

Southwest Hispanic Research Institute

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Mission

Established in 1980, the Southwest Hispanic Research Institute (SHRI) promotes multidisciplinary research on the Latino/Hispanic populations of New Mexico and the United States. SHRI offers an intellectual home for its faculty associates and invites the Hispano and Mexicano communities of New Mexico to connect with the University. SHRI advocates and supports access and equity in hiring, promotion and retention of Latinx faculty; supports and co-sponsors research and events, including conferences, open lectures and visiting scholars. The Institute supports faculty and student working paper series, sponsors and provides internships, graduate assistantships and research opportunities for UNM faculty associates and affiliated students.

FY 2024-2025 Goals and Status

Many of the goals from the 2018 Strategic Plan are outdated in FY 2024-25. What remained particularly relevant included:

- Research, scholarship, creative activities, and public service projects;
- Interdisciplinary projects and collaboration;
- Latinx faculty recruitment, retention, promotion, and mentorship
- Fundraising

Membership of Advisory Committee

- SHRI did not have an Advisory Committee during AY 2024-25 that follows OVPR requirements
- No review was held with such an Advisory Committee
- This will be remedied in FY 2026-27

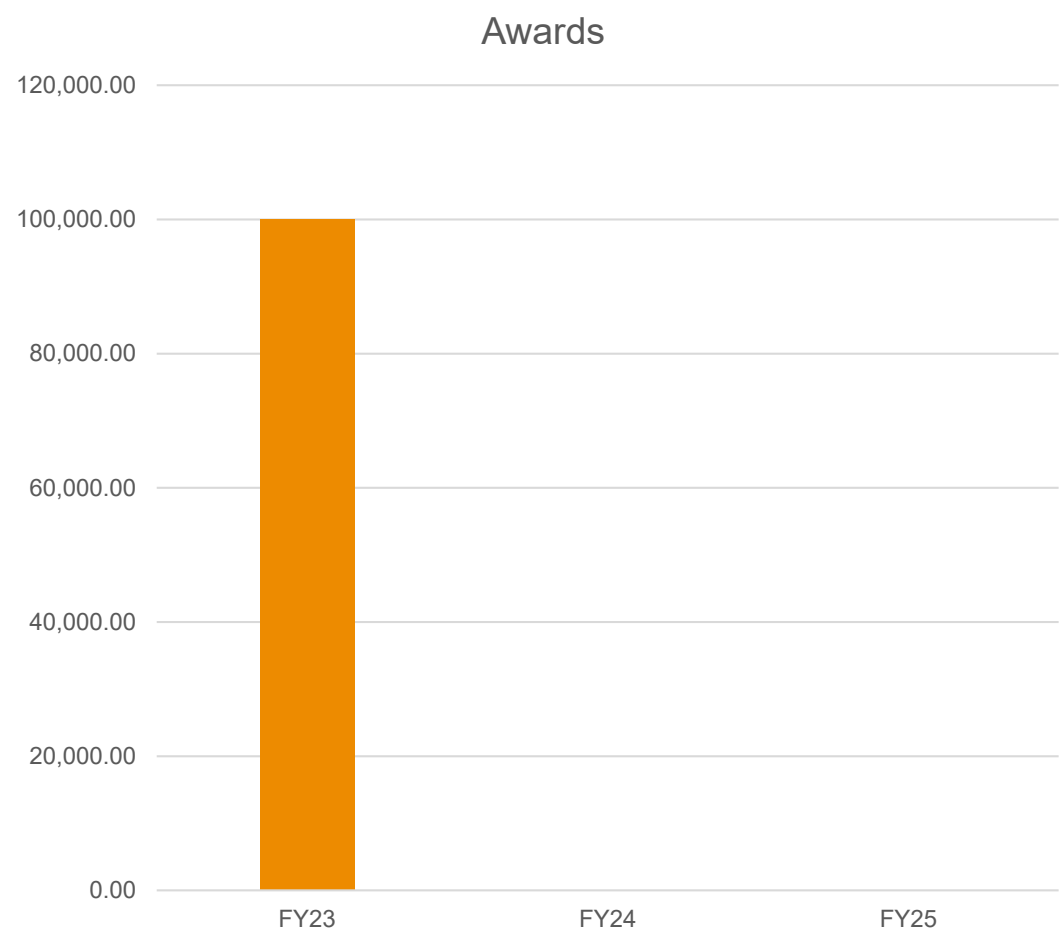
FY 2024-2025 Highlights

- Publication of *Chamisa* Volume 3
- AfroChicanx Digital Humanities Project
- *Voces del Pueblo* exhibition at National Hispanic Cultural Center planned
- 50+ faculty conducting interdisciplinary research across campus, in the community, nationally, and internationally

