



# Sustained Support: Impact and Reach

The following document provides information on 4Culture’s charter-mandated Sustained Support program for arts, heritage, and historic preservation organizations in King County. This document is in response to Council requests for information on the numbers of applications and awards and the total funding amounts going to each King County council district.

## Program Background

The Sustained Support Program provides operating support for two calendar years with allocations renewed annually. Funding recommendations for the Sustained Support Program are made on a biennial basis.

The Sustained Support Program is a core program of 4Culture. **It provides critical and predictable operating support to a broad range of cultural organizations serving King County residents and visitors.**

### Why does Heritage and Historic Preservation have less funding than Arts?

4Culture’s Arts/Heritage split comes from KCC 2.49.200 Hotel-motel revenue allocations for cultural programs.

1. Administration (not fixed)
2. Debt service obligations
3. Arts & Heritage buckets (100% of remaining)
  - i) Arts
  - ii) Heritage (min 20% of the remaining funds)

## Statistics Snapshot

The following table is a snapshot of all Sustained Support applications and awards (combined Arts, Heritage, and Historic Preservation) for years 2015 to 2023.

Historical Totals	2015-2017	2018-2020	2021-2023
Applications	1156	1308	1557
Awards	1121	1263	1548
Total Funding	\$6,804,450	\$7,541,219	\$9,509,919

## Sustained Support during COVID<sup>1</sup>

During the pandemic, 4Culture quickly adapted the Sustained Support program. Because we were able to leverage federal COVID relief funds, we were able to prioritize smaller organizations

<sup>1</sup> Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which made it impractical for organizations in 2020 to predict their activity in the coming two years, 2019-2020 awards were extended to 2021. No new applicants were accepted for 2021. In 2022, Sustained Support awards were supplemented by Recovery funding from the federal government; organizations that received Recovery awards were only given nominal Sustained

in Sustained Support, thereby distributing operating funds to an even broader range of organizations during the pandemic. Sustained Support was a lifeline, especially for smaller orgs that faced barriers to accessing other types of federal relief funding. For more information on that unique effort, go here: <https://www.4culture.org/grants/sustained-support-recovery/>

## Eligibility

Eligible applicants include non-profit arts, heritage, and historic preservation organizations, local agencies or programs operating through municipalities, non-profit entities serving specific geographic areas of King County, and for-profit entities determined to provide substantial public benefit. All applicants must be based in King County with a minimum three-year history of producing public programs.

## Feedback from the Field

It is particularly gratifying to note that our award amount has been steadily increasing over the past decade, which we take as a vote of confidence in the progress that the Renton Historical Society and the Renton History Museum have made toward greater service to our community, better inclusion and representation of our diverse community, and overall improvements in our programs, operations, and physical building.

*Renton History Museum*

We are stretching and growing our organization so this support is very much appreciated.

*Seattle Children's Chorus*

Thanks so much to you and 4Culture for your diligent work in disbursing gifts equitably to organizations throughout King County.

*Pongo Poetry Project*

Thank you for helping the ICA realize its mission to equitably serve communities through arts education, allowing children to perceive and imagine art!

*Green River College Foundation ICA*

We are so inspired to continue and to expand what we do at Wintergrass when we know 4Culture believes in us. This is a remarkable time for all of us. We are getting through the pandemic, and we still have our head up!

*Wintergrass Festival*

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Support awards to maintain their continuity in the program, so that Sustained Support awards could be increased for organizations that ineligible for Recovery funding, to help all organizations weather the pandemic.

**Arts Sustained Support**

District	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			2022			2023		
	Applications	Awards	Total Funding																								
1	21	21	83700	21	21	83700	25	25	92600	25	25	92600	39	36	109550	36	36	109550	31	31	109910	46	46	214929	58	55	210500
2	46	45	180500	46	45	198550	65	60	237150	60	60	237150	65	65	255100	65	65	255100	61	61	257070	79	79	375451	92	91	430100
3	20	19	113500	20	19	113500	24	23	123900	23	23	123900	20	20	116400	20	20	116400	18	18	122340	21	21	127714	26	26	165000
4	82	75	681750	82	75	681750	89	83	715950	83	83	715950	99	90	739350	90	90	739350	87	87	744160	104	104	506539	117	117	909050
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7	16	15	80800	16	15	80800	18	18	89100	18	18	89100	18	18	91550	18	18	91550	17	17	96510	19	19	130527	25	25	144400
8	74	72	342900	75	73	344800	85	77	395200	77	77	395200	89	85	421350	85	85	421350	81	81	438450	103	103	479699	116	112	617200
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<b>Total</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>1728450</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>1753600</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>1927400</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>1927400</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>2017250</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>2017250</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>2073800</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>2270738</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>2931900</b>

**Heritage Sustained Support**

District	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			2022			2023		
	Applications	Awards	Total Funding																								
1	4	4	18500	4	4	18500	4	4	20000	4	4	20000	4	4	20069	4	4	20000	4	4	36836	6	6	23658	6	5	32700
2	4	4	51500	4	4	51500	5	5	59500	5	5	59500	6	6	66500	6	6	66500	6	6	93627	11	11	113465	12	12	127080
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<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>360000</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>360000</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>396000</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>396000</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>412569</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>412500</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>636606</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>541558</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>639207</b>

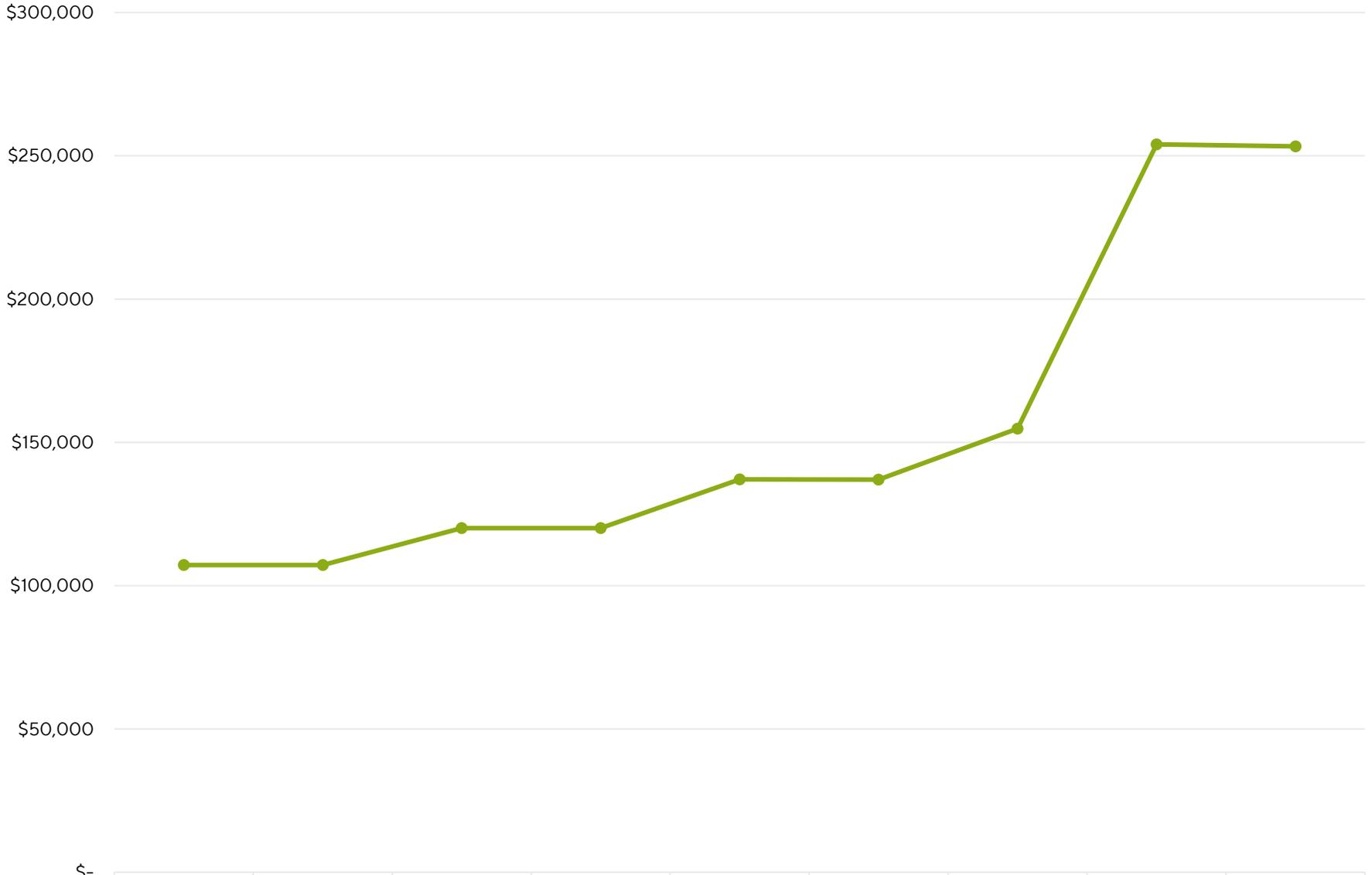
**Historic Preservation Sustained Support**

