

OM NAMO VENKATESAYA

# Sanatana Dharma Paripalana Seva Trust of New Zealand

5th Annual General Meeting

FY22-23



Sunday 17th September | 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM  
Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple of Wellington

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# **SANATANA DHARMA PARIPALANA SEVA TRUST NEW ZEALAND**

Incorporated as a trust ( No 2718691) under the Charitable Trusts Act, 1957  
The Trust has been granted “Charitable Status” under the Charities Act, 2005 and its Registered  
Charity number is CC 56159.

## **OUR PRINCIPLES**

**Sarvejana sukhino bhavantu**

**May the people of the world be happy**

**vasudhaiva kutumbakam**

**the world is one family**

**dharma rakshati rakshitah**

**Dharma protects the upholder of dharma**

# Agenda

Chairperson Report

Secretary Report

Treasurer Report

Year Under Review - Q&A

"Viswakarma" - Project Update





# Chairperson's Report

Our Accomplishments





# Reflection

## 1. Established in 2018

It was established 2018 to set up the Sri Venkateswara Temple in Wellington, promoting community well-being and educating younger generations in Sanatana Dharma.

## 2. Acquired 1650 SQM property in 2019

We acquired a 1650 sqm property in June 2019, funded equally by public donations and trustee interest-free loans and opened the temple in November 2019

## 2. Adapted to challenges posed by COVID in 2020

Though our initial phase was interrupted by Covid, we adjusted to the new reality and continued our activity.

## 4. Increased temple services and activities 2021

Our temple serves as a platform for various community groups to hold religious offerings and Utsavams. Our steady growth is a testament to your continued patronage.

## 5. Project Viswakarma launch in 2022

During our last AGM, we launched our project Viswakarma - Our temple building project and held community consultation sessions/workshops.



# Year of Steady Consolidation

Year in Reflection 22-23



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*Thank!  
You!*

## Our Volunteers

Temple is run with the help of Volunteer Priests and about Volunteer Families. Besides these, many more families volunteer in the kitchen, in the garden and the food stalls and fairs & so on.

## Bhajan Mandalies & Music Schools

We sincerely appreciate all our community bhajan mandalies and music schools - the add colour, diversity, arts & Satsang opportunities to our community.

## BIG THANK YOU

All our Volunteers - families, priests, devotees rendering various services to the temple.  
All the sponsors, event coordinators, community champions and supporters  
All our trustees & their family members.

## Maintenance & Support

We thank our maintenance support volunteers who help us with time-to-time building maintenance, including repairs, electrical, garden, and cleaning.



# Secretary's Report

## Temple Activities & Services





## Cultural Value & Education

Ramanavmi Utsavams  
Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations  
Bhajans & Keertan by Various Community Groups  
Various special discourses.  
Musical performances.

## Sambhojana Utsav

This year was done in a Street Food Stall format, presold over 1250 plates, and including walk-ins, we sold over 1800 plates. This event is growing wider for foodies in and around Wellington.

## Chinna Jeeyar Swami Visit

We were honoured to host the visit of Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamy to our Temple on 13 April 2023.

## Auckland Srinivasa Kalyanam

We extended our reach to seek support from other parts of our country and performed SSKM in Auckland in November 2022. The visit resulted in several Auckland devotees donating for Namas for the Temple.

## Community Poojas & Services

Gruhapravesam (House Blessing Prayer)  
Namakaranam (Naming the Newborn)  
Marriages (Indian Hindu Wedding)  
Sri Satyanarayana Vratam  
Help with performing last rites  
We are providing guidance various religious functions & festivals.

## Temple Festivals

Sankranti  
Maha Shivaratri  
Rama Navami, Krishna Janmastami  
Raghavendra Aradhana  
Shankara Jayanti, Ramanuja Jayanti  
Navaratri, Diwali, Karwa Chauth  
Hanumath Jayanthi

## Sri Srinivasa Kalyanam

We had over 620 registrations. The event attracted devotees from all communities. We received good feedback about the professional organisation of the event and the grand manner in which the Celestial Wedding was celebrated.





# Treasurer's Report

## Financial Performance & Position





# Our Financial Position

We are in a good financial position



2019 - Property acquired on the strength of 168K in Namadhenu



2020 - Powered by another 68K with Namas, we reached an Equity of over 300K



2021 - With continued Namas ( \$55k ) and all round activity, we have grown our equity to over \$400K



\$220K in BNZ Term Deposits this year and now we have total of 480K in Term Deposits.



