



# Indigenous Philanthropy

International Funders for  
Indigenous Philanthropy (IFIP)

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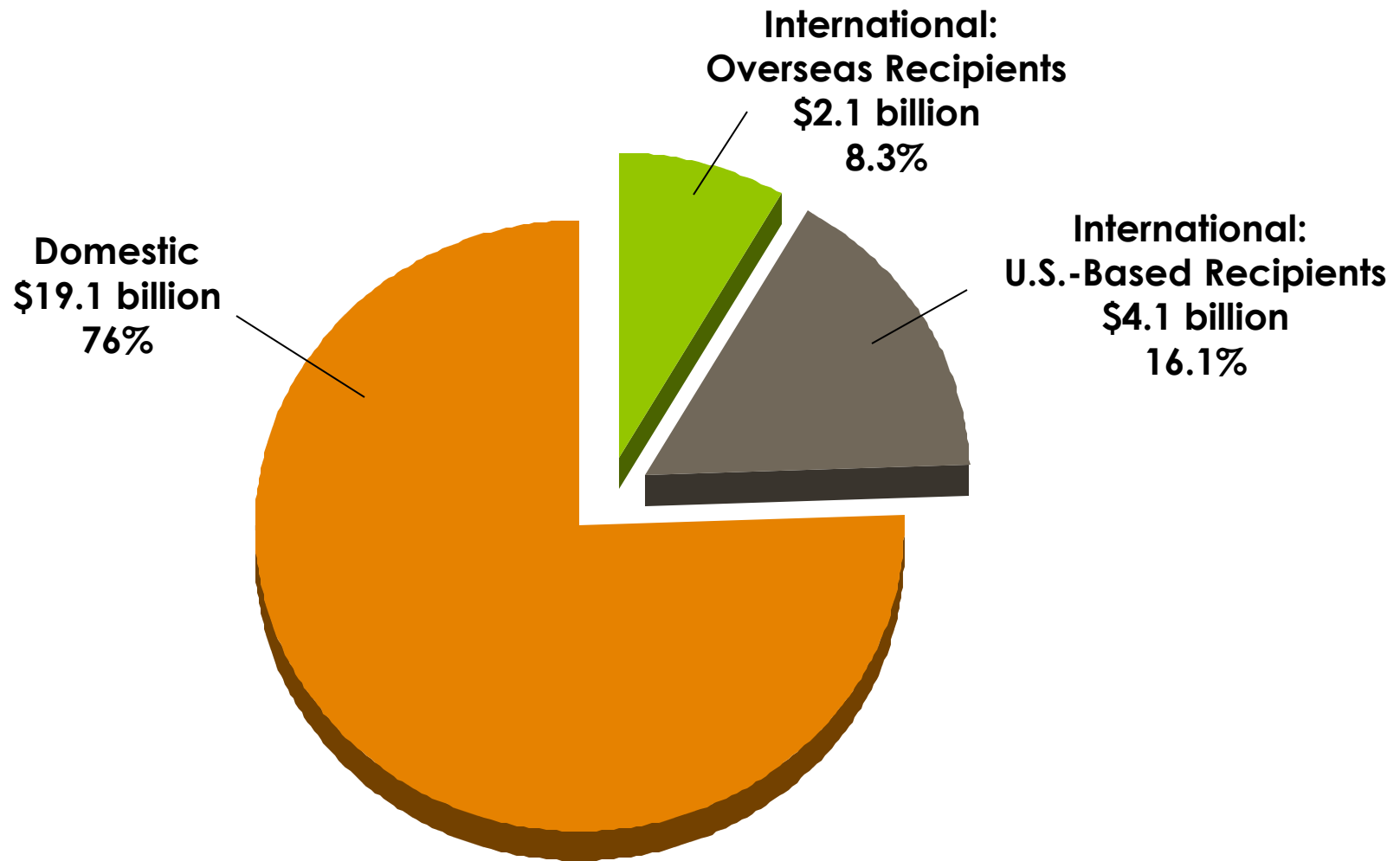
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## IFIP Vision