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<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>90000</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>90000</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>99000</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>131750</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>113250</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>113250</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>122110</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>136347</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>157653</b>

**Combined Sustained Support**

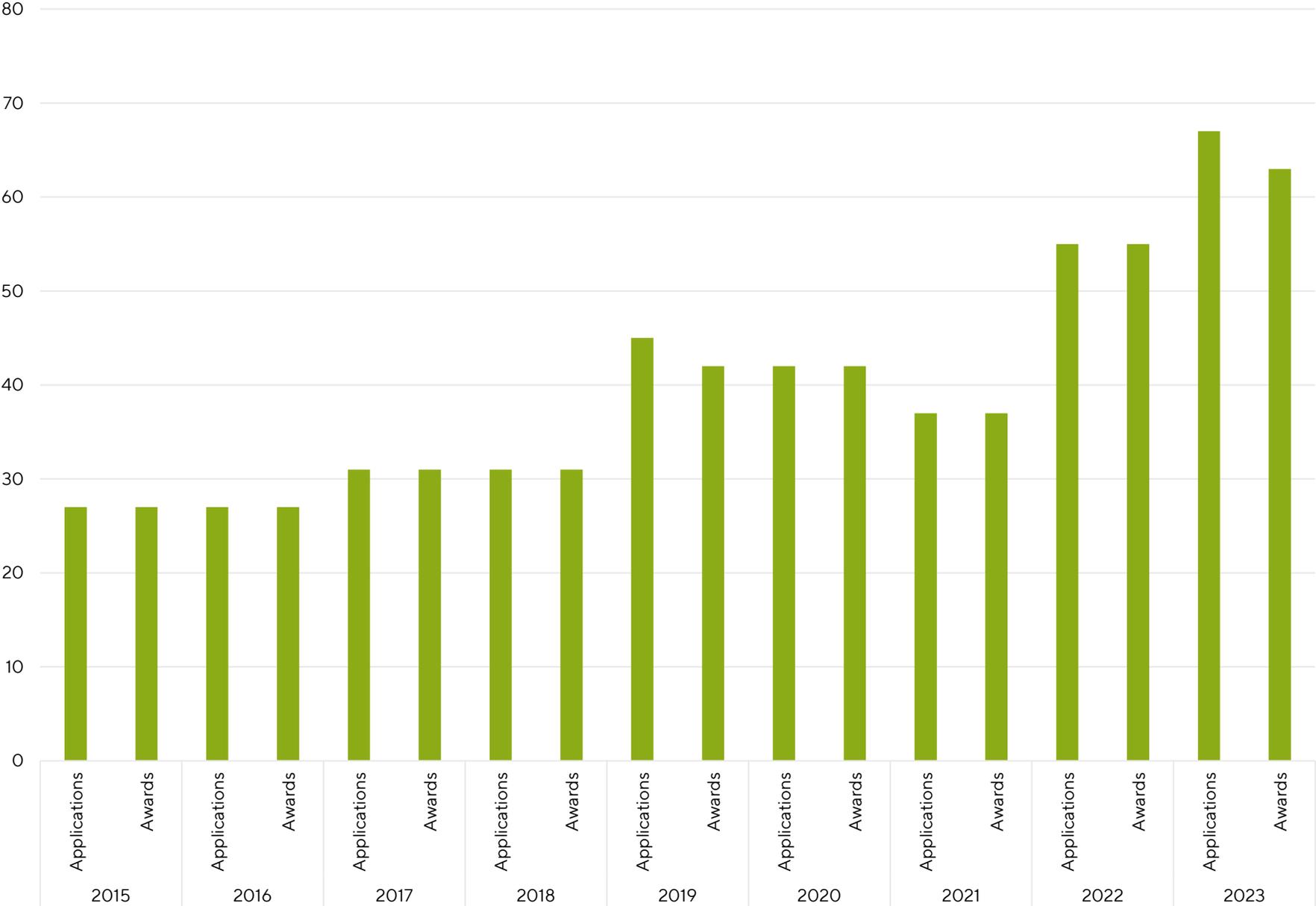
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	Applications	Awards	Total Funding																								
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2	53	52	242500	53	52	260550	72	67	305150	68	67	305150	73	73	330600	73	73	330600	69	69	360277	93	93	502095	108	107	582309
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<b>Total</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>2178450</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>2203600</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>2422400</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>2455150</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>2543069</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>2543000</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>2832516</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>2948643</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>3728760</b>