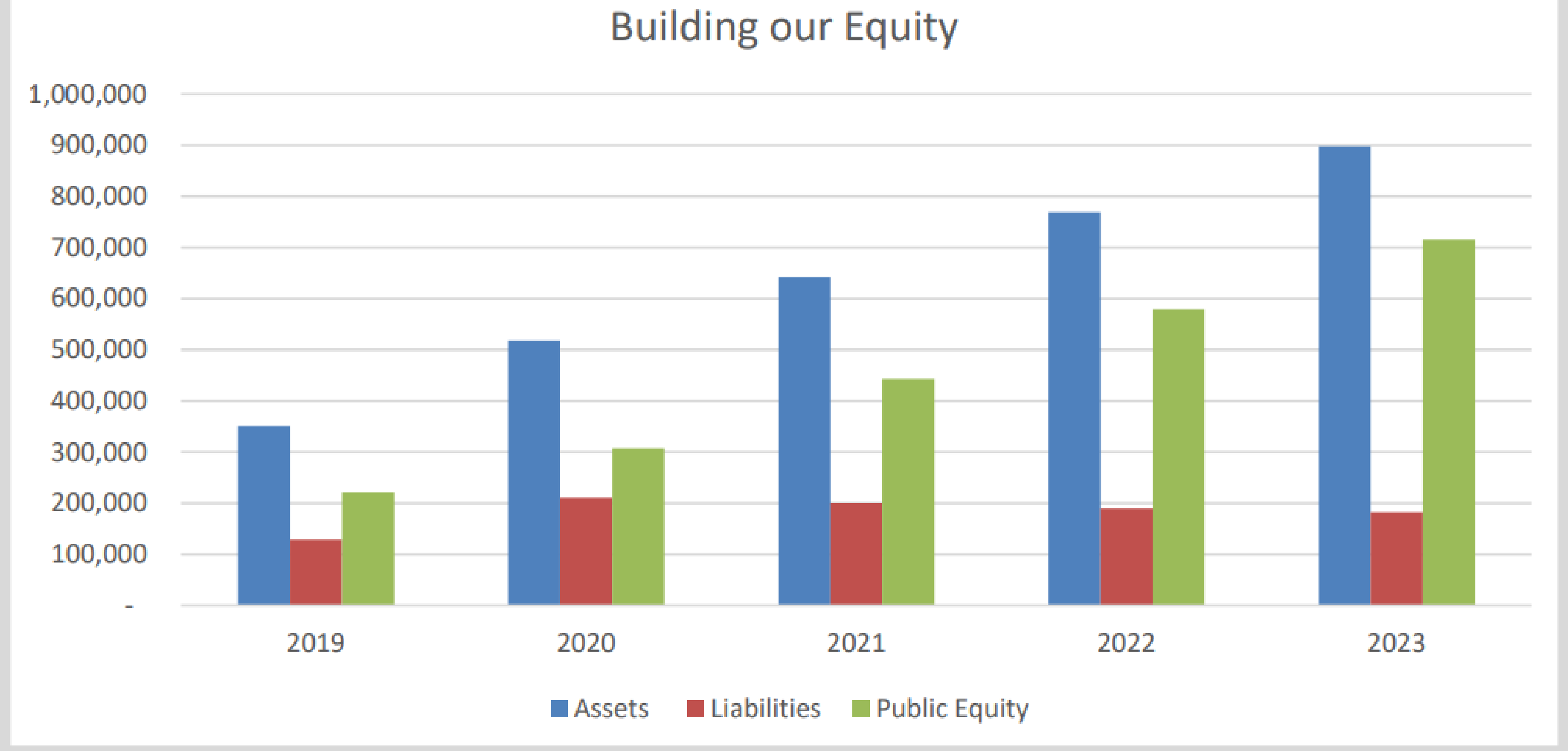
Our financial performance remains as last year i.e. 136K surplus for this year.



Our total equity is a little over 715K by year ending June 2023.

