

Company Registration No 3087463
(England and Wales)
Charity Registration No 1049171

THE INSTITUTION OF STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS

BENEVOLENT FUND

(A company limited by guarantee not having a share capital)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

THE INSTITUTION OF STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS BENEVOLENT FUND

A company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales No 3087463

Instituted 1936

Registered Charity No 1049171

TRUSTEE-DIRECTORS 2004

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Professor L A Clark OBE FREng BEng PhD CEng FStructE FICE ⁽¹⁾
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⁽¹⁾ To 17 November 2004

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⁽²⁾ From 30 September 2004

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Carr Sheppards Crosthwaite Ltd, 2 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7QN

THE INSTITUTION OF STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS BENEVOLENT FUND

DIRECTORS' AND TRUSTEES' REPORT 31 DECEMBER 2004

The Directors present their report and financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2004.

CONSTITUTION AND INCORPORATION

The Institution of Structural Engineers Benevolent Fund was incorporated on 2 August 1995 and is constituted as a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales under Registered No 3087463 and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

CHARITABLE STATUS

The Company is a registered charity, under Registered No 1049171.

REGISTERED OFFICE

The Registered Office of the Company is: 11 Upper Belgrave Street, London, SW1X 8BH.

OBJECTIVES

The Fund's objects are to make grants and afford assistance to necessitous persons who are:

- (a) Fellows, Members or Associates of the Institution of Structural Engineers;
- (b) former Fellows, Members or Associates;
- (c) dependants or former dependants of any of the persons referred to above whether the same are alive or deceased;
- (d) Companions, Associate-Members, Graduates and Students of the Institution, or the dependants or former dependants of a person who dies whilst a Companion, Associate-Member, Graduate or Student.

PRINCIPAL ADVISERS

The principal advisers to the Fund are set out on page 2.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The Directors who served during the period are set out on page 2. The Directors do not have any interests required to be disclosed under the Companies Act 1985. No material contracts subsisted during the period in which any Director had an interest.

DIRECTORS' AND TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year (unless the charity is entitled to prepare accounts on the alternative receipts and payments basis). In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985 and the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

REVIEW OF THE FUND

The Benevolent Fund was originally established, as an unincorporated association, in 1936 and it subsequently (in 1941) obtained registration as a friendly society. With the agreement of its members, as well as the relevant statutory authorities, on 2 August 1995 it was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee and on 13 September 1995 it was re-registered as a charity. The Fund's governing document is its Memorandum and Articles of Association, under which the Trustees have made rules for the management of the Benevolent Fund.

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DIRECTORS' AND TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued) 31 DECEMBER 2004

REVIEW OF THE FUND (Continued)

The Fund's principal activity during the year was the administration of funds held for charitable purposes.

There is no geographical restriction relating to beneficiaries, and the Fund assists members and their dependants both within and beyond the United Kingdom. In 2004 the Fund helped 22 individuals and distributed £52,293 in grants. A summary of grants paid is given on page 13. Whenever possible, a representative of the Benevolent Fund visits an applicant to establish a personal link with the Fund and to make an independent appraisal of the circumstances to guide the Trustees in their assessment of need: the Trustees are grateful to those who undertake this important and sensitive role.

Under policies adopted by the Trustees, each case is considered on its merits (that is, there is no scale grant); grants are not made to assist in the professional development of Institution members; and grants are not, normally, made to Student members of the Institution, or to dependants or former dependants of Institution members who are children aged 21 or over or who are legally separated or divorced from the member, or for the purpose of funding private health care, or totalling more than £5,000 to any beneficiary in any year. Furthermore, payments are not made that would reduce a beneficiary's entitlement to public funding (each application is reviewed by the Benefits Consultant). If the Benevolent Fund settles debts, it will not normally pay any subsequent debts. Where applicable, the Fund pays in respect of a beneficiary a sum to the Institution to clear their annual subscription and Engineering Council fee.

The Fund's Articles of Association provide that there shall be at least three Trustees; on the formation of the Fund as a company there were ten but the first Annual General Meeting in 1996 reduced this number to nine. Trustees are appointed at General Meetings of the Fund, although the Trustees themselves may also make appointments but only up to the next Annual General Meeting. Subject to the Fund's Memorandum and Articles of Association, all decisions are taken by the Trustees (although the Chairman, with one other Trustee, has limited delegated power to approve emergency grants).

