

Charter Question #10	10. To what extent (and, if so, how) could ICANN, the Organization or a constituent part thereof, be the beneficiary of some of the auction funds?
Initial Responses (summary – for full responses, see here)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I thought it was an axiom of the auction benefit funds that none of it would go to the ICANN budget. So to me, neither ICANN nor its constituencies (in as much as they operate under the ICANN budget) should be allowed to apply for this funding. • This should be avoided as much as possible. • ICANN should not allowed to transfer activities from its annual budget to be covered under this fund, even if those activities are 100% aligned with the purpose of the fund(s). Just as an example, in my opinion ICANN should not request/apply for funds to expand its fellowships program (as that is part of its own budget) even though that will fit perfectly fine. However a new/complementary program to increase the number of fellows supported might be presented by another organization, for example to increase the number of women attending, or young people, or from an specific economy/sector etc. An exception that was discussed at the Drafting Team was for ICANN to apply for a portion of these funds to support the growth of the ICANN reserves. In my opinion, building reserves is part of careful and responsible financial management and ICANN should not rely on this funds for that. ICANN should work to increase its reserves by managing its operational budget conservatively and responsible. However, I do not have fundamental objections to do this, if it can be well justified and if the amount allocated is quite small (1% or 2% for example). • What needs to be done is to make it possible for organizations to use funds through projects in this process. • There should in principle be no exclusion for any party to issue a proposal to an Open Call procedure from a subgranting organisation. However, during their Open Calls, subgranting organisation should apply clear selection criteria, whereby an ‘ICANN proposal’ should meet these as well. • We need a firewall to prevent even the possible appearance that this money is funding ICANN itself.
Order in which this question should be dealt with	
Sub-questions or clarifications needed	
(External) Expertise required?	Legal and fiduciary requirements.