



Expansion of the Friends of Eclipse Program

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Introduction



The Friends of Eclipse (FoE) program is great!

\$30,000k / yr of revenue generated

Friends of Helios program successful!

2000+ Friends of Eclipse as of today!

What's the problem?

Problem



We can do better than the status quo!

- Earmark FoE money for committer-friendly activities
- Do this in a more transparent fashion

Proposal



Expand the FoE program to include:

- event funds (e.g., meetups, EclipseDays)
- travel funds (e.g., conferences)
- marketing stuffs (e.g., shirts, stickers)
- individual Eclipse.org project needs

Create a bugzilla category for funding proposals

Model policy after other open source organizations

- GNOME
- Fedora

Benefits



FoE program is now transparent about funds

We serve the community better

We serve individual committers better

Committer representatives get more visibility in the community

FoE Policy



We fund things to further the development of the Eclipse community and to spread the word about Eclipse

Committee Representatives and the Director, Committee Community (Wayne) approve proposals

Questions to think about...

- Do we only support committers (members)?
 - Should we also support FoE's ;)?
- What restrictions to put up around travel?
- Can the Foundation handle the invoicing?
- Do we offer multiple donation levels \$35, \$50, \$100?