### District 1: Combined Sustained Support by Year

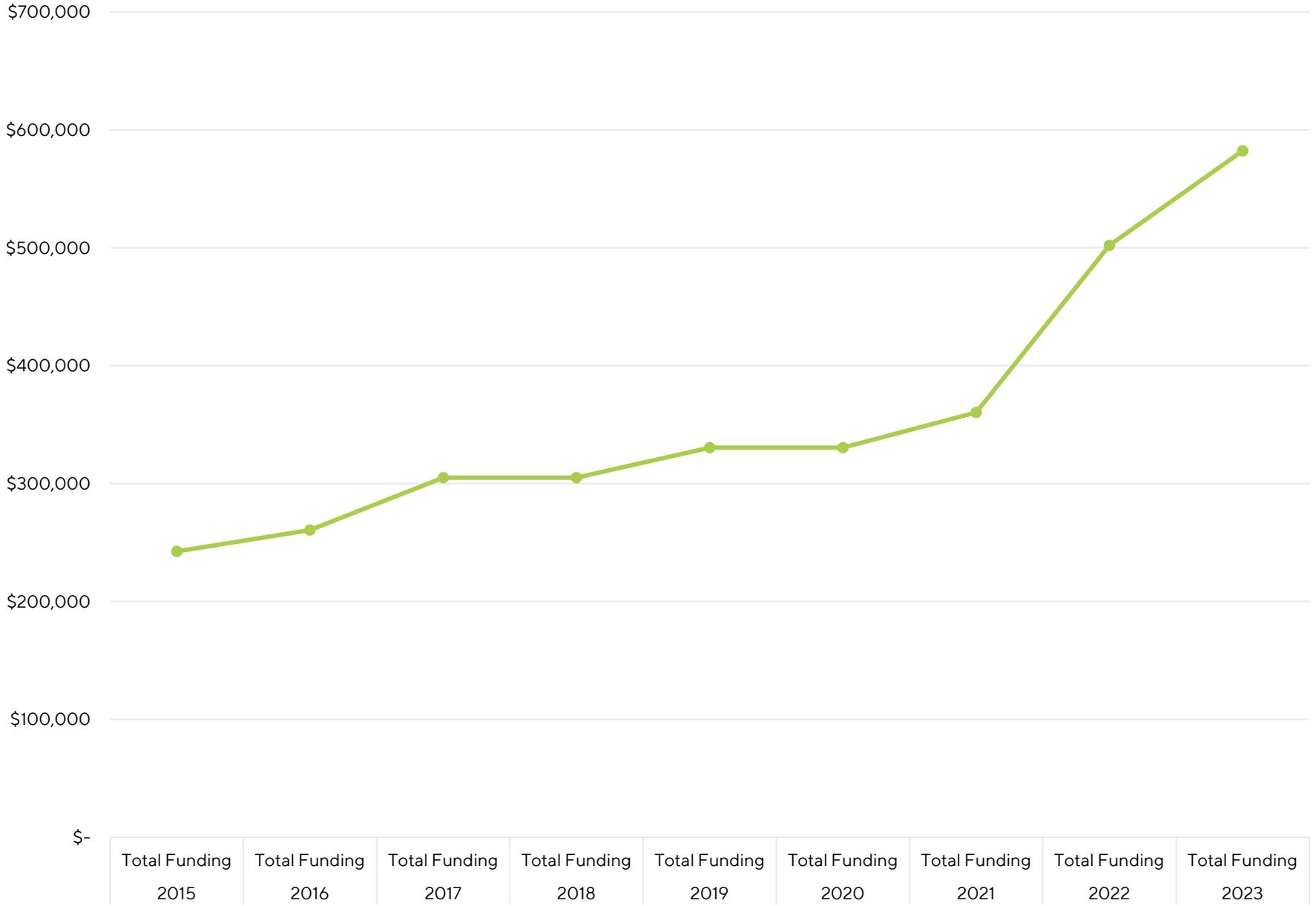


Total Funding								
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023

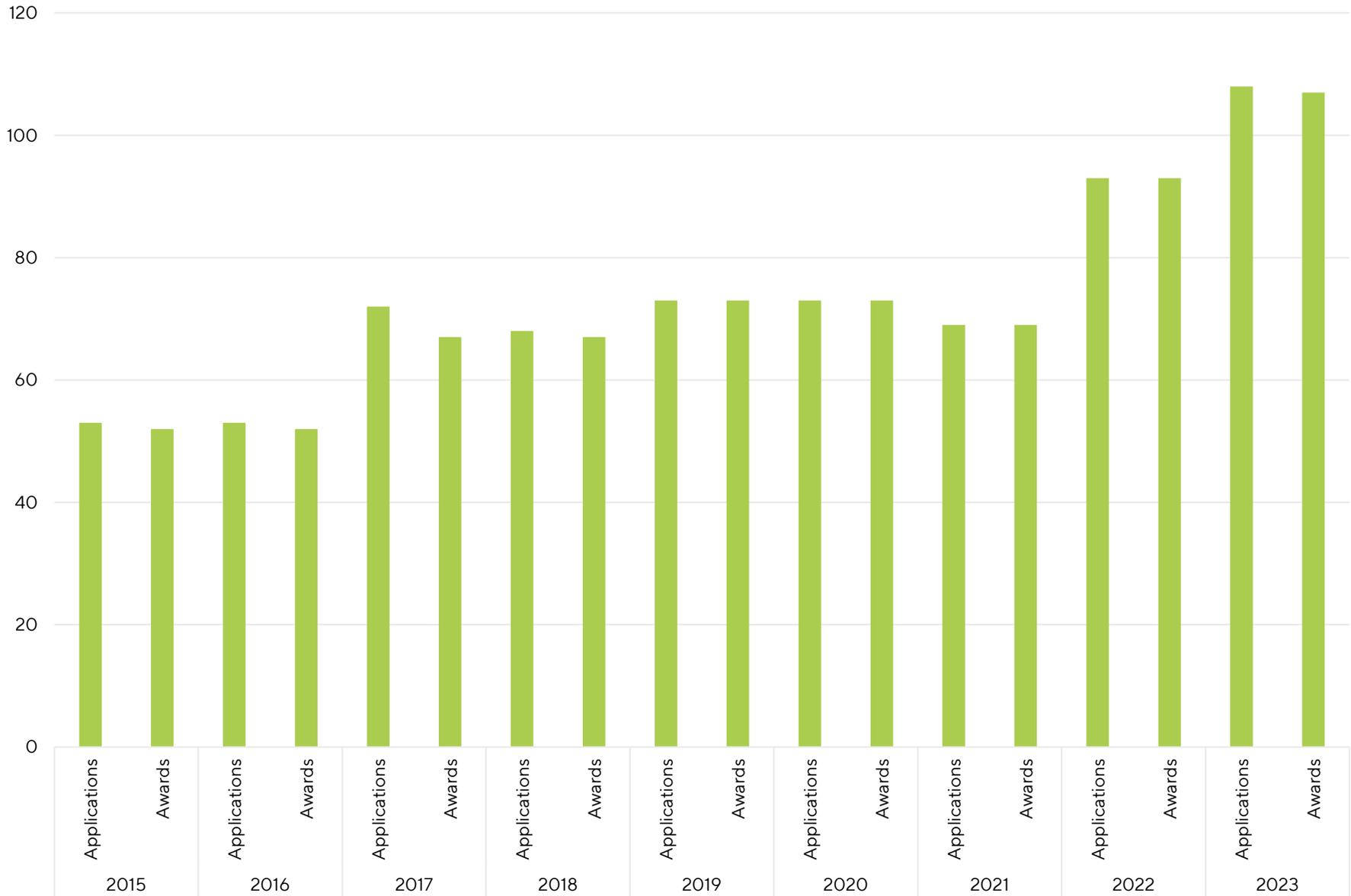
# District 1: Sustained Support Applications and Award Counts by Year



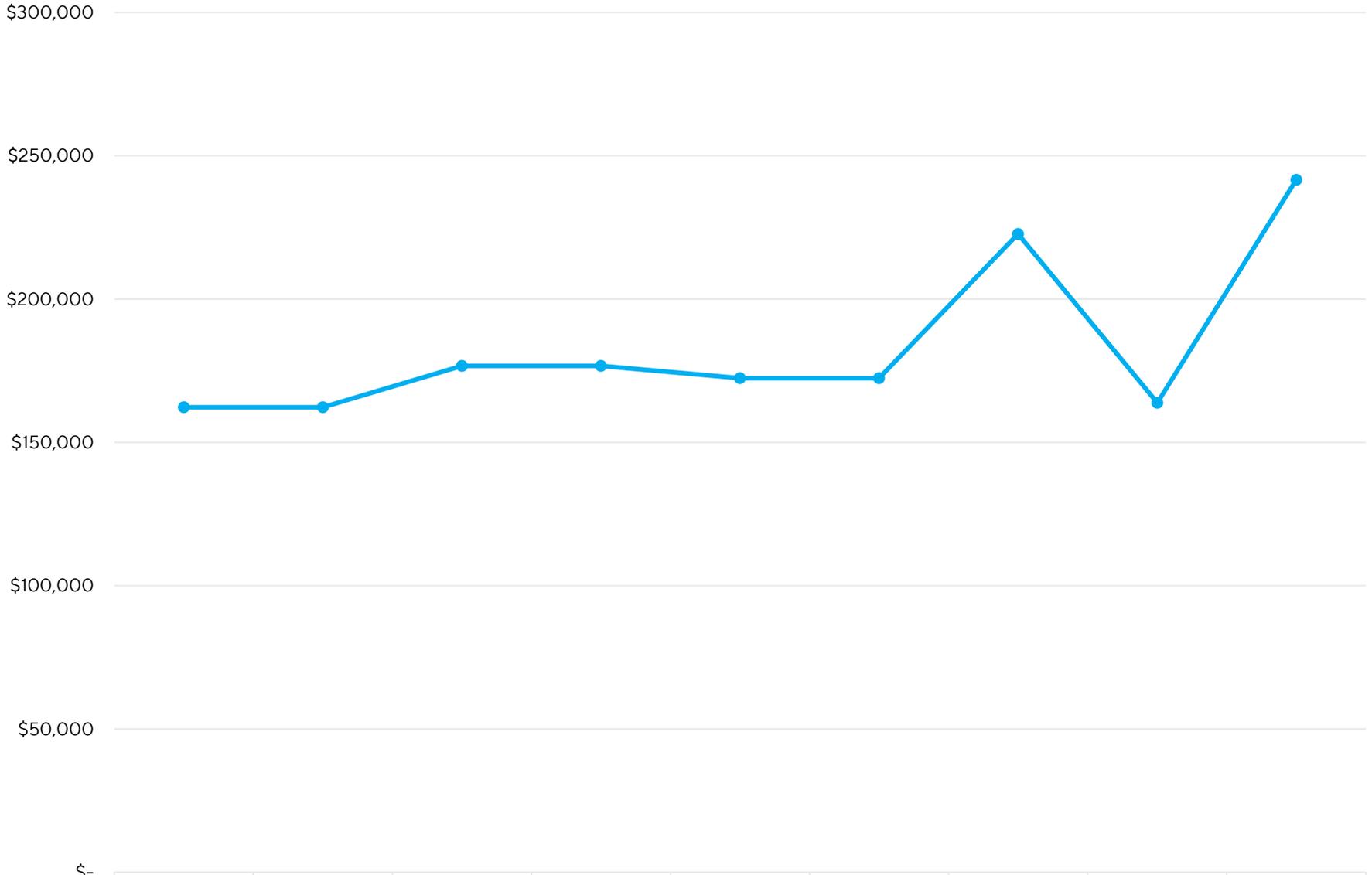
## District 2: Combined Sustained Support by Year



