

**Translation**

These are draft resolutions indicating where the Russian government plans to invest U.S. \$217 million in AI development from 2021 to 2023. The Ministry of Economic Development intends to disperse funding to several nonprofit organizations, which will construct platforms for national AI pilot projects, fund small enterprises working on AI, and run AI-based hackathons using datasets held by the Russian government.

**Title**

Draft Resolutions have been Prepared Concerning the Allocation of 16.5 Billion Rubles in Subsidies for the Development of AI in Russia

Разработаны проекты постановлений о выделении 16,5 млрд руб субсидий на развитие ИИ в России

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**Draft resolutions have been prepared concerning the allocation of 16.5 billion rubles in subsidies for the development of AI in Russia**

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Seven draft resolutions of the government of the Russian Federation (RF) prepared by the Ministry of Economic Development (MoED) concerning the approval of rules for granting subsidies aimed at the development of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies have been published on the website [regulation.gov.ru](http://regulation.gov.ru) in order to facilitate the performance of an independent anti-corruption review.

The total amount of funds envisioned in the 2021-2023 federal budget for subsidies for these measures comes to more than 16.5 billion rubles, in accordance with the explanatory notes.

Drafts of the following government resolutions have been published.

**1. "On the Approval of Rules for Granting a Subsidy to the Nonprofit Organization Development Fund of the Center for the Development and Commercialization of New Technologies (Skolkovo Foundation) in Order to Support Pilot Projects for Testing Artificial Intelligence Technologies in Priority Industries."**

As stated in the explanatory note, the document was prepared in order to support pilot projects for testing AI technologies in priority industries, and in accordance with result 1.3 of the federal project "Artificial Intelligence," "the Skolkovo Foundation supported pilot projects for testing artificial intelligence technologies in priority industries."

Budget funding has been envisioned for the implementation of this measure: 736.8 million rubles in 2021, 1.8 billion rubles in 2022, and 1.4 billion rubles in 2023.

**2. "On the Approval of Rules for Granting a Subsidy From the Federal Budget to the Federal State Budget-Funded Institution 'Foundation for Assistance to the Development of Small Innovative Enterprises in Science and Technology' to Provide Grant Support to Small Enterprises for the Development, Use, and Commercialization of Products, Services, and/or Solutions That Employ Artificial Intelligence Technologies, to Developers of Open Libraries in the Field of Artificial Intelligence, and to the Acceleration of Projects Involving the Use of Artificial Intelligence."**

In accordance with result 1.2 of the federal project Artificial Intelligence, "grant support was provided to: small enterprises for the development, use, and commercialization of products, services, and/or solutions that employ artificial intelligence technologies; to developers of open libraries in the field of artificial intelligence, and; to the acceleration of projects involving the use of artificial intelligence."

Budget funding has been envisioned for the implementation of this measure: 1.4 billion rubles in 2021, 1.9 billion rubles in 2022, and 1.8 billion rubles in 2023.

**3. "On the Approval of Rules for Granting Subsidies to Hold Artificial Intelligence Hackathons in Order to Resolve Business and Social Problems, Among Them on the Basis of Government Data Sets, Including the Area of 'Strong Artificial Intelligence,' as Well as Artificial Intelligence Lectures."**

The draft resolution is aimed at establishing requirements for granting a subsidy from the federal budget to the autonomous nonprofit organization Russia – Country of Possibilities, which functions as an operator for holding AI hackathons to resolve

business and social problems, among them on the basis of government data sets, including the area of "strong AI," as well as AI-themed lectures.

For the implementation of this measure, the following budget funding is provided: 37.4 million rubles in 2021, 246.1 million rubles in 2022, and 209.4 million rubles in 2023.

**4. "On the Approval of Rules for Granting a Subsidy to the Autonomous Nonprofit Organization National Priorities for waging a publicity campaign aimed at raising the level of confidence in artificial intelligence."**

The draft resolution is aimed at establishing requirements for granting a subsidy from the federal budget to the autonomous nonprofit organization National Priorities.