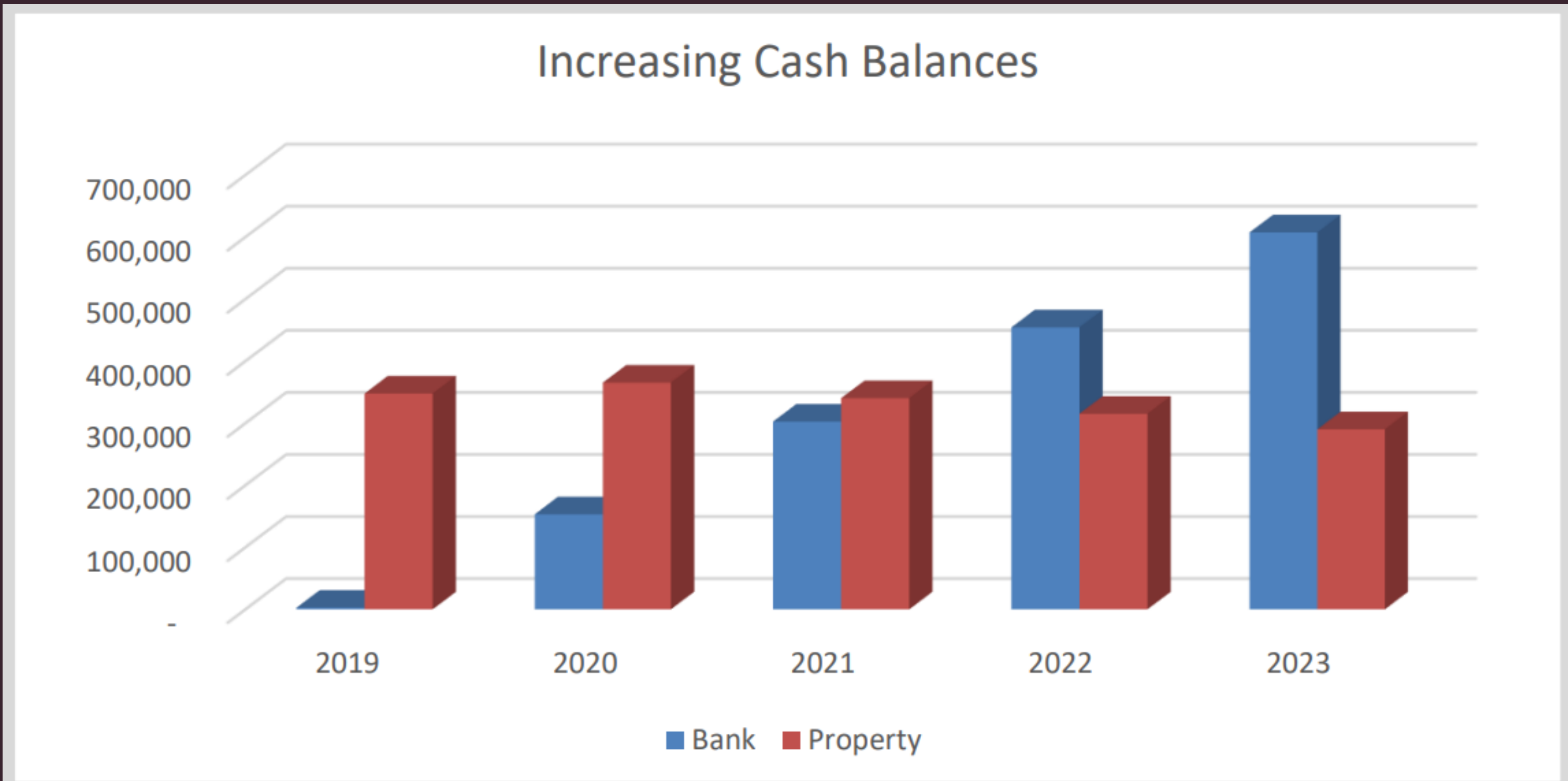
**Our plan in the next 2 years is to consolidate financially and consult the community on the future Temple Build.**

