



# ANNUAL REPORT

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# A Note From Our President

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Open source software has spent nearly three decades quietly becoming foundational to nearly every sector of modern society, powering everything from financial systems and scientific research to public services and global communications. At the same time, the communities that steward this software face increasing demands to balance innovation, resilience, transparency, and sustainability at unprecedented scale. Over the past year, the global open source ecosystem continued to evolve rapidly amid growing focus on software supply chain security, expanding regulatory expectations around digital infrastructure, and increasingly swift advances in artificial intelligence (AI).

Within this environment, The Apache® Software Foundation (The ASF) continued on its mission of providing software for the public good through community-led development and open collaboration. Across hundreds of projects, ASF contributors advanced critical infrastructure technologies; modernized governance and release practices; and expanded mentorship and contributor programs. ASF projects also played an invaluable role in strengthening the Foundation's role as a trusted steward of open source communities. Throughout FY26, ASF projects demonstrated how collaborative development can address emerging

challenges while remaining grounded in the Apache Way's enduring principle of community over code.

The Foundation reached several important milestones during the year. Communities across The ASF expanded efforts to support new contributors through mentorship, local community programs, and global events such as Community Over Code. Thanks to these engagement efforts, in December we welcomed our 10,000th committer. The Foundation also continued evolving its brand and visual identity to better reflect its values of openness, stewardship, and enduring community collaboration.

At the same time, The ASF made significant investments in the future of open source infrastructure and security. Initiatives such as the ASF Tooling Initiative and its Apache Trusted Releases platform focused on strengthening release integrity, improving transparency, and helping projects adapt to evolving software supply chain expectations and global regulatory frameworks. These efforts reflect a broader recognition across the open source ecosystem that security and sustainability are now inseparable from long-term community health.

Looking ahead, we remain focused on scaling tooling and infrastructure to support growing global demand, while preserving the decentralized governance and project autonomy that define the Apache Way. The Foundation will continue investing in technologies and processes that strengthen security practices, improve transparency, and help projects navigate evolving international regulatory requirements without compromising open collaboration.

We also remain committed to building sustainable open source ecosystems by supporting mentorship, contributor growth, and pathways for participation around the world. From local communities and educational outreach to project incubation and leadership development, expanding access to open source participation is critical to the continued success of open source and The ASF's projects. As the role of open source software in society continues to grow, our enduring strength remains in our people: a global community of contributors, maintainers, members, sponsors, and users working together to build software — and communities — designed to last.

## Board Members

The membership of The ASF elects a nine-member board to run the foundation, set policy, and ensure it is carried out. The directors of the board for FY26 were:



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## ASF Sponsors

Corporate sponsorships provide critical support for ASF operations, helping sustain the trusted, vendor-neutral infrastructure and services relied upon by hundreds of open source communities worldwide. As a lean US 501(c)(3) nonprofit with less than 10% overhead and no government funding, The ASF directs the majority of its nearly \$3 million annual budget toward essential infrastructure, security, legal, and community support services, as well as strategic initiatives such as the ASF Tooling Initiative. Corporate sponsorships also help fund programs that foster collaboration, mentorship, diversity, and open knowledge sharing across the global open source ecosystem.

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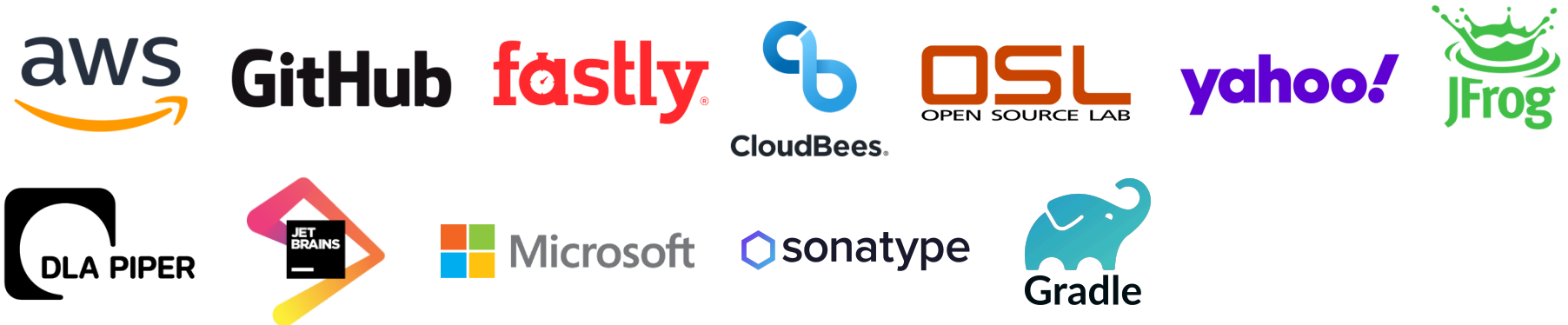
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The ASF is a 501(c)(3) membership corporation, so **Members** serve a similar role as shareholders do in publicly traded corporations. Existing members may nominate **Committers** who demonstrate merit in the Foundation's growth, evolution, and progress towards ASF Membership. They may also vote in Member and Board elections. This member nomination system highlights the emphasis The ASF places on vendor-neutral, volunteer-led projects and initiatives.

Once elected, most Members find additional ways to get involved in ASF projects. While the Board and ASF officers are directly responsible for providing oversight and guidance to ASF open source projects, Members also work within many projects to help ensure they run smoothly and follow **The Apache Way**.

In FY26, 45 new members were elected, bringing the total number of ASF Members to 1,188.

