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HNS 10.8 Million USD FOSS

Gift

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HNS Is L1, Proof of Work

Soft Fork Of the Internet



Joseph Poon, co-creator

lightning network

Christopher "J.J." Jeffrey,

Purse.io CTO

Andrew Lee, Purse.io CEO

Andrew Lee, Private Internet

Access founder

Why Own L1 Blockchain & Coin?

small, focused chain (database) has 1 job
the root zone.

A dark, atmospheric forest scene. In the foreground, a waterfall flows over mossy rocks. In the background, a wooden house with a thatched roof is visible, partially obscured by dense trees and mist. The overall mood is mysterious and somber.

They Gave It Away

41.34 -1.14%

Ethereum ▼ \$1,619.64 -1.69%**Binance Coin** ▼ \$214.48 -1.60%**XRP** ▼ \$0.51625058 -0.87%

Handshake Revealed: VCs Back Plan to Give Away \$100 Million in Crypto

Handshake plans to replace the digital entities that authenticate web payments, in the process rewarding those who built the web's infrastructure.

By Pete Rizzo

Aug 2, 2018 at 10:00 p.m.

Updated Sep 13, 2021 at 3:14 p.m.

Non profits

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Creator Teams

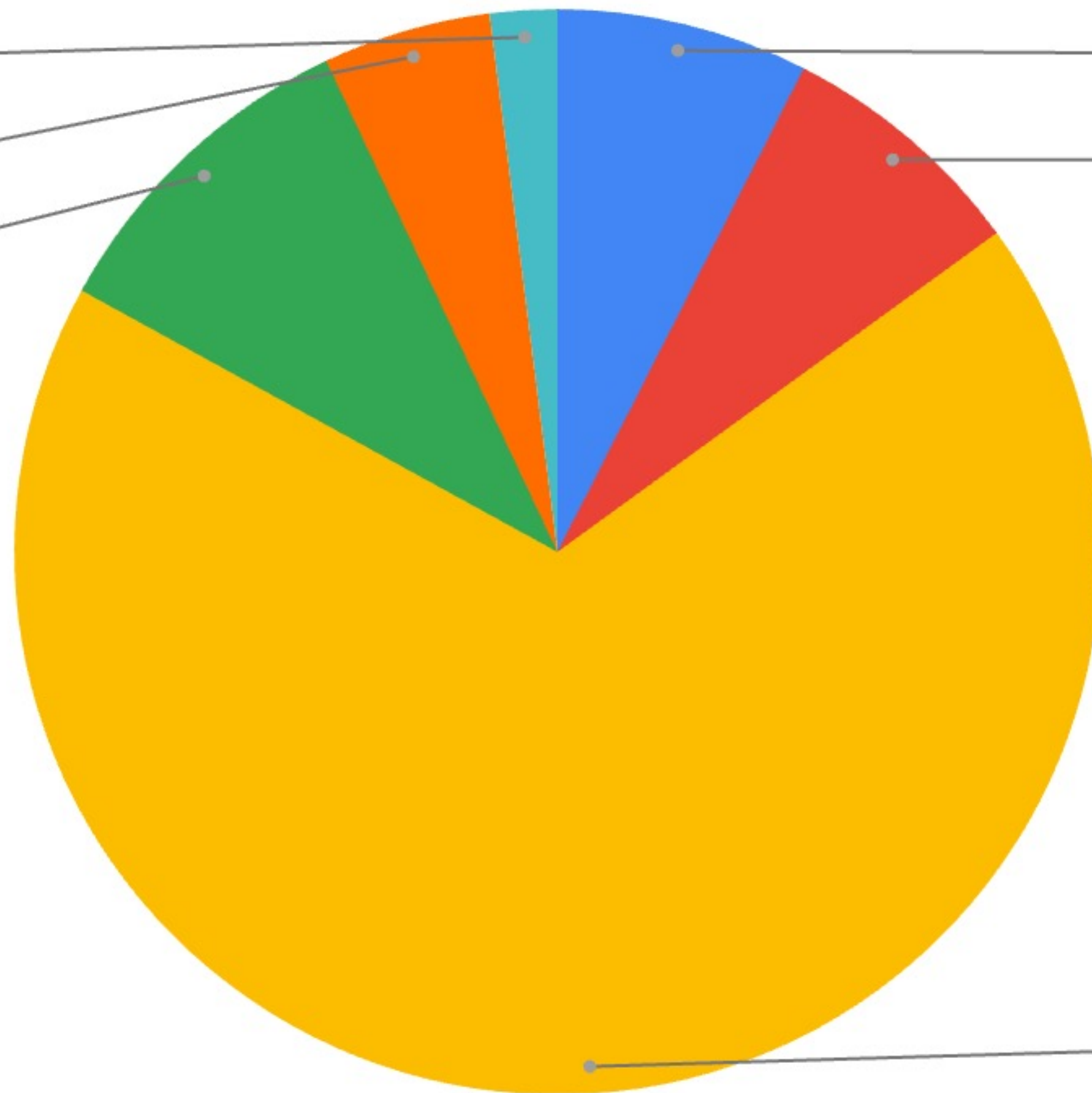
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Investors 10.2 mil...

