

ELK RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE



Financial Statements

For the Year Ended January 31, 2025

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Management's Responsibility For Financial Reporting

The financial statements of Elk River Watershed Alliance presented to the members have been prepared by society management which has responsibility for their preparation, integrity and objectivity. The financial statements including notes, have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

In fulfilling its reporting responsibilities, management has maintained internal control systems and procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance that the society's assets are safeguarded, that transactions are executed in accordance with appropriate authorization and that accounting records may be relied upon to properly reflect the society's transactions. The effectiveness of the control systems is supported by the selection and training of qualified personnel, an organizational structure that provides an appropriate division of responsibility and a budgetary system of control.

The ultimate responsibility for the financial statements lies with the Board of Directors. The Board reviewed the financial statements with management in detail and the Board approved the financial statements for release.

The Board appoints external auditors to audit the financial statements and meets with the auditors to review their findings. The external auditors have full and free access to society records.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, these financial statements reflect, in all material respects, the financial position and results of operations and cash flows for the year in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.



Mr. Chad Hughes, Executive Director Fernie, BC



Mr. George Greene, Chair, Board of Directors Fernie, BC

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Members of Elk River Watershed Alliance

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Elk River Watershed Alliance, which comprise the statement of financial position as at January 31, 2025, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Elk River Watershed Alliance as at January 31, 2025, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the Societies Act (British Columbia), we report that, in our opinion, the principles in accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

**Chartered Professional Accountants
Fernie, BC
June 2, 2025**

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Statement of Financial Position
As at January 31, 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 249,269	\$ 171,470
Accounts receivable	65,726	65,621
GST recoverable	7,286	4,624
Prepaid expenses	<u>10,581</u>	<u>9,953</u>
	332,862	251,668
Capital assets (note 3)	<u>54,874</u>	<u>16,988</u>
	\$ <u>387,736</u>	\$ <u>268,656</u>

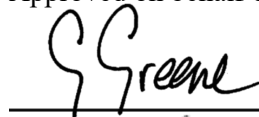
LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 29,241	\$ 15,163
Wages payable	4,605	3,815
Deferred revenue (note 4)	230,744	177,545
Deferred capital contributions (note 5)	<u>54,874</u>	<u>16,988</u>
	<u>319,464</u>	<u>213,511</u>

NET ASSETS

Operating reserve	12,000	15,800
HR reserve	12,964	
Development reserve	<u>43,308</u>	<u>39,345</u>
	<u>68,272</u>	<u>55,145</u>
	\$ <u>387,736</u>	\$ <u>268,656</u>

Approved on behalf of the board



George Greene, ERA Board Chair



Chad Hughes, ERA Executive Director

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Statement of Operations
For the Year Ended January 31, 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>Unaudited</u> <u>Budget 2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Revenue			
Donations	\$ 98,165	\$	\$ 182,975
Revenue from other registered charities	358,265		203,050
Government grants	86,447		58,139
Goods and services	48,758		38,807
Memberships and fundraising	4,023		8,061
Interest income	257		184
Amortization of deferred capital contribution	<u>6,508</u>	<u> </u>	<u>2,081</u>
	<u>602,423</u>	<u>771,422</u>	<u>493,297</u>
Expenses			
Advertising and promotion	4,718		3,388
Amortization	6,508		2,081
Compensation	421,107	454,803	277,288
Donations and fundraising costs	31		20
Education and training	2,942	5,264	478
Insurance	7,774	8,144	8,831
Interest and bank charges	1,425	728	600
Occupancy costs	16,018	20,384	16,909
Office supplies and expenses	9,165	12,597	5,702
Outreach - hospitality	3,682		1,973
Professional and consulting fees	68,325	58,549	115,224
Purchased supplies and assets	38,025	224,554	33,481
Travel expenses	<u>9,576</u>	<u>17,170</u>	<u>5,348</u>
	<u>589,296</u>	<u>802,193</u>	<u>471,323</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	<u>\$ 13,127</u>	<u>\$ (30,771)</u>	<u>\$ 21,974</u>

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For the Year Ended January 31, 2025

