

FY2024

PROGRAMS

REPORT

April 2025



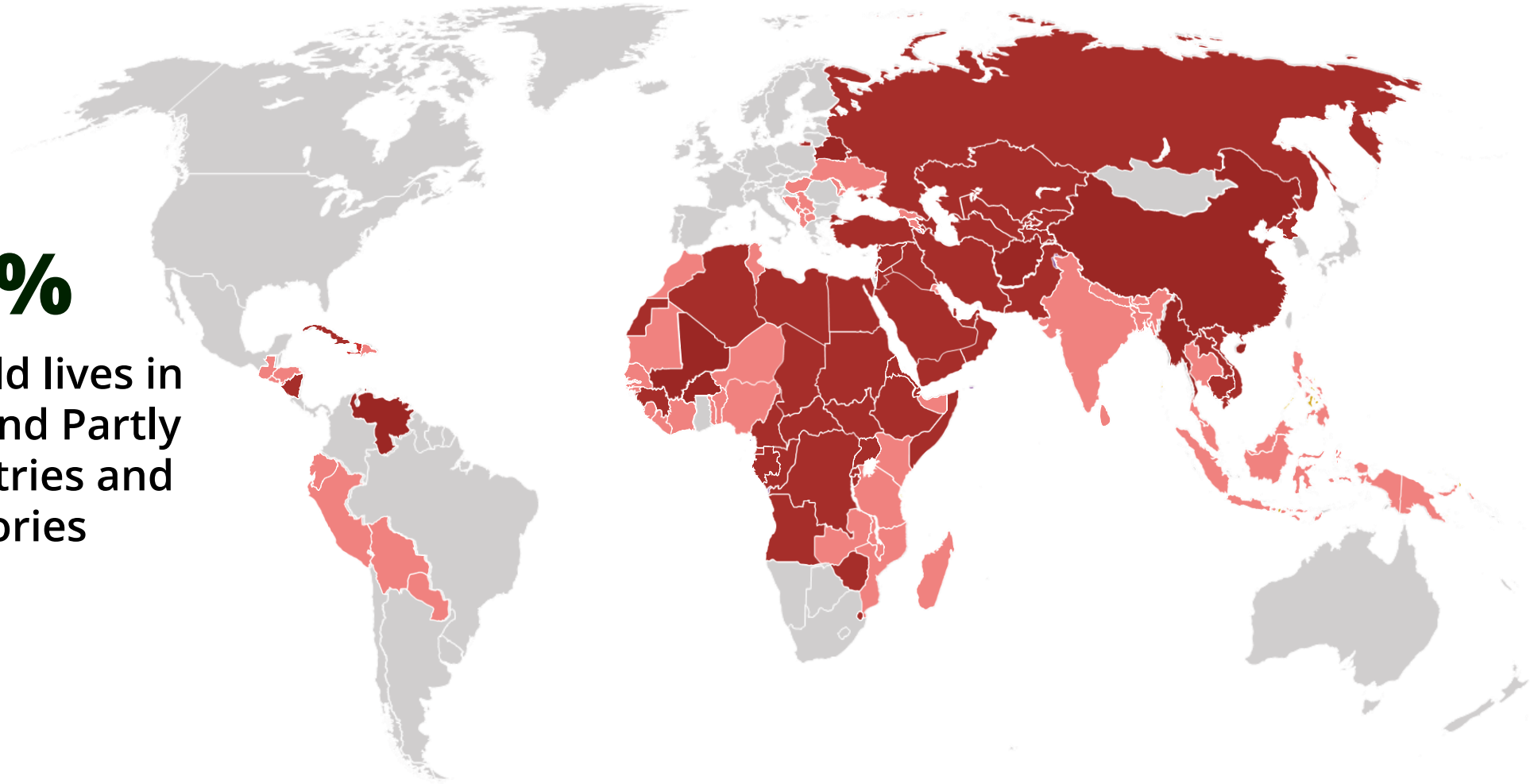
NATIONAL
ENDOWMENT
FOR
DEMOCRACY

SUPPORTING FREEDOM AROUND THE WORLD

FREEDOM UNDER ATTACK

80%

of the world lives in
Not Free and Partly
Free countries and
territories



■ Not Free ■ Partly Free

Categories per Freedom House, *2024 Freedom in the World Report*

NED APPROACH TO SUPPORTING FREEDOM AROUND THE WORLD

1

Prioritize the core democratic challenges in the world's most repressive countries

