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- Behind-the-scenes communications from Press staff and authors

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Book sales, subsidiary rights, and journals account for 76% of the Press’s expenses. The remaining amount is divided between public support through the UNC System (7%) and private support from the Press’s endowment as well as annual gifts from individuals, corporations, and foundations (17%, or over $1,200,000).

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