# Financial Summary

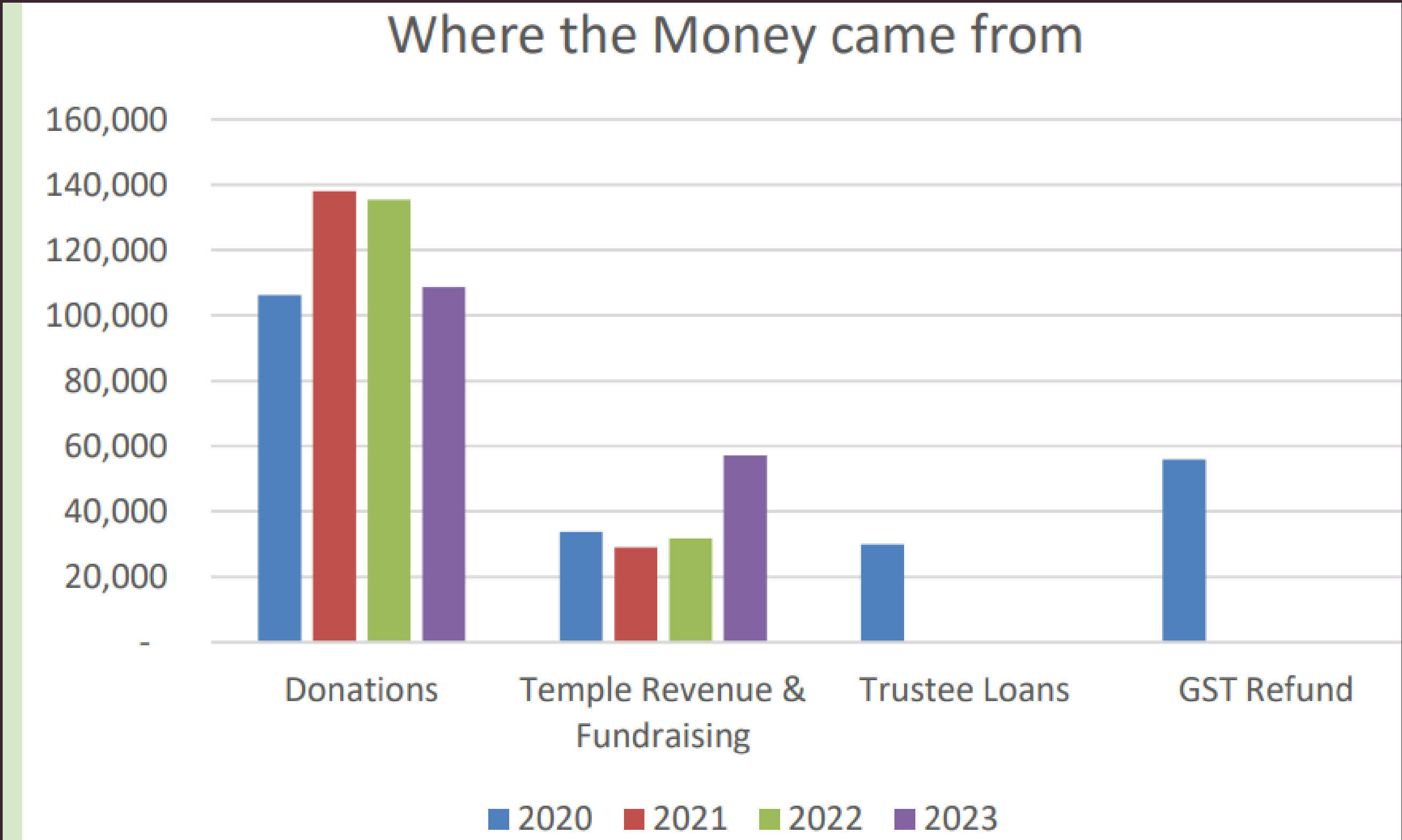




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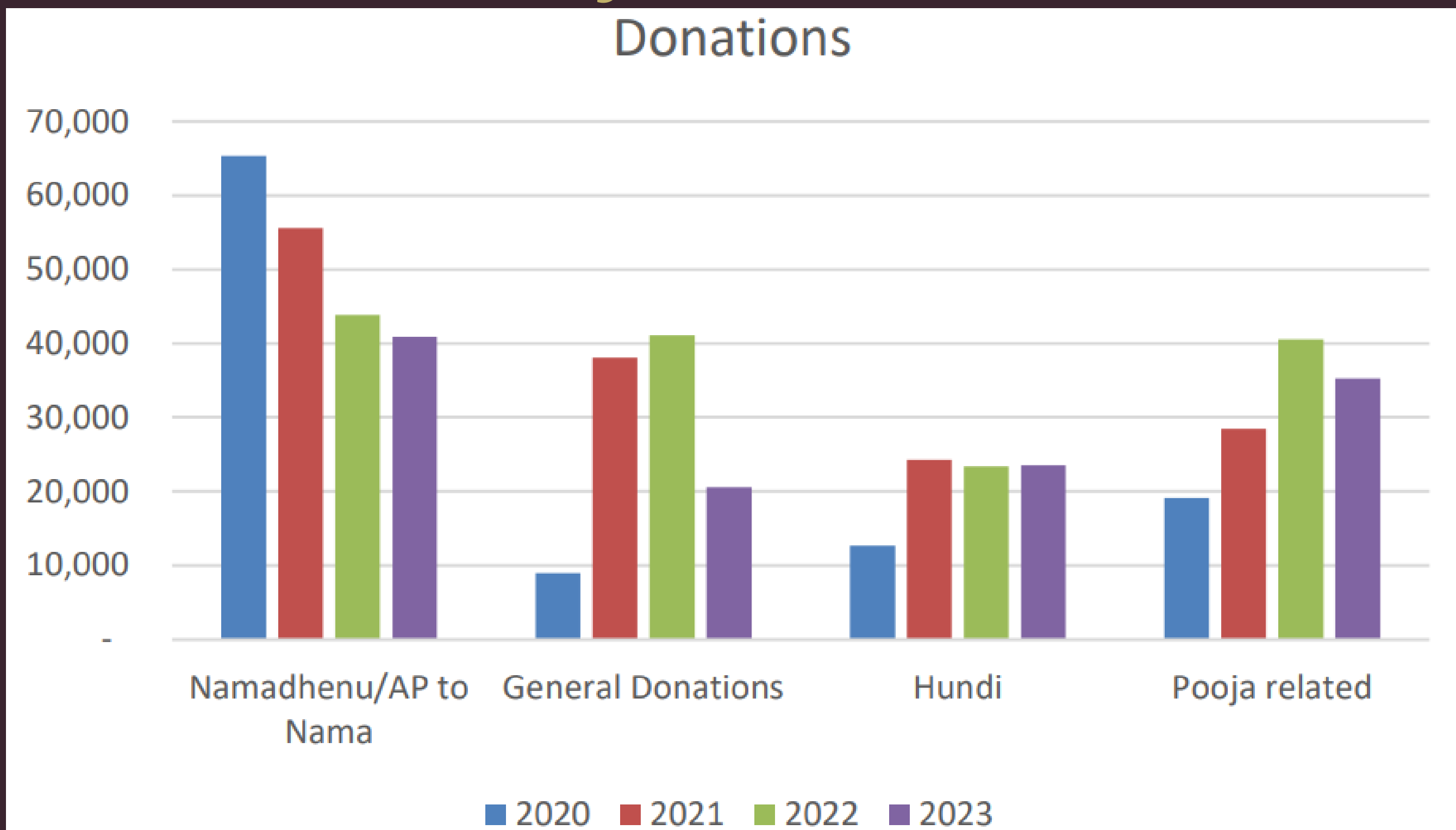