2

Build sustained, long-term support for trusted partners

3

Leverage local knowledge and expertise to respond quickly

TOTAL SPENDING FY24

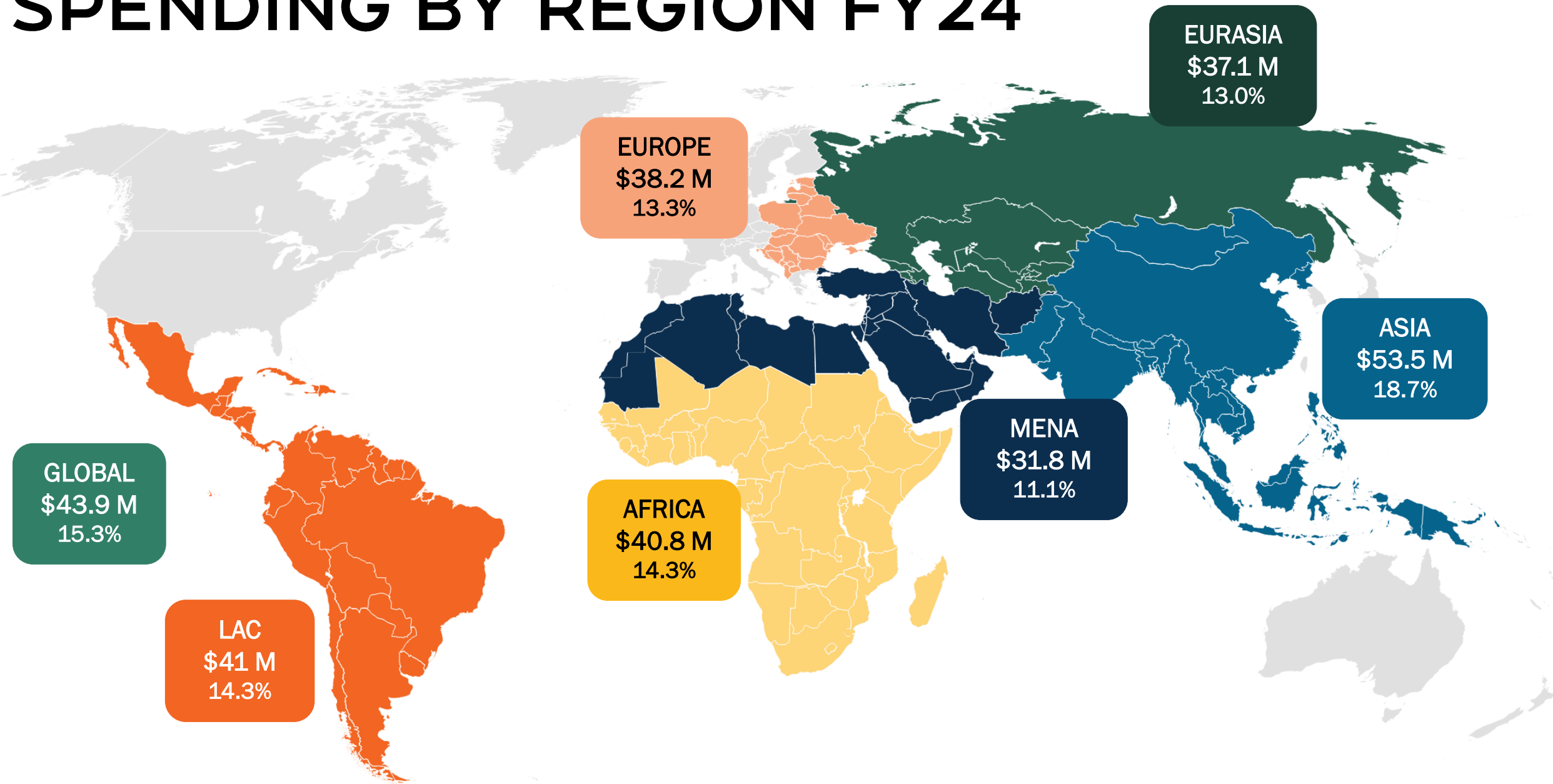
\$286M



