

**ICANN Grant Program – Webinar #1**  
**CHAT TRANSCRIPT**

Thursday, 1 December 2022 @ 15:00 UTC!

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**Meeting Objectives:**

- Background on the ICANN Grant Program
  - Grant Program Preliminary Design and Key Element
  - First Grant Cycle and Tentative Timeline
  - Next steps
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06:49:59 From Pamela Smith - ICANN Org to Everyone:

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06:50:12 From Pamela Smith - ICANN Org to Everyone:

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06:51:21 From I. V. Stefanov to Everyone:

Is there a mandate to monitor such or all ICANN led chats?

06:51:46 From I. V. Stefanov to Everyone:

Is this just in lieu of the Grant Program Money issue?

06:53:03 From Negar Farzinnia to Everyone:

Hi I. V. Thank you for joining and thank you for your question.

06:53:22 From I. V. Stefanov to Everyone:

You're welcome!

06:54:23 From Negar Farzinnia to Everyone:

This is standard practice for all webinars. Given that most often a lot of conversation takes places in the chat pod, it's hard to differentiate comments and questions that are intended to be read out loud. The quotations will help the team identify those comments and questions easier.

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06:58:57 From Cheryl Langdon-Orr to Everyone:

Hi all

06:59:23 From Yvette Guigneaux - ICANN Org to Everyone:

Hi Cheryl, welcome

06:59:27 From Pamela Smith - ICANN Org to Everyone:

Hello, everyone, and welcome.

06:59:36 From ICANN Org to Everyone:

Hello everyone

06:59:43 From Pamela Smith - ICANN Org to Everyone:

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07:00:11 From Oksana Prykhodko to Everyone:

Hello everyone from Ukraine

07:00:27 From Xavier Calvez to Everyone:

Hello everyone and welcome!

07:00:32 From Eunice Pérez to Everyone:

hello

07:00:36 From Alfredo Calderon to Everyone:

Good morning, afternoon or evening to all!

07:00:48 From Danko Jevtovic to Everyone:

Hi \*.\*

07:00:50 From Giovanni Seppia to Everyone:

Hello everyone!

07:00:55 From Pamela Smith - ICANN Org to Everyone:

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07:01:39 From Lavish Mawuena Mensah to Everyone:

Good afternoon from Accra, Ghana

07:02:16 From Negar Farzinnia to Everyone:

Hello everyone — Welcome!

07:02:25 From Mouloud Khelif to Everyone:

Greetings from Geneva everyone!

07:02:30 From Pamela Smith - ICANN Org to Everyone:

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07:04:07 From Eduardo Diaz to Everyone:

Where will the recording of this meeting be located?

07:04:57 From Kris Rampersad to Everyone:

Dr Kris Rampersad I work across media culture and gender from creation through to policy development and outreach engagement and advocacy find me at linkedin

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/krisrampersad/> website <https://krisrampersad.com/>

07:06:01 From Pamela Smith - ICANN Org to Everyone:

Eduardo, the recording will be located in the community wki at  
<https://community.icann.org/display/GP>

07:09:47 From Xavier Calvez to Everyone:

Welcoming several members of the ICANN Board participating in this webinar. Thank you Avri, Danko, Jim, Leon, Maarten, Manal, Patricio!

07:11:45 From Xavier Calvez to Everyone:

Adding Matthew to the list of Board members attending! I will continue monitoring the list.

07:15:43 From Frank Anati to Everyone:

hi everyone Frank Anati from Ghana GH

07:16:20 From Yvette Guigneaux - ICANN Org to Everyone:

Hi Frank, welcome

07:16:20 From Pamela Smith - ICANN Org to Everyone:

Welcome, Frank.

07:19:14 From Nigel Cassimire to Everyone:

Grateful for the slide deck to be made available.

07:20:24 From Pamela Smith - ICANN Org to Everyone:

Nigel, the slide deck should be with the recording once it is posted at  
<https://community.icann.org/display/GP>

07:21:39 From Shah Zahidur Rahman to Everyone:

Thank @Pamela , that will be helpful;

07:21:54 From Pamela Smith - ICANN Org to Everyone:

You're welcome, Shah.

07:22:28 From Mouloud Khelif to Everyone:

Could you please share the link here on the chat?

07:23:00 From Alfredo Calderon to Everyone:

Visit - <https://community.icann.org/display/GP>

07:23:08 From Pamela Smith - ICANN Org to Everyone:

<https://community.icann.org/display/GP/ICANN+Grant+Program>

07:23:37 From Mouloud Khelif to Everyone:

Thanks @Alfredo @Pamela

07:25:56 From Sivasubramanian M to Everyone:

<q> Is there a possibility that Registries / Registrars be invited to contribute to the grant corpus, entirely on a voluntary basis?