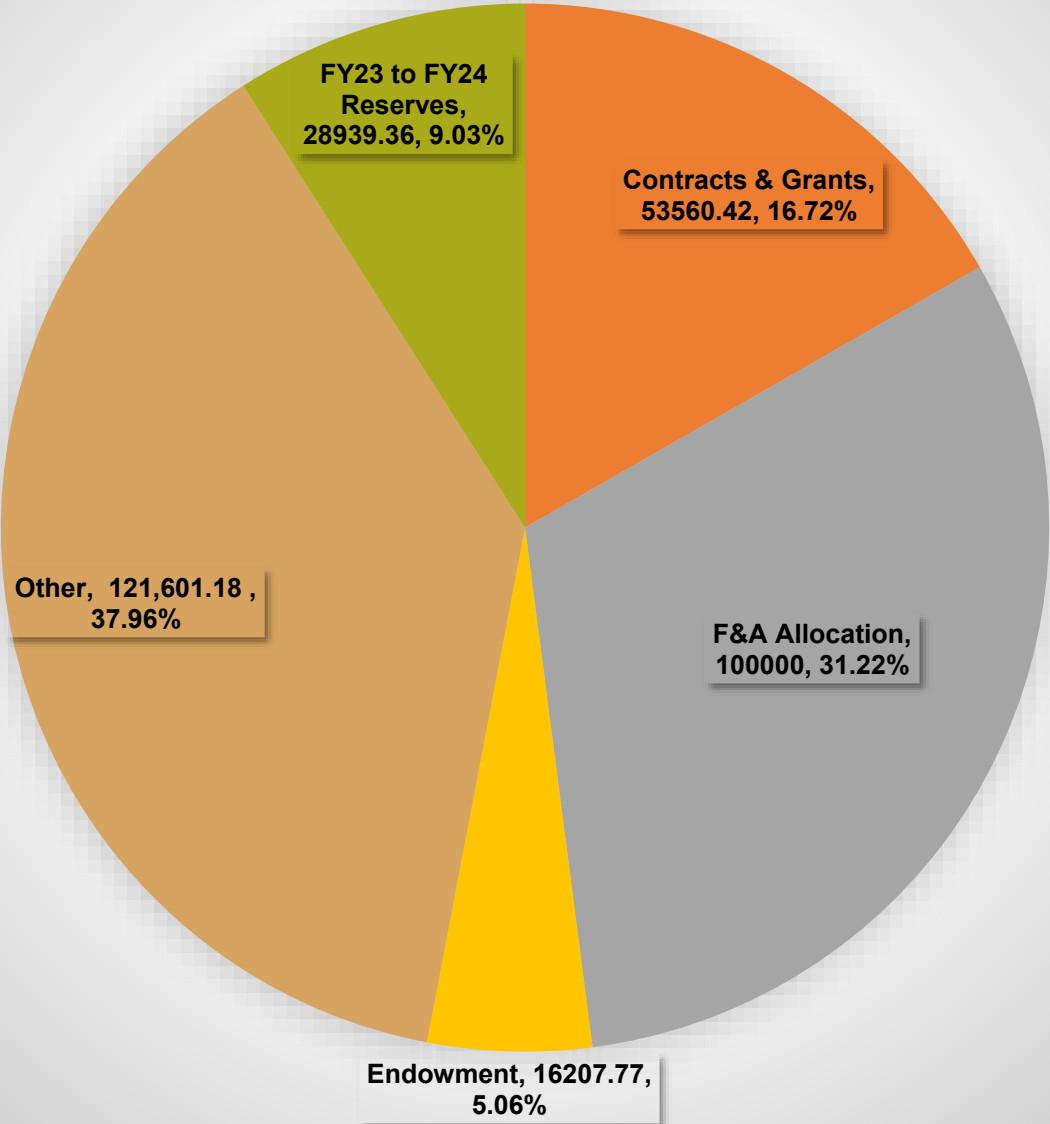
Research Center Impacts

- Progress on *Chamisa* to become a premier journal and *Contextos* to become premier book series; engage both scholars and community members in NM and southwest region
- Intellectual home for faculty across campus, allowing for interdisciplinary collaboration and aids in recruitment, retention, and promotion of Latinx faculty, postdocs, and visiting scholars
- Research Faculty are often recruited to collaborate with community organizations through speaking engagements or research projects

