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"People want more local news, and local newsrooms are looking for more support," Campbell Brown [wrote](#) in 2019 when Meta (then Facebook) announced its three-year, \$300 million commitment to global "news programs, partnerships, and content."

In a press release titled, "Campbell Brown: Facebook Is Doing More to Support to Local News," then-Vice President of Meta's Global News Partnerships said the company would focus on two key areas: supporting local journalism in the immediate future and helping local news organizations build sustainable business models.

Four years on—and with Meta [rapidly distancing itself](#) from the news industry—a number of questions abound. How much money do we know made its way from Meta to US local news organizations through major grant-giving programs? Which news organizations received that money? How much did they get and for what? Which, if any, were repeat beneficiaries?

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