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Google is giving \$3 million to news orgs to factcheck vaccine misinformation | Nieman Journalism Lab

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The Google News Initiative announced it will give \$3 million to news and fact-checking organizations in an effort to combat misinformation about the Covid-19 vaccine.

The tech giant previously awarded fact-checking projects \$6.5 million in April and \$1.5 million in December, so Tuesday's announcement brings the grand total flowing from their well-stocked coffers to organizations debunking lies about the pandemic to \$11 million. (This is separate from the \$1 billion that Google has promised publishers for a new feature called Google News Showcase.)

It's a lot of cash. So who is getting the money — and will fact-checking be enough?

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