	<u>Investment in capital assets</u>	<u>Operating reserve</u>	<u>HR reserve</u>	<u>Developmen treserve</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 0	\$ 15,800	\$ 0	\$ 39,345	\$ 55,145	\$ 33,171
Excess (deficiency) of operations				13,127	13,127	21,974
Amortization of capital assets	6,508				6,508	
Deferred capital contributions	(6,508)				(6,508)	
Transfers from unrestricted net assets	_____	(3,800)	12,964	(9,164)	_____	_____
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 12,000</u>	<u>\$ 12,964</u>	<u>\$ 43,308</u>	<u>\$ 68,272</u>	<u>\$ 55,145</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended January 31, 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Operating Activities		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ 13,127	\$ 21,974
Add items not involving cash:		
Amortization	<u>6,508</u>	<u>2,081</u>
	<u>19,635</u>	<u>24,055</u>
Change in working capital:		
(Increase) decrease in Accounts receivable	(104)	(65,103)
(Increase) decrease in GST recoverable	(2,663)	2,395
(Increase) decrease in Prepaid expense:	(627)	2,526
Increase (decrease) in Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	14,077	(1,229)
Increase (decrease) in Wages payable	790	(6,850)
Increase (decrease) in Deferred revenue	53,199	30,471
Increase (decrease) in Deferred capital contribution	<u>37,886</u>	<u>(2,081)</u>
	<u>102,558</u>	<u>(39,871)</u>
Investing Activities		
Acquisition of capital assets	<u>(44,394)</u>	<u> </u>
Increase (decrease) in cash during the year	77,799	(15,816)
Cash - beginning	<u>171,470</u>	<u>187,286</u>
Cash - ending	<u>\$ 249,269</u>	<u>\$ 171,470</u>
Cash flow from interest:		
Interest earned on investments	<u>\$ 257</u>	<u>\$ 184</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements

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1. Nature of Operations

Elk River Watershed Alliance is incorporated under the British Columbia Societies Act. The Society was incorporated on September 20, 2013. On August 1, 2018 the Society registered as a Charity under the Income Tax Act. As a registered charity the Society is exempt from income taxes and may issue donation receipts allowing donors tax credits under the Income Tax Act.

The Society facilitates dialogue, collaboration and community engagement across the watershed, undertaking education to promote environmental literacy and awareness, collects, interprets and uses scientific data to protect and restore the Elk River watershed and promotes safe and environmentally responsible use of the Elk River.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

These financial statements of the Society have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations in Part III of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada ("CPA Canada") Handbook. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profits requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The financial statements have, in management's opinion, been properly prepared using careful judgment with reasonable limits of materiality and within the framework of the significant accounting policies summarized below.

a) Revenue recognition

Revenues from donations, other registered charities, memberships and fundraising are recognized when received.

Unrestricted donations are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Fees for services and materials for programs by the Society are recognized as revenue when such programs are delivered.

Investment income is recognized when received or receivable.

Donations in kind are recorded at fair market value when reasonably determinable.

Externally restricted contributions (e.g. revenue from funding agreements or 'grants') are shown as deferred revenue on the balance sheet until the contribution is expended in accordance with the Agreement, and then they are recognized as revenue in the statement of operations.

b) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consists of cash on hand and balances with financial institutions net of outstanding deposits and cheques.

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c) Capital assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost. Contributed capital assets are recorded at fair market value at the date of contribution when reasonably determinable and at a nominal amount when not reasonably determinable. Restricted contributions for the purchase of tangible capital assets that are amortized have been deferred and recognized as revenue on the same basis as the amortization expense related to the acquired tangible capital asset. Amortization for equipment is recorded on a straight-line basis over ten years useful life.

d) Contributed Materials and Services

Contributed materials and services which are used in the normal course of the Society's operations and would otherwise have been purchased are recorded at their fair value at the date of the contribution if fair value can be reasonably estimated.

Volunteers contribute many hours each year to assist the Society in carrying out its activities. Because of the difficulty in determining their fair value and of the fact that such assistance is generally not otherwise purchased, contributed services of this nature are not recognized on the financial statements.

e) Financial Instruments

The Society's financial instruments consist of various assets and liabilities. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Society is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values, unless otherwise noted.

Credit risk management

The society is exposed to credit risk on the accounts receivable from its supporters. However, because of the large number of supporters and different suppliers, credit risk concentration is reduced to the minimum.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the society will be unable to fulfil its obligations on a timely basis or at a reasonable cost. The society's exposure to liquidity risk is dependent on the donations, collection of accounts receivable, purchasing commitments and obligations or raising of funds to meet commitments and sustain operations. Cash flow from operations provides a substantial portion of the society's cash requirements.

Interest risk

Interest rate risk is the adverse affect a rise in interest rates could have on the society's earnings. As the society does not have any debt, interest rate risk is inconsequential.

Fair Values

The carrying amount of accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, accounts payable and deferred revenue approximates their fair value because of the short term maturities of these items.

