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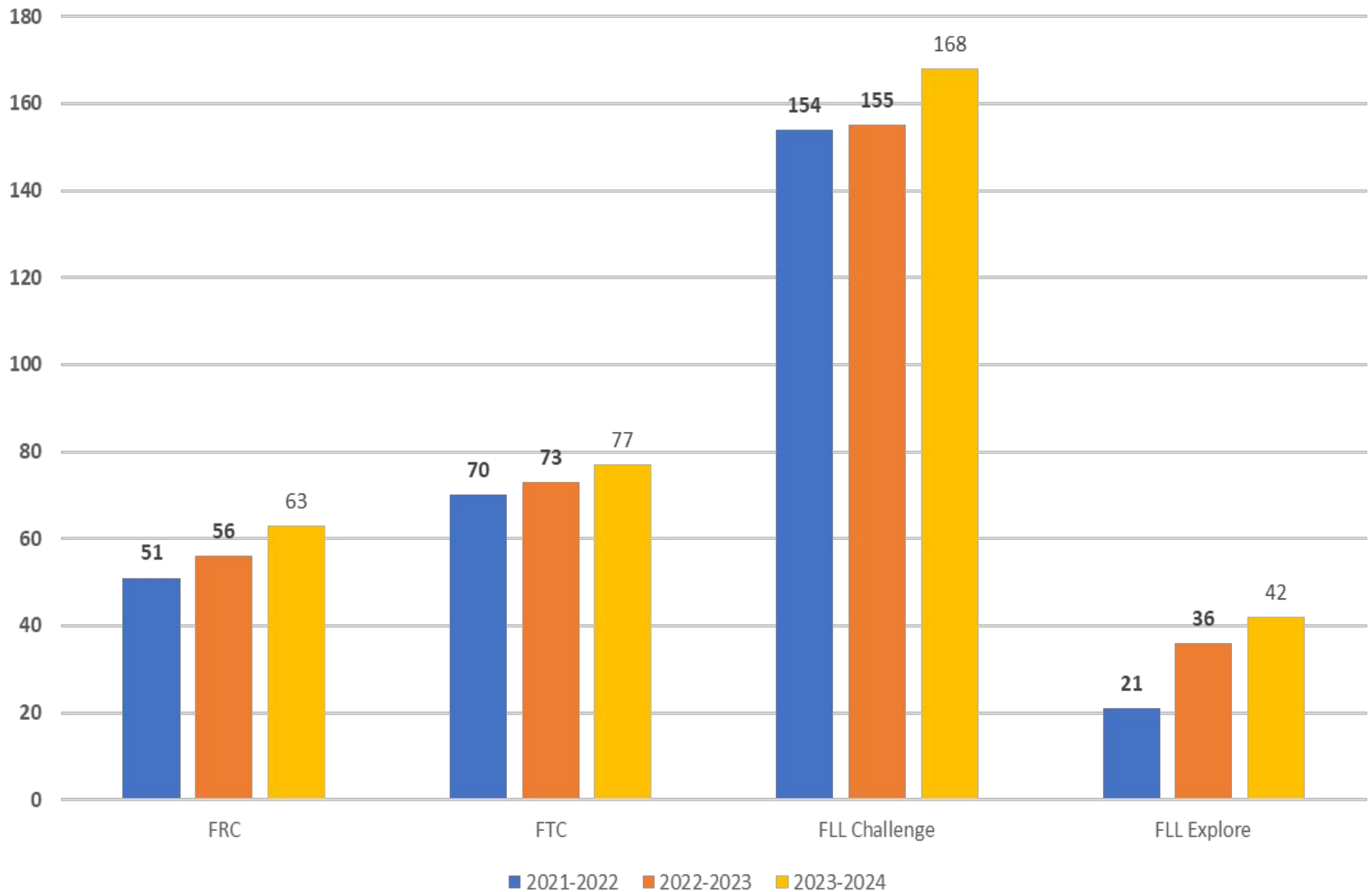
In Person Town Halls Return



