

# ICANN GRANT PROGRAM

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# Overview and Key Elements

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# 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 not-for-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, future-oriented 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

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



Cycle 3, 4, 5...

Cycle 2

Cycle 1

Up to **\$10m**

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

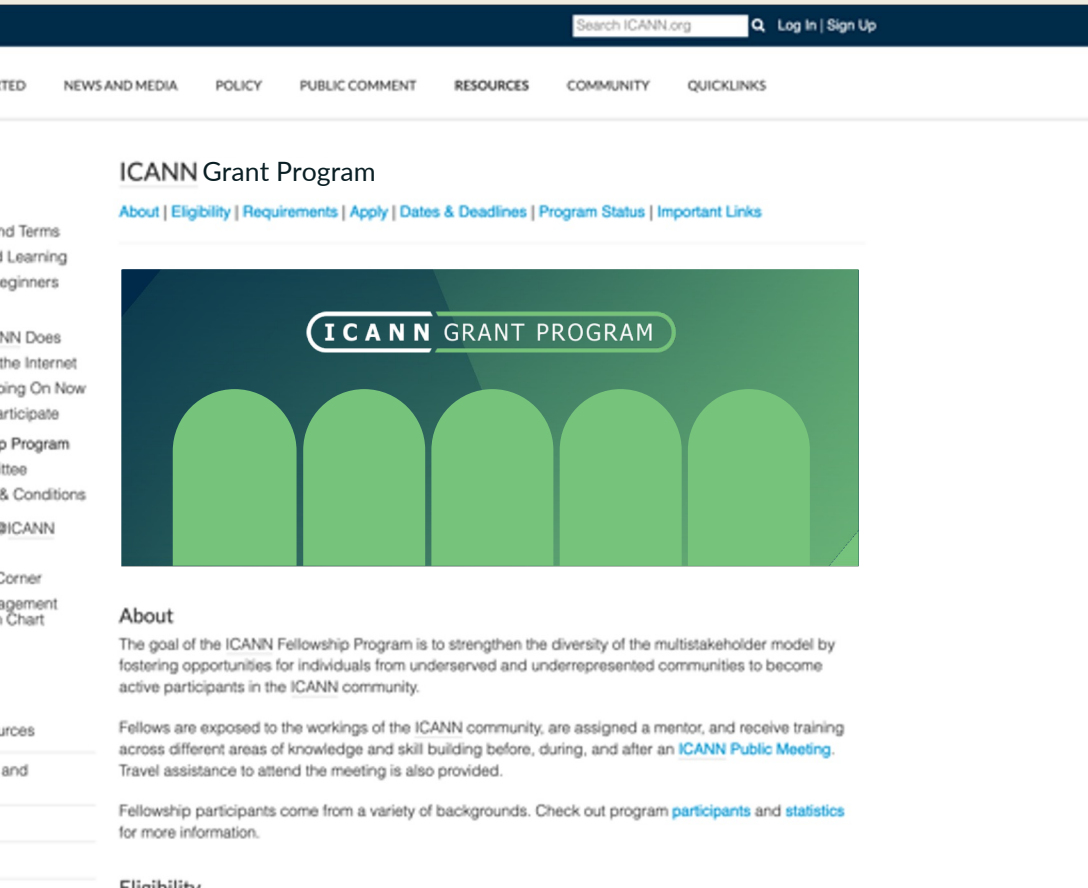
Have no conflicts of interest with ICANN

Meet all applicable standards for reputation and background checks

Have a bank account in the organization's name



# Website and Literature



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



Release of Applicant Guide (8 Jan 2024)



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

# Key Dates

<p><b>Jan 2024</b></p>	<p><b>March 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Jul-Aug 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Jan 2025</b></p>	<p><b>Jan 2025</b></p>
<p>Grant Program Applicant Guide released in English</p>	<p>Call for proposals and application opens in grant portal</p>	<p>Admissibility and Eligibility checks</p>	<p>Expected award decisions</p>	<p>Grant agreement negotiations</p>
<p><b>PUBLICATION OF APPLICANT GUIDE</b></p>		<p><b>CLOSE OF APPLICATION WINDOW</b></p>		<p><b>ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS</b></p>
<p>Grant Program Applicant Guide released in five other United Nations languages</p>	<p>Applications due in grant portal</p>	<p>Independent Application Assessment Panel review and final slate presented to ICANN Board</p>		
<p><b>Feb 2024</b></p>	<p><b>24 May 2024 20:00 UTC</b></p>	<p><b>Sept-Dec 2024</b></p>		

# Q&A

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# I have questions, who can I contact?



For any comments, questions, or feedback regarding the Grant Program contact:

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