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EXPENSES

Labor & Contracts	\$12,018.50
Occupancy	18,000.00
General Operating	12,616.61
Public Information	21.00
Legal Action & Defense	0.00
Research & Investigation	0.00
Promotion & Expansion	805.55
Director's Expenses	3,914.13
Total Expenses	\$47,375.79
1990 Gain (Loss)	(1,312.50)
Funds on Hand 12/31/90:	\$45,173.15
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