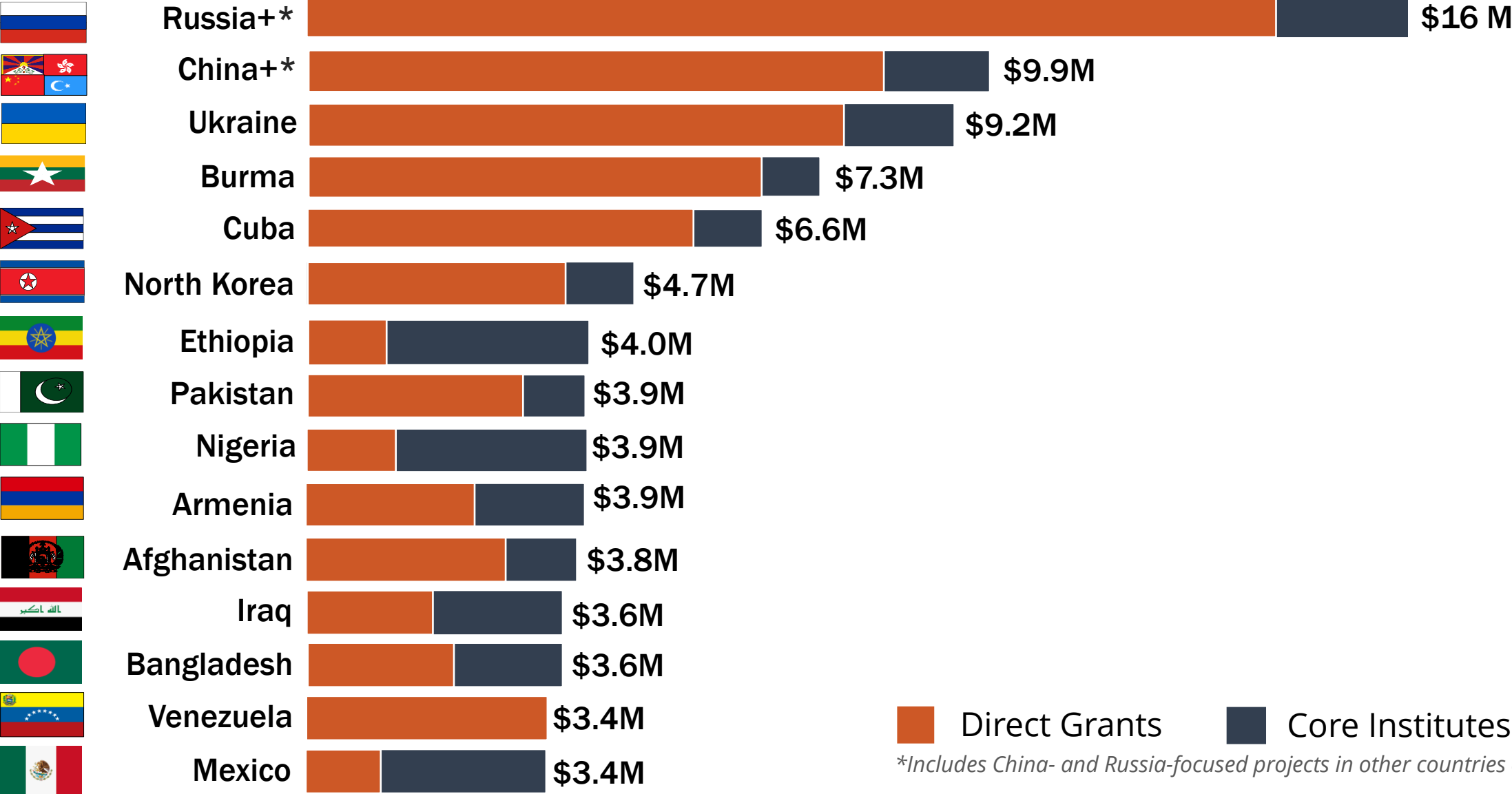
**Core Institutes
\$132M**

**Direct Grants
\$154M**

SPENDING BY REGION FY24



FY24 TOP 15 COUNTRY PORTFOLIOS

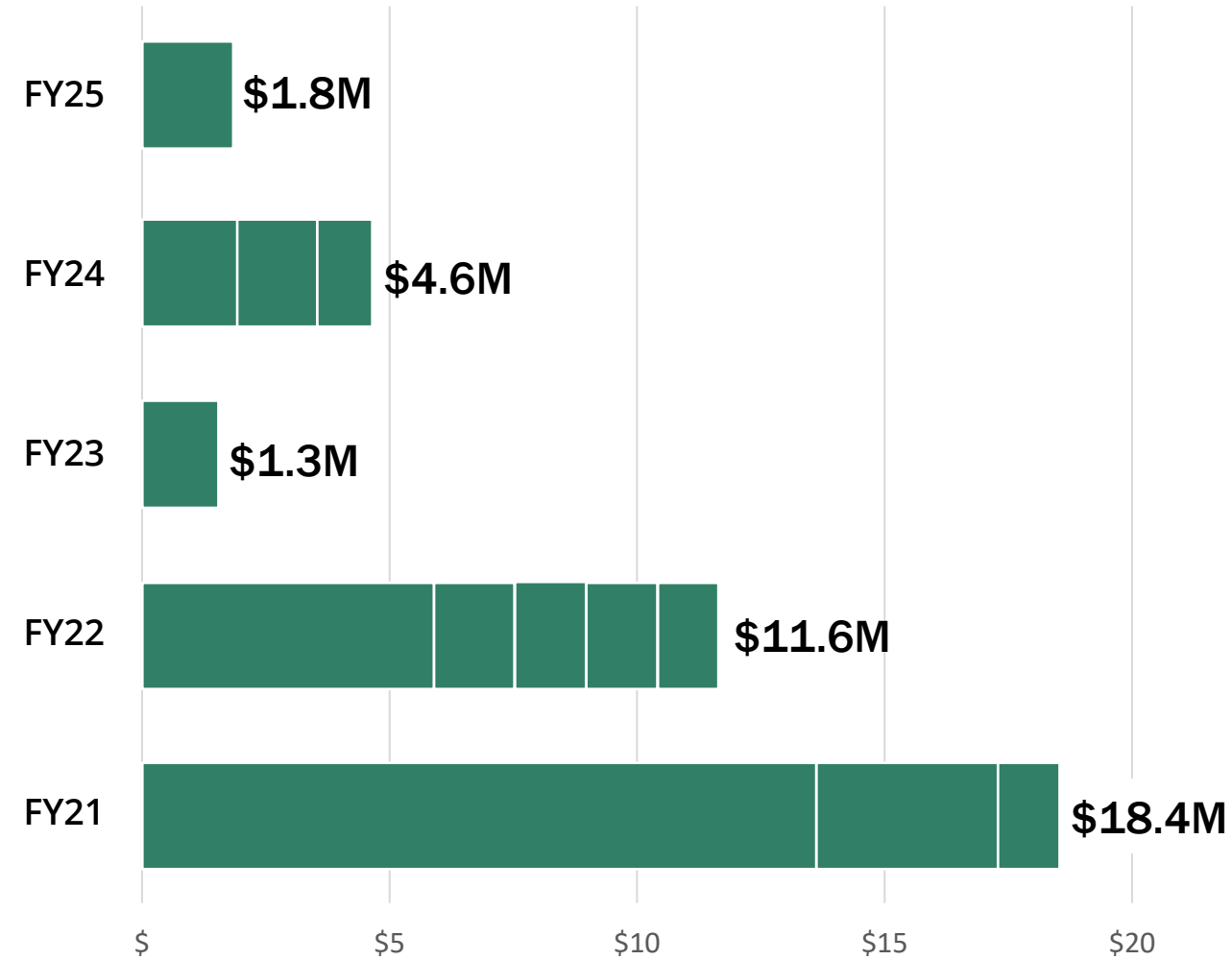


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 ■ Core Institutes

**Includes China- and Russia-focused projects in other countries or regions*

CONTINGENCY

Rapid response funds for emergency priorities



FY2025 (as of 2/3/2025)