Proposals and Awards



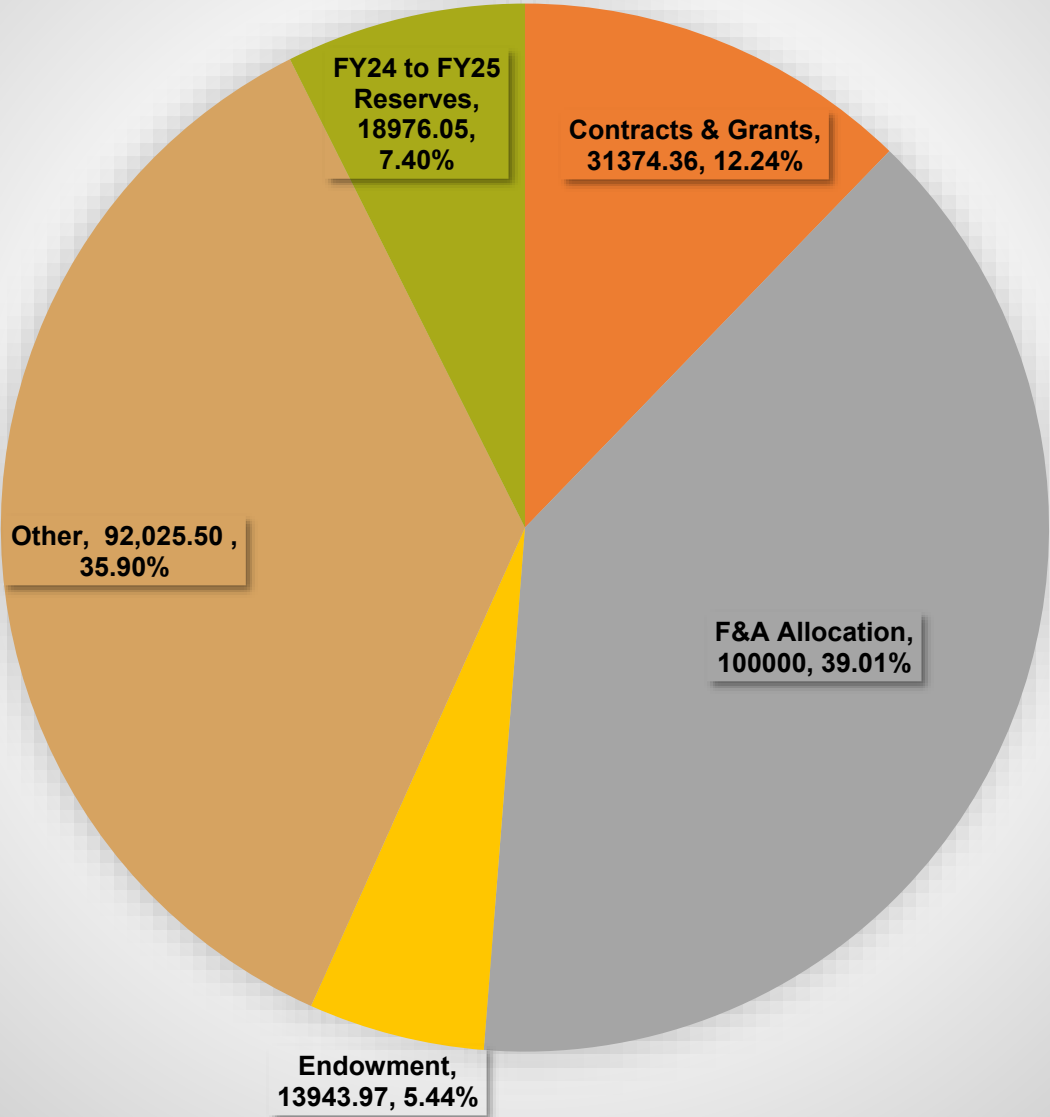
SHRI Revenue Details FY24



FY24 Sources of Revenue

F&A Return	0
Contracts & Grants	53,560.42
OVPR Allocation	100,000
Endowment	16,207.77
Other	121,601.18
FY23 to FY24 Reserves	28,939.36
Total	320,308.73