The Articles also allow the Trustees to invite representatives of Institution branches to attend meetings and to act as an Advisory Council to the Trustees: this Council has been established, comprising delegates from each of the 18 UK/Republic of Ireland branches. The names of the Trustees and the Advisory Council members are given on page 2. All are volunteers. The Articles authorize the Trustees to appoint sub-committees; the only sub-committee appointed in 2004 was the Investments Sub-Committee, comprising Mr J M Allen, Mr B Simpson and Mr J A Waller.

As well as visiting applicants and beneficiaries and attending meetings of the Trustees, the Advisory Council members also contact widows/widowers of members and other potential beneficiaries, undertake local publicity on behalf of the Fund and encourage contributions, and issue Christmas cards to widows/widowers and older members of the Institution within their branch. Neither the Advisory Council members, nor the Trustees or anyone else acting on behalf of the Fund (other than the principal advisers), receives any payment apart from out-of-pocket expenses.

Administration and meeting room facilities are provided by the Institution of Structural Engineers. Wherever possible, the Fund co-operates with other charities in relation to applicants and beneficiaries. The Fund has three nomination rights in respect of accommodation in a residential home for the elderly run by Crossways Trust Ltd, a charity supported by various occupational and other benevolent funds. The Fund is an associate member of Age Concern. A Trustee represents the Fund on the Council of the Professional Classes Aid Council. The Secretary is a member of the Association of Charity Officers and the Occupational Benevolent Funds Alliance.

The Fund's income in the period comprised donations and gifts (£47,192) and investment income (£26,591), a total of £73,783. Grants made were £52,293. With other expenditure of £10,421 the operational surplus was £11,069. Under the Articles of Association, the Trustees have adopted rules governing the investment of funds. The Trustees have approved an investment policy under which the main objective of the portfolio is long-term growth in income and capital; the Fund accepts modest risk in this aim. The value of the Fund's portfolio has reflected the rise during 2004 in the various market indices. Activity in the portfolio is monitored by the Investments Sub-Committee, which receives detailed reports from the investment advisers (Carr Sheppards Crosthwaite Ltd), who are represented at its twice-yearly meetings.

The value of the Fund at the year end was £1,014,452. This mainly comprised investments held to generate income for the payment of grants.

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DIRECTORS' AND TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued) 31 DECEMBER 2004

REVIEW OF THE FUND (Continued)

The Benevolent Fund needs reserves to provide a buffer between fluctuations of income and expenditure, and must generate a significant additional income stream through the investment of those reserves. The Fund acquired the bulk of its reserves, on its formation as a company limited by guarantee on 2 August 1995, from the unincorporated association of the same name originally established in 1936. £378,216 of the total funds of £553,770 which were then passed over had been donated as capital.

As the majority of the Fund's investments are in listed securities, their market value (which is the figure used in the balance sheet) varies according to stock market conditions. At 31 December 2004 the market value of the investments was £40,445 above their historical cost.

Income from donations (including gift aid donations) and bequests varies from year to year and, furthermore, donations are subject to reduction during periods of economic difficulty, when demands on the Fund tend to increase.

So far as expenditure is concerned, the bulk represents grants to beneficiaries. The total varies year by year, and in 2004 it was 11.7% lower than the previous year. Some beneficiaries are helped for many years (one has been receiving assistance for 43 years), whereas others require short-term (but often more) assistance. Greater longevity impacts on the Fund, as do beneficiaries' increasing expectations. The Fund is available to help Institution members, of whom there are some 21,000 (and their dependants) throughout the world, and seeks to do so wherever need is demonstrated.

The Trustees have reviewed the level of reserves that the Benevolent Fund needs in order to continue to operate within this environment. Although grants are decided annually, the Trustees' policy is to offer long-term help where this is identified. Furthermore, it is not considered practicable to increase the Fund's income substantially in the short-term. Accordingly, the Trustees have adopted a ten-year planning period. An appropriate minimum level of reserves is considered to be the equivalent of ten years' expenditure on grants (some £520,000), plus a contingency for a recession period - leading to reduced income and increased expenditure - of a further £500,000, i.e. around £1,000,000.

The Trustees will continue to promote the Fund to potential beneficiaries, including outside the United Kingdom where some 30% of Institution members are located.

The Trustees review this policy annually in conjunction with their consideration of the annual accounts.

The accounts which are attached to this report comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Fund's Memorandum and Articles of Association, and with the requirements of 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (Revised 2000)'.

While keeping the Fund's procedures under review, and ensuring that it operates effectively and efficiently, the Trustees currently have no plans for major change.

The Trustees oversee an ongoing assessment of the major risks to which the Fund is exposed, in particular those relating to its operations and finances, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the Fund's exposure to those risks.

