

Code for Science & Society's Event Fund

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COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

Code for Science & Society's Event Fund is a community-centered program founded in 2020 that provides financial and programmatic support to organizers of open data science virtual events. With funding from the Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation, grantees are mentored and supported through training on event organizing, community sustainability, fundraising, and accessibility. The program provides community leaders with experience in budgeting, reporting, and impact tracking to help them manage larger grants in the future. The program's voluntary Advisory Committee oversees governance, operations, and strategy, including recruitment for the Selection Committee, which is composed of open data science champions who promote diversity, inclusion, and accessibility.

► Website: eventfund.codeforscience.org

KEYWORDS

Disciplines / skills

- DATA SCIENCE
- SOFTWARE AND CODE
- EDUCATION

Programming and goals

- STANDARD SETTING
- KNOWLEDGE GENERATION
- OPEN SCIENCE
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
- MENTORING
- OUTREACH AND EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS
- DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Stakeholder relationships

- MULTI-STAKEHOLDER

COMMUNITY BASICS



Cohorts of about a dozen grantees are guided by a 4-person advisory board, in conjunction with a 6-person selection committee



Mostly online with some in-person events*

*all activities were online during the COVID-19 pandemic



International



Closed
(only for designated members or collaborators)

COMMUNITY STRUCTURE

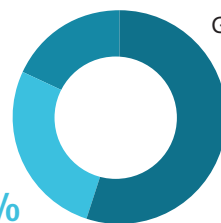
Community Management

Community management is provided by 1 full-time **Conference Fund Manager** who is assisted by other **CS&S staff** and the voluntary **program advisory and selection committees**.



Members

18%
Advisory Committee



27%
Selection Committee

55%
Grantees

Community Configuration

Open Data Science Community

Advisory Committee

Selection Committee
review applications and make funding recommendations

Program Manager
oversees day-to-day operations

Grantees
receive financial and programmatic support to organize events

Community Experts
run programming for grantees and committee members

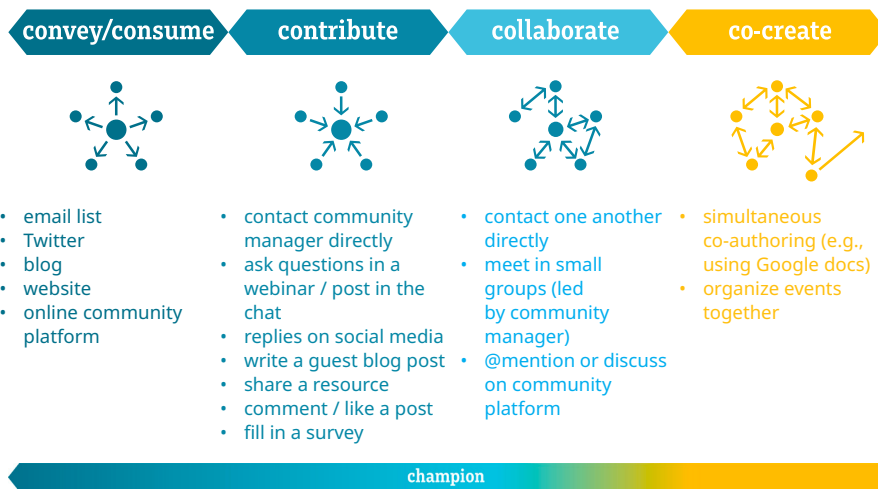
Event Attendees

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PROGRAMMING

The Conference Fund Manager hosts sessions designed to support event organizers and a seminar series in which community experts run interactive sessions on topics such as community calls, Zoom moderation, how to choose a virtual platform, and measuring the impact of your event. After each session, a summary blog post is written for the program's website so that the community can openly access resources on good practices in event organization. Grantees have a dedicated Slack channel on the CS&S workspace, where they can interact with each other, selection committee members, our program officer, and CS&S staff.



THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION MODEL

The CSCCE Community Participation Model describes four modes of member engagement that can occur within a community – CONVEY/CONSUME, CONTRIBUTE, COLLABORATE, and CO-CREATE – and one that can occur both inside and outside of it: CHAMPION. All modes may be present at once, with some members interacting in multiple modes – or a community may have member engagement that falls into only some of the modes described. The model enables the mapping of community member behaviors to programming and other infrastructural support that the community manager, convening organization, or funder may provide to the community.

► For more information, see the [CSCCE community participation model](#).



COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

The selection and advisory committees perform many of the champion roles listed below. Both committees are formally onboarded. Selection committee members are paid an honorarium.

i CHAMPIONS take on additional activities to support or advance the community. They are sometimes described as emergent leaders.

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| <p>MAINTAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reviewing applications e.g. for fellowships | <p>GROW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> recruit new members reshare community opportunities | <p>EVOLVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> serve on a steering committee or other advisory role participate in a focus group or other means of in-depth feedback |
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COMMUNITY TOOLBOX

Communications

Email	Zoom
Blog	Slack
Twitter	

Productivity

JotForm	Plausible Analytics
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Community platform

Google groups	Slack
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OUTPUTS & EVALUATION

Success looks like supporting emerging and established leaders in open data science as they plan innovative virtual events that broaden participation and engage inclusive practices.

✓ Successes over the last year

Over the last year, we launched a new program, onboarded our first cohort of grantees, developed a programming series for them, launched a second request for proposals, and are currently reviewing those proposals. We have onboarded advisory and selection committees who oversee the program's governance and structure and review the proposals. Cohort members are actively engaging on Slack, during interactive sessions, and on social media.

- **Growth** - launched new program or project
- **Growth** - added new members
- **Activities** - an in-person or virtual event
- **Value** - members expressing recognition of the community's value

📈 Evaluation and Reporting

- Producing regular reports / dashboards for senior management or an advisory board
- Surveying community members
- Interviewing community members
- Reports for community team
- Reports for leadership

💡 Opportunities

Our overarching goal is to make the open data science community more impactful, inclusive, accessible, and globally-connected.

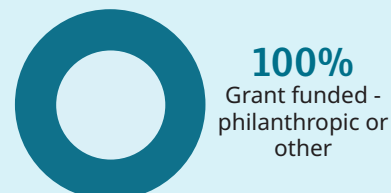
- **Growth** - add new members
- **Engagement** - increase member activity
- **Activities** - create community outputs together
- **Activities** - host conference(s) / workshops
- **Funding** - secure new funding stream
- **Value** - external recognition
- **Value** - more members expressing recognition of the community's value

⚠️ Challenges

Our biggest challenge is sustainability. Our program was developed thanks to 2 years of seed funding from the Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation. We are actively seeking additional partners to continue the program beyond its initial two years.

- Financial sustainability

FUNDING



Funding Streams

- 100% funding from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

*Organizers of open data science virtual events can apply for **grants**, and **honoraria** are available to selection committee members as well as presenters for our grantee programming series*

ABOUT THIS PROFILE

This profile is part of a research project conducted by the Center for Scientific Collaboration and Community Engagement (CSCCE). You can find out more about the project, and view more community profiles, [on our website](#).

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