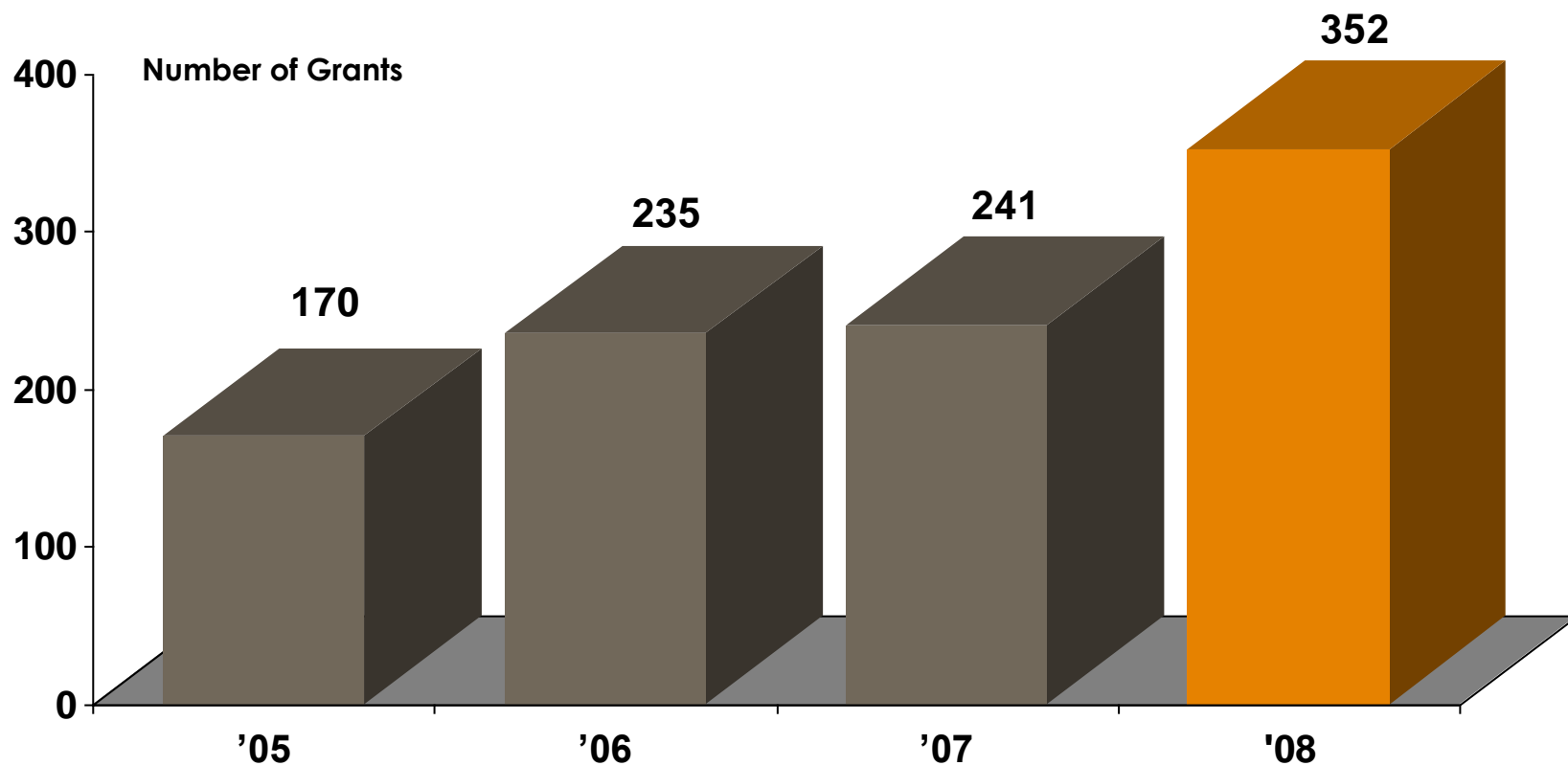
*IFIP will transform philanthropy globally through encouraging and facilitating partnerships with Indigenous Peoples to bring vision, imagination, justice and responsibility in tackling the challenges of our times*