Budget funding has been envisioned for the implementation of this measure: 50.6 million rubles in 2021, 106.3 million rubles in 2022, and 74 million rubles in 2023.

**5. "On the Approval of Rules for Granting Subsidies to the Autonomous Nonprofit Organization University of National Technology Initiative 2035 for Holding Events Aimed at the Organization of School and Student Projects in the Area of Artificial Intelligence, Ensuring That Citizens Receive Continuing Professional Education in the Field of Artificial Intelligence and in Related Areas Using the Personal Digital Certificate Mechanism, and Developing and Updating a Digital Solution for the Stewardship and Development of Community Members in the Field of Artificial Intelligence."**

The draft resolution is aimed at established requirements for granting a subsidy from the federal budget to the autonomous nonprofit organization "University 20.35."

Budget funding has been envisioned for the implementation of this measure: 246.8 million rubles in 2021, 346.8 million rubles in 2022, and 315.6 million rubles in 2023.

**6. "On the Approval of Rules for Granting Subsidies from the Federal Budget to Provide Government Support for Research Centers in the Field of Artificial Intelligence, Including the Area of "Strong" Artificial Intelligence, Trusted Artificial Intelligence Systems, and the Ethical Aspects of the Use of Artificial Intelligence."**

The draft resolution was prepared in order to ensure the achievement of result 2.1. "Support was provided for research centers in the field of artificial intelligence, including the area of "strong" artificial intelligence, trusted artificial intelligence systems, and the ethical aspects of the use of artificial intelligence" of the federal project Artificial Intelligence of the national program Digital Economy of the Russian Federation.

As stated in the explanatory note, the federal project for achieving this result envisions the allocation of budget funds: 1.2 billion rubles in 2021, 2 billion rubles in 2022, and 2 billion rubles in 2023.

	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Publications of research center specialists in the field of AI at A+ level AI conferences, items</b>	6	18	30	36
per 1 center	1	3	5	6
<b>AI-themed articles authored by research center specialists in the field of AI published in quarter 1 journals and indexed in WOS/ SCOPUS systems, items</b>	6	18	30	36
per 1 center	1	3	5	6
<b>Number of AI frameworks developed and updated, items</b>	0	6	6	6
per 1 center	0	1	1	1
<b>Number of courses, lectures, and seminars developed and held on center topics, items</b>	6	12	18	24
per 1 center	1	2	3	4
<b>Number of center graduate staff members, persons</b>	30	30	30	30
per 1 center	5	5	5	5
<b>Number of industrial partners recruited, units</b>	6	6	6	6
per 1 center	1	1	1	1
<sup>1</sup> According to the passport of the federal project Artificial Intelligence of the national program Digital Economy of the Russian Federation, the project envisions federal support for not less than 6 centers				

Project performance targets.

## 7. "On the Approval of Rules for Granting Subsidies to Ensure the Functioning of a Center for Expertise for the Implementation of the Federal Project Artificial Intelligence."

The draft resolution establishes requirements for granting a subsidy from the federal budget to the autonomous nonprofit organization Analytical Center for the Government of the Russian Federation to ensure the operation of the "separate subdivision Center for Expertise."

The draft Federal Law entitled "On the Federal Budget for the Year 2021 and for the 2022-2023 Planning Period" envisions budget funding for the implementation of this measure: 229 million rubles in 2021, 217.4 million rubles in 2022, and 222.7 million rubles in 2023.

As follows from the explanatory note, in addition to budget funding for a number of measures specified in the draft resolutions, the federal project AI also envisions extrabudgetary funding.

In early January, **you will recall**, the president of the RF signed instructions based on the results of the Journey into the World of Artificial Intelligence conference. In 2019, a National Strategy for the Development of Artificial Intelligence Over the Period Extending Up to the Year 2030 **was approved** under Decree No. 490 of the President of the RF dated 10/10/2019.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Translator's note: For an English translation of the Russian national AI strategy, see: <https://cset.georgetown.edu/wp-content/uploads/Decree-of-the-President-of-the-Russian-Federation-on-the-Development-of-Artificial-Intelligence-in-the-Russian-Federation-.pdf>