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Cardholders: 22,483

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## 2023 Highlights

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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,537,885</b>	

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Other	\$18,642	0.66%
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- Levy RENEWED for 6 years in November 2020 with 73% approval.
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