## District 2: Sustained Support Applications and Award Counts by Year

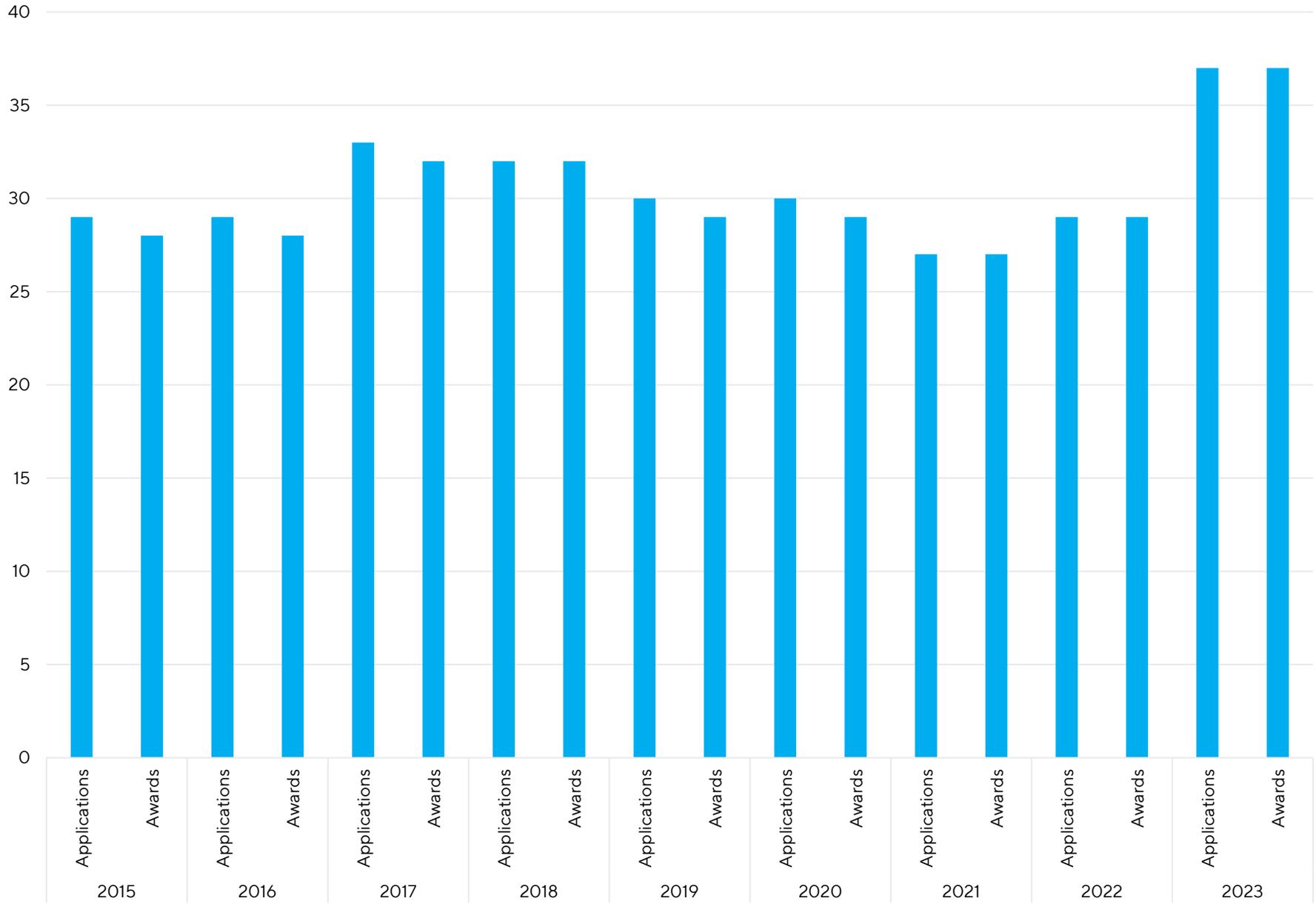


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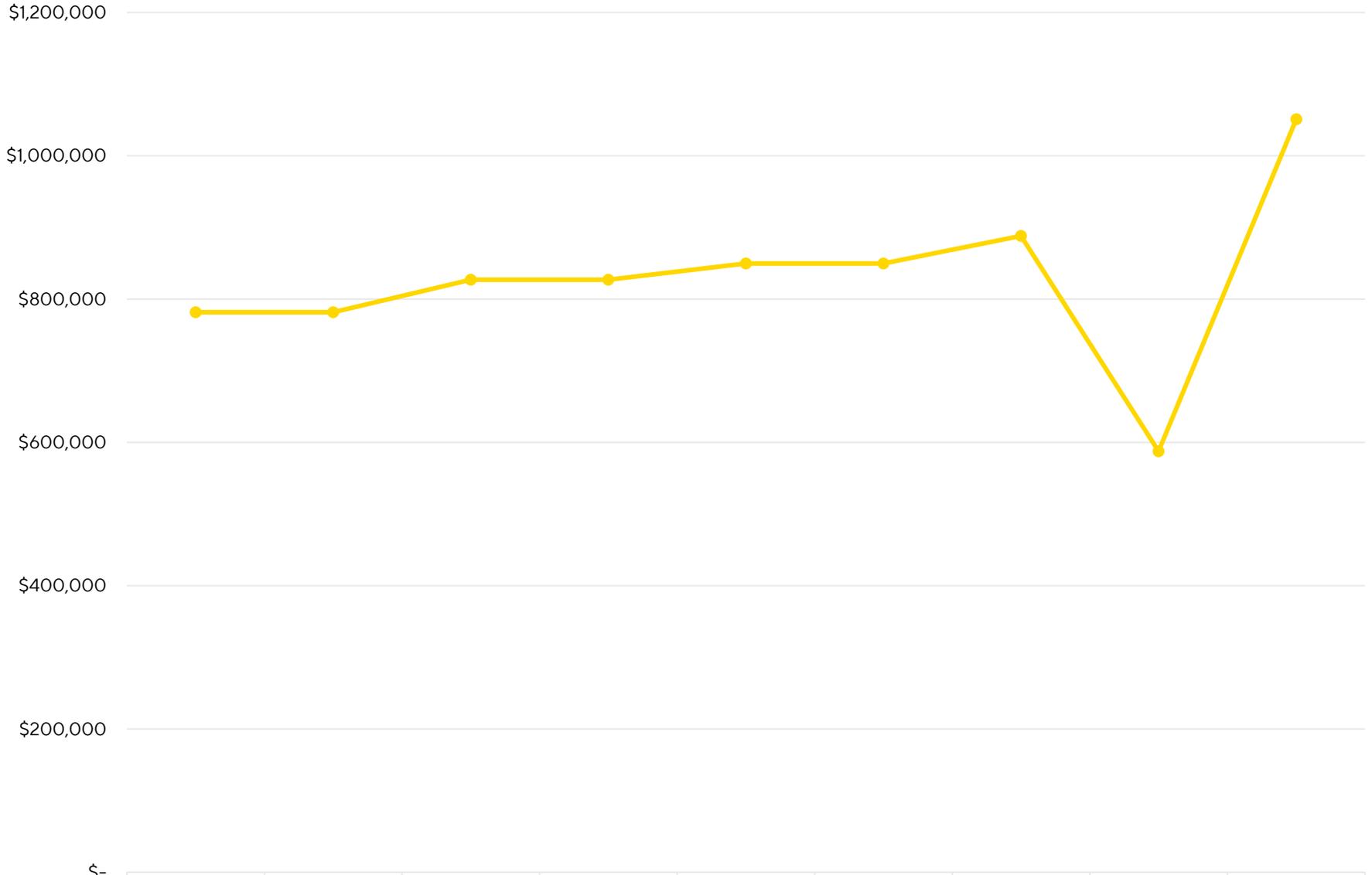


Total Funding								
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023

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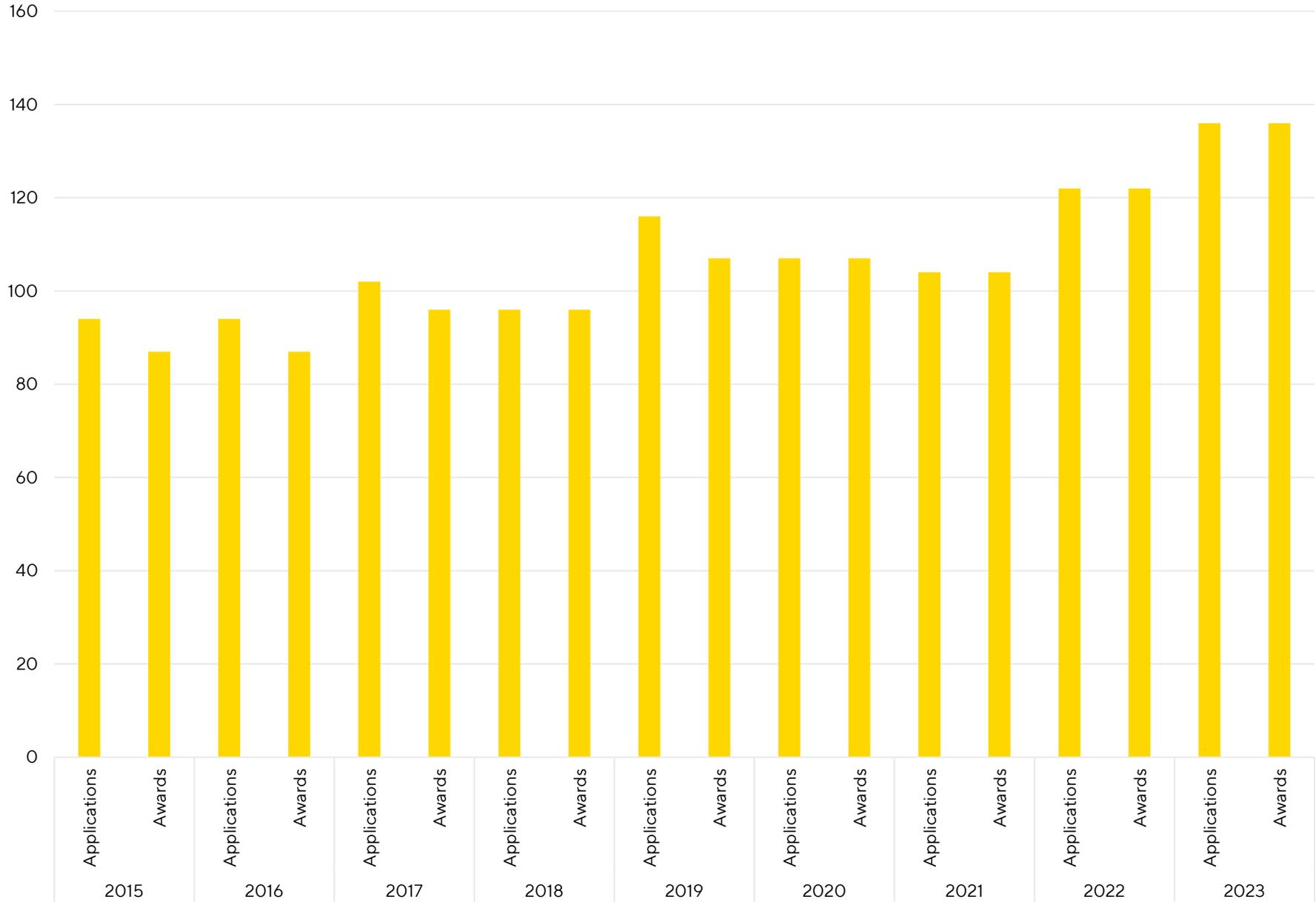