07:26:09 From Shah Zahidur Rahman to Everyone:

is this grant program for non-profit or any other organization related to gTLD? Thanks  
APSIG- Treasure

07:27:02 From Shah Zahidur Rahman to Everyone:

in addition I would like to check for TLD reseller on behalf

07:28:01 From Ahmed Abdelmoneim to Everyone:

i need some clarification about the future plan from the Q1 2023 to Q4 2025

07:28:04 From Josu Waliño to Everyone:

Hi, what kind of topics/projects do you expect to fund through this grant? Projects for the community, dissemination projects, technology development,...

07:28:12 From Claire Craig to Everyone:

<Q> Would At Large and Other End User organizations be eligible to apply for grants?

07:28:57 From Pamela Smith - ICANN Org to Everyone:

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07:29:05 From vanda scartezini to Everyone:

hi everyone

07:29:05 From Pamela Smith - ICANN Org to Everyone:

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07:29:15 From Sivasubramanian M to Everyone:

<q> and <c> How does ICANN's grant program treat conflict of interest? Does the program summarily exclude any one from any of the AC/SOs/Staff/Board serving or has served ICANN in the past from applying for a grant? Or, disclose the Conflict transparently and goes ahead with the evaluation with specific attention to the conflict? If the grant program were to summarily exclude everyone who has served the DNS in the past or present, it may in a sense be denying someone of an opportunity available to everyone, for the positive reason that he or she has served ICANN in a voluntary or other official role, instead of considering it as an added merit, merely for optics. <question>

07:29:25 From Alan Greenberg to Everyone:

<QUESTION> The CCWG Final Report found that a (Fundamental) Bylaw change might be necessary to ensure that grant decision were not subject to appeal under ICANN accountability measures. Was this determined to be necessary? <QUESTION>

07:29:45 From Josu Waliño to Everyone:

<QUESTION>Hi, what kind of topics/projects do you expect to fund through this grant? Projects for the community, dissemination projects, technology development,...?<QUESTION>

07:29:57 From Judith Hellerstein to Everyone:

@Claire At Large is not a non profit so it is not eligible

07:30:25 From Anoop Kumar Prasad to Everyone:

<QUESTION> Greetings,

Can I apply on behalf of an incubation centre?

07:30:52 From Harold Arcos to Everyone:

<Q> Some organizations end users,,as ONGs can apply for grant program?

07:31:11 From Oksana Prykhodko to Everyone:

Oksana Ptykhodko, iNGO EMP, Ukraine <q> Can the same person/organisation submit more than one application?<q>

07:32:08 From Claire Craig to Everyone:

@Judith aren't there some At Large organizations (ALSs) that are non-profit?

07:32:16 From Ahmed Abdelmoneim to Everyone:

<QUESTION>

Could you clarify of the future plan from the Q1 2023 to Q4 2025 <QUESTION>

07:32:30 From Jeffrey Neuman to Everyone:

<Question> Given that the .web TLD is still in dispute/litigation, has that money been taken out of the corpus and placed on reserve just in case the auction is overturned for any reason? </Question>

07:33:06 From Judith Hellerstein to Everyone:

@Claire that groups would then apply as a separate group without a connection to At Large

07:34:26 From Wolf-Ulrich Knoben to Everyone:

Question: can we expect that following cycles will be shorter than the 1st one (in particular the prep Phase)? Question

07:35:52 From Claire Craig to Everyone:

@Judith yes that's what I meant as a specific organization on its own

07:35:52 From Sivasubramanian M to Everyone:

<question> I think I saw Q1 2025 as the earliest period when a grantee will see the grant, even this \$10 million, perhaps a "pilot". Why is it becoming a habit for ICANN to take years to do anything?

07:35:56 From Patrick to Everyone:

Can Academic Institutions like Universities apply ?what about governments Institutions?

07:36:08 From Bonface Witaba to Everyone:

<Comment> Great initiative by ICANN. I hope all the questions posed by the participants in this meeting can be compiled in FAQs section, so that everyone can gauge their eligibility  
<Comment>

07:36:37 From Wolf-Ulrich Knoben to Everyone:

Agree to Siva

07:37:01 From Lavish Mawuena Mensah to Everyone:

<Q> Can Academic Institutions like Universities apply ?what about governments Institutions? <Q> (FROM PATRICK)

07:38:07 From El Hadji Daouda DIAGNE to Everyone:

Is it possible to apply for less than \$50,000?