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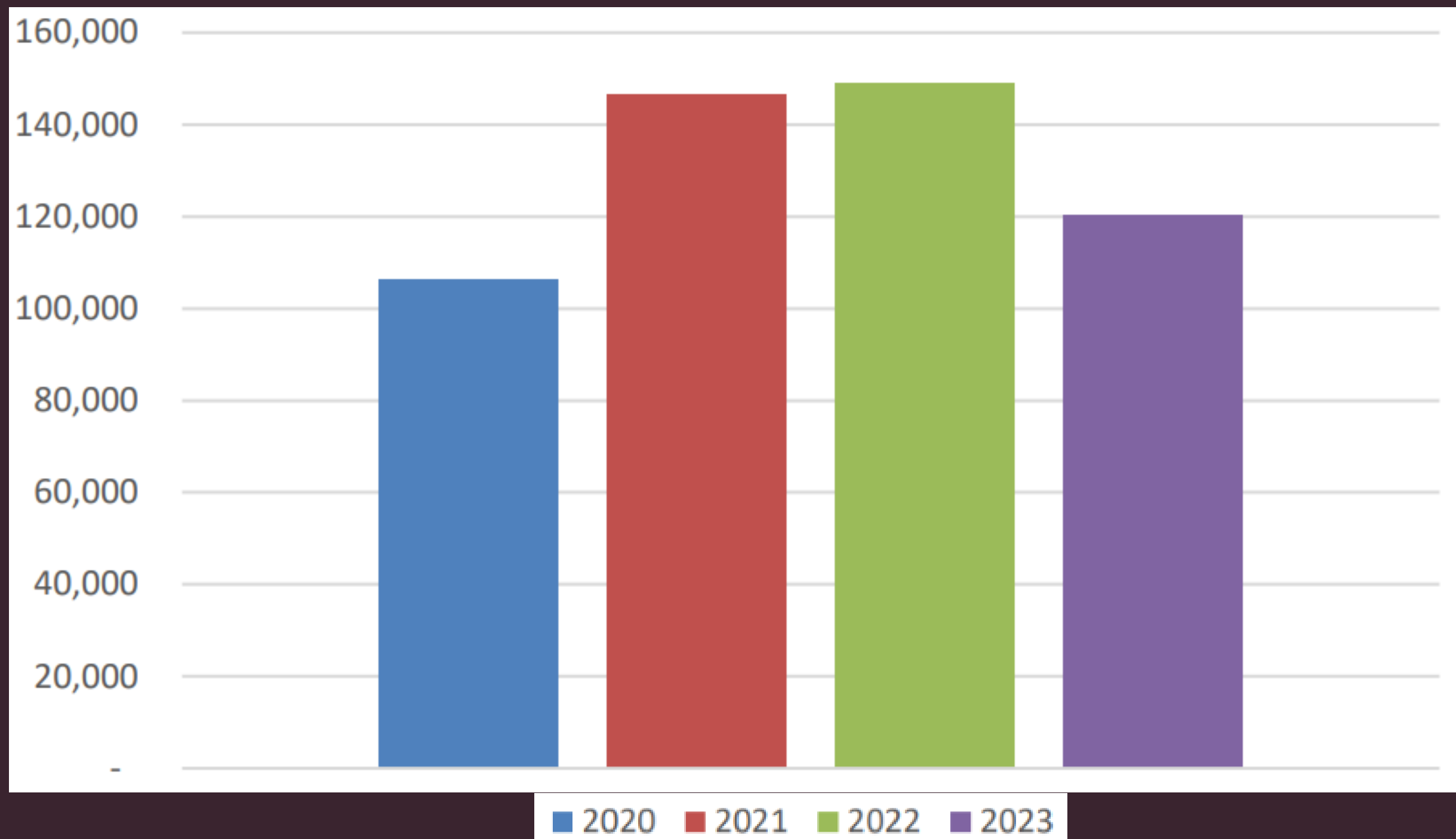