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Open Source

68.0%



10.2 Million USD, 100% Donation


Some of the Current Pledge Recipients (Net 10.2MM USD + coin grants to some recipients)

Apache Software Foundation	Arch Linux	Babel
Calligra	Debian	EFF
Fight for the Future	FSF	Gimp
Give Directly	GNOME	GNU
Hackspace Foundation (UK)	Internet Archive	KDE
LibreJS	LibreSSL	Mozilla Foundation
Noisebridge	Open Rights Group	Open Source Initiative
OpenSSL Project	OSUOSL	Outreachy
Replicant	Ruby Together	Software Freedom Conservancy
Stanford Applied Cryptography Group	Tor Project	Wikipedia (Wikimedia Foundation)

handshake.org/grant-sponsors

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Conservancy has been gifted \$200K

August 22, 2018

Handshake has recently awarded funds to many critical free and open source software projects. In particular Conservancy has been gifted \$200K for our ongoing work to support software freedom by providing a fiscal home for smaller projects, enforcing the GPL and undertaking strategic efforts to grow and improve free software. **Outreachy**, the organization offering biannual, paid internships for under-represented people to work in free software (itself a member project of Conservancy) has also been awarded \$100,000 from these funds.

"We are grateful for this donation that will allow us to continue supporting people from underrepresented backgrounds in gaining focused experience as free software contributors and shaping the future of technology," said Marina Zhurakhinskaya, Outreachy Organizer. Donations to the Outreachy general fund support program operations and increasing awareness of opportunities in free software among people from underrepresented groups in tech.

Handshake is a decentralized replacement for the root zone file, which leverages blockchain technology to make DNS-based spying and censoring more difficult. Purse.io and Private Internet Access provided Handshake with the funding to launch decentralized market for Internet names. The Handshake organizers said that they received much more than they needed to get started and so decided to reinvest \$10.2 million dollars back into free software by gifting it to FLOSS developers and projects, as well as non profit organizations and universities that support free software development.

From Handshake, "The Internet, and civilization as a whole, would not be where it is today without the hard work of the free software and open source community and the projects that they work on. The Handshake blockchain will start with an initial supply of 1.36 billion coins, of which 77.5% will be gifted to FLOSS developers and projects, as well as non profit organizations, universities."

"We're glad to be included in this list of organizations that are so important to the Internet and to free and open source software." says Karen Sandler,

<https://sfconservancy.org/news/2018/aug/22/handshakethx/>



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Huge thank you to our latest Iridium level partner, Handshake (@HNS). Your generous \$100,000 donation will help us continue supporting #FreeBSD!

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Handshake's \$200K Pledge Extends Reach of Open Source Initiative

Submitted by administrator on Thu, 2018-11-01 08:39



PALO ALTO, Calif. - Nov. 5, 2018 -- The Open Source Initiative® (OSI) is thrilled to announce the largest single donation in organizational history, a \$200,000 contribution from Handshake. Handshake is a new system for the internet namespace that builds in security, openness, and reliability from the start. Handshake's work—as a community-oriented organization, and the open technologies delivered—will jump-start a new era of public internet commons, where critical infrastructure is owned by the open source developers who build and sustain it.



As a symbol of Handshake's commitment to open source software, developers, and communities, the organization has pledged the entirety of their venture capital investment (approximately US \$10.2M) to the free and open source software community. In addition to the generous support provided to the OSI, other recipients include, OSI Affiliate Members [Debian](#), [KDE e.V.](#), [Mozilla Foundation](#), and [Wikimedia Foundation](#), as well as several other non-profits working in the public interest through openness and collaboration.

Current Pledge Recipients (Net 10.2MM USD + coin grants)

<https://opensource.org/node/951>



KDE Community
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#KDEis22 and, while still basking in our birthday bliss, we have received a donation of \$300,000 from the Handshake Foundation (@HNS) . \$100,000 will be going towards pushing the development of Calligra, KDE's full-featured office suite.

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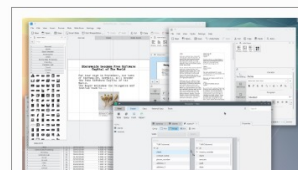
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KDE e.V. receives a sizeable donation from Handshake Foundation



We are excited to announce that the KDE e.V. received a donation of 300,000 USD from the [Handshake Foundation](#). Quite appropriate for a birthday present, as the KDE project just turned 22 this last weekend!



The Calligra office suite project will be receiving 100,000 USD.

Of the total donation amount, 100,000 USD will be specifically allocated to pursue the development of the [Calligra office suite](#).

"Handshake is pleased to be able to support KDE's international community of dedicated volunteers and their continued commitment to a free desktop environment with the current release of KDE Plasma 5 and the Calligra office suite", says Rob Myers from the Handshake Foundation.

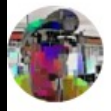
The fruits of this contribution will soon become visible and available to everyone. Meanwhile, don't hesitate to [join the KDE Community](#) and be part of our mission to help everyone protect their privacy and control their digital lives with Free Software.