Many members of the Institution, and some firms, support the Fund by regular contributions. Some considerably remember the Fund in their will. Branches of the Institution also support the Fund through fund-raising at events.

The following were members of the Fund in 2004:

- individuals who were Life Members of the Fund prior to its incorporation (for life, subject to their remaining in membership of the Institution); and
- individuals who made any financial contribution to the Fund in the year.

In all, there were 9,345 members of the Fund. The Trustees are most grateful for the generous support of the Fund by all concerned.

22 March 2005

B. Simpson Chairman
on behalf of the Board

**THE INSTITUTION OF STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004**

		2004	Total Unrestricted Funds	2003
	Notes	£		£
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE				
<u>Incoming resources</u>				
Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects				
Donations and gifts		47,192		78,839
Activities for generating funds				
Investment income	3	26,591		26,270
Total incoming resources		73,783		105,109
 <u>Resources expended</u>				
Costs of activities in the furtherance of the charity's objects				
Grants	4	52,293		58,082
Costs of generating funds				
Fundraising and publicity		2,340		2,763
Management and administration		8,081		7,189
Total resources expended		62,714		68,034
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		11,069		37,075
Realised gains on investments		47,415		34,407
Net income for the year		58,484		71,482
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments		40,445		134,542
Net movement in funds		98,929		206,024
Fund balance brought forward		915,523		709,499
Fund balance carried forward		1,014,452		915,523

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

All recognised gains and losses are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2004**

		2004	2003
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	6	954,393	866,532
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	19,456	29,245
Cash at bank and in hand		42,027	21,472
		61,483	50,717
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,424)	(1,726)
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		60,059	48,991
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
		1,014,452	915,523
INCOME FUND			
Unrestricted funds:			
General fund			
Realised surpluses and gains		1,058,693	997,075
Unrealised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	9	(44,241)	(81,552)
		1,014,452	915,523

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002).

On behalf of the board:

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B. Simpson
Director

These financial statements were approved by the board on 22 March 2005

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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**NOTES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 DECEMBER 2004**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and reporting by Charities and the Companies Act 1985. No cash flow statement has been prepared since The Institution of Structural Engineers Benevolent Fund meets the requirements of a small company as defined by the Companies Act 1985. The following accounting policies have been applied consistently during the period:

(a) Income

Donations and gifts

Donations and gifts are included in the financial statements as received.

Investment income

Investment income, including any tax recoverable thereon, is included in the financial statements in the year in which it is receivable.

(b) Expenditure

Expenditure is incorporated in the financial statements as incurred, and includes irrecoverable Value Added Tax.

Grants are incorporated as committed. Any commitments payable at a later date are included in the balance sheet as creditors. Any grants which are subsequently repaid are treated as donations.

(c) Investments

Investments are shown at market value. Unrealised gains and losses are incorporated within the fund balance and are identified as unrealised.

Market value is based on mid market prices for listed investments.

2. NET INCOMING RESOURCES AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

The net incoming resources and net movement in funds are wholly attributable to the company's activity of the administration of funds held for charitable purposes and arise mainly within the United Kingdom.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

Investment income for the year is derived from:

	2004 £	2003 £
Listed investments including Government Securities	25,738	25,871
Cash deposit	<u>853</u>	<u>399</u>
	<u>26,591</u>	<u>26,270</u>

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**NOTES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31ST DECEMBER 2004**

4. ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Direct Grants £	Other £	2004 Total £	2003 Total £
Costs of activities in the furtherance of the charity's objects				
Direct charitable expenditure:				
Grants to individuals	52,293	-	52,293	58,082
Costs of generating funds:				
Fundraising and publicity	-	2,340	2,340	2,763
Management and administration	-	8,081	8,082	7,189
	<u>52,293</u>	<u>10,421</u>	<u>62,714</u>	<u>68,034</u>

Other costs represent:	2004 £	2003 £
Travel	869	769
Benefits consultant	1,843	1,895
Administrative fees	50	-
Audit fees	294	646
Bank charges	119	229
Subscriptions	300	368
Investment management charges	4,117	3,183
Printing and postage	2,340	2,763
Sundry expenses	490	99
	<u>10,422</u>	<u>9,952</u>

Direct grants were made during the year to 22 individuals (2003 – 28).

5. DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

No director received any remuneration during the year (2003 – none).

During the period one director was reimbursed travelling expenses incurred whilst engaged on the business of the charity amounting to £177 (2003 – one director was reimbursed £95).

