

A scenic landscape featuring a range of dark, silhouetted mountains in the foreground and middle ground. A thick, white layer of clouds or fog fills the valleys and extends to the horizon, creating a 'sea of clouds' effect. The sky above is a gradient of colors, transitioning from a deep blue on the left to a warm, golden-yellow on the right, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

CS&S Code for Science & Society

2023 annual report

2023: Advancing research and technology in the public interest

It is an exciting time for public interest research and technology.

In reflecting on 2023 and looking to the future, we are energized by the opportunity for Code for Science & Society (CS&S) to meet this moment.

We have kept pace with the sector's growth by growing as an organization. And as a field-building leader, we envision a future where open research, data, and technology effectively work towards equitable distribution of resources, and knowledge. In building this future, sustainability continues to be the central challenge. Establishing sound governance, meaningful community engagement, and effective fundraising are the core challenges across our fiscally sponsored projects and throughout our network.

Working closely with our partners and grantees, we are addressing these core challenges head on.

Through our programs, we have supported the evolution of partners in fiscal sponsorship, seeded communities of practice, and welcomed new cohorts of grantees, all in service of our mission to advance the power of data to improve the social and economic lives of all people. We are proud to welcome new projects and continue relationships with existing partners. Our programs team also began a new partnership with Wellcome Trust to seed a community of practice focused on Climate-Sensitive Infectious Disease. With support of the Ford Foundation, the Digital Infrastructure Incubator (DII) program ran for a second consecutive year, convening a global cohort of community-centered open infrastructure projects. The Event Fund continues to make an impact in global science communities, and new support from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative and the Sloan Foundation will allow us to welcome a fourth cohort in 2024.

We learned a lot in 2023 and those learnings will inform our continued growth in 2024 and beyond. Thank you to the CS&S team for your hard work and especially for your passion for and belief in the organization's mission. Thank you to our fiscally-sponsored projects for trusting us to be your partner on this journey. And thank you to our funders for your generous support of our growing network.

I invite you to learn with us in 2024 as we work to support our network and advance research and technology in the public interest.

With appreciation,

Danielle C. Robinson, PhD

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2023: Snapshot

Programs

Our programs flourished in 2023, supporting research, projects, and communities of practice.

FISCAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Annual project budgets range from

\$100,000 to over **\$1 million**

3 new projects in 2023

15 projects fiscally sponsored in 2023

IMPACT TO DATE OF PROGRAMS

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Approximately

\$1 million awarded to

47 project teams convened in **6** cohorts

35 public events developed in coordination with

49 strategic and thematic partners in

30+ countries across **6** continents

Finances

CS&S ended its June 30, 2023 fiscal year with healthy increases in both total revenues (125%) and total assets (99%).

TOTAL REVENUES

\$17.08M

up 125% from 2022

TOTAL NET ASSETS

\$14.65M

up 99% from 2022

We are proud of the growth in existing programs and fiscally sponsored projects, as well as the addition of new programs and projects that are reflected in these numbers.

Strategy & programs

Our mission is to advance the power of data to improve the social and economic lives of all people through public education, scientific research, and technology development and deployment.

We envision a future where open research, data, and technology effectively work towards equitable distribution of resources, knowledge.

Building Together in 2023

In August 2023, MIT Technology Review used the anniversary of the open software movement as an opportunity to reflect on the state of the tech sector.

“We’re in a unique cultural moment. People are more aware than ever of how capitalism has been influencing what technologies get built, and whether you have a choice to interact with it.”

That was what our Executive Director, Danielle Robinson, had to say publicly at the time. Internally at CS&S, those same conversations were unfolding. We considered what open workers might need to shift in order to imagine decentralized alternatives for the future of open work. We worked with projects to develop their own governance and decision-making infrastructures.



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Across sectors and geographies, people are essential to the development of tech tools, from content moderators to engineers, community managers to coders. Despite being digitally connected, technologists remain siloed and isolated.

In 2023, our programming centered on deepening connection across differences.

In our programs, we incubated ideas, projects, and communities of practice. We convened scientists and technologists online and in-person to grow ties across disciplines, geographies, and epistemological standpoints.

Our fiscal sponsorship program grew to include 15 projects whose impact areas range from addressing the social implications and harms of artificial intelligence to improving the recognition, development, and use of scientific software. We worked with four teams in the second cohort of our Digital Infrastructure Incubator (DII); celebrated 13 teams that gathered their communities with Event Fund support; and facilitated scientists, community organizers, and technologists to co-design the foundations of a new Community of Practice on open-source software tools related to climate-sensitive infectious diseases (CSID).



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Fiscal Sponsorship Program

Established in 2017, CS&S’s Fiscal Sponsorship Program supports mission-aligned projects in public interest research, education, and technology. The program is home to open source software practitioners, research teams, technical communities of practice.