Venezuela

FY2024

Bangladesh, Burma, Armenia

FY2023

Nicaragua

FY2022

Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, Sudan, Moldova

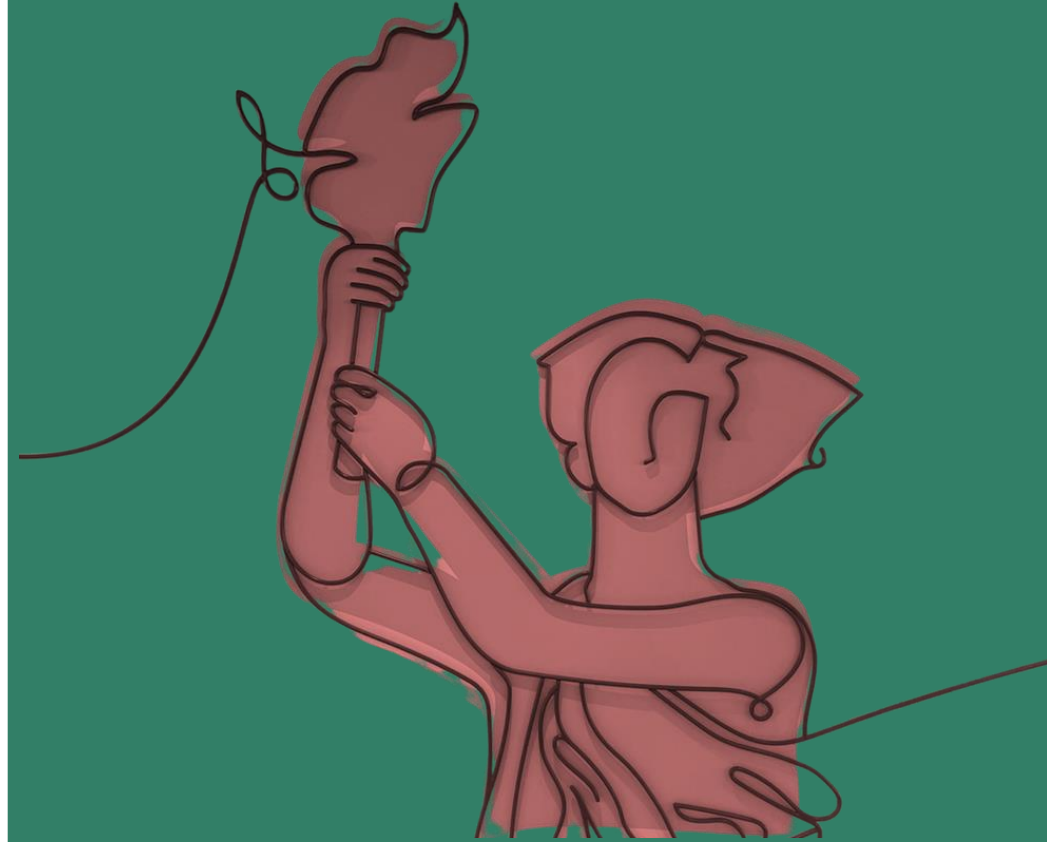
FY2021

Afghanistan, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan

MOST REPRESSIVE COUNTRIES



NED classifies countries with a score of 25 or less on Freedom House's scale as the **most repressive** and concentrates 33% of its grantmaking on those countries.

