



N79, a massive star-forming region within the Large Magellanic Cloud. (Credit: ESA)

NumFOCUS Town Hall: Charting a Strategic Path

Welcome

Welcome to the first annual NumFOCUS Town Hall. This event brings our community together to discuss plans for expanding NumFOCUS's reach and impact over the next few years.



Agenda



Celebrating Milestones

Provide background on NumFOCUS origins, mission, and current programs



Embracing Transformation

Charting a strategic path in our growing ecosystem.



Strategic Vision

Discuss key priorities, goals, and plans for growth



Q&A

Answer questions from attendees on NumFOCUS's strategic direction

Thank you for joining our town hall on NumFOCUS strategic direction. We look forward to working together to support and advance open source scientific computing.

NUMFOCUS
OPEN CODE = BETTER SCIENCE

NumFOCUS

NumFOCUS supports and promotes world-class, innovative, open source scientific computing through fiscal sponsorship, project affiliation, collaborative opportunities, events, and community education and engagement.

Celebrating Milestones and Looking Forward

A Decade of Impact

Marking a decade of dedication to our mission of bolstering our Projects and achieving significant milestones.

Strategic Enhancements

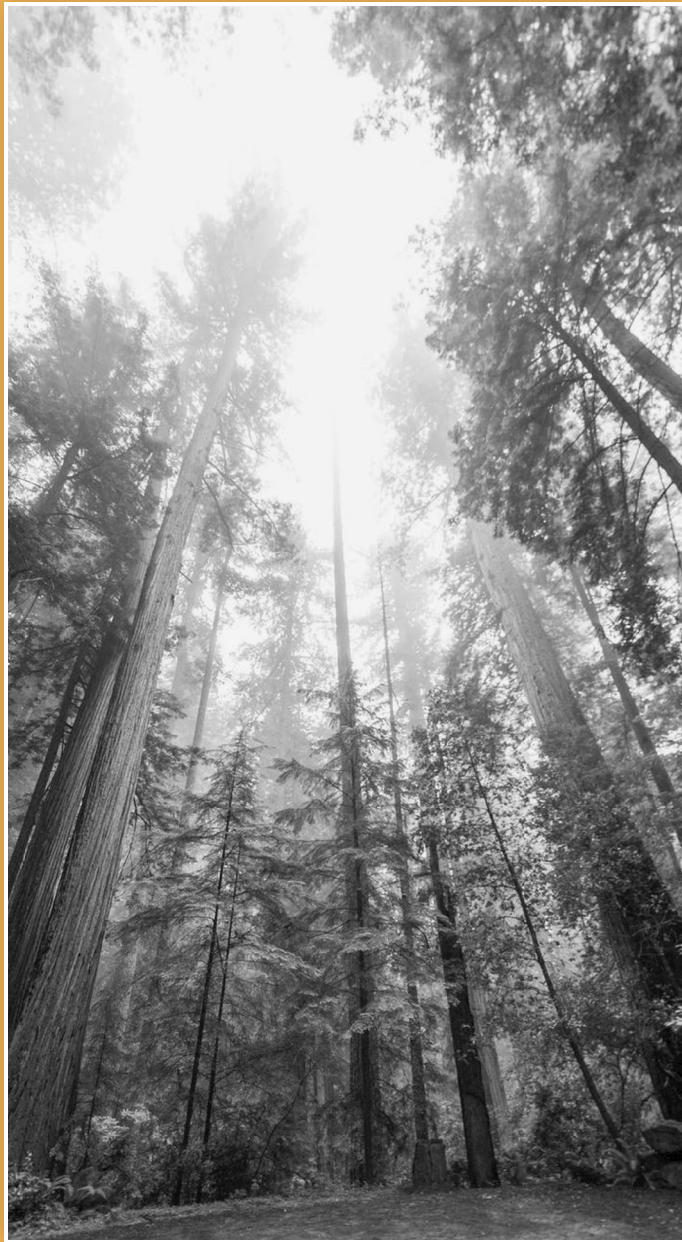
Proactive enhancements in financial administration and project fundraising support.

Program Alignment

Aligning services and programs with evolving project requirements.

Progressive Changes

Implementing new processes and staff updates for organizational advancement.



Impressive growth
showcasing our widespread impact.

160%



Increase in the number of projects over the past 5 years.

255%



Increase in project support income from 2018 to 2023.

362%



Increase in internal grant funding awarded to projects.

Observing Dynamic Growth and Adaptation

- **Community Expansion**

Adapting to unprecedented growth in numbers and scope,

- **Service Diversification**

Expanding our services to encompass more projects, and meet growing needs.

- **Economic Resilience**

Successfully navigating the complexities of an unpredictable economic landscape.

- **Competitive Funding Strategies**

Skillfully handling increased competition in funding acquisition.