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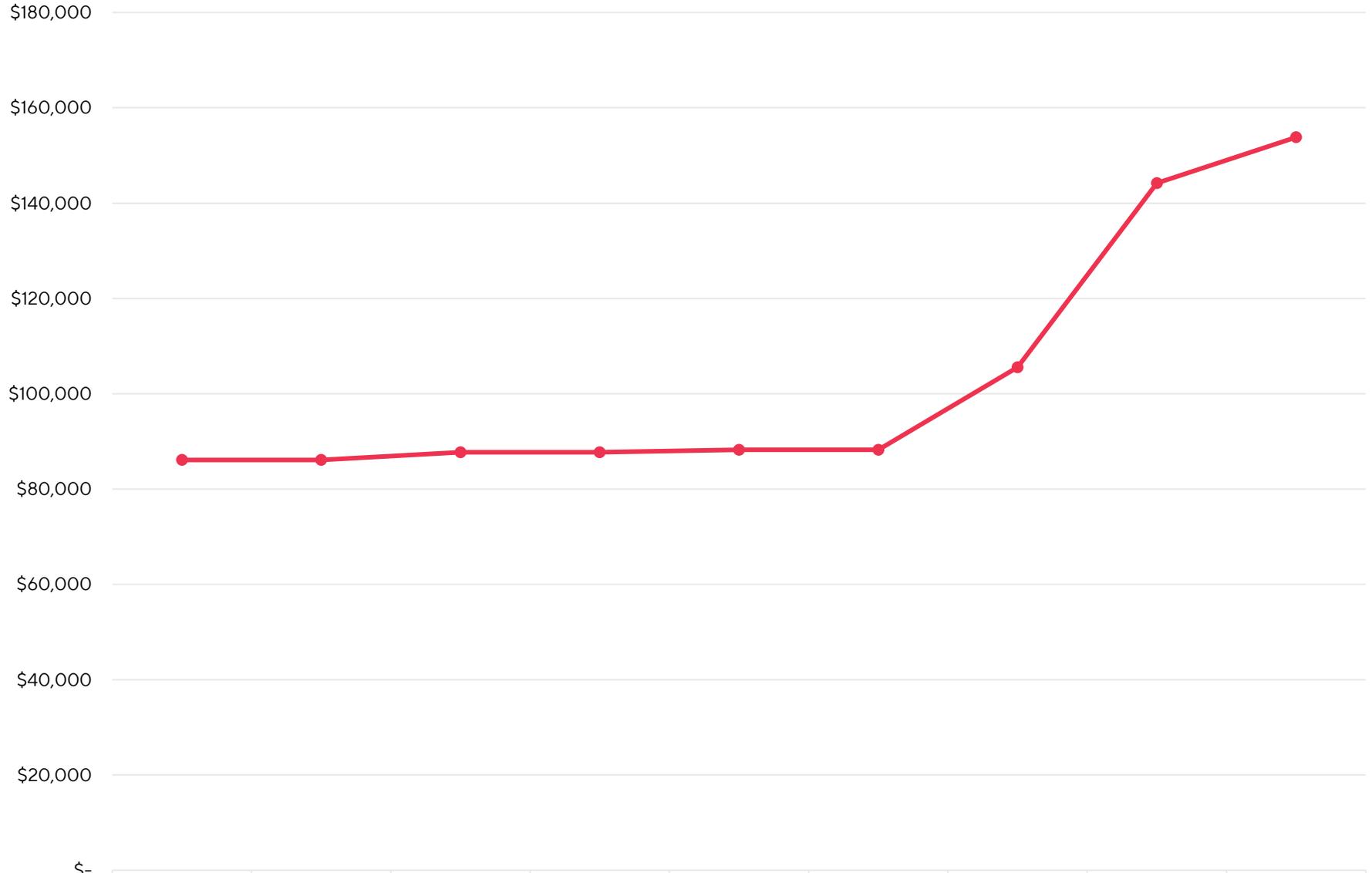