Comprehensive support for innovative teams

At CS&S, fiscal sponsorship allows us to leverage our collective resources in operations, fundraising, strategy, and legal support to serve innovators in the open ecosystem. We look to shape the future of public interest technology by serving projects that promote transparency and build open practices in tech and science. As the ecosystem develops, especially around questions of digital infrastructure and responsible AI, our projects saw significant public recognition of their work.

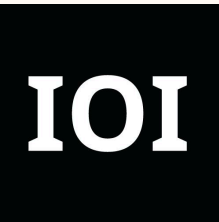
To bring strengthened capacity on the operations team as CS&S has grown, CS&S grew its headcount by 30% in 2023. We also supported a 60% expansion of external collaborators working across our projects, a marker of growth within existing projects. Growth among our projects is accompanied by diversification of revenue streams. This year, support from federal agencies joined existing philanthropy and fee for service funding models.

Strategic investments in our high-volume and critical systems such as accounts payable, internal financial reporting, and talent development has bolstered the organization’s ability to deliver on its mission effectively.

Fiscally sponsored projects are supported by diverse revenues, including philanthropic grants, donations, and fee for service work. Learn more and consider supporting our our fiscally sponsored projects at codeforsociety.org/donate



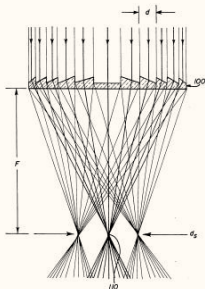
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A selection of our fiscally sponsored projects in 2023. [Learn more](#) about Fiscally Sponsored Projects at CS&S.

Programs at CS&S

2023 Program Impact

In 2023 our programs team established a cohort for the Event Fund, a cohort for the Digital Infrastructure Incubator, and worked to co-design the Climate Sensitive Infectious Disease Network (CSIDnet), a community to bridge disciplines.

A key learning from previous Event Fund cohorts was that members desired greater connection with each other. As we planned for the upcoming cohort of Event Fund, made possible in 2024 thanks to support from the Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative and Sloan Foundation, we tightened our focus to foster greater relationship-building by leaning into the cohort model.

In 2021-2022, the first cohort of our Digital Infrastructure Incubator surfaced questions about the practical work and politics of building governance structures. From this learning, we designed the 2023 cohort, supported by Ford Foundation and Omidyar Network, to place emphasis on relationships and roles. The second cohort explored community stewardship, co-ownership, and co-design.

From years of supporting the sustainable development of open source software, we learned that a new software community of practice must foreground effective decision-making, culture-building, and operational strategies from its inception. Based on this experience, we supported the thoughtful design of an emergent community, CSIDnet, focused on software tools for understanding and responding to climate sensitive infectious diseases that also addresses barriers to participation and access.

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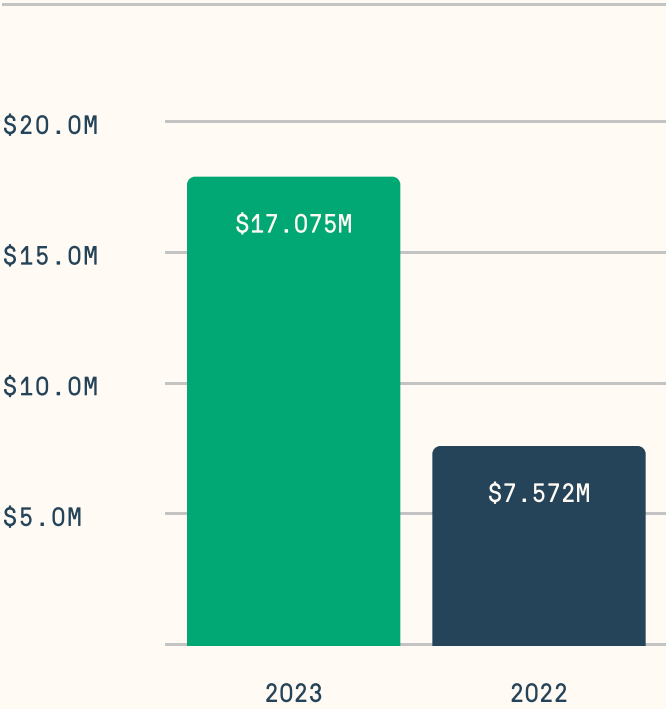


