

Financial Report (final quarter 2010-11) Detail report is available on request

Income/Expense	Category	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Grand Total
Expense	Accommodation		18,000		18,000
	AV Contribution & Other Services	24,436	24,436	24,436	73,308
	Conference & Meeting	2,000	2,850	2,000	6,850
	Food	6,605	16,153	5,934	28,692
	Information Technology	10,815	11,040	18,105	39,960
	Repairs & Maintenance		1,500	80	1,580
	Staff Salaries, Maintenance & Welfare	10,737	20,160	33,310	64,207
	Stationeries	1,859	508	8,043	10,410
	Travel	1,000	4,500	500	6,000
	Master Plan Related Work	5,990		3,830	9,820
	Road Work		54,100	23,400	77,500
	Education	12,710			12,710
	Telephone, Internet & E-Mails	2,429	4,037	9,205	15,671
	Mobility Workshop			8,540	8,540
	GIS		214	24,000	24,214
	Working Model			26,572	26,572
	ICITI	11,421			11,421
Land Maintenance	10,000			10,000	
Fund Raising Service			42,244	42,244	
Expense Total		100,002	157,498	230,198	487,698
Income	External Contributions	24,000		18,440	42,440
	External Donations	2,000	2,000	2,000	6,000
	Internal Contributions	47,500	162,181	47,500	257,181
	GOI Grant		1,000,000	200,000	1,200,000
Income Total	73,500	1,164,181	267,940	1,505,621	

Explanation

Expenses

- The accommodation charge of Rs 18,000 is for a volunteer who stayed for 6 months. She worked on the Sunship project
- There is a gradual increase in item 'Staff Salaries and Maintenance' as more Aurovilians are getting involved in L'avenir activities. The budget from the BCC is for a certain number of AV maintenances and additional maintenances come from the L'avenir budget. Note that Aurovilians get part or full maintenance **only** and small expenses are covered in exceptional circumstances. (Currently 7 full time and 3 half time maintenances are being allotted)
- The 'Working Model' is an effort to create a model of the city that will show all the realities on the ground at a reasonable scale. Part of the funding for this work has also come from the PCG
- 'GIS' item is essentially land survey costs for road works. The current data is full of errors and it seems a lot more funding and effort will be needed so that we can have accurate maps available for the community.
- Around Rs 42 k was spent by the previous Fund Raising team when it was part of L'avenir. L'avenir is taking it as a charge to close this issue.

Income

- The main source of income is the GOI grant. It was Rs 15 lakh for last financial year. Note that this funding comes with certain conditions whereby the money cannot be spent on certain items. We are still trying to get some clarity on this. This means that we will still need some budget from the BCC to cover items that are not covered by the GOI grant.

Some thoughts

Tightened the belt: All expenses are scrutinised to ensure best use of the funds. All major expenses are generally put forward to the team for approval. As a result, there has been a significant drop in the operating expenses.

Aurovilians work for a maintenance: As mentioned earlier, Aurovilians who are involved and request for financial support are working strictly on a maintenance bar with a few exceptions to cover exceptional expenses

L'avenir work is different from other working groups: The planning and development of the city is specialized work and requires basic training and more time dedication. To speed up the planning and development process one would need more people working more hours in future.

Part maintenance = part time work: A person working in L'avenir who does not have any external source of income finds it difficult to contribute more than a certain number of hours per day even with a full time maintenance. The full time maintenance is simply not enough to live in Auroville today. Consequently, people have to work on other things on the side just to survive. Part time staff may not be the best way to plan and develop the city.

Bizarre maintenance policy: The maintenance policy is based on how much is collected as contribution from units and individuals. India is changing fast and has high inflation. People's needs in Auroville are changing too. The days of staying in keet huts and eating simple food are gone for most people.

It will be far better to offer a reasonable maintenance to get full commitment from Aurovilians and create policies and infrastructure to generate the funds. This really needs to be looked at by the community as a whole.

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