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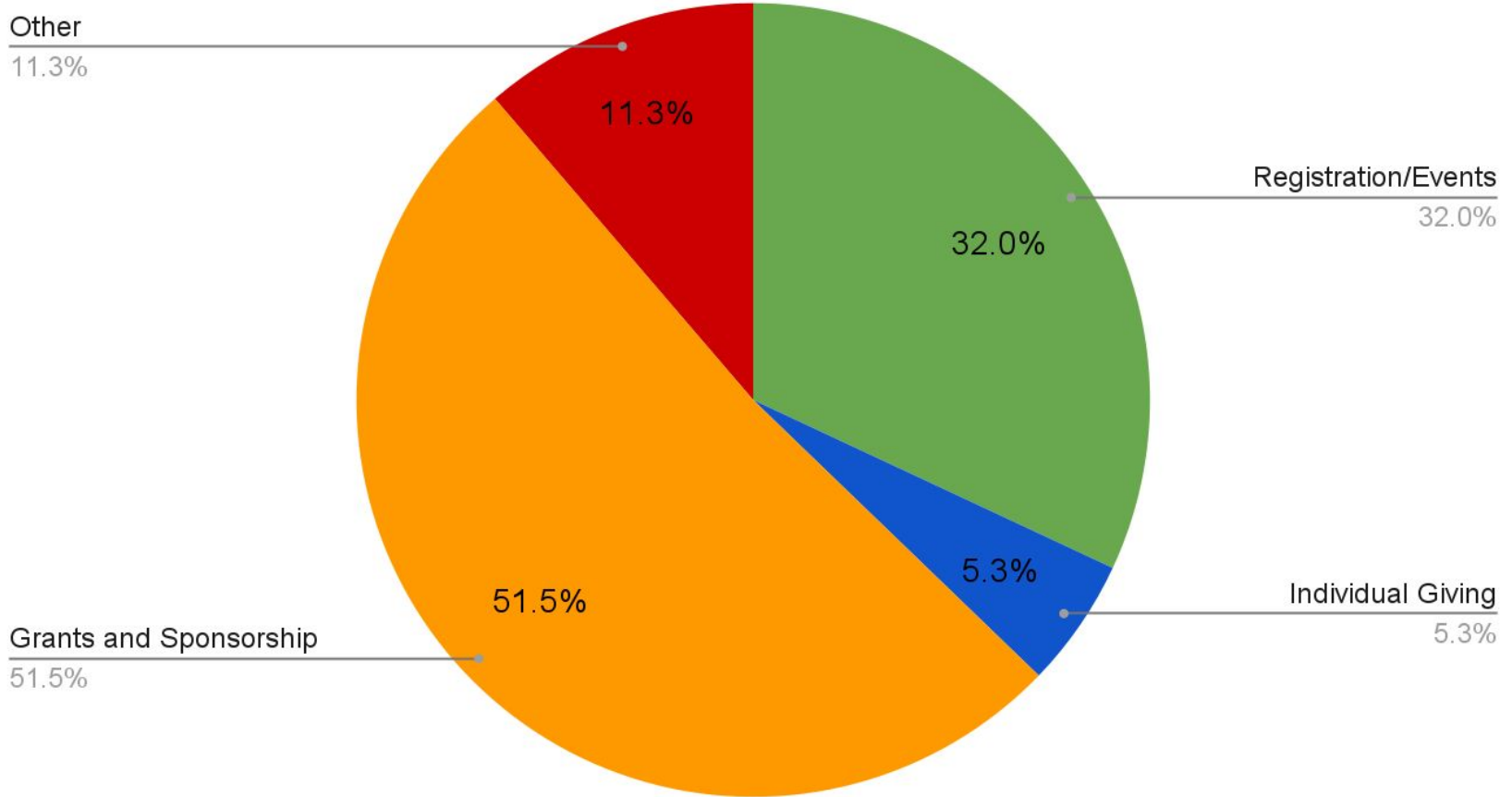
Introductions and Agenda

- FIN Year in Review
- IDOE Grant Updates
- Strategic Plan 2024-2027
- Mentors: Volunteering & GP
- Q & A
- Open Networking



FLL Explore 75- 2015 | FLL Challenge 303-2016 | FTC 88- 2018 | FRC - this year!!!

Giving and Revenue



Total Raised - \$706,000
(doubled income of previous fiscal year)

FIN Wins

- Introduced Semi-State events to FLL
- FTC switched to Qualifying Tournaments (offers more high-level event experiences & judging to teams)(ALL FTC events now @ tier1 production level)
- ALL FIN events now follow SOP similar to FRC (selection/planning/execution/volunteers/communication)



Awarded \$160,000 in grants to teams! That represents over 20% of our expenses last year.



Indiana Department of Education 2024-2025 K-12 Robotics Competition Grant Updates



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Important Things to Know

- Important Dates
 - Friday, 8/23 11:45PM application deadline
 - Tuesday, 8/20 and Wednesday, 8/21 FIN Grant workshops
- Changes
 - Open to community teams
 - New, responsive grant team
 - Simplified structure
 - Faster timeline
- Resources
 - [FIN Playbook](#)
 - IDOE FAQ
 - IDOE tigrants contact email
 - FIN staff
- Tips
 - Read, read, and re-read
 - Get your admin involved
 - Know other programs in your corporation
 - Over answer

FIN Playbook Grant Resources



FIN IDOE Grant Workshops

[Tuesday, August 20](#)
[12pm Eastern](#)



[Wednesday, August 21](#)
[7PM Eastern](#)





FIN 2024-2027 Strategic Plan



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Strategic Plan

Vision: Establish FIRST as the model of excellence / premier leader in youth STEM programming in Indiana

- **Pillar 1:** Expand the Student Experience
- **Pillar 2:** Improve the Volunteer Experience
- **Pillar 3:** Refine the Event Experience
- **Pillar 4:** Secure Sustainable Funding