Total Funding								
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023

## District 4: Sustained Support Applications and Award Counts by Year

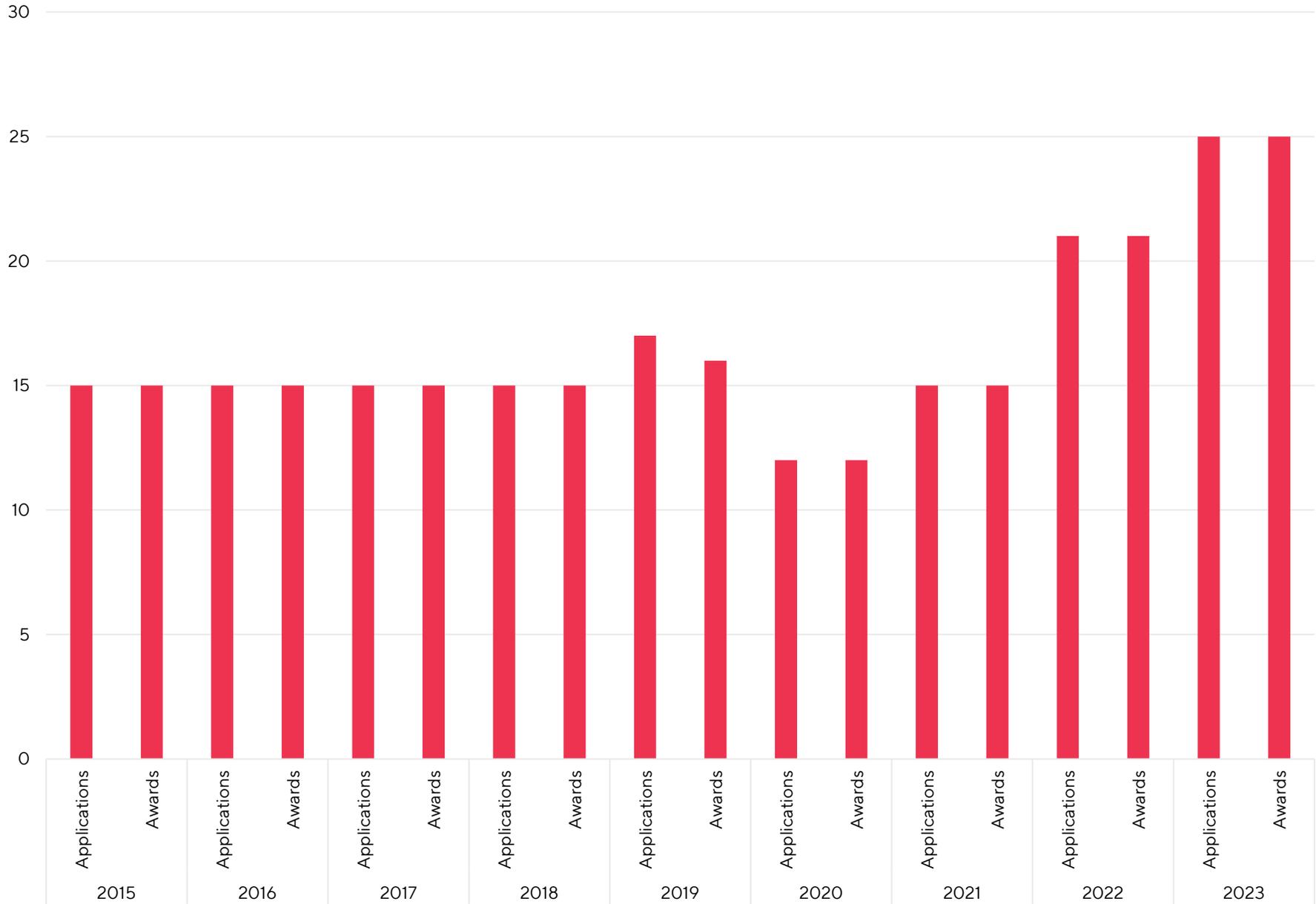


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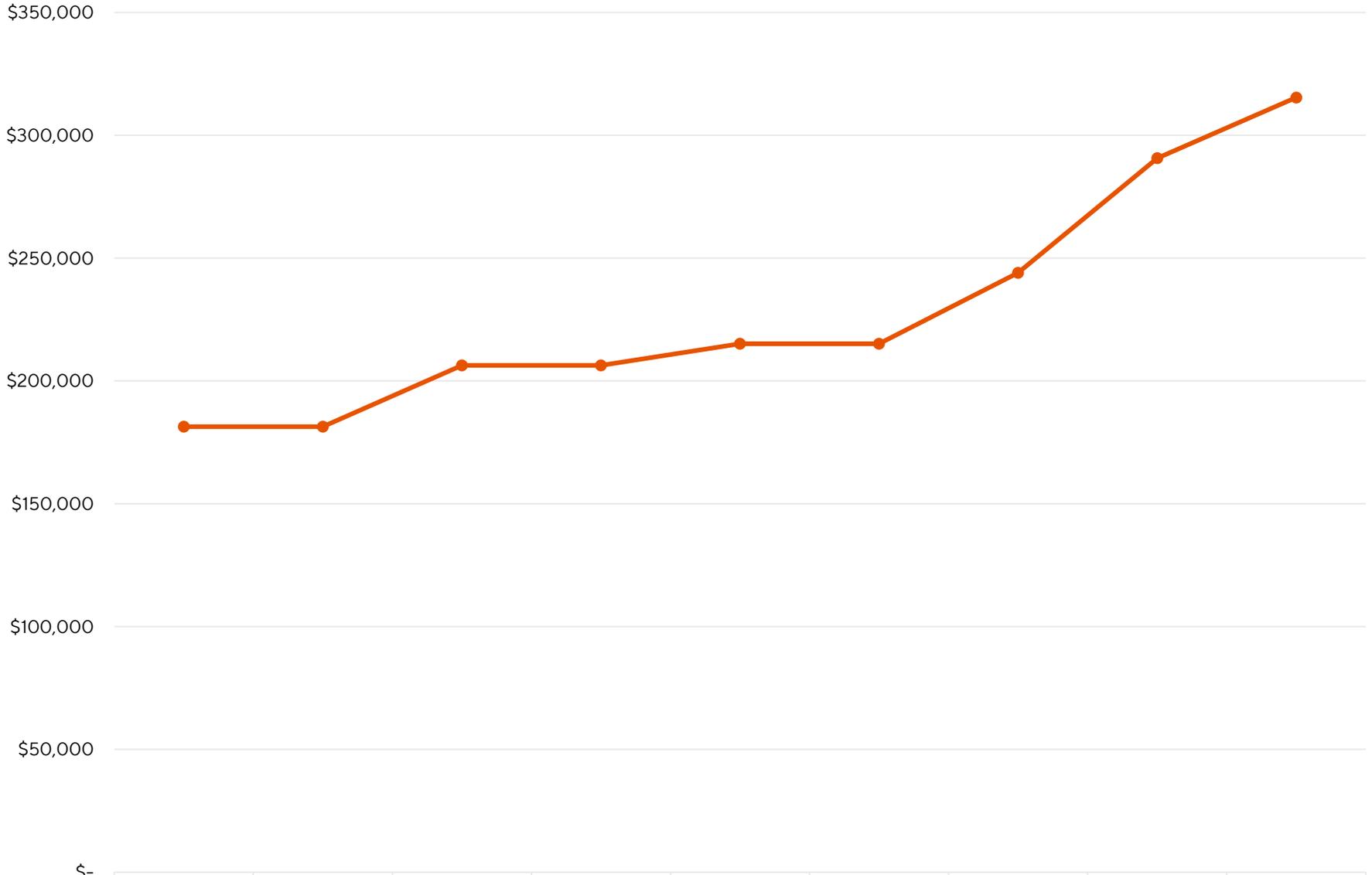


Total Funding								
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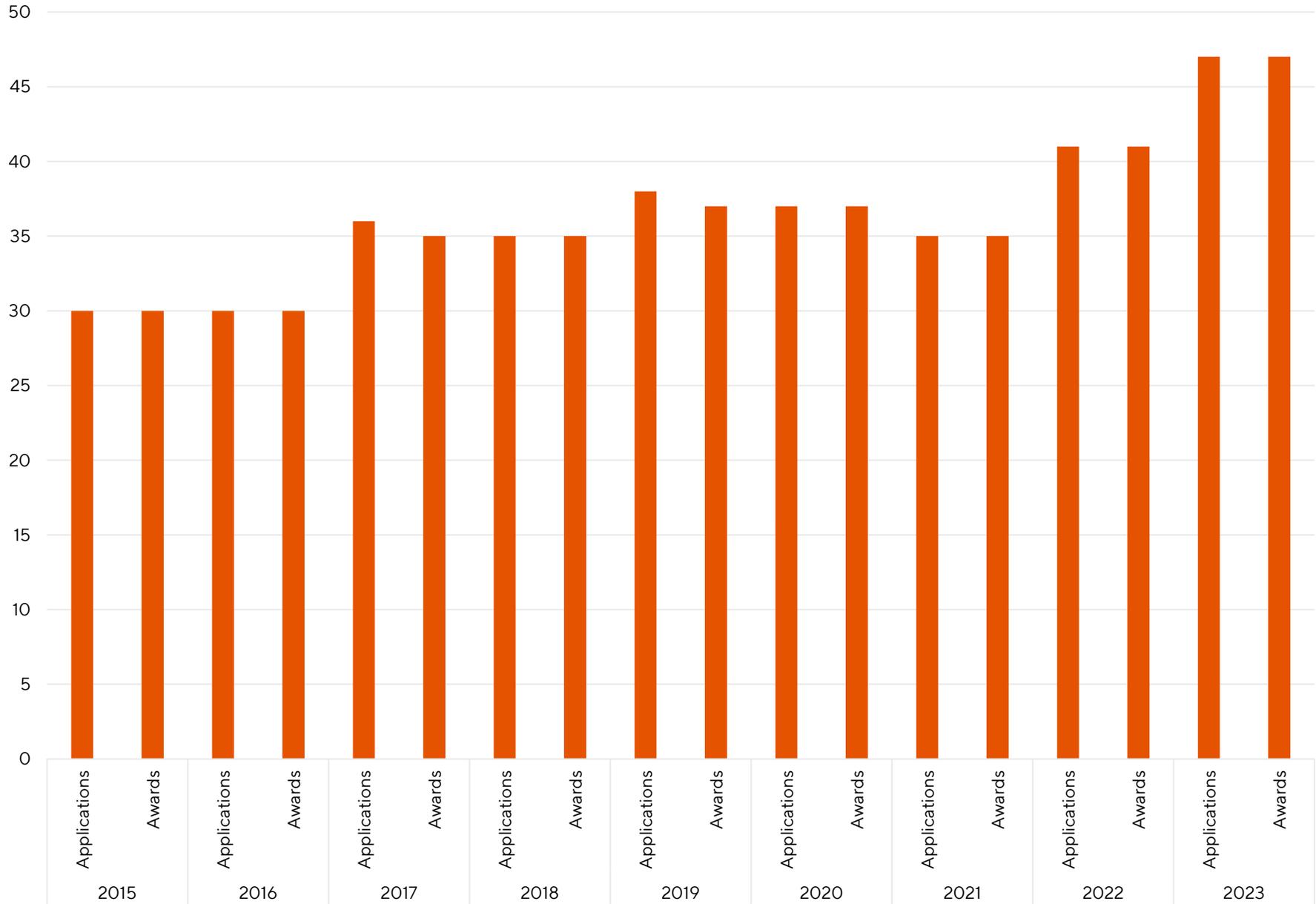