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f) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty and the effect on the financial statements of changes in such estimates in future periods could be significant. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the allowance for doubtful accounts in accounts receivable.

g) Operating Reserve

The operating reserve funds have been internally restricted to be used for an orderly winding up of the Society should it be put in a position where revenue is no longer sufficient to meet the Society's objectives.

The HR reserve funds have been internally restricted to be used for staff initiatives, wages and benefits.

The development reserve funds have been internally restricted to be used for capacity building, administration and for cost over runs on projects that were not fully funded.

3. Capital Assets

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2025</u>
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value
Water monitoring equipmen	<u>\$ 65,208</u>	<u>\$ 10,334</u>	<u>\$ 54,874</u>
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value
Water monitoring equipmen	<u>\$ 20,814</u>	<u>\$ 3,826</u>	<u>\$ 16,988</u>

4. Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue are funds received for a project that are unexpended during the period shown in the financial statements. In subsequent periods, as the funds are spent on the project, the funds will be recognized as revenue in the statement of operations in accordance with the revenue recognition accounting policy.

A separate bank account has not been opened for the deposit of these funds which have been commingled with the Society's general bank account.

5. Deferred Capital Contributions

Deferred capital contributions are restricted contributions used to acquire equipment with a useful life beyond one year. Deferred capital contributions are recognized as revenue in the statement of operations as amortization of deferred capital contributions. The recognition of revenue is at the same rate that the asset acquired with the funds is amortized as an annual expense on the statement of operations.

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6. Commitment

The Society operates in Fernie, British Columbia at 1111 2nd Avenue. The term is for twelve months from December 1 to November 30 of each year. The term renews each year unless the landlord or tenant gives sixty days notice prior to the current term ending that they will not renew the term. The monthly base rent, effective December 2020 is \$1,000 plus GST. The rent increases by 3% for each renewed annual term. Commencing in second term, the tenant will pay 2% of the current base rent for taxes, maintenance and insurance (TMI). TMI will increase with each subsequent renewal period by an additional 2% of the current base rent until it reaches 8% of the base rent in year five. TMI will stay at 8% thereafter. The current monthly rent is \$1,215.55 plus GST until November 30, 2025.

7. Economic Dependence

In 2025 18% (2024 25%) of the Society's revenue came from Elk Valley Resources formerly Teck Resources Limited.

In 2025 3% (2024 24%) of the Society's revenue came from Columbia Basin Trust.

The Society is dependent on funding from other organization to meet its obligations and to finance its continued operations.

8. Expenditures

During the year, the Alliance had project expenditures throughout the year on equipment recorded as capital assets on the statement of financial position and expenses on the statement of operations. The amounts are shown in the table below:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Expenditures on equipment recorded as capital asset	\$ 44,394	\$
Expenditures on statement of operations less amortization charge	<u>582,788</u>	<u>469,242</u>
	<u>\$ 627,182</u>	<u>\$ 469,242</u>

9. Remuneration of Directors, Employees and Contractors

During the year, the Society paid one employee more than \$75,000. There were no contractors that were paid \$75,000 or more.