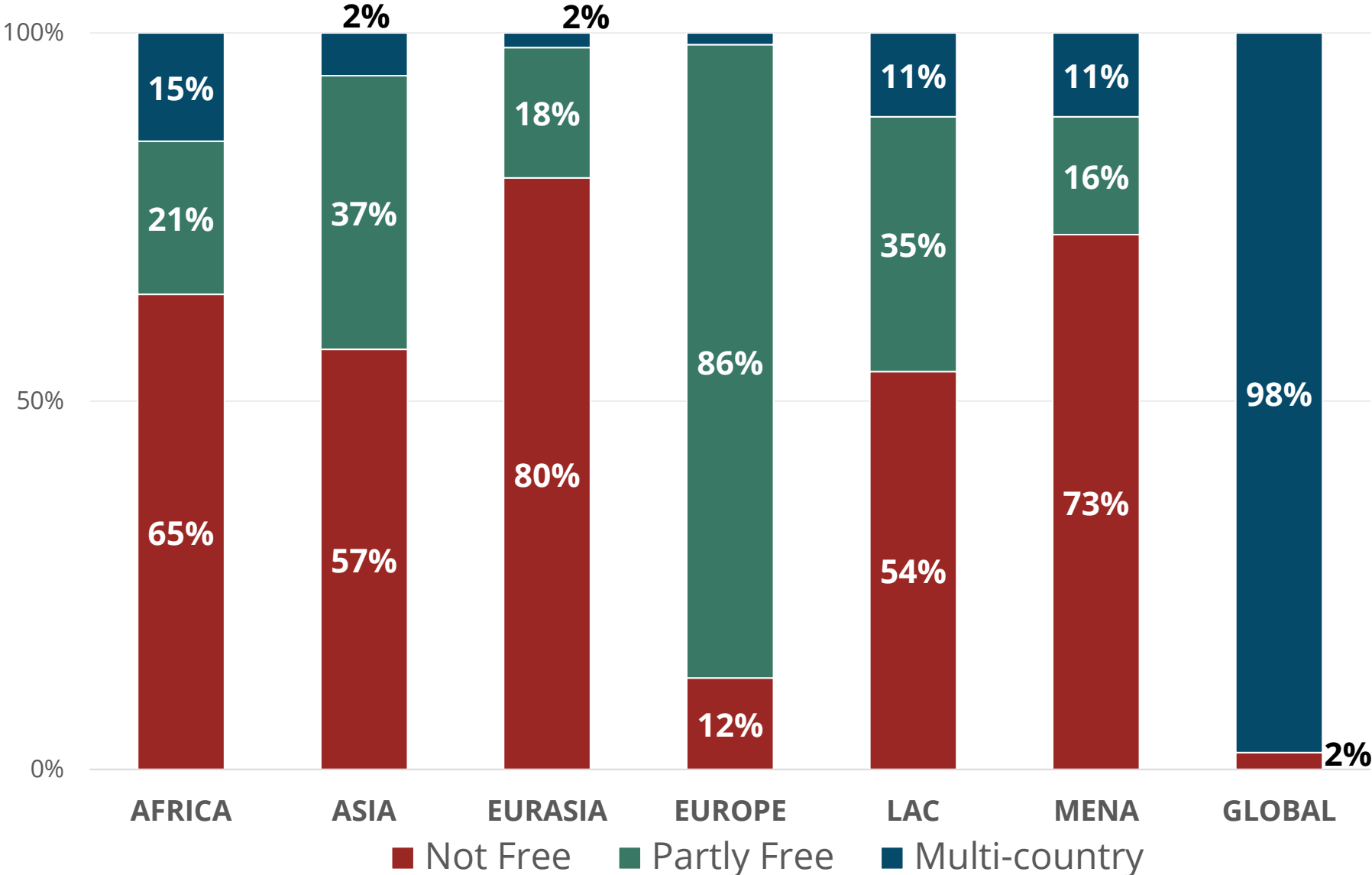


“[The Endowment] will not neglect those who keep alive the **flame of freedom** in closed societies.”