2022 and 2023 finances

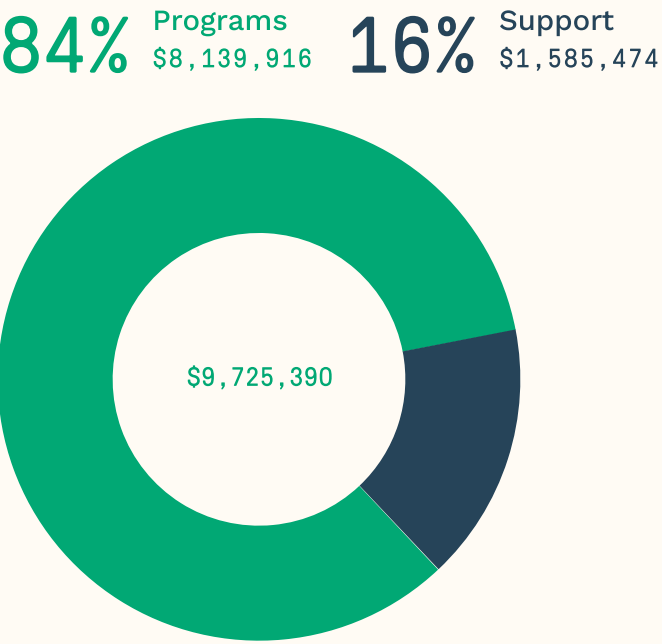
CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Revenues and Support | | |
| Grants and Contributions | \$15,357,666 | \$6,887,823 |
| Contract Revenue | 1,400,268 | 684,410 |
| Investment Income | 317,432 | - |
| Total Revenues and Support | 17,075,366 | 7,572,233 |
| Expenses | | |
| Program Services | 8,139,916 | 4,103,838 |
| Supporting Services | 1,585,474 | 663,747 |
| Total Expenses | 9,725,390 | 4,767,585 |
| Change in Net Assets | 7,349,976 | 2,804,648 |
| Net Assets, Beginning of Year | 7,302,580 | 4,497,932 |
| Net Assets, End of Year | \$14,652,556 | \$7,302,580 |

TOTAL REVENUES & SUPPORT



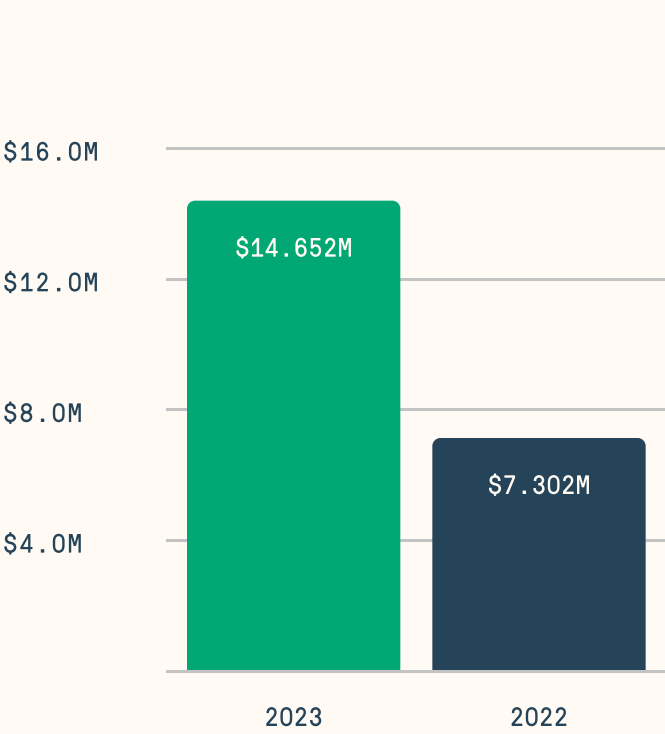
2023 EXPENSES



CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|--------------|-------------|
| Assets | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$2,898,017 | \$6,035,438 |
| Short-Term Investment | 9,523,738 | - |
| All Other Assets | 2,639,656 | 1,520,154 |
| Total Assets | 15,061,411 | 7,555,592 |
| Liabilities and Net Assets | | |
| Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities | \$382,102 | \$253,012 |
| All Other Liabilities | 26,753 | - |
| Total Liabilities | 408,855 | 253,012 |
| Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions | 1,288,067 | 293,319 |
| Net Assets With Donor Restrictions | 13,364,489 | 6,809,261 |
| Total Net Assets | 14,652,556 | 7,302,580 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$15,061,411 | \$7,555,592 |

TOTAL NET ASSETS



CS&S ended the 2023 fiscal year on June 30, 2023, and we report strong increases in both total revenues (125%) and total assets (99%). These resources, and the continuing engagement of our staff, board, and vendors, have engendered the great success of our programs and their impact on the world.

For full audited financial statements and other documents, please visit our [public documents](#) page.

The year ahead

In the year ahead, we'll be looking to deepen partnerships with our fiscally sponsored projects as we develop sustainable practices and imagine the future of our ecosystem. We'll be convening scientists and technologists, hosting original programming, and learning from and growing with our communities. There are many ways to join us in this important work and we look forward to partnering with you.

Support our work

CS&S invests in the future of an open ecosystem in service of the public good. Our global network is made up of scientists, technologists, teachers, and innovators from diverse professional backgrounds. We rely on a wide range of contributions – including financial, intellectual, and political – across this network. Recurring donations and employer match can be made through <https://www.codeforsociety.org/donate>.

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