covid-19 and the devastating destruction wreaked by several powerful hurricanes that have hit the Gulf this year. Yet, even in these challenging times, Healthy Gulf and its partners have, as reflected in this Annual Report, achieved success. We are proud of our hard fought accomplishments.

Healthy Gulf's Board and staff understand that it is the moral and financial support of our members, donors, and corporate and foundation supporters that make our work and our successes possible.

I thank you for your continuing support of Healthy Gulf's work and look forward to sharing with you the important work set into action by our new strategic plan.

United for a Healthy Gulf,



-Cynthia Sarthou, Executive Director

# Mission

Healthy Gulf's purpose is to collaborate with and serve communities who love the Gulf of Mexico by providing the research, communications, and coalition-building tools needed to reverse the long pattern of over exploitation of the Gulf's natural resources.

# Vision

A healthy Gulf of Mexico returned to its former splendor that supports a thriving ecosystem that includes the Gulf's natural resources and, just as importantly, the people, communities, and cultures that depend on those resources.






# Advancing Climate Justice

- Healthy Gulf worked in formation with Gulf Coast Center for Law and Policy and others to develop and release the Gulf South for a Green New Deal policy platform.
- Chinese-owned Wanhua Chemical withdrew its plan to build a massive plastics plant in Louisiana's Cancer Alley after a successful years-long campaign organized by community, justice, and environmental groups.
- Healthy Gulf participated in a *Race Forward* cohort to advance racial justice in the organization by recruiting and retaining staff, board, and members who represent the racial diversity of the Gulf South.



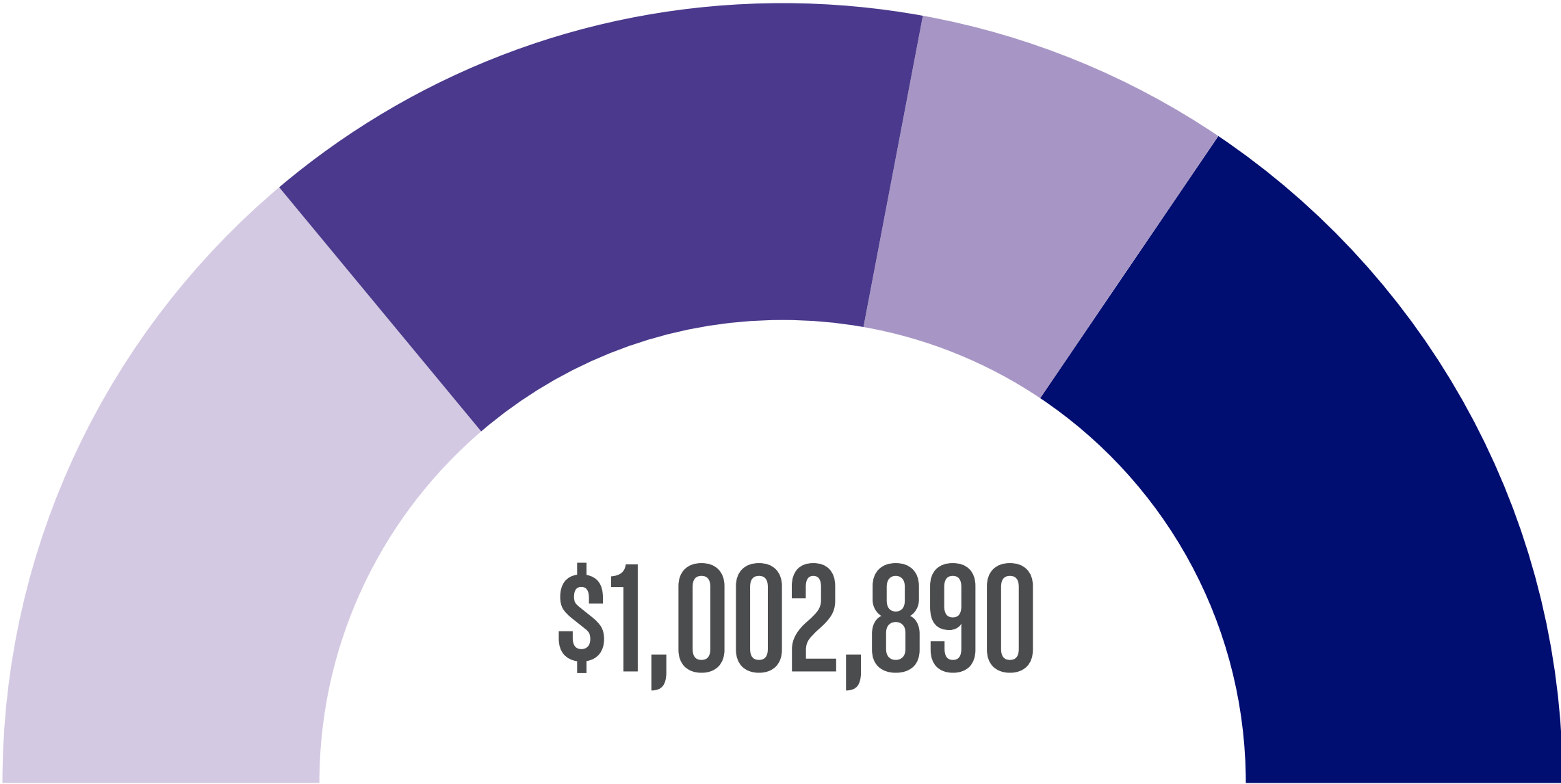
# Holding the Oil Industry Accountable

- 💧 Healthy Gulf and our supporters sent thousands of messages to members of Congress calling on them to make the eastern Gulf drilling moratorium permanent. In September 2019, the House did just that and now we're pushing the Senate to do the same. Although Trump has made the moratorium the subject of an Executive Order, we are continuing to push for passage of a more permanent statutory moratorium.
  - 💧 Healthy Gulf worked in coalition to stop the Swordfish Pipeline in its tracks, saving 225 acres of forests and coastal wetlands which protect communities from storms.
  - 💧 After 15 years, Taylor Energy's oil pollution is finally being contained. In 2019, the U.S. Coast Guard installed a containment device that is still collecting more than 1,000 gallons of oil every single day.
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# Protecting Clean Water & Gulf Resources