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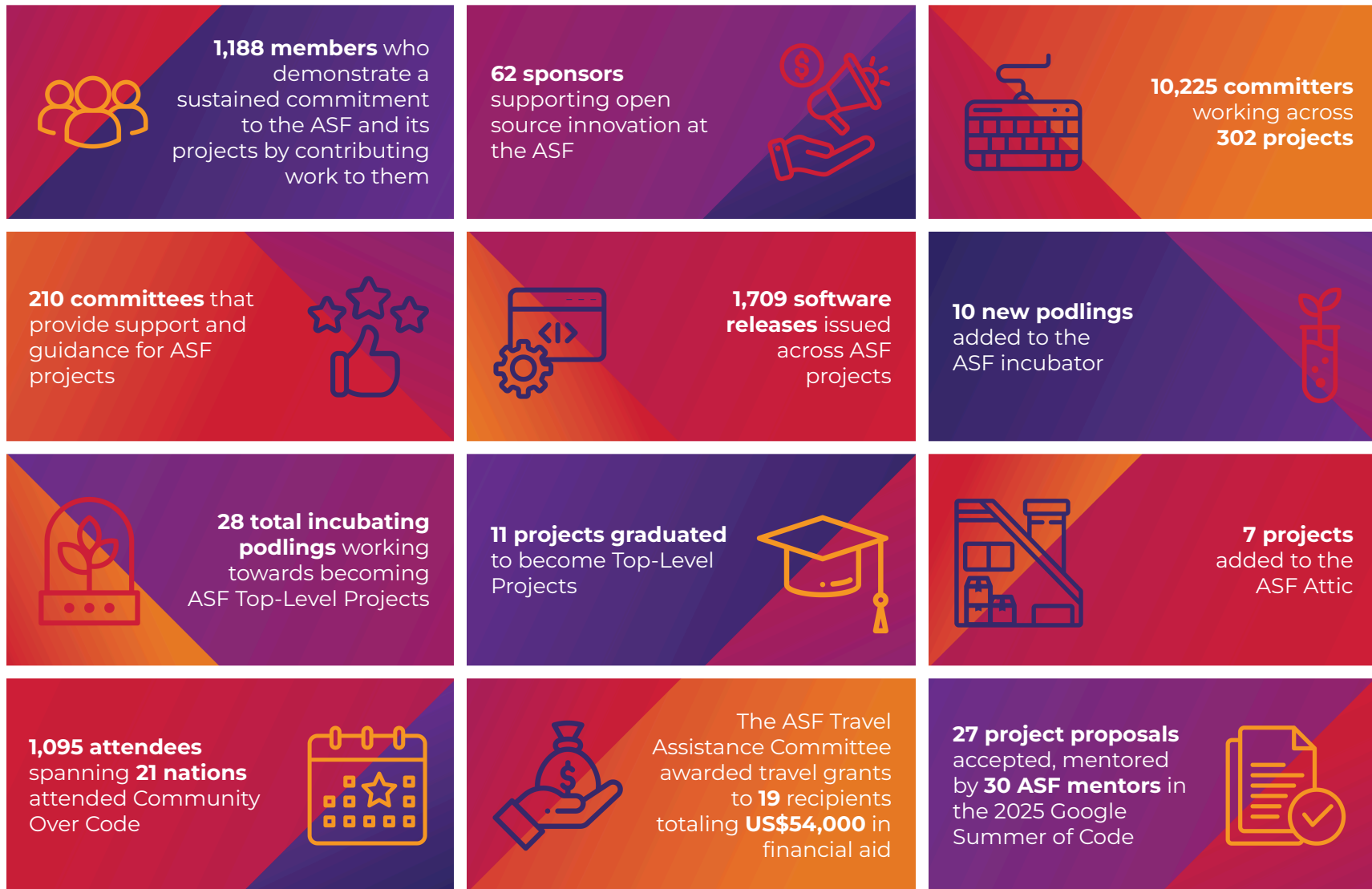
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## FY26 At-A-Glance



# Software The World Relies On

For more than 25 years, The ASF has delivered open source software that underpins modern computing. In FY26, this role continued to expand as organizations across industries relied on Apache projects for critical infrastructure — from data platforms to distributed systems.

ASF projects remain governed by the Apache Way: a model that ensures openness, transparency, and community-led decision-making at scale.

## Evolving the ASF Brand



In FY26, The ASF unveiled a new corporate logo and refreshed brand system designed to better reflect its enduring ethos of “community over code.” The update marked a significant milestone in the Foundation’s continued evolution after more than 25 years stewarding open source software the world relies on.

At the center of the new visual identity is an oak leaf, chosen to symbolize resilience, stewardship, growth, and interconnected community. The imagery reflects the ASF’s

long-term role as a stable foundation for open source collaboration: projects and communities that begin with small contributions and grow into lasting ecosystems supported by open governance and shared responsibility.

The rebrand was itself guided by the Apache Way. The ASF Board established a dedicated Logo Project Management Committee composed of ASF Members, using the same community-driven structure that governs ASF software projects. Contributors from across the Foundation participated by submitting ideas and designs, while design partners collaborated with the committee and the ASF Marketing & Publicity team to refine the final identity.

The refreshed branding maintains continuity with The ASF’s established visual heritage while modernizing the Foundation’s presentation for today’s digital ecosystem. The Foundation also introduced updated brand guidelines to support consistent and inclusive use of ASF visual identity across projects, events, documentation, and public communications.

As part of the broader brand evolution effort, The ASF reaffirmed its commitment to openness, neutrality, and responsible stewardship while continuing conversations around how the Foundation’s name, imagery, and symbols are used across its global community.



This effort reflects the ASF's ongoing work to ensure its public identity aligns with its values and remains sustainable for decades ahead.