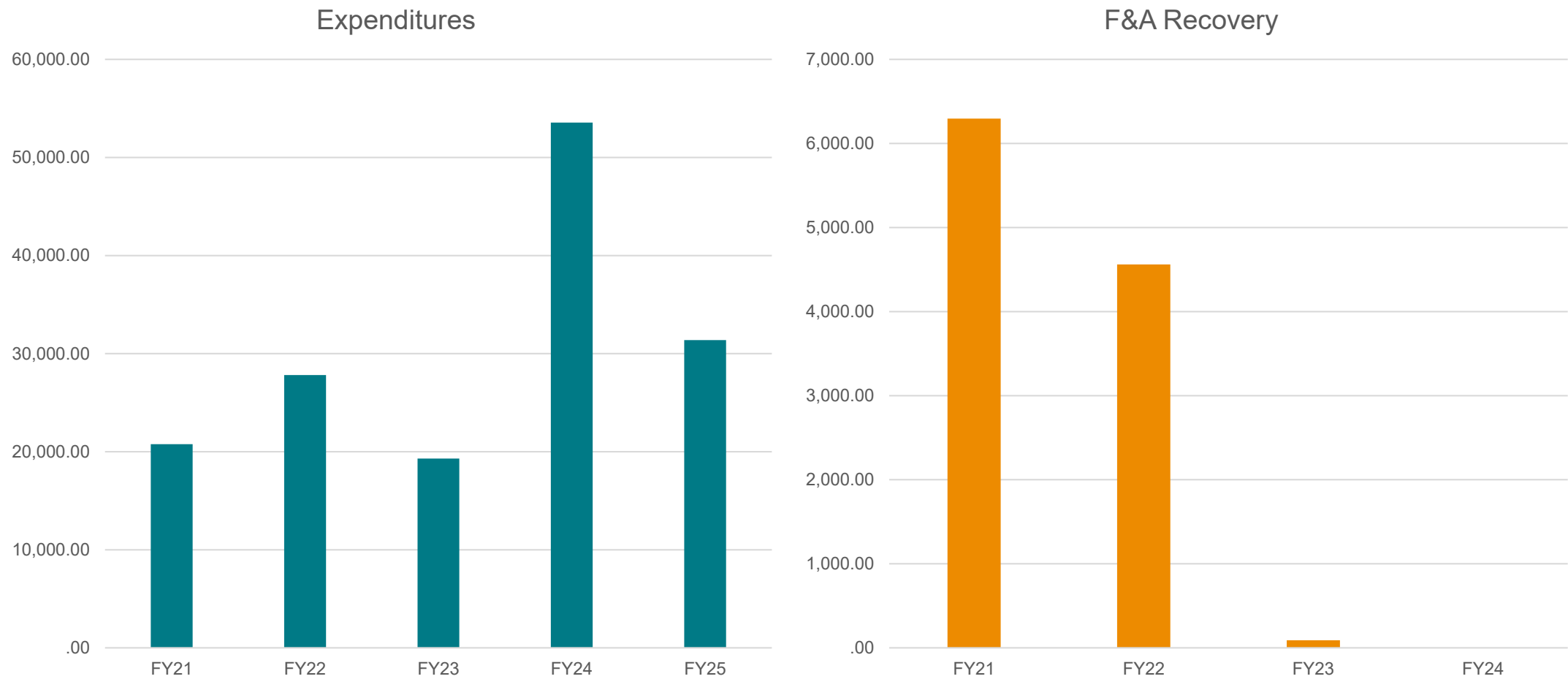
SHRI Revenue Details FY25



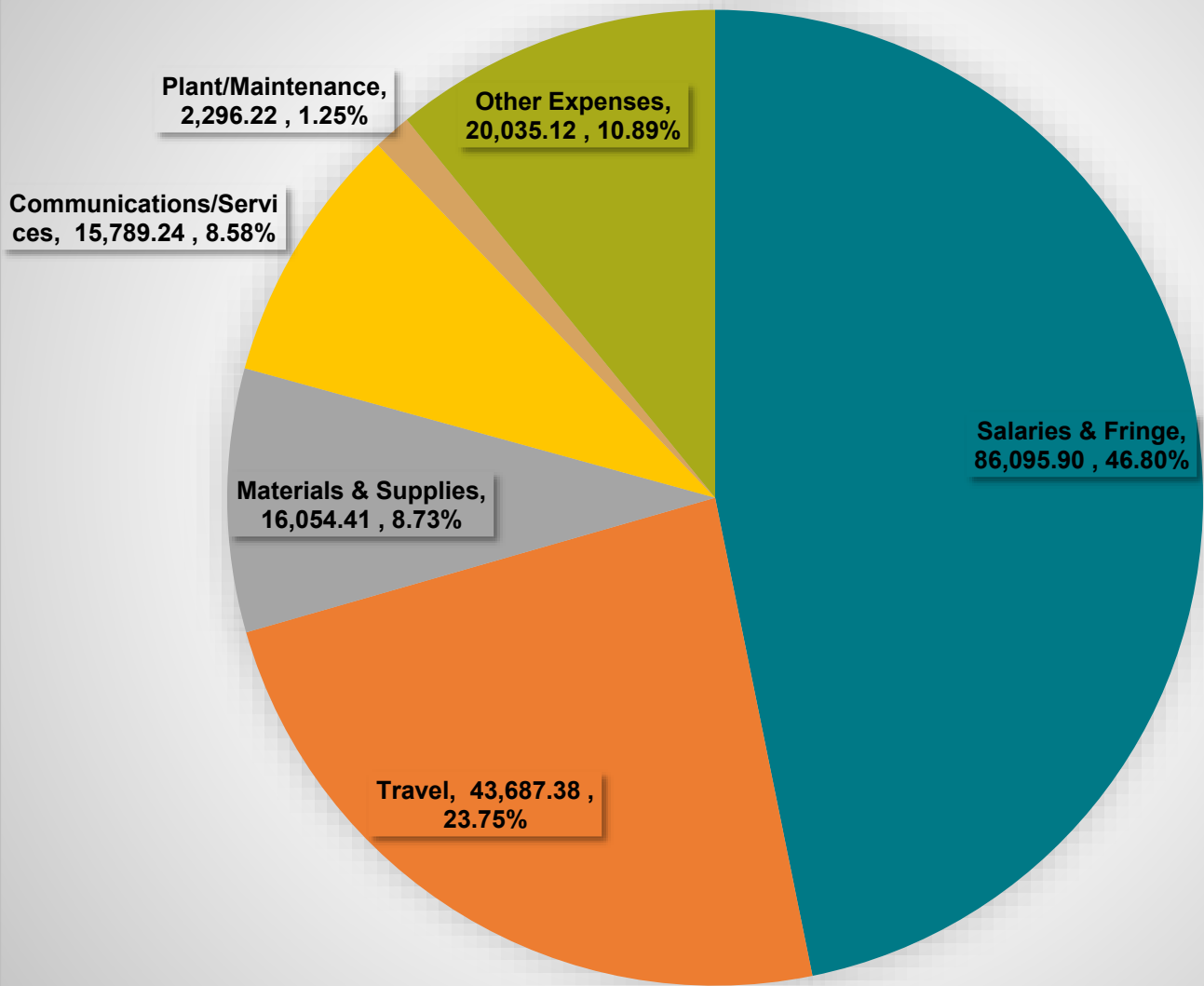
FY25 Sources of Revenue

F&A Return	0
Contracts & Grants	31,374.36
OVPR Allocation	100,000
Endowment	13,943.97
Other	92,025.50
FY24 to FY25 Reserves	18,976.05
Total	256,319.88