6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2004 £	2003 £
At 1 January	866,532	661,610
Acquisitions at cost	306,966	324,478
Less: Disposals at opening market value or subsequent cost (Proceeds £256,416 + Loss £3,134)	(259,550)	(254,099)
	<u>913,948</u>	<u>731,989</u>
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation at 31 December	40,445	134,542
	<u>954,393</u>	<u>866,532</u>

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31 DECEMBER 2004**

6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

	2004 £	2003 £
Investments, all of which are in the UK, are made up of:		
Listed investments including Government Securities	944,387	803,680
Cash deposits	10,006	62,852
	<u>954,393</u>	<u>866,532</u>
 The historical cost of fixed asset investments is:	<u>913,948</u>	<u>930,259</u>

The listed investments and cash deposits are managed on behalf of the company by Carr Sheppards Crosthwaite Limited on a discretionary basis and include direct investment in listed investments and government securities, and indirect investment through unit and investment trusts.

Cash deposits within the portfolio are held on overnight deposit.

Investments within the portfolio which amount to more than 5% of the total values are:

Listed investments:	2004 £	2003 £
4,300 Standard Chartered Ordinary	-	39,668
7,270 Aviva Ord	-	35,641
2,700 Rio Tinto Ordinary	-	41,661
7,165 Abbey National Ordinary	-	38,046
32,800 Big Food Group Ordinary	-	51,906
8,900 J P Morgan Flem American Ordinary	48,772	-
14000 J P Morgan O/S Ordinary	60,130	-
	<u>108,902</u>	<u>206,922</u>
Other listed investments individually under 5%	835,485	596,758
Cash deposits	10,006	62,852
	<u>954,393</u>	<u>866,532</u>

7. DEBTORS

	2004 £	2003 £
Amounts due within 1 year:		
Other debtors	-	9,945
Prepayments	456	300
	<u>456</u>	<u>10,245</u>
 Amounts due after 1 year:		
Secured loan to beneficiary	19,000	19,000
	<u>19,456</u>	<u>29,245</u>

The secured loan to a beneficiary was advanced on the security of a fixed charge over freehold property. The loan is repayable when vacant possession of the property is available.

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**NOTES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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8.	CREDITORS	2004	2003
	Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
	Accruals	1,424	1,726
		<u>1,424</u>	<u>1,726</u>
9.	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN UNREALISED GAINS/(LOSSES) ON FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS		
		2004	2003
		£	£
	Unrealised gains/(losses)	(81,552)	(200,717)
	In respect of disposals in year	(3,134)	(15,377)
		<u>(84,686)</u>	<u>(216,094)</u>
	Net gains/(losses) arising on revaluation in year	40,445	134,542
		<u>(44,241)</u>	<u>(81,552)</u>

10. **CAPITAL COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The company had no capital commitments or contingent liabilities at 31 December 2004 (2003 – none).

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTION OF STRUCTURAL
ENGINEERS BENEVOLENT FUND**

We have audited the financial statements of the Institution of Structural Engineers Benevolent Fund for the year ended 31 December 2004 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002), under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets and the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the trustees, who are also the directors of the Institution of Structural Engineers Benevolent Fund for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material mis-statement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the charitable company's state of affairs as at 31 December 2004 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, in the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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Date: 4 April 2005

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GRANTS 2004

Case		£	First assisted
49	Widow of Member, aged 87	686	1960
98	Widow of Fellow, aged 89 *	864	1976
114	Member, aged 72	529	1980
137	Widow of Graduate, aged 77	2250	1986
154	Daughter of deceased Fellow, aged 85	2375	1990
158	Member, aged 76	2530	1990
171	Member, aged 49, unemployed *	2183	1991
189	Past Member, aged 72	2000	1993
198	Fellow, aged 85, married *	1989	1994
219	Student, aged 70, married	5023	1997
223	Widow of Fellow, aged 80 *	1669	1997
225	Member, aged 59, married with 1 child, unemployed	7530	1998
226	Widow of Fellow, aged 75 *	1129	1998
231	Graduate, aged 51, unemployed *	341	1999
234	Member, aged 63, unemployed	1167	1999
241	Member, aged 78, married	5000	2000
247	Widow of Member, aged 47, with 2 children *	254	2001
252	Graduate, aged 50, married with 3 children, unemployed *	4290	2002
256	Fellow, aged 64, married, unemployed	2042	2003
259	Member, aged 55, married, unemployed *	936	2003
262	Member, aged 42, unemployed *	1733	2003
265	Graduate, aged 81	5773	2004

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* Joint beneficiary of the Institution of Structural Engineers and the Institution of Civil Engineers Benevolent Funds.