## Trusted Infrastructure for The Public Good

The ASF continued expanding its Tooling Initiative with the advancement of the Apache Trusted Releases (ATR) platform, a community-focused effort designed to modernize and strengthen the ASF software release process. Developed with support from contributors and seed funding from Alpha-Omega, the ATR platform aims to help ASF projects improve release automation, verification, and compliance with emerging software supply chain and security requirements.

The ATR platform introduces tooling to support key phases of the ASF release workflow, including automated policy checks, release vote management, artifact verification, and tracking of software distribution. During FY26, multiple ASF projects participated in the platform's second alpha phase, helping test and refine capabilities related to signatures, checksums, Software Bills of Materials (SBOMs) tracking, and release attestations.

The initiative reflects The ASF's broader commitment to supporting secure, transparent, and community-driven open source development at ecosystem scale. By investing in

shared tooling and release infrastructure, the Foundation continues to help projects adapt to evolving security expectations while preserving the open governance and collaborative processes that define the Apache Way.

## Open Standards and Software Supply Chain Transparency

As open source software continues to underpin critical systems worldwide, software supply chain transparency and security remained major priorities across the global technology ecosystem in FY26. Contributors from The ASF played an active role in advancing international standards related to SBOMs, vulnerability management, and software lifecycle transparency through collaboration with ECMA International and the broader open source community.

During the year, updated and newly ratified standards including CycloneDX, Package-URL, and Common Lifecycle Enumeration (CLE) advanced toward broader international adoption, improving interoperability, dependency visibility, and machine-readable lifecycle communication across software ecosystems. ASF contributors also supported growing adoption of Vulnerability Exploitability eXchange (VEX) practices and tooling, while ASF projects including Apache Commons and Apache Solr expanded work around transparent vulnerability reporting and security metadata.

These efforts reflect the increasingly important role open source communities play in supporting trusted digital infrastructure at global scale. By contributing to open standards development, transparent security practices, and interoperable tooling, The ASF continues helping strengthen the reliability and resilience of software the world relies on.

## Security and Trust in a Distributed System

ASF projects are highly diverse and independent. They have different languages, communities, management, and security models. However, one of the things all projects have in common is a consistent process for handling reported security issues.

The ASF Security Committee oversees and coordinates the initial triage, and process around vulnerabilities across all ASF projects, handling approximately 114 incoming emails a day. The Committee includes a paid administrator who works with our volunteer team members, overseeing the lifecycle of these reports and conducting triaging and investigations in collaboration with each project's security team or PMC. This responsible oversight is a principle of the Apache Way and helps ensure ASF software is stable and can be trusted.

### Communications and Engagement

Over the course of FY2026, The ASF Security Committee received over 41,000 emails. After spam filtering and thread

grouping, this became 2,788 non-spam threads, an increase of 176% from FY25, comprising:

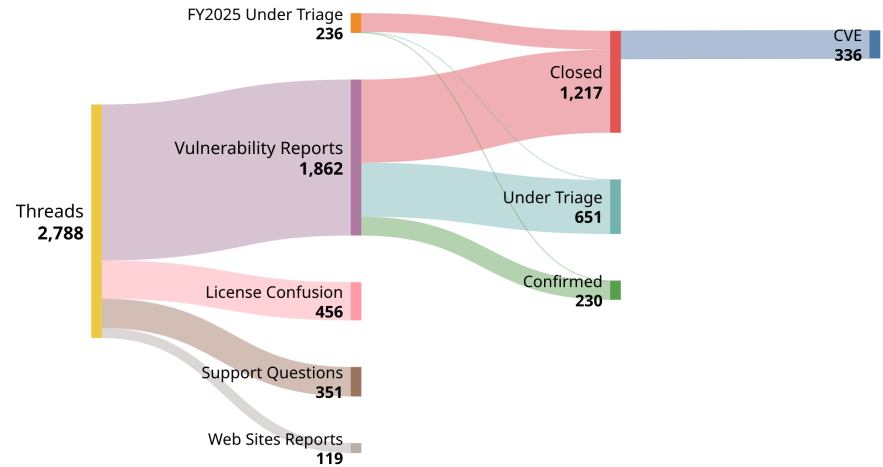
- **Apache License Confusion:** A total of 456 threads (16%) originated from individuals encountering confusion regarding the presence of the Apache License on their devices. Most commonly, these reports pertain to software released under the Apache License but not developed by The ASF, such as the majority of the Android OS.
- **Support and Dependency Questions:** The ASF Security Committee received 351 threads (13%) encompassing support-related inquiries and questions concerning dependencies.
- **Website and Infrastructure Issues:** 119 threads (4%) highlighted issues affecting ASF infrastructure, mostly pertaining to websites. The majority of these reports were deemed invalid, encompassing instances of open directory listings, public source code, SPF email issues, and similar matters. The ASF Security Committee **gives credits** for any of these reports which are valid.

- Vulnerability Reports:** The ASF Security Committee team received 1,862 reports regarding potential vulnerabilities, spanning 166 top-level ASF projects. When we confirm the issues were valid, we address them with updates. We published 336 CVE records in FY26.