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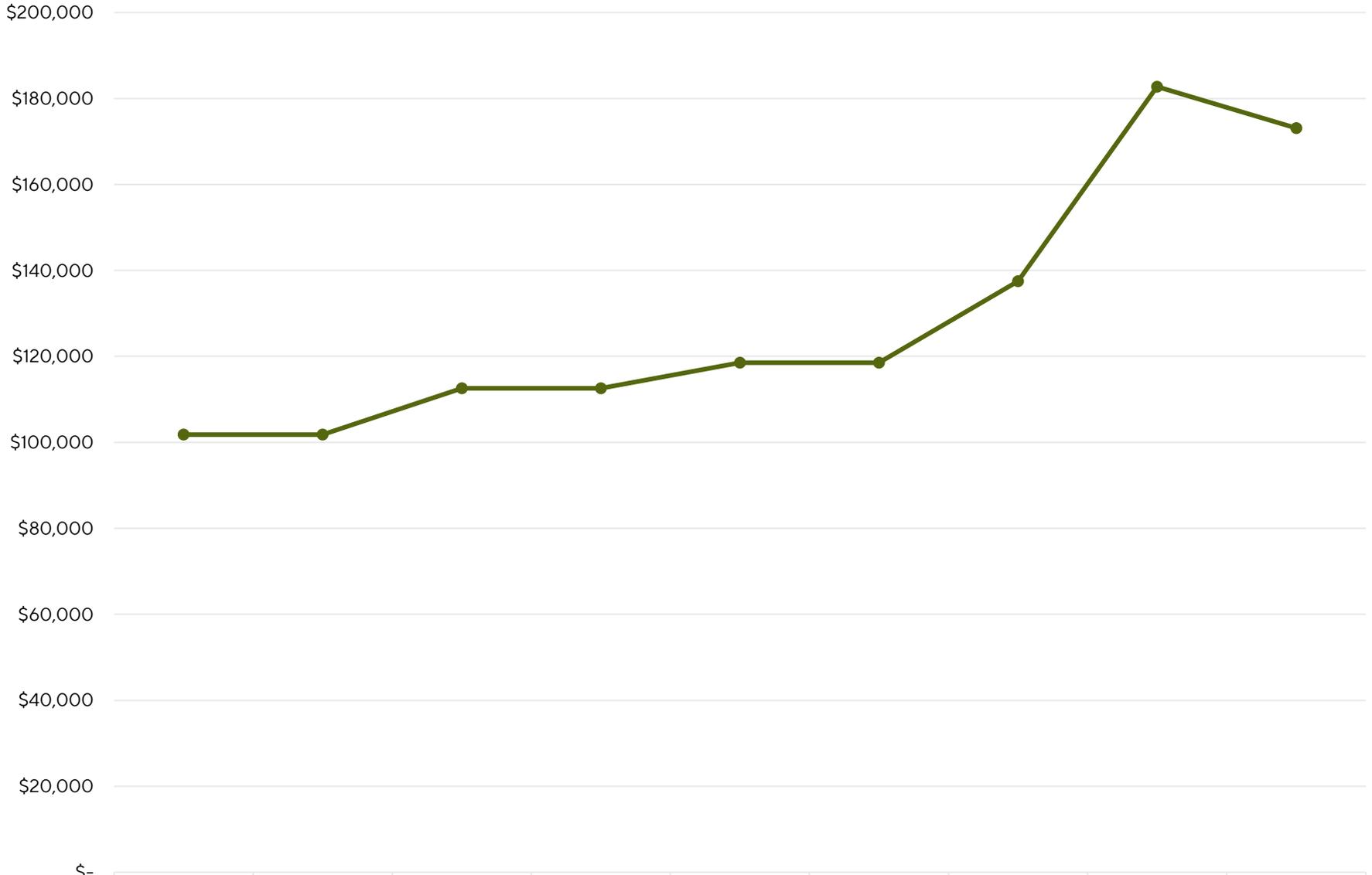


Total Funding								
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023

## District 6: Sustained Support Applications and Award Counts by Year

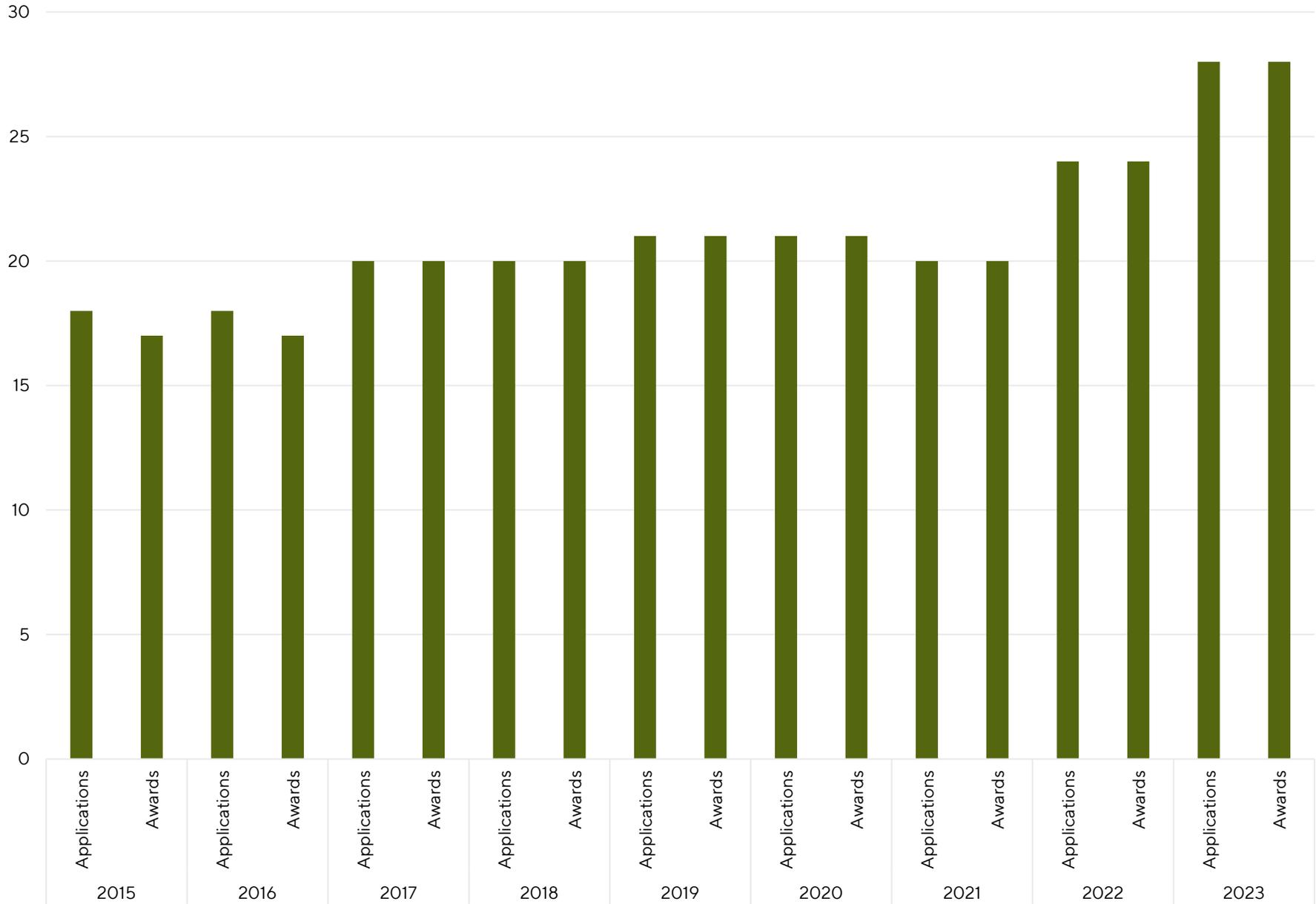


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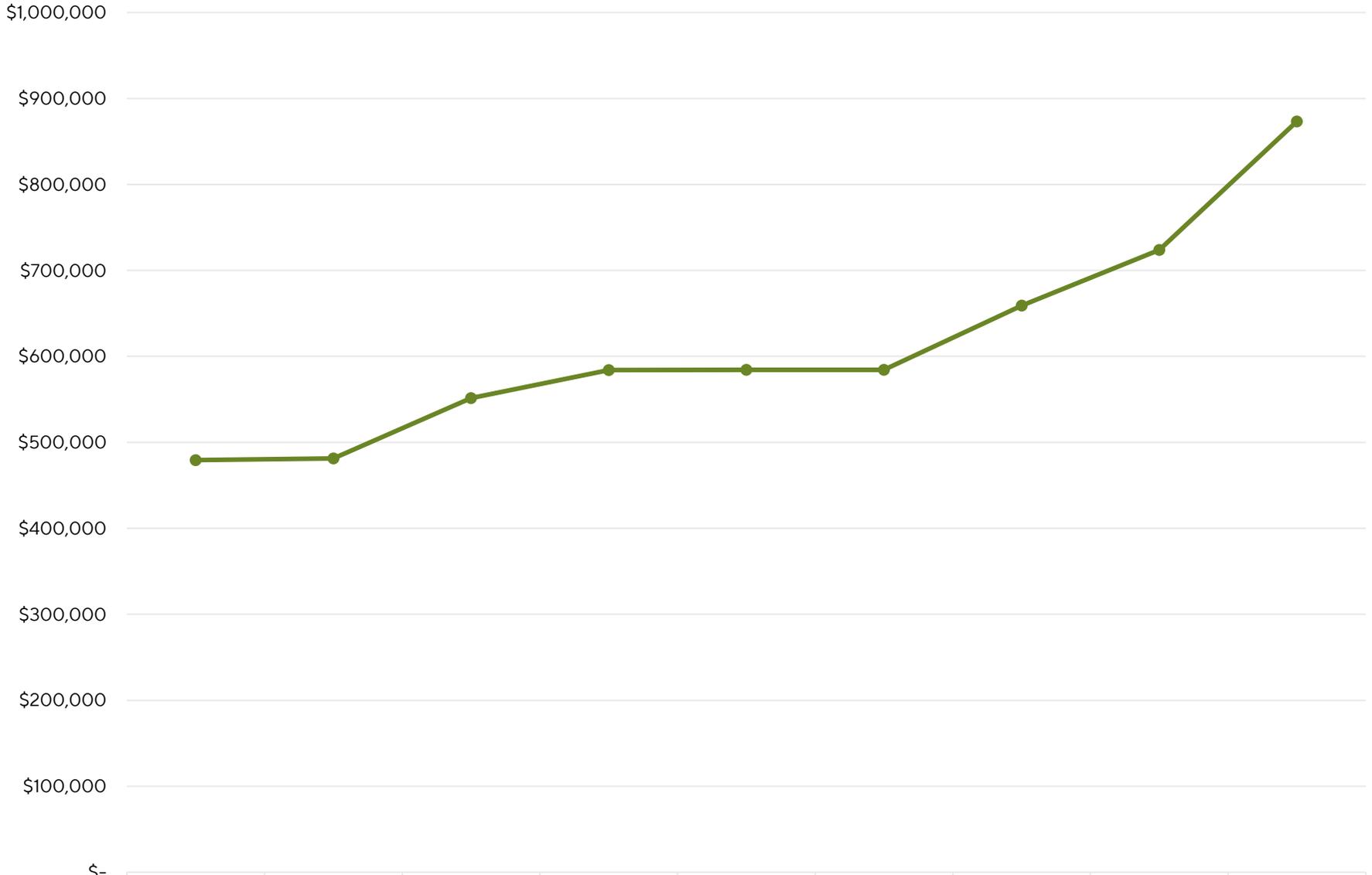


| Total Funding |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 2015          | 2016          | 2017          | 2018          | 2019          | 2020          | 2021          | 2022          | 2023          |