Strategic Plan

Pillar 1: Expand the Student Experience

- **Objective 1:** Increase the number of students benefiting from FIRST Indiana Robotics
- **Objective 2:** Foster diverse and inclusive representation on teams
- **Objective 3:** Expand additional engagement opportunities for students outside of events

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Pillar 2: Improve the Volunteer Experience

- **Objective 1:** Ensure volunteers have adequate communication and preparation leading into events
- **Objective 2:** Strengthen our cross-program volunteer community
- **Objective 3:** Recruit and retain a diverse pool of volunteers

Strategic Plan

Pillar 3: Refine the Event Experience

- **Objective 1:** Enhance the educational impact of events
- **Objective 2:** Standardize communication to event stakeholders well in advance of events
- **Objective 3:** Implement changes from stakeholder feedback for continuous improvement

Strategic Plan

Pillar 4: Secure Sustainable Funding

- **Objective 1:** Leverage internal relationships to make connections to potential new sponsors
- **Objective 2:** Diversify funding sources
- **Objective 3:** Grow and retain existing funding sources through intentional outreach and stewardship

Strategic Plan - Activity

Group Discussion: What do you want to see FIN prioritize in the next 3 years? What Pillars are most important to you? What areas of focus are missing?

How can you help FIN?

Connections

- Education
- Community (4H, etc.)
- Corporate / industry / professional connections for mentorship

Introductions

- School Leaders within your district, other colleagues in other districts.
- Community Leaders
 - 4H, Boys and Girls Club, Girls Inc., etc.

Outreach attendance

- FIN Events (FRC demos at FLL events, other cross program support)
- Community networking (ITIA, Indy Chamber, etc.)
- Community event outreach - get names and contacts for us to follow up with



Anastasia - President



Swayam - VP
FRC



Hannah - VP
FTC



Stephen - Secretary



Rima



Jackson



Robert



Harshil



Sarah



Peyton



Natalie



Eliza



Emma



Rose



Melina



Owen



Jack



Sophia



Ashley



Liam

Student Board Conversation

- Gracious Professionalism
- Communication
- SBoD Recruiting



Event Updates & Schedule



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2024-2025 *FIRST* LEGO League Events

Kokomo HS	Nov 9	Kokomo
Center Grove	Nov 16	Greenwood
Battle Ground	Nov 16	West Lafayette
University of Southern Indiana	Nov 23	Evansville
E3RC	Nov 23	South Bend
IU Northwest	Nov 23	Gary
GEARS	Nov 23	Elkhart
Semi-State (North)	Dec 14	Purdue Fort Wayne
Semi-State (South)	Dec 14	TBD
State Championship	January 11th, 2025	Dallara (Speedway)

Visit the *FIRST* Indiana Event Page in September for more details!

<https://www.firstindianarobotics.org/program-calendar/>

2024-2025 *FIRST* Tech Challenge Events

Indianapolis	Dec 7	Perry Meridian High School 401 W Meridian School Rd, Indianapolis, IN
West Lafayette 1 & 2	Jan 25 & 26	Battle Ground Middle School 6100 N 50 W, West Lafayette, IN
Greenwood	TBD	Greenwood Middle School 1584 Averitt Rd, Greenwood, IN
Elkhart	TBD	Concord Intermediate School 59197 Co Rd 13, Elkhart, IN
Shoals	Feb 15	Shoals High School 7900 US-50, Shoals, IN
Avon	Feb 22	Avon High School 7575 E County Rd 150 S, Avon, IN
State Championship	Mar 8	UIndy Nicoson Arena 3957 Campus Wy, Indianapolis, IN

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2025 *FIRST* Robotics Competition Events

Week 1 FIN District – Mishawaka Event	2/28-3/2 Saturday & Sunday	Penn High School 56100 N Bittersweet Road, Mishawaka, IN 46545
Week 3 FIN District – Kokomo Event	3/14-3/16 Saturday & Sunday	Western High School 2600 County Rd South 600 W, Russiaville, IN 46979
Week 4 FIN District - Lafayette Event	3/21-3/23 Saturday & Sunday	Jefferson High School 1801 S. 18 th St, Lafayette, IN 47905
Week 5 FIN District - Washington Event	3/27-3/29 Friday & Saturday	Washington High School 608 E Walnut St, Washington, IN 47501
Week 6 FRC® Indiana State Championship	4/3-4/5 Friday & Saturday	Center Grove HS 2717 S Morgantown Rd, Greenwood, IN 46143
FIRST Championship	April 16 - 19 Wed-Sat	George R Brown Convention Center Houston, Texas

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Links and Resources

- Playbook - <https://playbook.firstindianarobotics.org/>
- [Step by Step DOE grant application](#)
- [Department of Education FAQ](#)
- [Express Enrollment instructions](#) - decrease time for parents registering youth from 12 minutes to less than 2 minutes!
- [Read the FIN blog](#)
- [Subscribe to the FIN Blog RSS Feed](#)