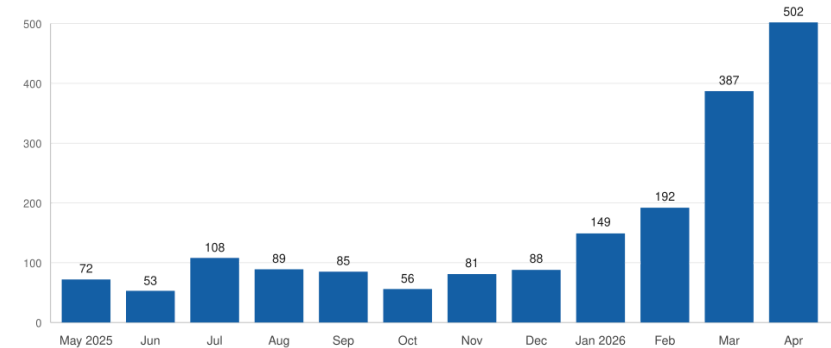
## Vulnerability Reporting and Response

The ASF Security Committee has broken out issues still in Triage at the close of FY26 (651 issues) vs those Confirmed (230 issues). A Confirmed issue is one that has been triaged by a project, determined to be a vulnerability, and is in the process of being fixed or waiting for a release. It is not uncommon for lower-severity issues to take some time before being incorporated into new releases.

It is worth highlighting the jump in the number of reported issues, illustrated by the chart below. Since January 2026, ASF Security has received a significant number of reports where the issues were discovered or written with the aid of AI. It will take some months to know how many of those issues turn out to be real vulnerabilities.



Project security reports per month (FY2026)  
1,862 total reports across 166 projects



## Threat Landscape

Several Apache vulnerabilities were added this year to the CISA Known Exploited Vulnerabilities (KEV) catalog, including issues in Apache HTTP Server and Apache ActiveMQ. These are vulnerabilities that are generally confirmed severe or actively exploited. The ActiveMQ flaw (CVE-2026-34197) was uncovered by researchers using AI assistance.

The Committee worked with ASF Infrastructure to respond to two third-party supply-chain incidents during the year, affecting **Trivy** and Axios, and to put stronger protections in place against similar issues going forward.

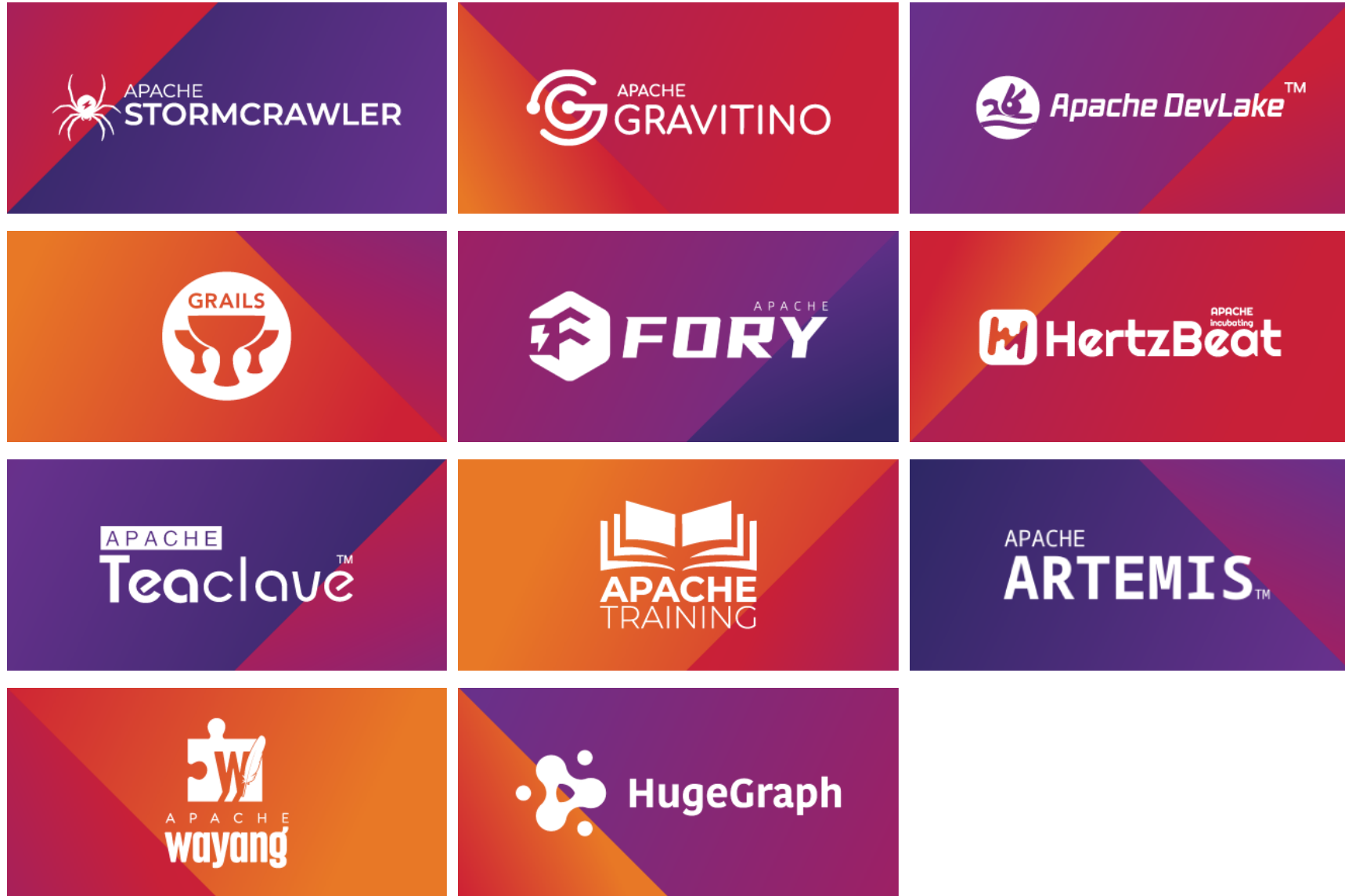
## Looking Ahead

We encourage those who discover ASF project security issues to report them promptly to our private mailing list at [security@apache.org](mailto:security@apache.org). Additionally, we invite you to share your feedback and comments on this report by reaching out to our public mailing list at [security-discuss@community.apache.org](mailto:security-discuss@community.apache.org).