# Domestic & International Grant Dollars



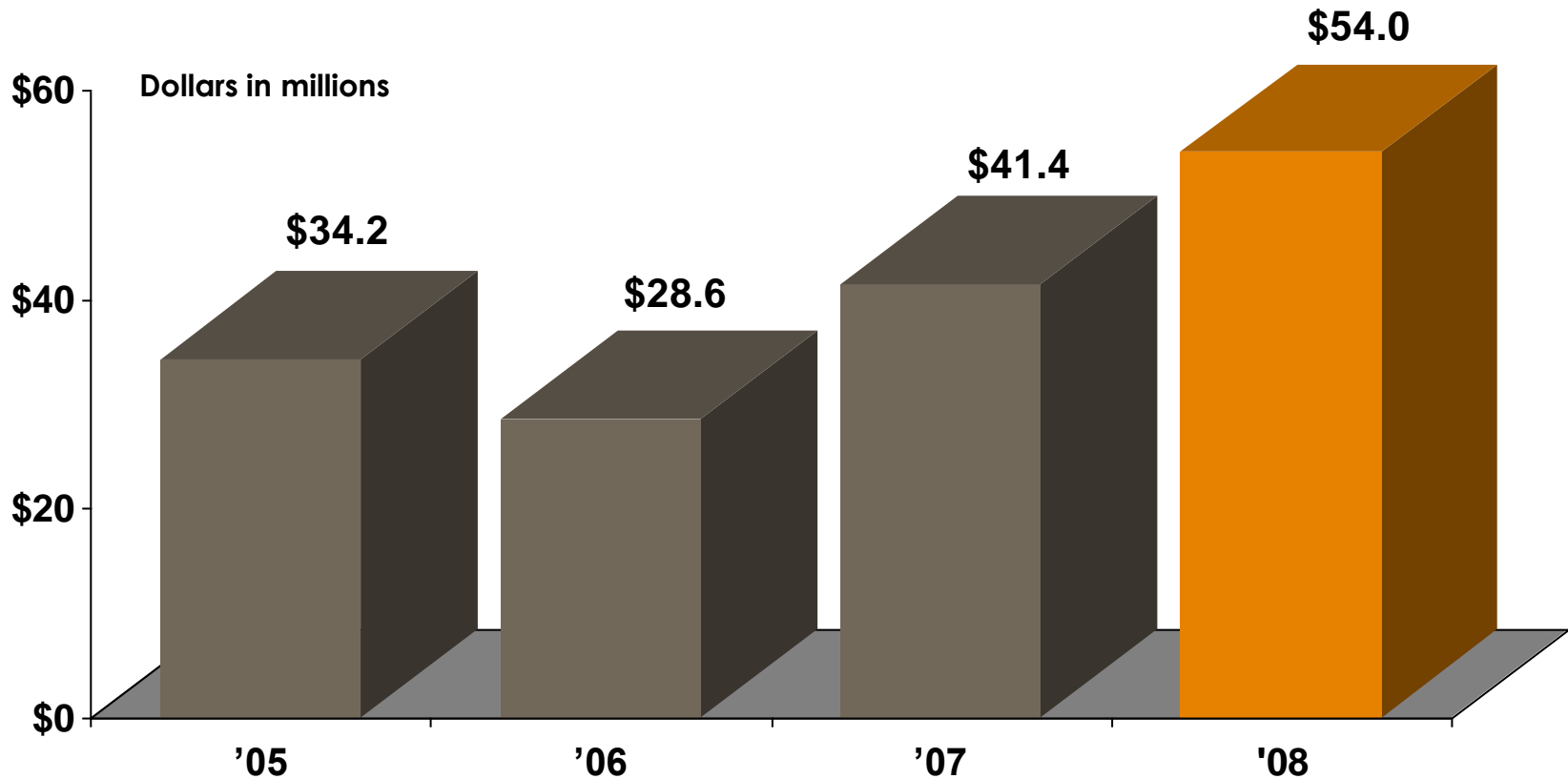
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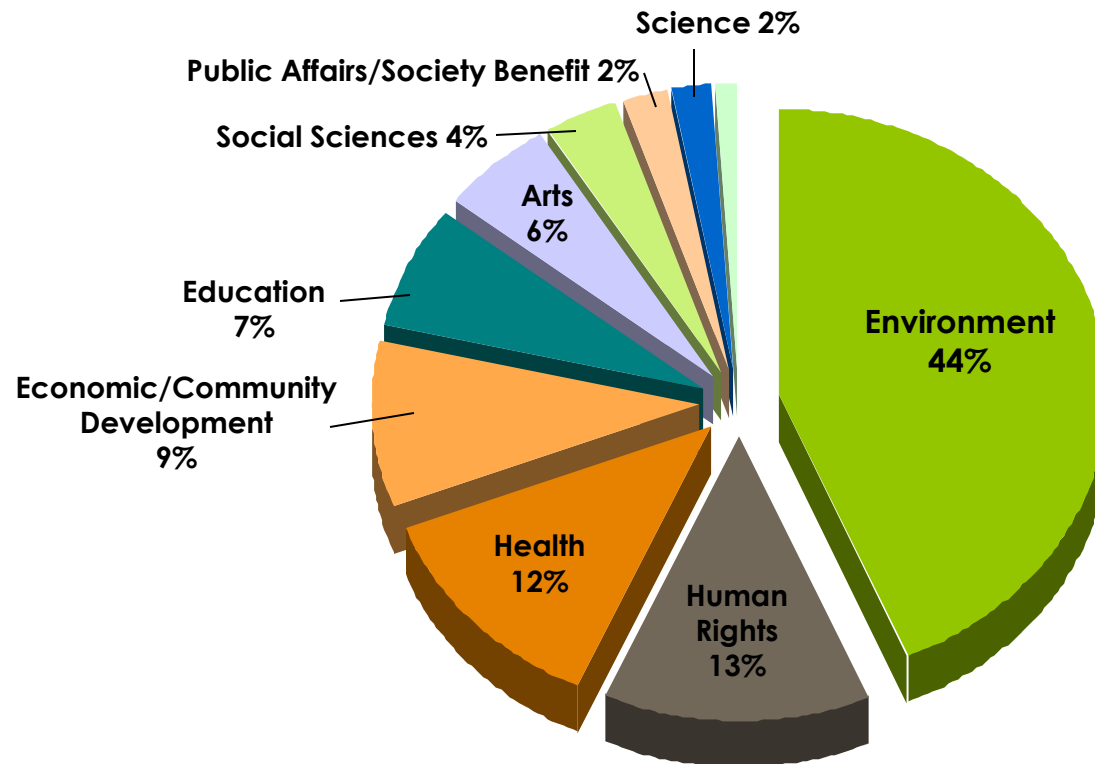
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# Indigenous Peoples Giving by Program Area