07:38:57 From Wolf-Ulrich Knoblen to Everyone:

<Q> How will the Grants panel will be established? <Q>

07:39:38 From I. V. Stefanov to Everyone:

Are the main topics of ICANN scope of most importance already considered (if already shown at the beginning of this presentation, i apologize, since i missed first slides) or congregated?

07:40:11 From Sivasubramanian M to Everyone:

<question> Why not form a structural separate foundation or Trust, separate management, allow the entity sufficient independence and freedom to make it possible for the entity to begin awarding grants by the end of Q4 2022? <question>

07:41:26 From Judith Hellerstein to Everyone:

@Siva that form was not accepted as a preferred format from the Auction Proceeds WG

07:43:48 From Jeff Neuman to Everyone:

Thanks Xavier....I think that is a good call for now. Hopefully it will be resolved at some point soon.

07:44:17 From Sivasubramanian M to Everyone:

<q> What if the application confirms to the criteria but has the potential to earn revenues and profits if successful? Is there a design to broadband this not only as a "grant" program but also as a benevolent investment / partner program to expect the awardee to eventually contribute back to the grant corpus? <question>

07:45:07 From Sivasubramanian M to Everyone:

@Judith, the WG did not agree to the formation of a separate entity?

07:46:41 From Judith Hellerstein to Everyone:

@siva yes, a separate foundation was not accepted. There was support for a related and tied independent group to do it but it did not win enough support and so was not sent forward

07:51:15 From Wolf-Ulrich Knoblen to Everyone:

Thanks Giovanni!

07:53:23 From Mouloud Khelif to Everyone:

Good point

07:54:39 From Glenn McKnight to Everyone:

Normally grant guidelines are clear. It needs instructions on the type of applications would be considered.

07:55:43 From El Hadji Daouda DIAGNE to Everyone:

Thank you from SENEGAL

07:55:56 From Pamela Smith - ICANN Org to Everyone:

Thank you, El Hadji.

07:56:25 From Sivasubramanian M to Everyone:

@ Judith The grant program would be far more successful if the grants are awarded by a dedicated entity, and far more successful if it gets past the legal and process constraints and limitations that surround the ICANN processes, for example, ICANN bylaws may not allow the grant program to be broadbased, may not allow the CEO to sign a cheque for half a million to a project of utmost eligibility. Anything will have to be routed through the ICANN processes, and anything will take 3 years or more.

07:56:35 From Cheryl Langdon-Orr to Everyone:

Thank you for this important update on the progress of the Grant Program...

Appreciated...

07:56:47 From Negar Farzinnia to Everyone:

Thank you everyone for joining.

07:56:56 From Oksana Prykhodko to Everyone:

Thank you very much!

07:57:03 From Maureen Hilyard to Everyone:

Thank you the Org team for this informative update

07:57:06 From Mouloud Khelif to Everyone:

Thank you for this opportunity

07:57:09 From Pamela Smith - ICANN Org to Everyone:

Thank you everyone for joining today.

07:57:16 From Danko Jevtovic to Everyone:

Thank you \*.\*

07:57:16 From Shah Zahidur Rahman to Everyone:

I guess whenever we will see details grant eligibility criteria will make us more clear,  
Thanks for gret webinair

07:57:18 From Pamela Smith - ICANN Org to Everyone:

The webinar will be posted in the community wiki.

07:57:19 From Xavier Calvez to Everyone:

Thank you for your participation, questions and input!

07:57:26 From Sivasubramanian M to Everyone:

Thank you :)

07:57:29 From Pamela Smith - ICANN Org to Everyone:

<https://community.icann.org/display/GP>

07:57:31 From Andrey Shcherbovich to Everyone:

Thank you!

07:57:32 From Wolf-Ulrich Knoblen to Everyone:

Thanks and bye!

07:57:39 From Udeep Baral to Everyone:

Thank you

07:57:41 From Pamela Smith - ICANN Org to Everyone:

Thank you, all!!

07:57:42 From vanda scartezini to Everyone:

thank you all. quite relevant this start ... thanks Giovanne. Negar ..

07:57:42 From Sarah Kiden to Everyone:

Thank you

07:57:55 From Matthew Shears to Everyone:

Good session!

07:58:03 From Sivasubramanian M to Everyone:

... eligibility tomorrow.

07:58:04 From Manal Ismail to Everyone:

Thanks everyone !!

07:58:24 From Sujan Shrestha to Everyone:

thanks all