To gain a deeper understanding of our comprehensive security process, we invite you to visit our website at <https://apache.org/security/> and our blog at <https://security.apache.org/blog/>.

## ASF Top-Level Projects

In FY26, 11 ASF projects became Top-Level Projects (TLP).



ASF project communities advanced the technologies that power modern data systems, enterprise applications, and cloud-native infrastructure. From large-scale analytics platforms to distributed data systems and developer frameworks, ASF projects demonstrated how community-governed open source software continues evolving alongside changing industry, security, and operational demands.

## Open Source Supporting Financial Inclusion

In November 2025, Apache Fineract was recertified as a Digital Public Good (DPG) by the Digital Public Goods Alliance, a multi-stakeholder initiative aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The recognition reaffirmed Apache Fineract's role as an open, vendor-neutral platform supporting financial inclusion efforts around the world.

The Digital Public Good designation recognizes open technologies that meet rigorous standards for openness, transparency, security, privacy, and public benefit. Apache Fineract serves as a foundational platform used by financial institutions, fintech organizations, nonprofits, and service providers delivering banking and financial services to underserved communities globally. Its community-driven development model enables organizations to build and deploy financial tools without dependence on proprietary infrastructure.

The recertification highlights the growing role of ASF projects as trusted digital infrastructure supporting public-interest outcomes at global scale. It also reflects the importance of open governance, vendor neutrality, and collaborative development in creating sustainable technology ecosystems designed for broad public access and long-term impact.

## Communities That Endure

Communities that endure are built through continuity, renewal, and shared stewardship. Across The ASF, contributors sustain projects not only through ongoing technical development, but also by mentoring new participants, evolving governance, maintaining critical infrastructure, and preserving institutional knowledge over time.

## Evolving Infrastructure Through Open Collaboration

**Apache Airflow:** Contributors within Apache Airflow demonstrated a community-driven approach to responsible AI adoption through a large-scale internationalization effort that expanded the project's user interface into multiple languages. Rather than relying solely on automated translation, contributors combined AI-assisted tooling with peer review, distributed language ownership, and collaborative refinement to create a sustainable model for long-term community maintenance.

**Apache Geode:** In FY26, the community behind Apache Geode released version 2.0, representing one of the project's most significant modernization efforts to date. Contributors upgraded the platform to modern enterprise Java standards, strengthened security posture, and modernized core framework integrations to support the long-term sustainability of mission-critical distributed systems used in enterprise environments worldwide.

**Apache Grails:** The release of Apache Grails 7.0 marked a major milestone following the project's graduation to ASF Top-Level Project status. Community contributors modernized the framework with updated Java, Groovy, Spring Boot, and Jakarta EE support while adding reproducible builds, SBOM generation, and enhanced

testing capabilities to address evolving security, compliance, and application development needs.

**Apache Iceberg:** The community around Apache Iceberg continued expanding its role as foundational infrastructure for modern data lakehouse architectures. Through open governance, cross-industry collaboration, and shared operational best practices, contributors advanced interoperability and scalability across diverse compute engines and cloud ecosystems.

**Apache Log4j:** Contributors within Apache Log4j continued extensive modernization efforts focused on transparency, reproducibility, security processes, and long-term sustainability following the global impact of the Log4Shell vulnerability. The community modernized release infrastructure, expanded machine-readable security metadata, implemented reproducible builds, and advanced integration with emerging software supply chain security standards and tooling.

**Apache Ozone:** Apache Ozone announced the 2.0 release of its distributed object storage platform, introducing improvements focused on scalability, performance, and operational resilience for large-scale data infrastructure deployments. The milestone reflected the continued evolution of community-driven cloud-native storage technologies supporting modern enterprise workloads.

## Strengthening Privacy and Trust

The ASF Data Privacy team focused on strengthening data protection practices, improving systems, addressing community inquiries, and guiding ASF projects on compliance with data privacy regulations like the GDPR. The introduction of a Content Security Policy (CSP) and updates to tools like Kapa. enhanced compliance across project websites. The privacy committee became more active, driving a major reduction in the use of unauthorized analytics and supporting policy enforcement. Key areas of focus included mailing list transparency, downloadable software privacy, and data processing agreements. To support long-term sustainability, new members and volunteers were brought into the privacy team, though several tasks remain in progress, including documentation and infrastructure ownership clarification.

Key accomplishments:

- Introduction of Content Security Policies (CSP) on project websites.
- Expanded use of Kapa.ai for managing privacy-related inquiries and compliance automation.
- Reduction in the use of unauthorized analytics across ASF properties.
- Transparency improvements for mailing list usage and downloadable artifacts.
- Recruitment of new team members to ensure long-term sustainability of privacy operations.

Ongoing efforts are focused on documentation and clarifying ownership of key infrastructure to support future growth.

## Open Infrastructure for Responsible AI

As AI continued reshaping the technology landscape in FY26, The ASF expanded its efforts to support the open infrastructure underlying modern AI systems. The ASF launched a \$10 million **Responsible AI Initiative**, a multi-year effort focused on strengthening the open source technologies, governance practices, and community infrastructure that power AI and machine learning ecosystems worldwide.