**Total = \$54 million**

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# Key Facts

- Indigenous Peoples represent about 4 percent of the world's population—approximately 370 million people
- There are at least 5,000 different Indigenous groups in the world, 70 percent live in Asia
- Indigenous Peoples suffer higher rates of poverty, landlessness, malnutrition and internal displacement than the rest of society, and have lower levels of literacy and health care
- The Amazon River Basin is home to about 400 different Indigenous groups. While the land they habit accounts for just 7 percent of the world's surface area, it is considered critical to global biodiversity
- More than 100 pharmaceutical companies fund projects to study Indigenous Peoples' plant knowledge— particularly those plants used by native healers

# How Indigenous Peoples Frame Issues

- Indigenous Peoples express needs holistically
- Indigenous Peoples link human, ecological and spiritual concerns



# 5 Categories of Issues

<b>Rights to Lands, Territories &amp; Resources</b>		<b>Health &amp; Education</b>		<b>Resilience and Climate Change</b>
	<b>Human Rights and Self- determination</b>		<b>Traditional Knowledge, Culture and Language</b>	

# Core Values

- **Reciprocity** - We embrace the idea that giving and receiving connect people, beliefs and actions. It is not all about money, and funders also need to be open to receiving. Giving and receiving from the Earth's endowments is also part of a virtuous circle of healing.
- **Respect** – We honor traditions and respect the ideas of Indigenous Peoples. Respect diverse ways, and use processes and approaches that are transparent, open, adaptable, and flexible. Work directly *with* communities to gain understanding and knowledge about the community, issues and solutions. Go beyond making grants and think about building long-term relationships and self-reliant communities.
- **Responsibility** – We recognize that Indigenous Peoples should speak for themselves and be responsible for their own voice in meetings, negotiations and on issues. Be familiar with the principles articulated in the UN Declaration of Rights for Indigenous People (UNDRIP) and seek to uphold these when working with Indigenous Peoples and to advance these as goals in this work.
- **Relationships** – We engage with Indigenous communities by understanding the nature of relationships among ancestral cultures, lands and spirituality. Engaging in this way requires long-term commitments and mutual learning. Relationships based on mutual respect eliminate the tendency to exert power over another.



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