Research Expenditures and F&A



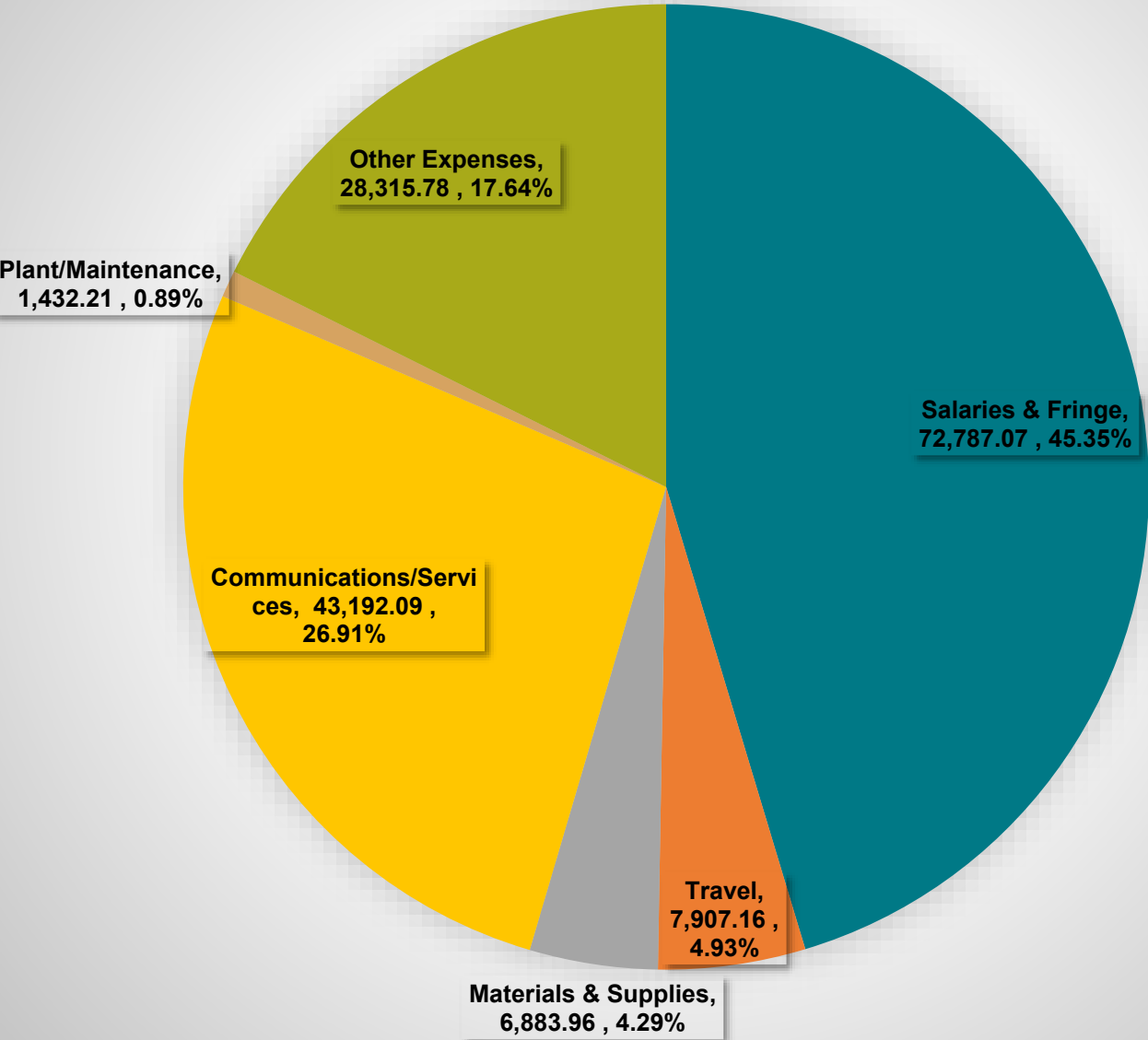
SHRI Expenditure Details FY25



FY24 Expenditures:

Salaries & Fringe	86,095.90
Travel	43,687.38
Materials & Supplies	16,054.41
Communications/Services	15,789.24
Plant/Maintenance	2,296.22
Other Expenses	20,035.12
Total	183,958.27

SHRI Expenditure Details FY25



FY25 Expenditures:	
Salaries & Fringe	72,787.07
Travel	7,907.16
Materials & Supplies	6,883.96
Communications/Services	43,192.09
Plant/Maintenance	1,432.21
Other Expenses	28,315.78
Total	160,518.27

Return on Investment

- SHRI oversees the selection of finalists for Crossing Latinidades fellowship. In FY 2024-25, SHRI forwarded two names to UIC. Both were funded.
- Research Faculty and graduate students (SHRI Affiliates) benefitted from funding to conduct and share research in various local, national, and international venues.
- *Chamisa* journal is a growing scholarly and community publication, where all work undergoes peer review process.
- *Contextos* benefits a scholarly and non-scholarly public.

SHRI has over fifty (50) Research (Core) Faculty and maintains a process for selecting faculty. SHRI publishes the *Chamisa* journal and oversees the *Contextos* series with UNM Press. SHRI Research Faculty maintains a strong interdisciplinary Humanities research profile.

STRENGTHS

SHRI struggles with self-sustainability and depends heavily on OVPR for funding. SHRI faculty engage less in STEM fields than other research centers. Few research grants are brought to SHRI. No tracking of ROI for Research Faculty conducting interdisciplinary research.

WEAKNESSES

SHRI can use its interdisciplinary faculty membership to create partnerships and research projects across disciplines to create interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary projects. SHRI can lead the nation in research by, about, and with Latinx/Chicanx/Mexicanx communities.

OPPORTUNITIES

Federal policies now discourage and target research regarding specific populations, namely Latinx, for defunding/not funding. Humanities scholarship has always been poorly funded, but now other areas (namely STEM) are difficult to fund.

THREATS

Looking Ahead to Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027

SHRI has a stronger outlook for FY 2026 and 2027

- Submitted CDS requests for joint projects with other Cat. III centers in FY 2025-26
- Fundraising efforts with UNM Foundation
- Resume discussions regarding space and home for other entities on campus
- GRO funding from state legislature to be run through SHRI
- Return to IUPLR network
- Track ROI for Research Faculty conducting interdisciplinary research

Summary

There remains potential to elevate SHRI as the premier Category III Research Center grounded in Humanities and Social Sciences at UNM given our geographic location, focus of research, and emphasis on Latinx/Chicanx faculty fellowship. With the completion of the new strategic plan and the hiring of a new director in spring 2026 (FY 2026-27), SHRI will continue to grow in depth and breadth.