The initiative was launched with initial support from Anthropic, which contributed \$1.5 million to support ASF infrastructure, security, and community operations, alongside an additional \$250,000 contribution from Alpha-Omega focused on sustainable open source security. The Responsible AI Initiative supports access to AI tooling and models for ASF projects, expands opportunities for community collaboration and participation, and advances work around secure, transparent, and vendor-neutral AI infrastructure. The initiative also aligns with broader ASF efforts around release integrity, tooling modernization, and software supply chain security.



These efforts reflect the growing recognition across the technology ecosystem that AI depends on long-term investment in trusted open source foundations and community-governed infrastructure. By supporting the systems, standards, and communities behind AI, rather than focusing solely on models themselves, The ASF continues advancing an open, transparent, and sustainable approach to technology innovation for the public good.

## Fostering Global Connections

Apache Local Communities (ALCs) continue to strengthen the global reach and long-term sustainability of ASF projects by creating pathways for mentorship, contributor growth, and regional collaboration. In Taiwan, ALC Taipei emerged as a leading example of how volunteer-led local engagement can connect students, early-career engineers, and experienced contributors with Apache projects and the broader global open source ecosystem.

Throughout FY26, contributors connected through ALC Taipei supported work across multiple ASF projects, including Apache Kafka, Apache Airflow, Apache Ozone, Apache YuniKorn, and Apache Mahout. The community emphasized mentorship, peer learning, and hands-on participation in open source development, helping contributors progress from first-time patches to committer and PMC roles while building sustainable contributor pipelines across ASF projects.

One notable example came from the Apache Mahout community, where mentorship through ALC Taipei helped university students contribute to the project's evolving quantum computing initiatives, resulting in new technical proposals, conference presentations, and expanded community participation. More broadly, the work of ALC Taipei demonstrated how local communities can foster enduring participation in open source by combining technical collaboration, mentorship, and shared responsibility through the Apache Way's emphasis on community over code.



## Celebrating 10,000 Committers

In December 2025, The ASF reached a major community milestone with the addition of its 10,000th committer. Since the Foundation's founding in 1999, ASF projects have continued to grow through a contributor-driven model that emphasizes mentorship, shared responsibility, and long-term stewardship of open source software.

Within ASF projects, committers are contributors who have earned the trust of their communities through sustained participation and demonstrated impact. Committers help guide project direction, support releases, review and apply contributions, assist users, and maintain the day-to-day health of project communities. The process of becoming a committer reflects the Apache Way's emphasis on collaboration, consensus-building, and community governance.

Reaching 10,000 committers highlights the continued growth and resilience of The ASF's global contributor ecosystem. More than a measure of scale, the milestone reflects the Foundation's long-standing commitment to building communities designed to endure beyond any individual contributor, company, or technology cycle.

## Mentoring the Next Generation



### Google Summer of Code

The ASF has been a Google Summer of Code (GSoC) mentor organization since 2005. GSoC is a mentorship program focused on welcoming new contributors into the community and helping them learn best practices with the hope that they will become long-term OSS contributors. For GSoC 2025, a total of 27 project proposals were accepted and were mentored by 30 ASF mentors, and 25 candidates completed their projects successfully.

## Responsible Project Lifecycle

Software projects do not always remain active forever, and that is a natural part of the open source lifecycle. When an ASF project no longer maintains an active development community or sustainable contributor base, it transitions to the Apache Attic. The Attic preserves the project's source code, history, documentation, and community records so they remain accessible for reference, study, or possible future renewal.

In FY26, seven projects were formally retired: **Apache jclouds**, **Apache Kibble**, **Apache Traffic Control**, **Apache Portals**, **Apache Griffin**, **Apache Mesos**, and **Apache Olingo**

## Everything Open, Everyone Welcome

Openness is not just a principle — it's the operating model of the Apache Software Foundation. Transparency, meritocracy, and equal opportunity are cornerstones of the Apache Way, ensuring that every project, contributor, and idea has a seat at the table.

The ASF remains committed to providing a neutral, vendor-independent home for open source innovation. Whether a project is newly incubating or powering critical systems around the globe, it benefits from the same foundational support, community governance model, and inclusive environment. Our goal is not just to foster good code, but to sustain the people and communities behind it.

## Growing the Next Generation: Apache Incubator

The Apache Incubator continues to serve as the entry point for projects joining the Foundation. It provides a structured path for emerging communities to adopt the ASF's collaborative governance model, align with our policies, and prepare for long-term sustainability as Top-Level Projects.

In FY26, the ASF welcomed 10 new podlings to the Apache Incubator:

- Apache Aeron
- Apache BifroMQ
- Apache Burr
- Apache Caldera
- Apache Casbin
- Apache Fesod
- Apache Fluss
- Apache GeaFlow
- Apache Hamilton
- Apache PouchDB

The Incubator supports a wide range of technical domains — from data lakehouses and graph databases to distributed messaging, workflow orchestration, AI agent frameworks, and security tooling — reflecting the dynamic and expanding nature of open source development.

In total The ASF supported 28 podlings in FY26:

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| Apache Aeron      | Apache GraphAr        | Apache Pony Mail   |
| Apache Baremaps   | Apache Hamilton       | Apache PouchDB     |
| Apache BifroMQ    | Apache HugeGraph      | Apache ResilientDB |
| Apache Burr       | Apache Iggy           | Apache Seata       |
| Apache Caldera    | Apache KIE            | Apache Texera      |
| Apache Casbin     | Apache Livy           | Apache Toree       |
| Apache Cloudberry | Apache OpenServerless | Apache XTable      |
| Apache Fesod      | Apache Otava          |                    |
| Apache Fluss      | Apache OzHera         |                    |

## Open Source Collaboration for Global Challenges

Representatives from The ASF helped organize the United Nations Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies' "Ahead of the Storm" Tech Over Hackathon in New York, a collaborative event focused on developing technology solutions to climate-related challenges affecting children and vulnerable communities. Built in partnership with UNICEF, the event brought together developers, mentors, and judges to build scalable tools addressing disaster preparedness, geospatial analysis, and extreme weather response.