- **Technological Evolution**

Embracing the rapid advancements in AI and HPC to stay at the forefront of innovation.

Embracing Transformation at a Pivotal Moment

- **Inflection Point:** Marking a significant phase of growth and transformation for our organization.
- **Organizational Evolution:** Focusing on the essentials for executing our mission with excellence.
- **Community-Centric Approach:** Prioritizing our community as our most valuable asset.
- **Inclusive Decision-Making:** Encouraging active participation in guiding our future directions.

Charting a Strategic Path Amidst Growth



Adaptive Funding Strategies

Navigating a competitive funding environment with innovative approaches.

Sustainable Financial Systems

Developing renewable and scalable financial models.

Strategic Positioning

Defining our role in the open science and AI landscapes.

Governance Excellence

Committing to transparent, strategic, and accountable governance.

Capacity Building

Investing in sustainable infrastructure to support project community needs

The Strategic Vision

Strengthen what makes the NumFOCUS community unique while learning what has been successful at other organizations.

**We're Doubling Down on our
Philosophy of Projects First**

Exploring Options for Executing Our Vision

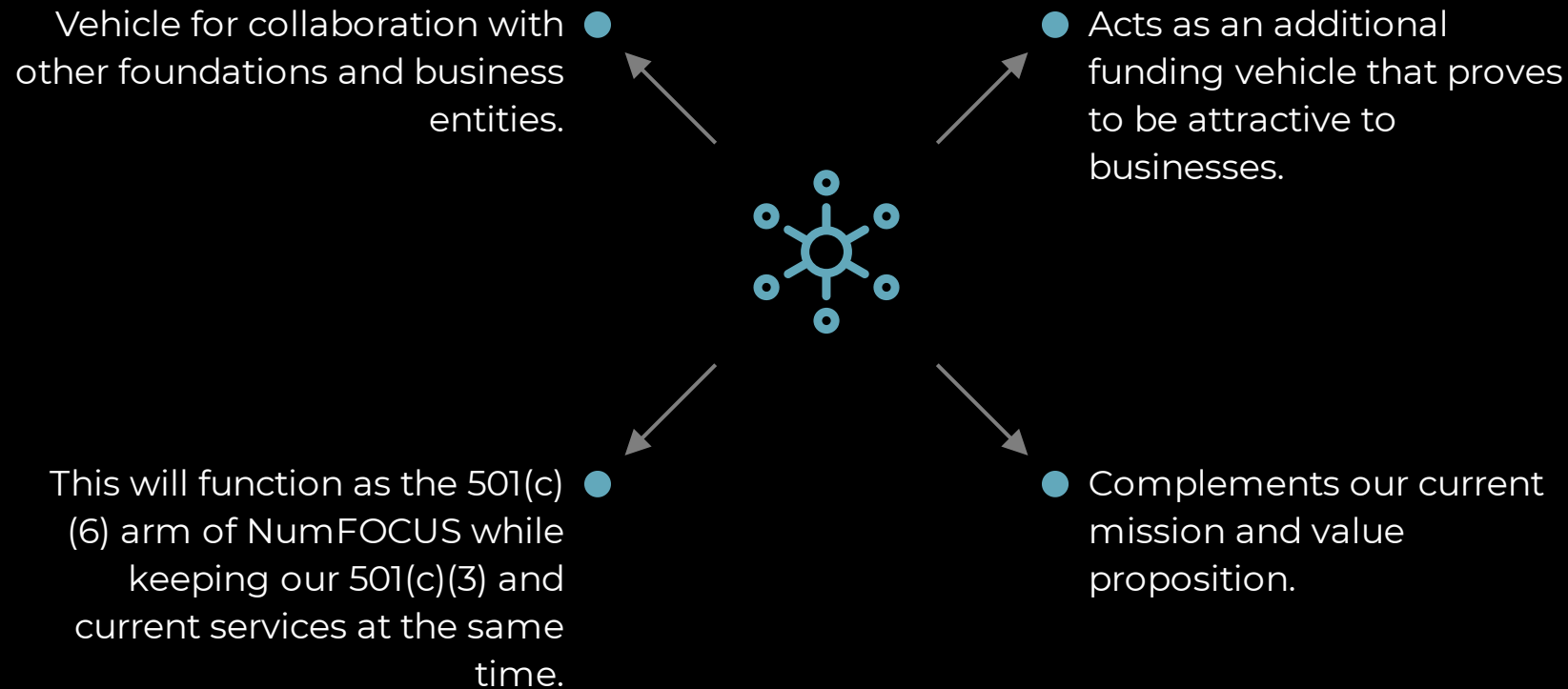
Our top priority is fulfilling our mission, which means serving and supporting you our projects. When exploring our options, we're asking:

1 How will this benefit our projects?

3 How will this embody NumFOCUS's values?

2 How will this benefit the NumFOCUS community?

Formation of NumFOCUS Open Source Scientific Software Alliance



Supporting Member Program

Supporting Membership Under a 501(c)(6)

Transformation of our current sponsorship programs to NumFOCUS Supporting Membership Program.