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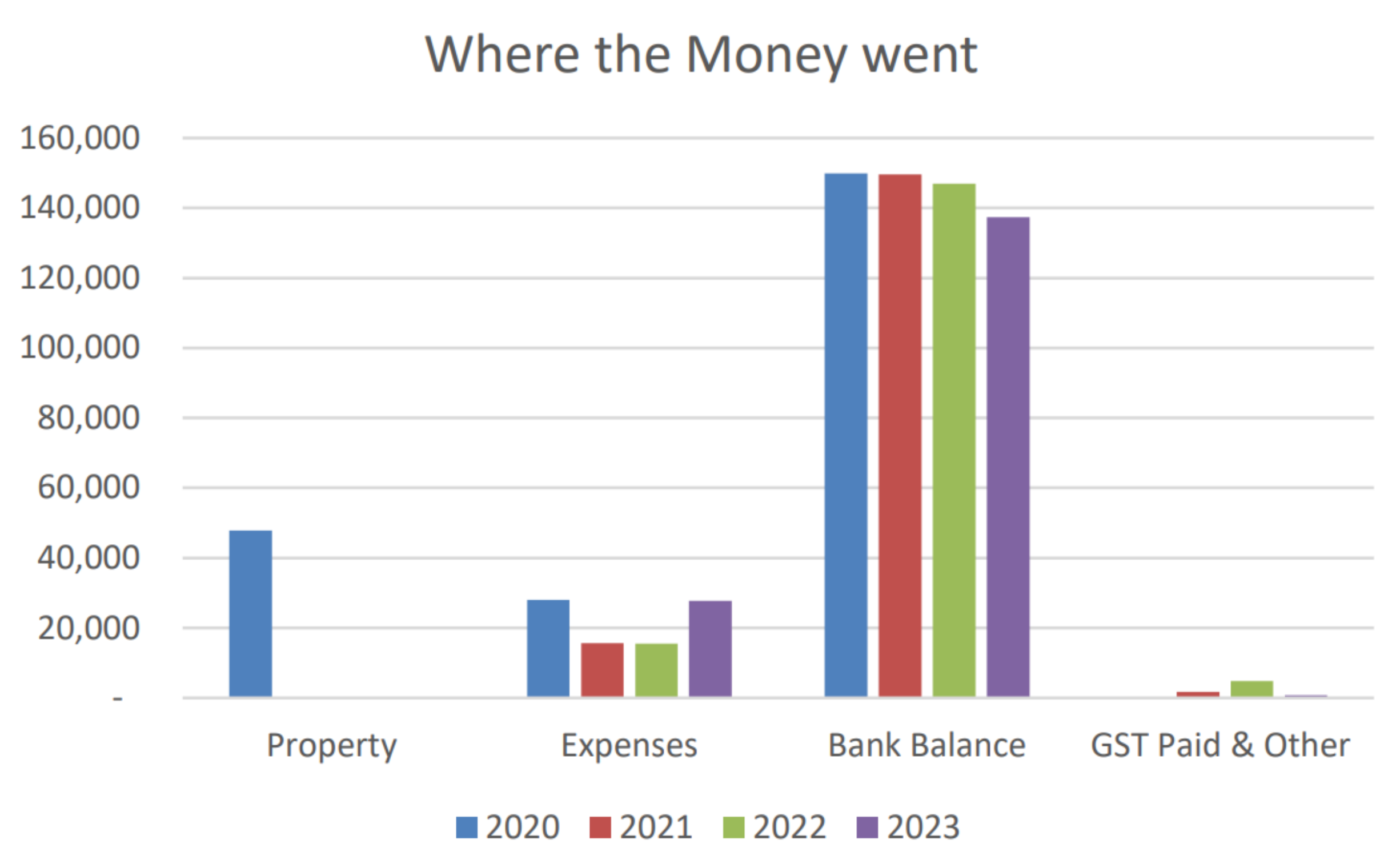


