



BITCOIN DEVELOPMENT FUND
AI FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS FUND
AI HACK FOR FREEDOM
AGENT CAMPS

BITCOIN NOSTR BITCHAT ECASH OPEN-SOURCE AI

WHAT WE DO

Code that no dictator can switch off.

Money that can't be frozen, messages that can't be censored, and AI that works for the individual — not the state. HRF's Freedom Tech team puts these tools in the hands of people living under tyranny.

We fund the open-source builders through the Bitcoin Development Fund and the AI for Individual Rights Fund. We train activists to use the tools. And we put activists and engineers in the same room to build new ones.

THE ROAD TO FREEDOM TECH



\$12.2M

in bitcoin granted by the Bitcoin Development Fund since 2020

383

open-source projects funded

70

countries reached by grantees

18

AI for Individual Rights Fund grants since November 2025

THE WINS

2026, in wins.

JAN-SEP

AI HACK FOR FREEDOM I-III

Austin, Nashville, then Washington, D.C., co-hosted with the National Endowment for Democracy and the AI Freedom Lab: activist captains set the mission, developers build the tools. In D.C., ten teams competed for a \$50,000 prize pool, paid on-site in bitcoin.



CHEMI LHAMO

TIBETAN-CANADIAN ACTIVIST
WORLD LIBERTY CONGRESS SPOKESPERSON

Born stateless, in exile, Chemi captained a team at AI Hack for Freedom III in Washington — one of ten activists who turned their movement's biggest pain points into working tools.

HACK III COVERED BY NPR'S
WEEKEND EDITION, SEP 27, 2026

APR & AUG

BITCOIN DEVELOPMENT FUND

1.5 billion sats to 26 projects in April; 500 million+ sats to 16 more Freedom Tech projects in Round II, August 25.

MAY 12

AI FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS FUND

Ten new open-source, privacy-protecting AI projects backed.

MAY-AUG

AGENT CAMPS

Three in-person camps with Finite training activists from Afghanistan, Iran, Venezuela, Bolivia and beyond to deploy open-source AI agents.

BITCHAT • UGANDA

2%+

of Uganda's entire population downloaded Bitchat, the offline mesh messenger, after opposition leader Bobi Wine urged his supporters to download it ahead of the elections.

As told by Calle, HRF Bitcoin Development Fund grantee, Oslo Freedom Forum 2026

HOW IT WORKS

From a grant to a tool in an activist's hand.

01

FUND

Grants in bitcoin
to open-source
developers
and educators.

02

TRAIN

Agent Camps
and workshops
put the tools in
activists' hands.

03

BUILD

Hackathons
pair dissidents
with engineers.

04

AMPLIFY

Oslo Freedom Forum,
summits, guides
and newsletters.

WHAT'S NEXT

OCT 6-9, 2026

GLOBAL FREEDOM TECH SUMMIT

Nashville · Bitcoin Park

NOV 3-6, 2026

AI SUMMIT

San Francisco

DEC 3-4, 2026

AI HACK FOR FREEDOM IV

San Francisco · Presidio Bitcoin

■ SUPPORT FREEDOM TECH

Your gift funds the next grant round, the
next hackathon and the next activist who
learns to use tools no regime can stop.

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