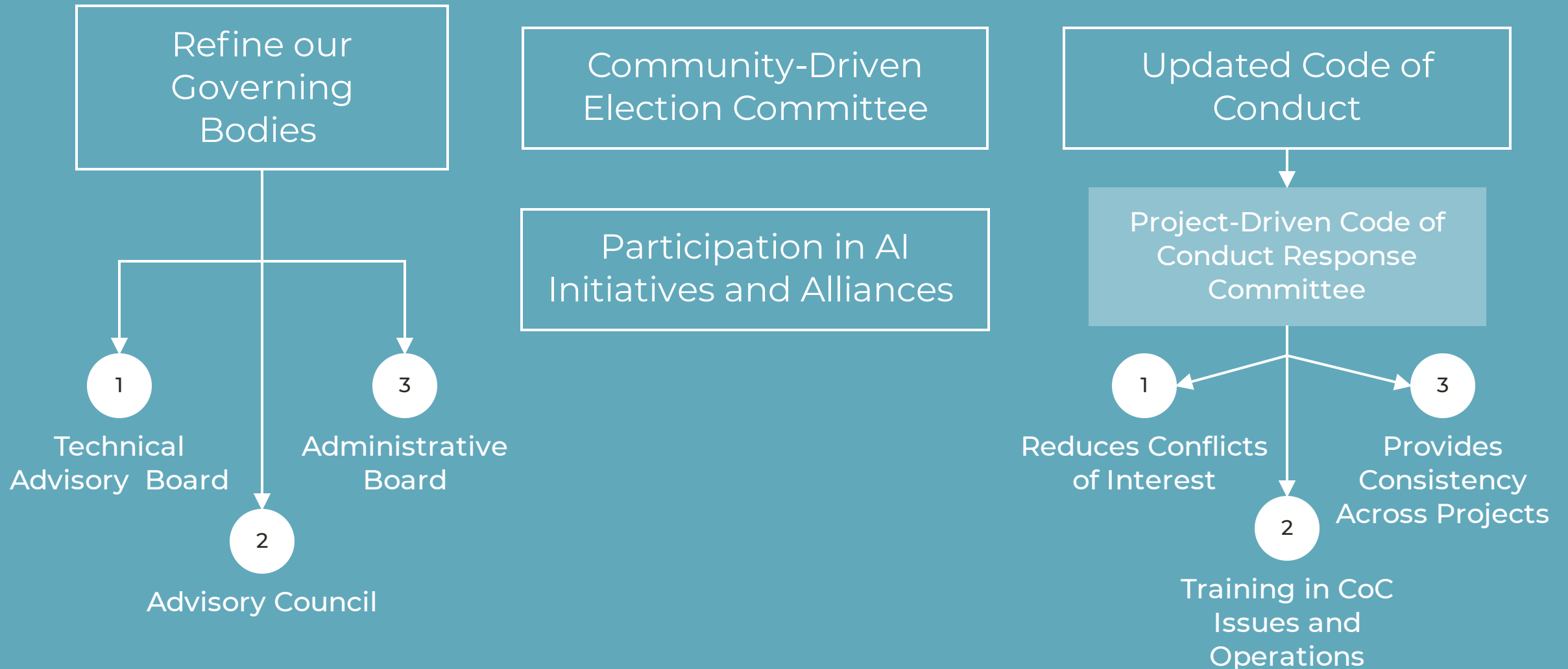
Provides a renewable funding source.

Member Advisory Council to provide user community support and help bridge projects to their supporters.

The option to donate through our 501(c)(3) will remain available for all donors.

Stronger Community Ties

Highlight the channels, programs and campaigns that will be running in market.



Investing in Additional Staff to Meet Project Needs



Our staff is an asset to our organization providing the personal touch that helps foster a community like NumFOCUS.

We will increase our capacity to meet the growing needs of our Projects.

- Ticketing System
- Staff Updates on NumFOCUS Initiatives
- Development Team Expansion
 - Full-time Fundraising Resource specifically dedicated to raising money on behalf of Projects.
- Project Infrastructure
 - Infrastructure Committee is proposing a POC for Building and Testing Environment.
 - Addition of Technical Staff to administer our shared systems.



Q&A

This portion of the NumFOCUS Town Hall will allow attendees to ask questions about the strategic direction and growth plans for NumFOCUS. Please use the chat or unmute yourself now to ask any questions you may have!

Additional questions may be submitted via Github at <https://github.com/numfocus/TownHallCommunityFeedback/issues>