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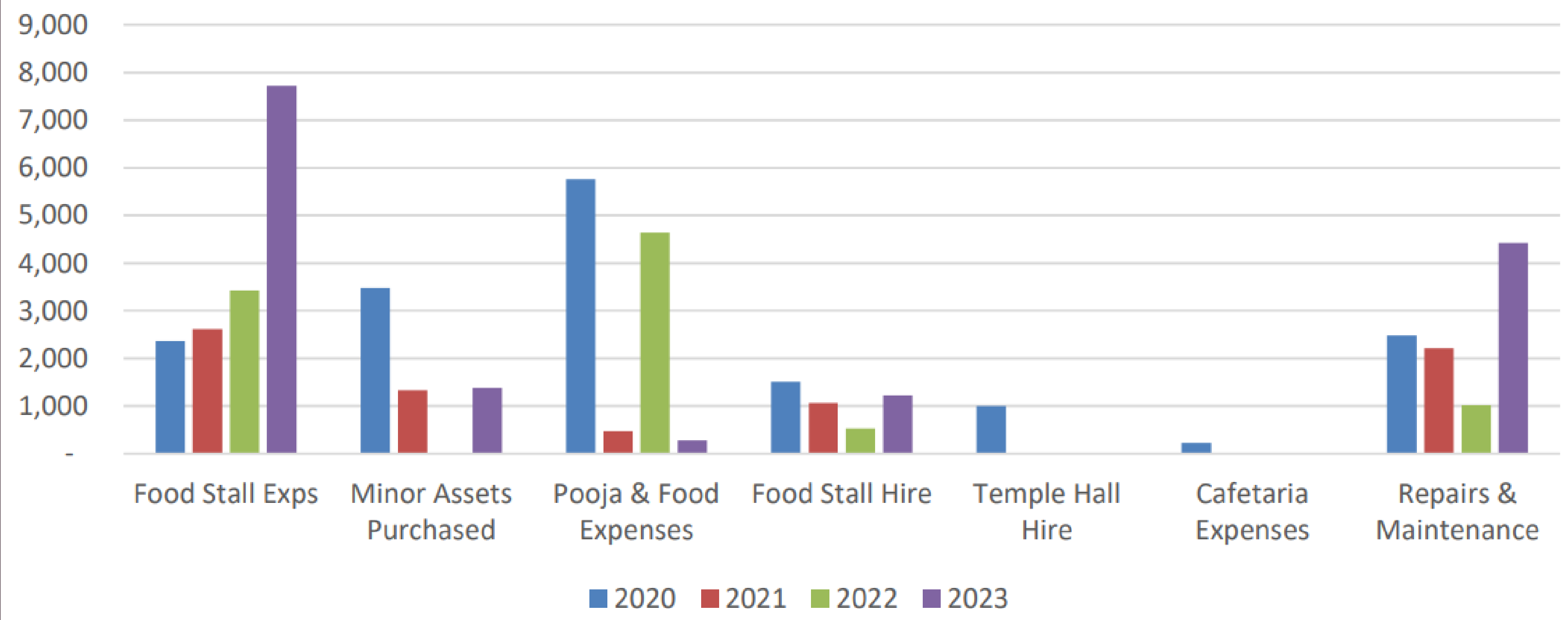
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Fundraising & Operating Expenses