NED Statement of Principles and Objectives, 1984

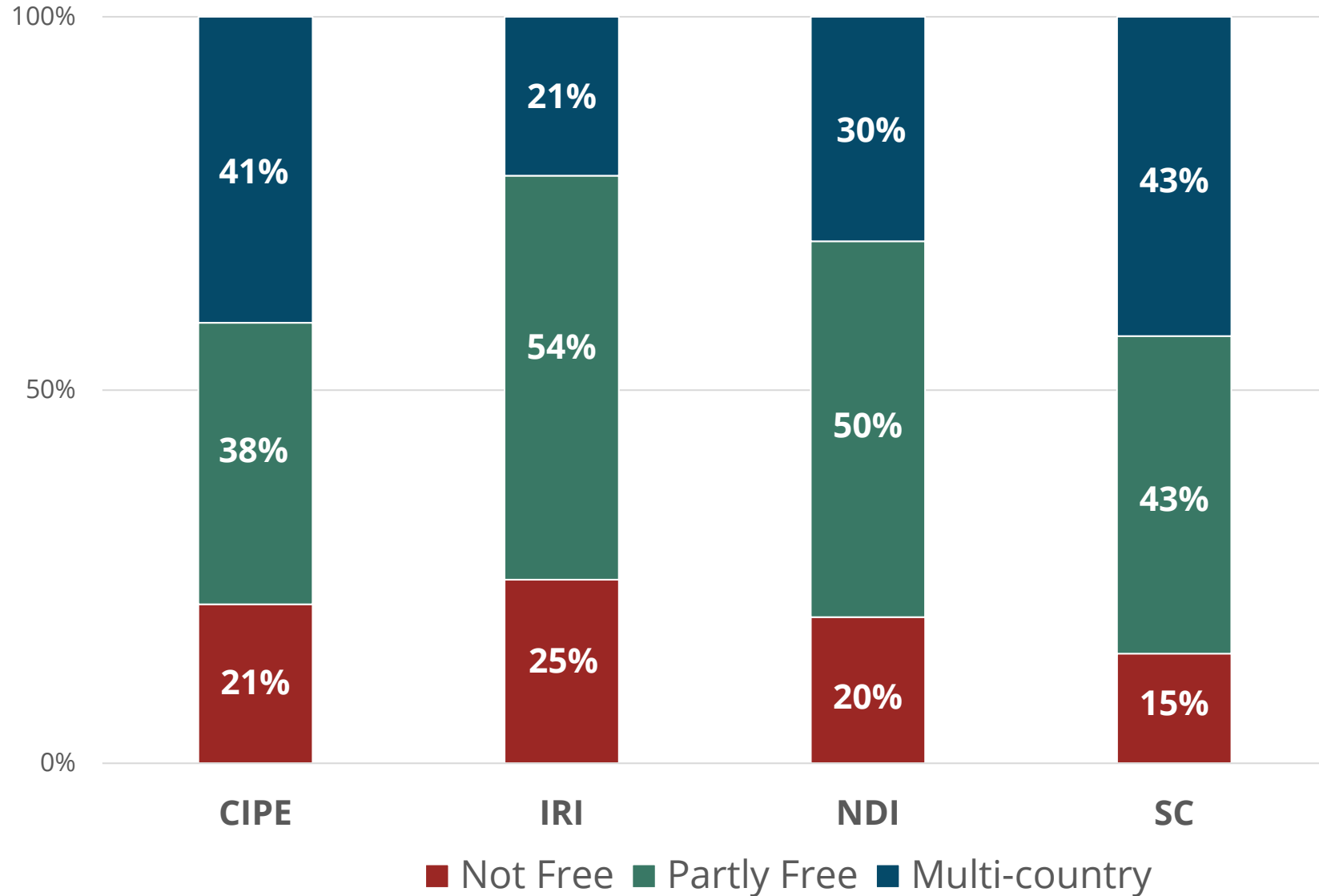
DIRECT PARTNER FUNDING

NED prioritizes working in the most repressive and least free countries.



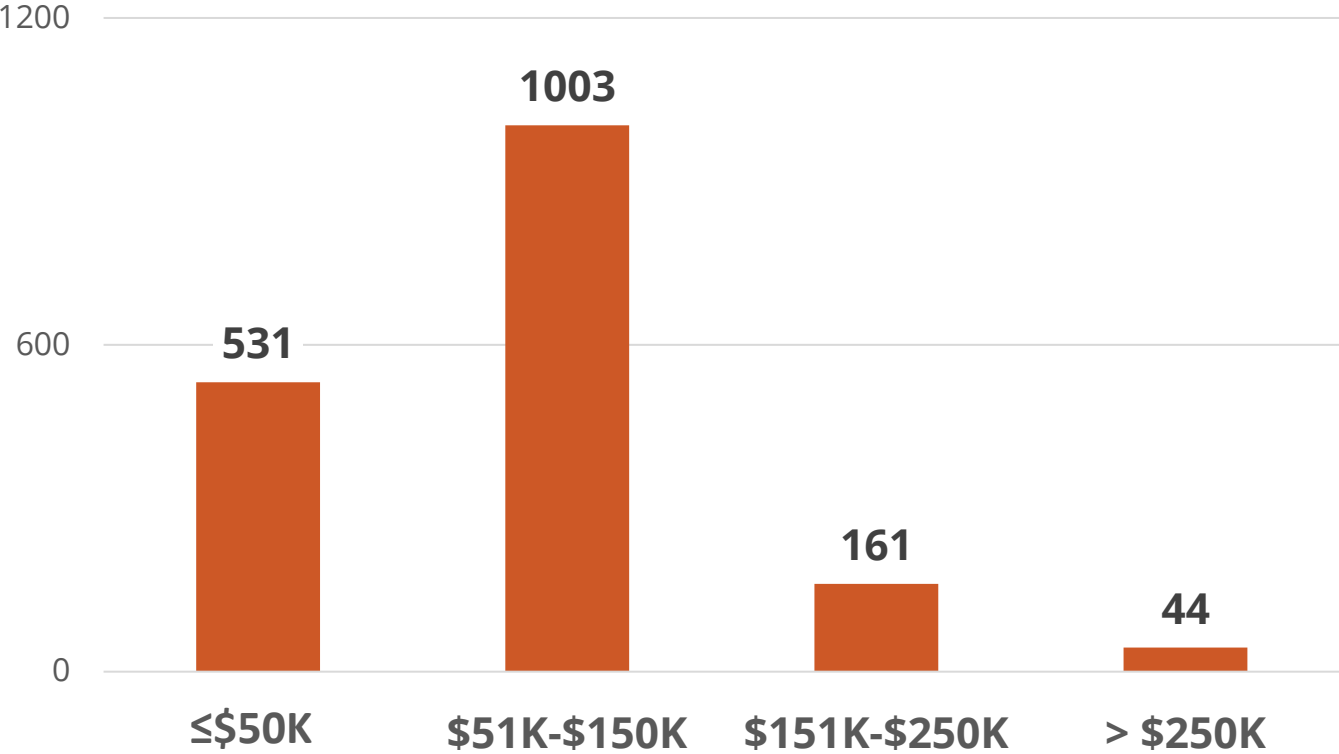
CORE INSTITUTE FUNDING

Due to their unique missions and areas of work, the Core Institutes do much of their work in Partly Free countries and via multi-country programs.