## District 7: Sustained Support Applications and Award Counts by Year

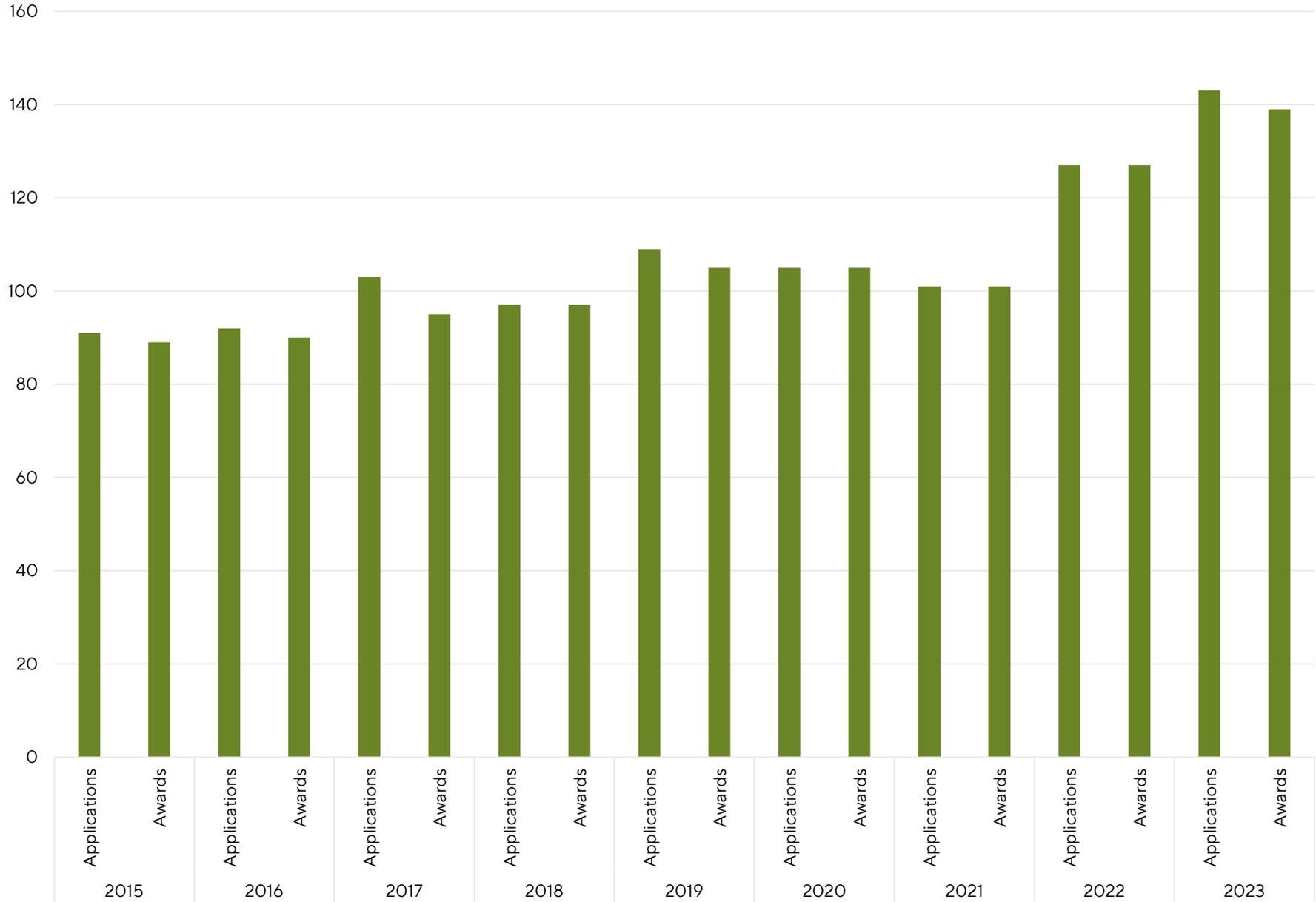


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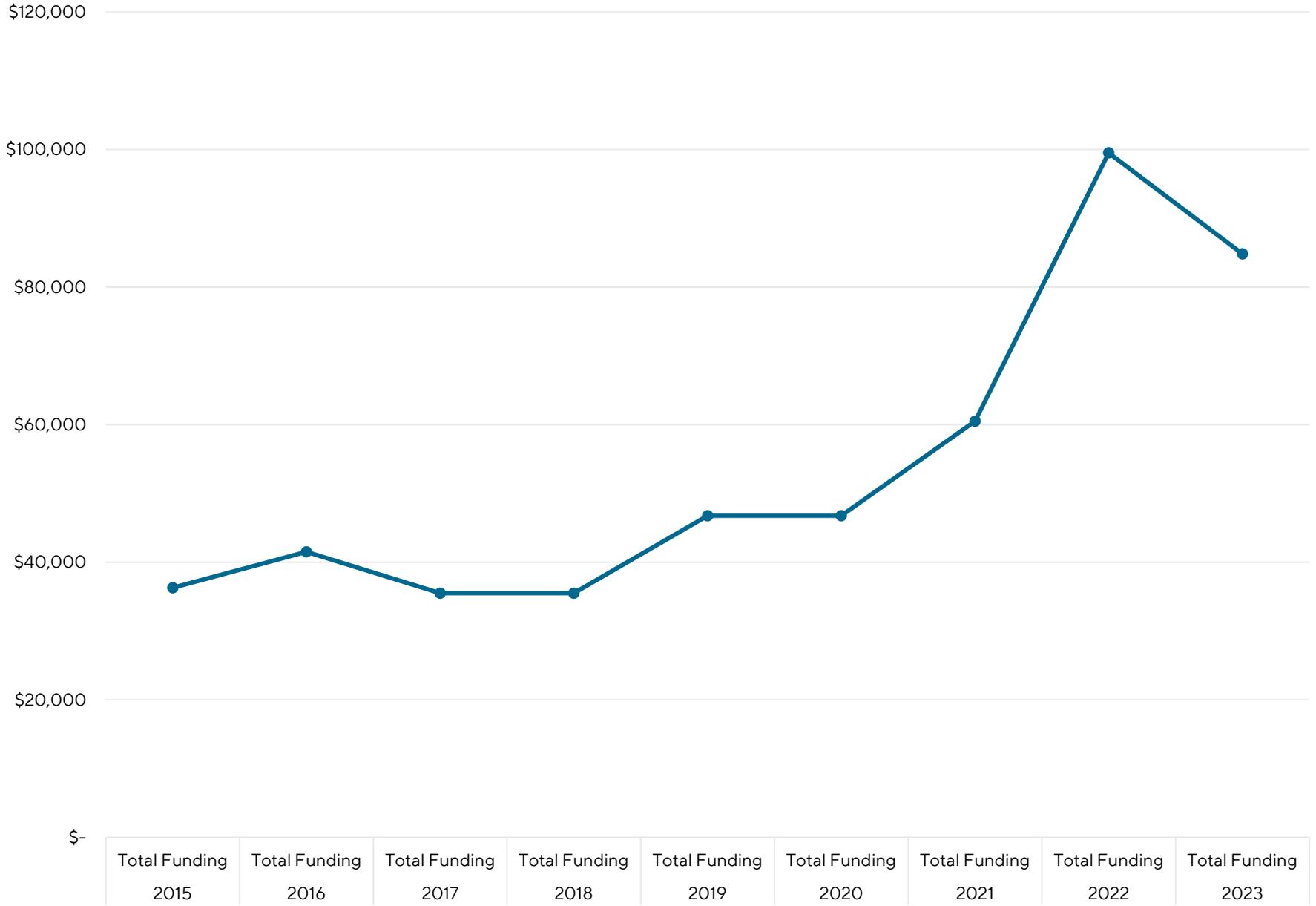


Total Funding								
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023

## District 8: Sustained Support Applications and Award Counts by Year



### District 9: Combined Sustained Support by Year



## District 9: Sustained Support Applications and Award Counts by Year