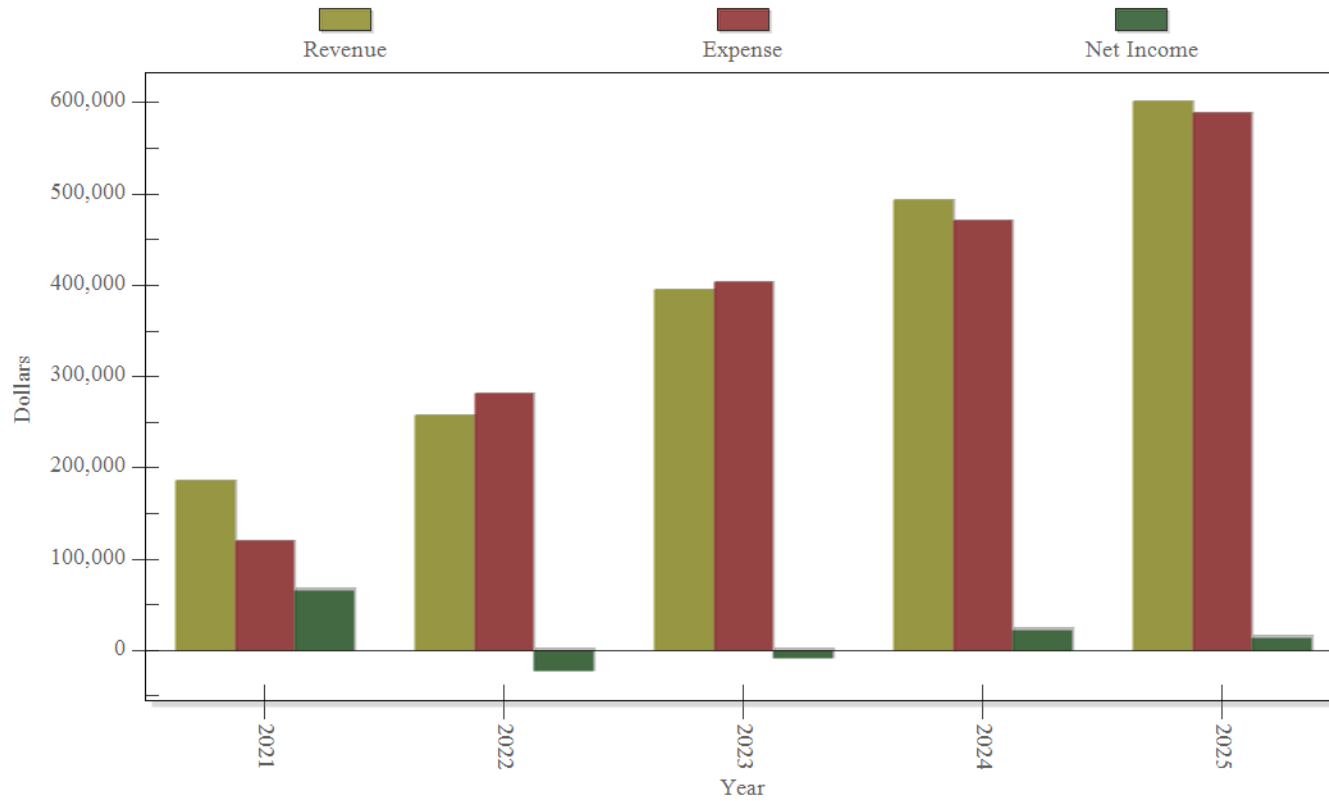
The Society does not provide remuneration to its Board of Directors.

10. Comparative Figures

Certain figures have been reclassified to confirm with the presentation adopted for the current year financial statements.

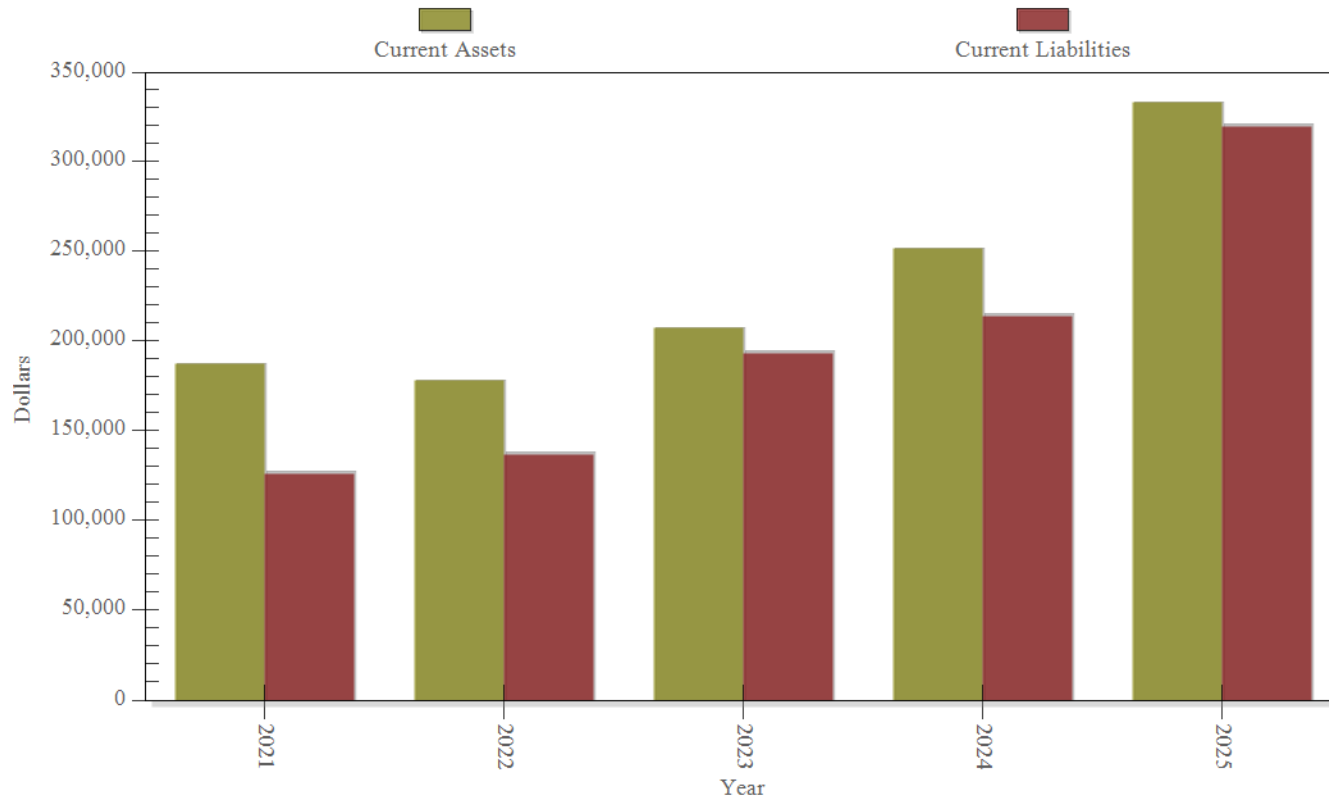
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Revenue Expense and Net Income