ASF participants contributed technical expertise, mentorship, and evaluation support throughout the event, reflecting the Foundation's broader commitment to open collaboration and knowledge sharing. Teams developed prototypes using open source technologies and public data sources to model weather impacts, visualize risk data, and support more proactive emergency response planning.

The event highlighted how open source communities can contribute to global problem-solving efforts by fostering collaboration across organizations, disciplines, and regions. It also demonstrated the important role mentorship and community participation play in helping new contributors develop practical solutions to complex public-interest challenges.

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## Community Over Code: A Global Gathering

For more than 25 years, Community Over Code (formerly known as ApacheCon) has united the ASF community and its open source contributors while providing a forum for discussion, learning, and networking. The event aims to be an inclusive and collaborative meeting ground for all members of the ASF ecosystem — from technical contributors like developers and engineers to open source community members who contribute their expertise in marketing, security, public policy, community development, documentation, and much more. Attendees from 21 nations came to our Denver event in North America, with 275 attendees at our EU event in Bratislava, Slovakia, and nearly 500 people attending the 2025 Community Over Code Asia conference in China.

## Travel Assistance Committee

The ASF Travel Assistance Committee (TAC) was established to support members of the open source community facing economic barriers to participating in Community Over Code

gatherings. TAC funding helps offset costs such as travel, lodging, and conference registration for individuals. In FY26, the TAC supported travel to Community Over Code (C/C) events for 19 grant recipients: 12 to Minneapolis in the USA, and seven to Beijing, China. Visa, flight, and accommodation logistics were handled for grant recipients traveling from China, Brazil, Germany, India, Kazakhstan, Taiwan, and the USA. In total, **\$53,963.08 USD** was awarded in travel assistance.

## Plus One: Informing and Connecting Globally

FY26 marked the one-year anniversary since the first issue of The ASF's Plus One newsletter, reaching nearly 4,000 subscribers. Throughout the year, Plus One continued serving as a central communication channel for the ASF and open source community, connecting contributors, users, and open source advocates across the global ecosystem. The Plus One podcast (formerly FeatherCast) has been helping tell stories of The ASF global community since 2006. In FY26, Plus One featured ASF directors and PMC members so that viewers could understand how governance at The ASF works, and showcased Apache projects and their technologies.

By providing consistent forums for communication and visibility across projects and programs, The ASF's Plus One

newsletter and podcast helped reinforce The ASF's commitment to transparency, collaboration, and community-driven growth while helping contributors stay informed and connected throughout the year.

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## Growth, Stewardship, and Continuity

The ASF's long-term strength is grounded in the sustained participation of its global community. Across projects and governing bodies, the Foundation continues to demonstrate a consistent model of renewal: welcoming new contributors, recognizing long-standing contributors, and ensuring continuity of leadership and infrastructure stewardship.

Taken together, FY26 activities highlight this lifecycle of participation that reflect how individuals enter, evolve within, and lead the ASF ecosystem. This continuum spans onboarding of new contributors, development of long-term leadership, stewardship of critical infrastructure, and renewal of governance roles over time.

This model of progression remains central to The ASF's resilience. The Foundation's ability to sustain complex, globally distributed open source ecosystems is directly tied to its capacity to cultivate contributors into collaborators, collaborators into stewards, and stewards into leaders.

### Sustaining Community Through New Contributors

Contributor-focused initiatives have reinforced the importance of structured onboarding, mentorship, and collaborative development practices that align with the Apache Way. These practices ensure that initial contributions

serve as entry points into long-term community engagement rather than being isolated events.

Across ASF projects, first-time contributors are increasingly supported through established pathways that enable sustained participation and knowledge transfer, strengthening both project resilience and community continuity. Read more about [first-time ASF contributors](#).

### Advancing Leadership Through Long-Term Contribution

The ASF continues to benefit from contributors whose engagement expands over time from technical participation to broader community leadership. Contributors such as Jean-Baptiste Onofré, highlighted in the [Plus One People series](#), exemplify this trajectory. His sustained involvement across multiple ASF initiatives reflects the Foundation's model of leadership development through merit-based participation and ongoing contribution.

Jean-Baptiste's progression from contributor to community leader illustrates a defining characteristic of ASF governance, in which leadership roles are earned through demonstrated commitment and sustained engagement.

## Leadership Continuity in Infrastructure and Governance

Effective stewardship is central to maintaining The ASF's global infrastructure and governance systems. In FY26, the Foundation recognized the service of Myrle Krantz as Vice President of Infrastructure. Her tenure reflects the importance of operational continuity, system reliability, and the ongoing commitment to ensuring that infrastructure responsibilities are distributed, well-documented, and resilient over time.

At the same time, the appointment of Daniel Ruggeri as Executive Vice President reinforces continuity across the Foundation's broader governance structure. Daniel has extensive experience across ASF projects and operational domains, and his appointment reflects The ASF's reliance on long-term contributors who bring a deep understanding of both the technical and organizational dimensions of open source stewardship.

Taken together, these transitions underscore The ASF's established governance model, in which leadership is drawn from sustained community engagement and continuity of service.