DIRECT PARTNER GRANTS

Number of Grants by Size

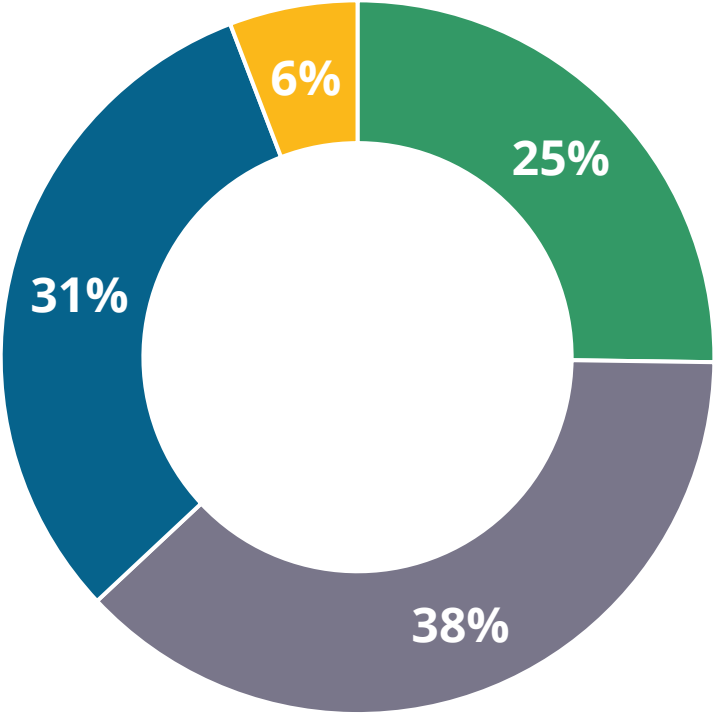


FY2024:

88%
of grants were
\$150K or less

DIRECT PARTNER GRANTS

Grantee Tenure



■ 1-2 years ■ 3-6 years ■ 7-15 years ■ 16+ years

FY2024:

25%

of grantees were
new partners

CORE INSTITUTES

Average Project Amount by Core Institute



Center for International
Private Enterprise

\$657K

49 projects



International
Republican Institute

\$540K

67 projects



National
Democratic Institute

\$416K

82 projects



Solidarity Center

\$622K

53 projects

FY2024:

251

Core Institute
projects

82%

of Core Institute
grants were larger
than \$250K

PROGRAM AREAS

FY24 Total Spending: **\$286M**

Universal
Rights
\$111.1M

Democratic
Governance
\$92.7M

Citizen
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Freedoms of Expression & Information
\$45.9M | 460 projects

General Human Rights
\$25.2M | 225 projects

Freedom of Association
\$24.7M | 54 projects

Rights of Marginalized Populations
\$13.6M | 100 projects

Freedom of Religion/Conscience
\$1.0M | 9 projects

Freedom of Assembly
\$0.7M | 7 projects

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Government & Political Processes
\$49.1M | 207 projects

Accountability & Transparency
\$37.5M | 291 projects

Rule of Law
\$6.1M | 78 projects

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Civic Engagement
\$28.9M | 199 projects

Democratic Leadership Development
\$10.8M | 87 projects

Pluralism & Tolerance
\$2.7M | 30 projects

Conflict Resolution
\$1.7M | 26 projects

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Policy Analysis & Public Debate
\$12.9M | 112 projects

Shared Democratic Norms
\$20.7M | 103 projects

Civic Education
\$4.4M | 48 projects

HIGHLIGHT: NED MEDIA SUPPORT



Total Media Support: **\$49.7M**

News Production
\$36.5M | 387 projects

Media Sector Building
\$9.0M | 86 projects

Media Policy and Enabling Environment
\$4.2M | 49 projects

STRATEGIC COOPERATION INITIATIVES

\$26.2M (FY25 Target)



Countering Authoritarian Influence

- Analyze the impact of the influences on democratic institutions
- Inform and unite stakeholders against authoritarian challenges
- Transform insights into policies that fortify democratic resilience



Combating Kleptocracy

- Foster distributed networks to reveal and dismantle kleptocratic supply chains and networks
- Strengthen whistleblowing mechanisms in key sectors
- Engage new actors in the fight against kleptocracy

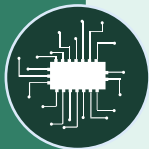
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Challenging Authoritarian Censorship, Supporting Independent Media, and Protecting Freedom of Speech

- Challenging authoritarian efforts to control information
- Enabling a pluralistic and free media sector



Advancing Technology for Democracy

- Build resilience against transnational digital repression
- Advance democratic leadership in defending human rights online
- Empower civil society through technology-driven initiatives



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