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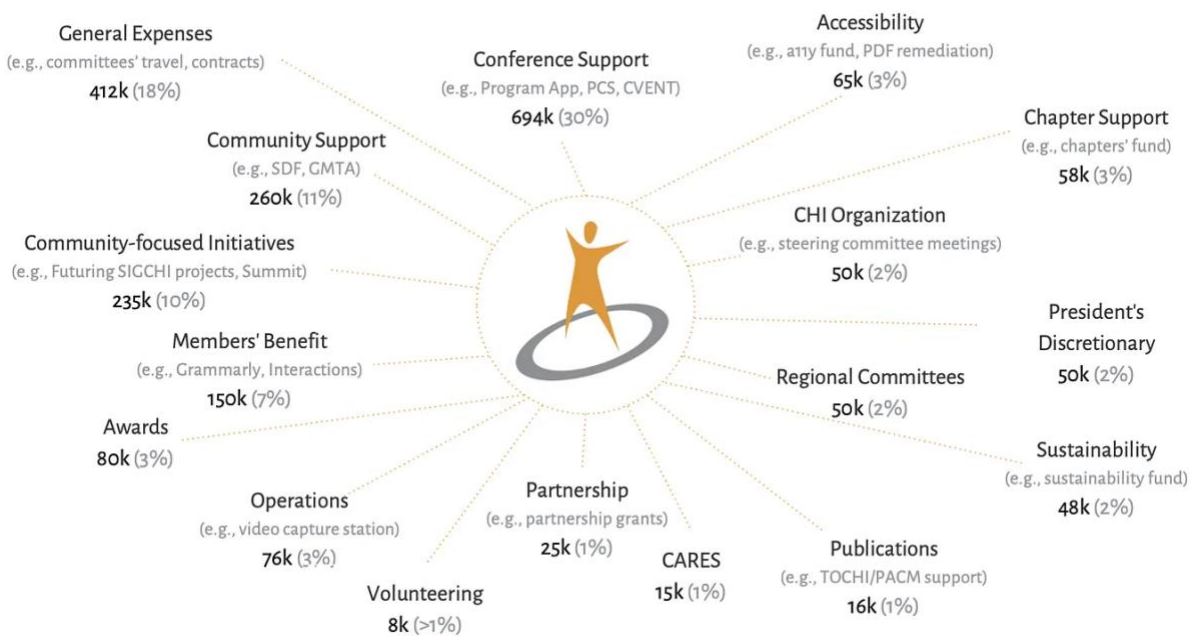


Figure 1. SIGCHI's FY24 budget breakdown.

As visualized, EC expenses for the current fiscal year are divided into multiple categories. Around 30 percent of the planned expenses, amounting to \$694,000, are dedicated to conference support, including the development and maintenance of conference management tools and applications, as well as support for PCS and CVENT, which are actively used by a majority of our conferences.

General expenses account for 18 percent (\$412,000) of the EC budget and cover operational costs such as travel and meeting expenses, external project management contracts, and other miscellaneous items. Community support represents 11 percent (\$260,000) and includes the Development Fund (for innovative initiatives driven by our community and conference) and the Gary Marsden Travel Awards.

Approximately 10 percent (\$235,000) of EC expenses are allocated to community-focused initiatives organized by the EC members and their committees. Some examples of such initiatives include the upcoming SIGCHI Summit on peer review, projects proposed by the Futuring SIGCHI Committee's early-career members, safety programming for SIGCHI events, hyperlocal HCI symposia that we have been collocating with in-person EC meetings, and tutorials on best practices around publishing and reviewing at SIGCHI conferences.

Membership benefits constitute 7 percent (\$150,000) of projected expenses and include funds that go toward subsidizing *Interactions* magazine subscriptions for our members and providing discounts for services such as Grammarly and Overleaf. Accessibility receives 3 percent (\$65,000) of the budget, which goes toward supporting SIGCHI conferences' accessibility

requests, making accessible PDFs available in the ACM Digital Library, and providing accessibility support for EC/committee meetings.

We also allocate funds for the annual SIGCHI Awards and the President's Discretionary Fund (for unexpected emergent needs), and for nurturing chapters and regional committees, community-initiated sustainability grants, CHI conference organization, training and support for SIGCHI CARES, and various initiatives for promoting and showcasing volunteers' efforts, among other aligned priorities. More details are in Luigi's recent blog post [1].

In sum, SIGCHI's finances for 2024 are in good shape. We have recovered our footing post-Covid, and our membership is both larger and more diverse, as Neha's recent blog post captures [2]. With this positive growth trajectory, we look forward to transitioning toward consolidating and stabilizing our successful initiatives in the coming years. Stay tuned!

### **Endnotes**

1. De Russis, L. The FY24 SIGCHI budget. July 2023; <https://sigchi.org/the-fy24-sigchi-budget/>
2. Kumar, N. Membership changes. May 2023; <https://medium.com/sigchi/membership-changes-d5939fac643d>

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