Stay tuned for more updates, and [tell us](#) how you celebrated KDE's 22nd birthday!

<https://dot.kde.org/2018/10/15/kde-ev-receives-sizeable-donation-handshake-foundation>



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hey @GIMP_Official , ppl over at handshake dot org are boasting themselves on donating you a notable sum of money, did they?



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Haven't heard any such thing so far



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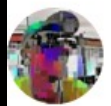
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GNOME Foundation receives \$400,000 from Handshake.org

🕒 August 2, 2018 - 📁 News / Press Release

Today (2nd August) has seen the launch of handshake.org – a decentralized certificate authority and peer-to-peer DNS service. As part of this, the organisation has pledged significant donations to free and open source projects.

The GNOME Foundation is pleased to be one of these recipients, receiving \$300,000 for the GNOME Project and \$100,000 for GIMP. Neil McGovern, Executive Director of the Foundation said “I am very grateful to handshake for this pledge. Ensuring that free software can be sustainably funded is a key challenge, and this donation helps fund further development. Further, GNOME cares deeply about privacy and the ability for all to communicate securely and looks forward to further development in the Handshake project”

“Firstly, this pledge serves as a long overdue thank you to the open source community both for the immeasurable contributions to the world, as well as making decentralized currencies and of course, Handshake possible in the very first place.

Secondly, the pledge ensures that any economic gain from this project will be directly beneficial to the open source community, while the distribution of the vast majority of the genesis block to the open source community ensures that they will have the incentive, whereabouts and deep influence in the long term governance of this protocol.” commented the Handshake Team.

<https://foundation.gnome.org/2018/08/02/gnome-foundation-receives-400000-from-handshake-org/>



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Handshake donates \$300,000 USD to Debian dlvr.it/R1pztq

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Handshake donates \$300,000 USD to Debian

March 29th, 2019

In 2018 the Debian project received a donation of \$300,000 USD from [Handshake](#), an organization developing an experimental peer-to-peer root domain naming system.

This significant financial contribution will help Debian to continue the hardware replacement plan designed by the [Debian System Administrators](#), renewing servers and other hardware components and thus making the development and community infrastructure of the Project more reliable.

“A deep and sincere thank you to the Handshake Foundation for their support of the Debian Project.” said Chris Lamb, Debian Project Leader. *“Contributions such as theirs make it possible for a large number of diverse contributors from all over the world to work together towards our mutual goal of developing a fully-free ‘universal’ operating system.”*

Handshake is a decentralized, permissionless naming protocol compatible with DNS where every peer is validating and in charge of managing the root zone with the goal of creating an alternative to existing Certificate Authorities.

The Handshake project, its sponsors and contributors recognize Free and Open Source Software as a crucial part of the foundations of the Internet and their project, so they decided to reinvest back into free software by gifting \$10,200,000 USD to various FLOSS developers and projects, as well as non-profit organizations and universities that support free software development.

Thank you very much, Handshake, for your support!

<https://www.debian.org/News/2019/20190329>

 **Noisebridge**
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whoa! Handshake (@hns) donated \$100,000 to Noisebridge! the first big donation in our fundraising campaign! you guys a rad, thank you so much! <3<3



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Free Software Foundation receives \$1 million from Handshake

by [Free Software Foundation](#) — Published on Dec 03, 2018 01:05 PM

Handshake has donated \$1 million to support computer user freedom and free software development.

BOSTON, Massachusetts, USA -- Monday, December 3rd, 2018 -- The Free Software Foundation (FSF) announced it has received several earmarked charitable donations from [Handshake](#), an organization developing an experimental peer-to-peer root domain naming system, totaling \$1 million. These gifts will support the FSF's organizational capacity, including its advocacy, education, and licensing initiatives, as well as specific projects fiscally sponsored by the FSF.

John Sullivan, FSF's executive director, said, "Building on the \$1 million Bitcoin gift from the [Pineapple Fund](#) earlier this year, and our record high number of individual associate members, it is clear that software freedom is more important than ever to the world. We are now at a pivotal moment in our history, on the cusp of making free software the 'kitchen table issue' it must be. Thanks to Handshake and our members, the Free Software Foundation looks forward to scaling to the next level of free software activism, development, and community."

Rob Myers of Handshake said, "The FSF is a worldwide leader in the fight to protect the rights of all computer users through its support for the production of free software, including the [GNU operating system](#) and its campaigns to raise awareness such as [Defective by Design](#). Handshake is proud to be able to support the FSF in its important work to secure our freedom."

These significant contributions from Handshake will fuel the FSF's efforts with activists, developers, and lawyers around the world. They include:

- \$400,000 for the FSF's organizational capacity, publications, licensing, and activist initiatives;
- \$200,000 for [Replicant](#), the fully free mobile operating system based on Android;
- \$100,000 for [GNU Guix and GuixSD](#), a package manager supporting transactional upgrades and roll-backs, unprivileged package management, per-user profiles, and more, as well as a distribution of the GNU operating system using that package manager;
- \$100,000 for [GNU Octave](#), a high-level language, primarily intended for numerical computations;

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<https://www.fsf.org/news/free-software-foundation-receives-1-million-from-handshake>



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