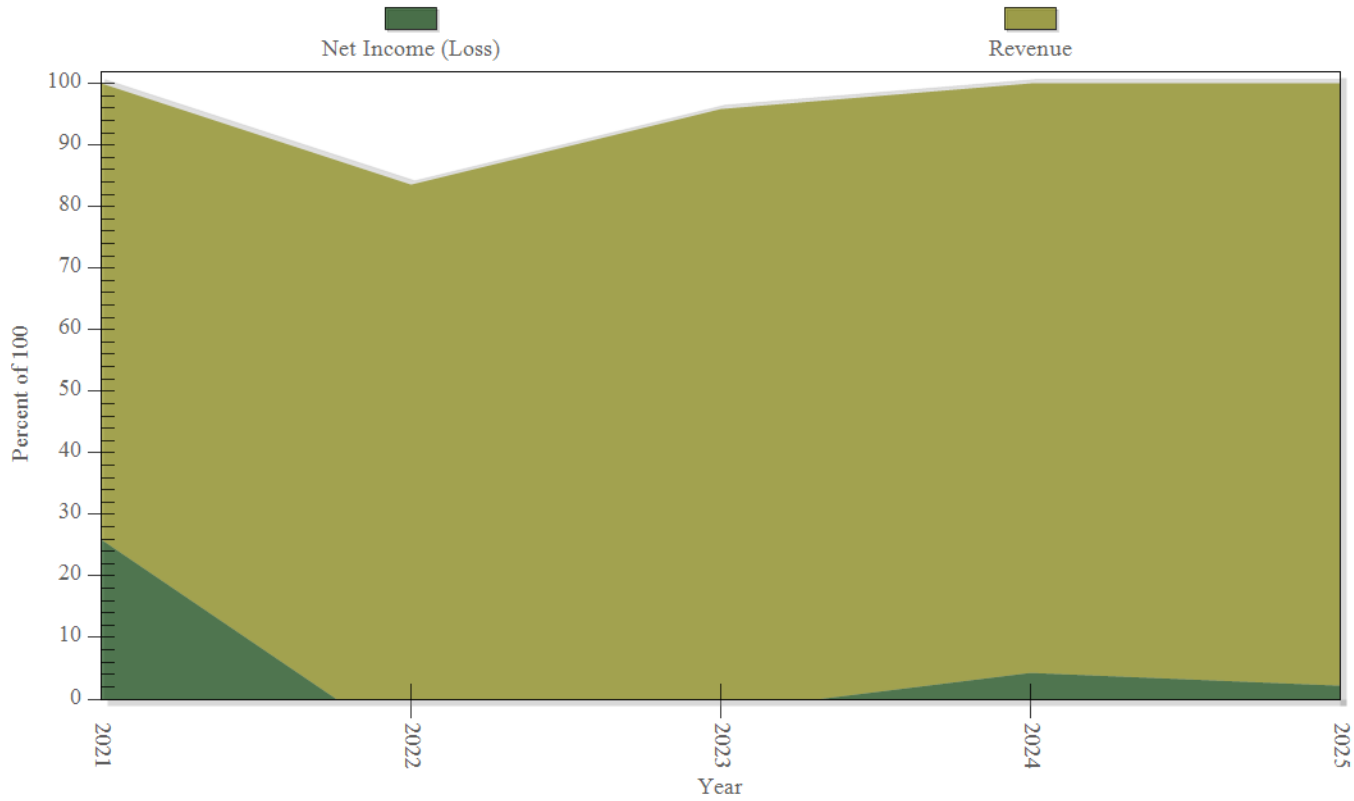
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Comparative Working Capital



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Net Income As a Percentage of Revenue



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Comparative Summarized Balance Sheet