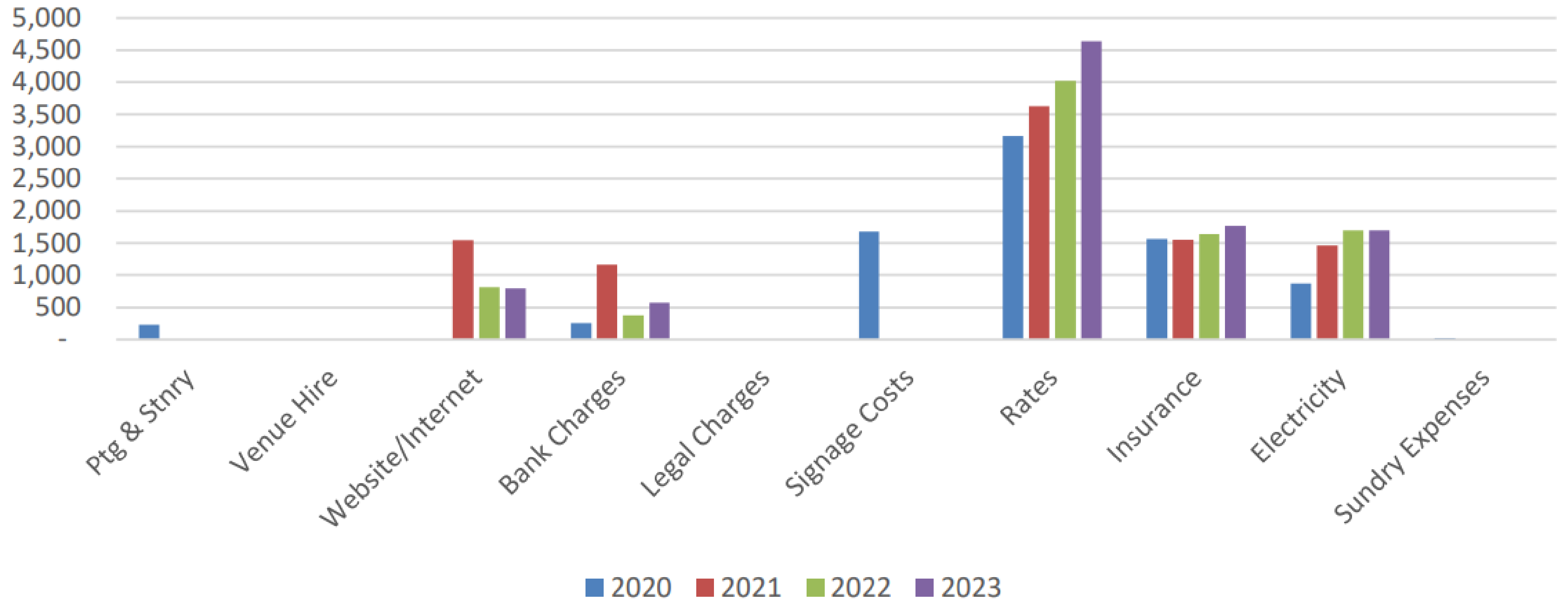
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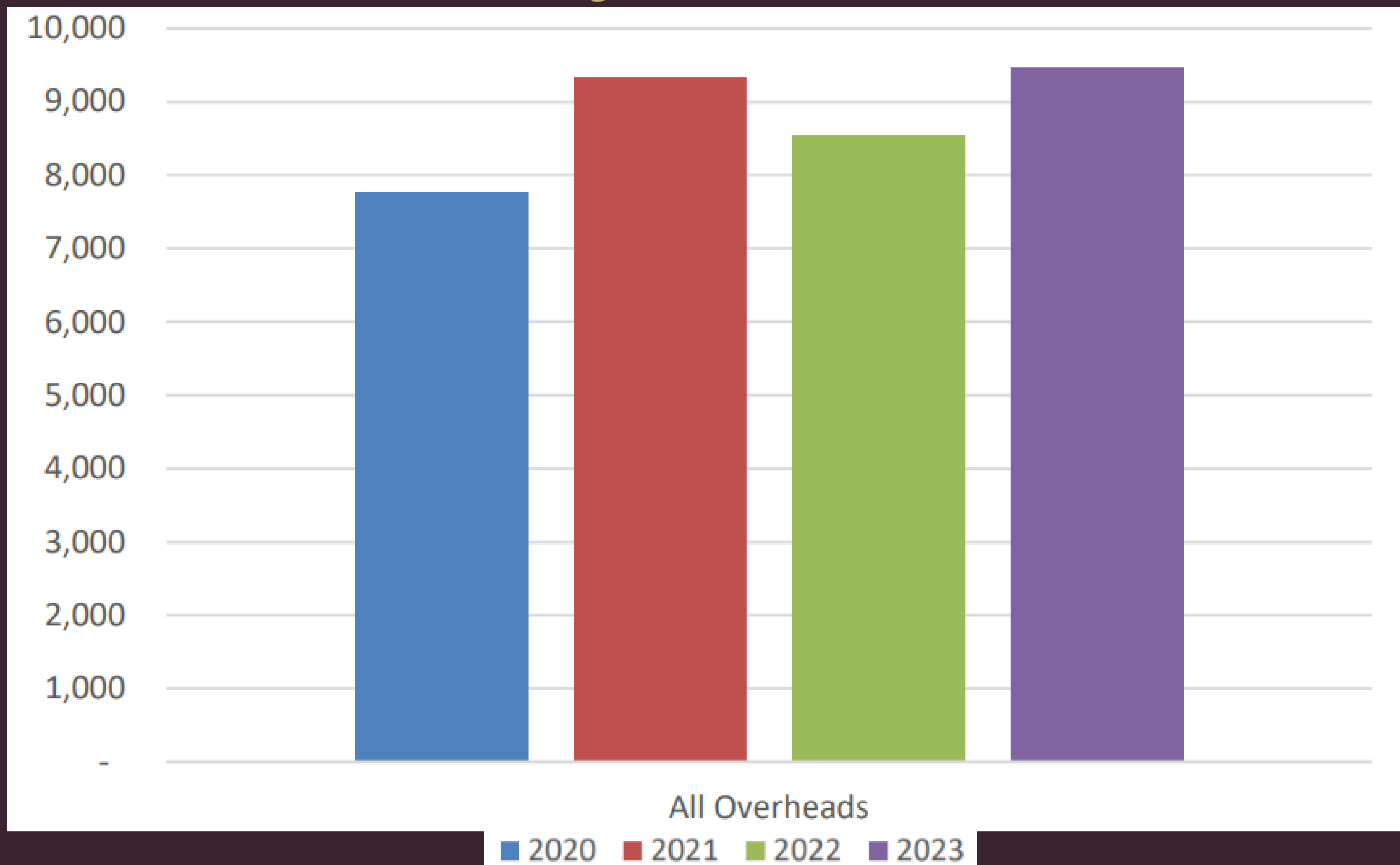


## Overheads





# Financial Summary



# Financial Reflection



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## Year 2023

Shows a reduction in General Donations and Pooja related donations – indicating that our devotees are feeling the pinch of high inflation and interest rates. The economic downturn is expected to continue.

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## Fundraising & Term Deposits Interest

Higher Fundraising and Interest from Term Deposits helped us get through a difficult year

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## Public Equity

Public Equity in Temple is \$715k at Book Value and over \$1m if we consider the fair value of the property.

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## Hundi Collections

Hundi collection is steady indicating that devotee numbers are holding out.

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## Financial Progress

Overall, we have grown our Bank Funds by \$150k annually over the last three years – indicating a solid patronage.

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## Steady Growth

Our Temple today has a diverse devotee base. With prudent management and emphasis on rendering of service, we hope to grow steadily



# FY22-23 Year Review

Interactive Q&A





# Viswakarma

## Project Update







*Thank!  
You!*