- 💧 In 2019, Healthy Gulf worked with our Louisiana restaurant partners to get the LA Legislature to pass the *Crawfish and Shrimp Menu Labeling Law* which requires restaurants to disclose if they are using imported seafood on their menus.
  - 💧 Healthy Gulf hosted a Toxic Algae Summit attended by 25 people representing 17 Florida nonprofits in Fort Myers, FL, to develop shared strategies for tackling pollution-driven red tide and blue green algae outbreaks.
  - 💧 With overwhelming support from our members and state agencies, Healthy Gulf was able to stop construction of an airport in the middle of a wildlife refuge on Elmer's Island, Louisiana.
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# Healthy Gulf Expenses



28%

Clean Energy

28%

Clean and Healthy Water

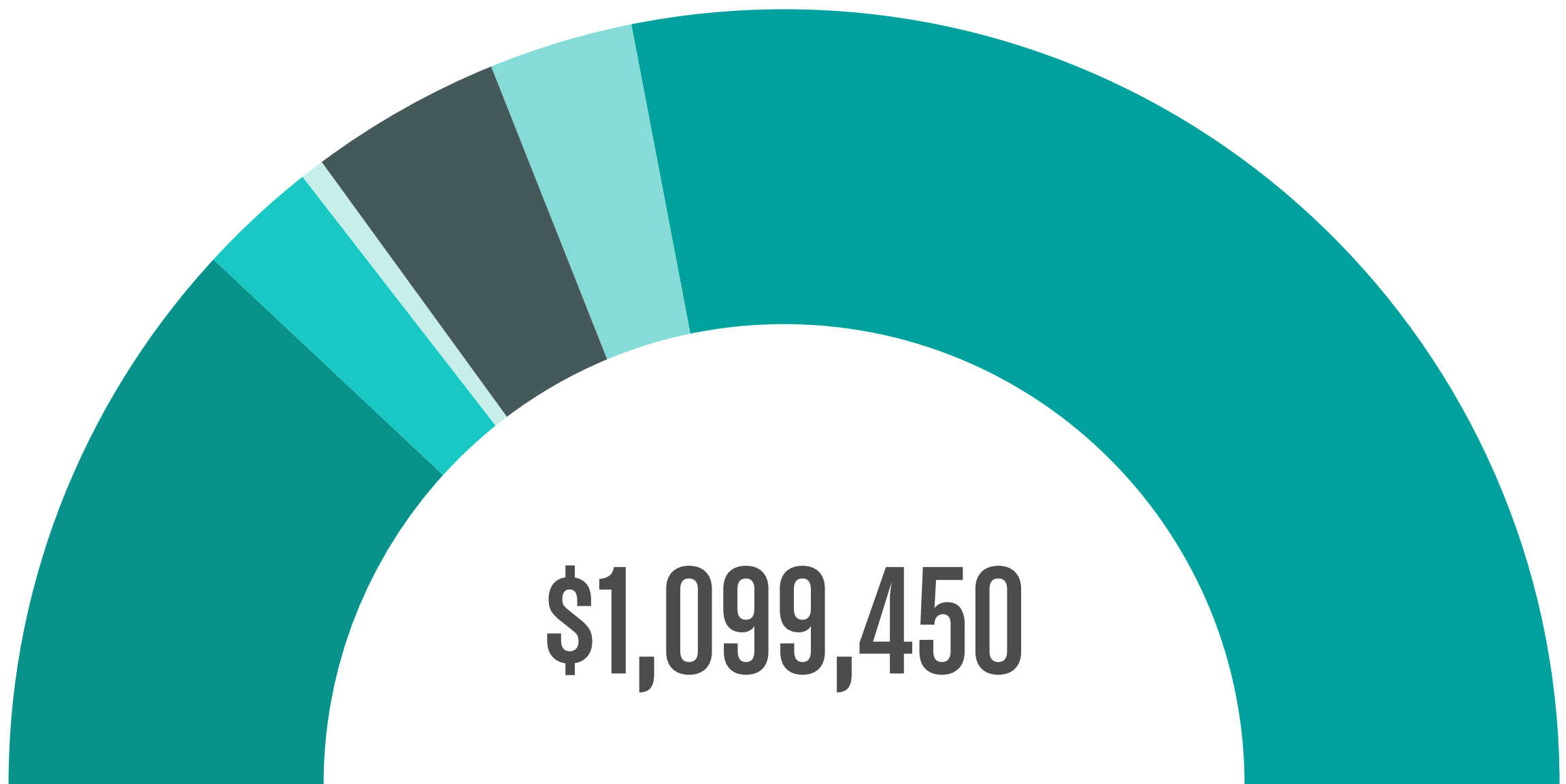
13%

Conserving Marine Resources

31%

Coastal Resilience

# Healthy Gulf Revenue



24%

Investments

5%

Other Income

1%

Special Events and Fundraising

8%

Program Service Revenue

6%

Membership Dues

56%

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