ICANN GRANT PROGRAM

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Agenda



Overview and Key Elements

What is the ICANN Grant Program?



The ICANN Grant Program is a competitive, global program open to applications from eligible organizations for projects that are consistent with ICANN's mission and align with the objectives of the Grant Program. The ICANN Grant Program will make a difference in the Internet ecosystem and positively impact people across the globe by investing in creative and innovative solutions that further our vision of a single, open, and globally interoperable Internet.

The expected outcome will be a broader and more diverse user base with greater capacity to further develop and improve the Internet around the world.

How did the program come to be?

The ICANN community outlined that "proceeds from auctions will be reserved and earmarked until the uses of funds are determined. Funds must be used in a manner that directly supports ICANN's Mission and Core Values and allows ICANN to maintain its notfor-profit status."



ICANN's multistakeholder community formed a community group to develop a plan for the proceeds and the ICANN Grant Program emerged as the method to grant proceeds in line with ICANN's mission. The ICANN Grant Program is the culmination of years of work by the ICANN community. It is a testament to the multistakeholder model in action.

Grant Program Objectives

The types of efforts that ICANN will encourage and fund through the Grant Program includes those that support ICANN's mission by:

Benefitting the development, distribution, evolution of the structures that support the Internet's unique identifier systems Providing needed capacity development and infrastructure support in communities that need them most Advancing work related open access, futureoriented developments, innovation, and open standards for the Internet community Addressing diversity, participation, and inclusion across regions and all stakeholder communities

How will the Grant Program Operate?

The ICANN Grant Program will operate in cycles until all funding is used

Cycle 3, 4, 5...

Up to \$10m

Cycle 2

Cycle 1

Each cycle, an allocated portion of available proceeds will be made available for grants During this first cycle, up to \$10 million will be made available for grants to successful applicants Awards of between \$50,000 and \$500,000 will be available

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For future cycles, these amounts and the total amount allocated for the next cycles may differ

Who can apply?

Applications may be submitted by eligible organizations from across the globe. For the first cycle, applicants must:

Be a charitable organization Meet all applicable U.S. trade laws and regulations and must not be the subject of any U.S. sanctions

Have no conflicts of interest with ICANN Meet all applicable standards for reputation and background checks

Have a bank account in the organization's name

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About

The goal of the ICANN Fellowship Program is to strengthen the diversity of the multistakeholder model by fostering opportunities for individuals from underserved and underrepresented communities to become active participants in the ICANN community.

Fellows are exposed to the workings of the ICANN community, are assigned a mentor, and receive training across different areas of knowledge and skill building before, during, and after an ICANN Public Meeting. Travel assistance to attend the meeting is also provided.

Fellowship participants come from a variety of backgrounds. Check out program participants and statistics for more information.

Fligibility



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Launch of ICANN Grant Program webpage at: https://icann.org/grant-program (Dec 2023)



Release of Applicant Guide (8 Jan 2024)



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Announcement of Program and Start of Awareness Campaign Teaser Phase (9 Jan 2024)

Key Dates

Jan 2024	25 March 2024	Jul-Aug 2024	Jan 2025	Jan 2025
Grant Program Applicant Guide released in English	Call for proposals and application opens in grant portal	Admissibility and Eligibility checks	Expected award decisions	Grant agreement negotiations
PUBLICATION OF APPLICANT GUIDE	LAUNCH APPLICATION WINDOW	CLOSE OF APPLICATION WINDOW	ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS	
Grant Program Applicant Guide released in five other United Nations languages	Applications due in grant portal	Independent Application Assessment Panel review and final slate presented to ICANN Board		
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Q&A

I have questions, who can I contact?



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For any comments, questions, or feedback regarding the Grant Program contact: grantprogram@icann.org



Thank you