# FY2026 Financial Statement

By Craig McClanahan

## Profit and Loss

| Revenue              | 2024/2025             | 2025/2026             |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Event Sponsorship    | \$77,488.61           | \$180,250.00          |
| Event Registration   | \$61,147.50           | \$38,802.00           |
| Public Donations     | \$112,078.75          | \$1,754,575.00        |
| Sponsorship Program  | \$1,830,146.59        | \$1,899,909.00        |
| Interest Income      |                       | \$248.00              |
| <b>Total Revenue</b> | <b>\$2,080,861.45</b> | <b>\$3,873,784.00</b> |

| Expenses              | 2024/2025      | 2025/2026    |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------|
| General & Admin       | \$27,319.48    | \$18,094.00  |
| Brand Management      | \$60,294.16    | \$62,248.00  |
| Community Development | \$10,335.03    | \$9,598.00   |
| Conferences           | \$297,372.22   | \$284,333.00 |
| Fundraising           | \$108,310.00   | \$108,330.00 |
| Infrastructure        | \$1,464,767.34 | \$108,887.00 |
| Publicity             | \$201,028.80   | \$233,535.00 |
| Treasury Services     | \$22,888.78    | \$30,269.00  |
| Travel Assistance     | \$68,850.48    | \$53,910.00  |
| Government Affairs    | \$16,920.47    | \$17,644.00  |

|                              |                       |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Security Team                | \$1,183.54            | \$1,268.00            |
| Tooling Team                 |                       | \$1,644.00            |
| Bad Debt Expense             | \$0.00                | \$0.00                |
| Foundation Staffing          |                       | \$1,579,609.00        |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>        | <b>\$2,279,270.30</b> | <b>\$2,509,369.00</b> |
| <b>Net Operating Revenue</b> | <b>-\$198,408.85</b>  | <b>\$1,364,415.00</b> |

| Other Revenue              | 2024/2025           | 2025/2026          |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Interest Inc/Foreign Exch  | -\$640.06           | -\$105.00          |
| Operating Reserve Interest | \$75,330.68         | \$86,175.00        |
| Oper Res Unrealized Gain   | \$64,705.58         | \$9,947.00         |
| <b>Total Other Revenue</b> | <b>\$139,396.00</b> | <b>\$96,017.00</b> |

| Other Expenditures              | 2024/2025          | 2025/2026          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Oper Res Unrealized Loss        | \$0.00             | \$0.00             |
| Foreign Exchange Expense        | \$0.00             | -\$746.00          |
| Prior Period Adjustments        | \$50,000.00        | \$0.00             |
| Bank Charges                    | \$5,457.93         | \$11,448.00        |
| <b>Total Other Expenditures</b> | <b>\$55,457.93</b> | <b>\$10,702.00</b> |
| <b>Net Other Rev/Exp</b>        | <b>\$83,938.07</b> | <b>\$85,315.00</b> |

|                   |                      |                       |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Net Income</b> | <b>-\$114,470.78</b> | <b>\$1,449,730.00</b> |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|



## Balance Sheet

| Assets                         | 2024/2025             | 2025/2026             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Cash and Equivalents           | \$2,882,464.87        | \$3,738,112.00        |
| Other Current Assets           |                       |                       |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>    | <b>\$2,882,464.87</b> | <b>\$3,738,112.00</b> |
|                                |                       |                       |
| Accounts Receivable            | \$409,583.33          | \$530,000.00          |
|                                |                       |                       |
| Operating Reserve Basis        | \$2,000,100.00        | \$2,000,100.00        |
| Unrealized Gain/Loss           | \$156,435.80          | \$241,110.00          |
| <b>Total Operating Reserve</b> | <b>\$2,156,535.80</b> | <b>\$2,241,210.00</b> |
|                                |                       |                       |
| Fixed Assets                   |                       | \$9,888.00            |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation |                       | -\$2,556.00           |
| <b>Total Fixed Assets</b>      |                       | <b>\$7,332.00</b>     |
|                                |                       |                       |
| Prepaid Expenses               | \$918.06              | \$131,176.00          |
| Contributed Services           | \$10,833.34           | \$10,833.00           |
| <b>Total Other Assets</b>      | <b>\$11,751.40</b>    | <b>\$142,009.00</b>   |
|                                |                       |                       |
| <b>Total Assets</b>            | <b>\$5,460,335.40</b> | <b>\$6,658,663.00</b> |

| Liabilities              | 2024/2025             | 2025/2026             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Accounts Payable         | \$20,165.60           | \$130,336.00          |
| Short Term Debt          | \$894.18              | \$142.00              |
| Deferred Revenue         | \$1,232,912.16        | \$842,002.00          |
| Conditional Gift         | \$500,000.00          | \$500,000.00          |
| Restricted Donations     | \$127,285.37          | \$153,234.00          |
| Accrued Expenses         |                       | \$4,144.00            |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b> | <b>\$1,881,257.31</b> | <b>\$1,629,858.00</b> |

| Equity                 | 2024/2025             | 2025/2026             |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Opening Balance Equity | \$1,570,838.40        | \$1,570,838.00        |
| Retained Earnings      | \$2,122,710.47        | \$2,008,239.00        |
| Net Revenue            | -\$114,470.78         | \$1,449,730.00        |
| <b>Total Equity</b>    | <b>\$3,579,078.09</b> | <b>\$5,028,807.00</b> |

|                                     |                       |                       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Total Liability &amp; Equity</b> | <b>\$5,460,335.40</b> | <b>\$6,658,665.00</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|

**Note:** Figures in the FY2025/2026 column are presented in whole dollars. Minor rounding results in a \$2 variance between Total Assets and Total Liability & Equity.



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The ASF's annual Community Over Code event is where open source technologists convene to share best practices and use cases, forge critical relationships, and learn about advancements in their field. [communityovercode.org/](https://communityovercode.org/)

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