Internet Society Foundation

Community-Centered Connectivity (CCC) Grant Program – Scaling Track
Example Application

Note: This is not an application form. This document is meant to provide the application questions for reference purposes only. All applications must be submitted through the Internet Society Foundation's grants management platform, [Fluxx](). If your organization is not already registered, you will need to register. It may take 1-2 business days for your registration to be complete, so plan ahead. Applications sent by email will not be accepted.

Form Criteria

Ensure the question below is selected before completing any other questions. The form will provide different questions depending on your response.

Select the Statement that best reflects your proposal:
   a) I will be applying for up to $50,000.
   b) I will be applying for greater than $50,000 (this corresponds to the Scaling Track).

Are you applying through Beyond the Net? (Yes/No)
Note: This question will only appear for Chapters.

Organization **Information**
- Organization:
- Primary Contact:
- Signatory Contact:
- Additional Contact:
   - *Your application should have at least two different points of contact (Primary Contact and Additional Contact). The Signatory will receive any legal documents to sign on behalf of your organization.*
- Does your organization have a bank account in the organization's name, and can it receive funds from a foundation based in the United States? (Yes/No)
   - *In order to receive funds from the Internet Society Foundation, an organization or their fiscal sponsor must have a bank account registered in*

their legal name. For additional guidance, please consult the <u>grantee eligibility</u> information on our website.

- Please demonstrate your organization's capacity to manage a grant award up to the requested amount in the proposed timeframe:*
  - *Share examples of previous grants awarded to your organization. You can provide URLs to award announcements and press releases, a copy of your organization's annual budget that includes funding amounts, or other evidence of experience in and capacity to manage an award of this size.*

- Which of these statements accurately describes your organization?* *(Select one answer)*
  - The organization is a 501c3 nonprofit (charitable organization based in the USA).
  - The organization has had Equivalency Determination (ED) status currently or in the past (foreign equivalent to a USA-based nonprofit)
  - The organization operates exclusively for charitable purposes (i.e., as a charitable nongovernmental organization) but has not yet gone through the ED process.
  - None of the above

Please note that if your organization is not deemed equivalent to a charitable nonprofit, you will become ineligible for funding. Details on how to demonstrate eligibility can be found <u>here</u>.

- Please demonstrate your organization's equivalency to a U.S. 501c3 charitable organization.*

Details on how to demonstrate eligibility can be found <u>here</u>. In addition to demonstrating that you are organized for exclusively charitable purposes, please ensure you describe 1) whether you engage in lobbying; and, 2) how your governing documents address the usage of your organization's assets upon dissolution, and whether your activities benefit private persons or non-charitable organizations. If you are uploading a copy of your governing documents, please indicate the relevant sections that we should refer to.

- *As a supporting organization of the Internet Society (ISOC), the Internet Society Foundation must operate exclusively for the benefit of ISOC and follow special rules*

under U.S. tax laws. We make grants only to organizations whose purpose and activities (meaning the vision, mission, articles of incorporation/by-laws, core focus areas, and programming) closely relate with the purpose and activities of ISOC. For information on how to answer the brief alignment questions below please see our website.

- Please describe how most of your organization's purpose and activities are focused on or related to the Internet.*

- Which of the following ISOC purposes and activities strongly aligns with your organization's purposes and activities? *(Select all that apply)*
    - Facilitate or support the technical evolution of the Internet as a research and education infrastructure.
    - Stimulate the community in the evolution of the Internet or educate them in its use and application.
    - Promote educational applications of the Internet.
    - Help to promote open development, evolution or use of the Internet to benefit people.
    - Connect unconnected communities and individuals to the Internet.
    - Advocate for policy that is consistent with ISOC's view of the Internet.
    - Advance the development and application of Internet infrastructure, technologies, or open standards, etc.

You may upload other documents below by clicking on the + button.

- Is the proposed project sponsored by a Fiscal Sponsor or submitted by a Fiscal Sponsor on behalf of a Sponsored Organization?* (Select one answer)
    - My organization is a Fiscal Sponsor submitting this application on behalf of a Sponsored Organization
    - My organization is a Sponsored Organization and the proposed project will be sponsored by a Fiscal Sponsor
    - My organization is not acting as a Fiscal Sponsor for the proposed project, nor submitting an application for a project that will be sponsored by a Fiscal Sponsor

Application Details

- Project Title:*
- Project Budget in $USD:*
  - *Maximum Project Budget is $200,000*
- Project Start Date:*
- Project End Date:*
- What is the region your project is most focused on?*
  - Africa
  - Asia Pacific
  - Europe & Central Asia
  - Latin America & Caribbean
  - Middle East
  - North America
  - Global
- How many countries does your project impact?*
  - 1
  - 2
  - 3
  - 4 or more
  - Not applicable

  If more than one country, select your countries in the order of greatest impact to least. Anything more than three countries will not be tracked individually.
- What is the name of your network?
- Project Summary:* *Please provide an overview of your proposed project. You must include the precise location(s), a clear problem statement, a specific solution, and a description of all key activities*
- Is there a precise location where you plan to build or expand the network(s) (e.g. school, health centre, digital hub, etc.)? If so, please specify them.*
- Are you managing the network yourself?* (Yes/No)
  - If No - what is the name of the organization that is responsible for managing the network?*

- Are you building a new network or expanding an existing one?* *(Select one answer)*
  - Building new network
  - Expanding existing network
- Do you intend to make multiple deployments?* (Yes/No)
- Describe your plan to connect the selected community (communities) to the Internet. Describe the technical specifications you intend to use to deploy your community network.*
- Describe your existing relationship with the community (communities) where you plan to implement this project?
- Describe previous projects your organization has implemented that are relevant to this program.*
- If you are applying with an implementing partner, describe the roles and responsibilities of each party involved. (If Applicable)
- What is your financial sustainability plan for your network?*
- How do you plan to implement your financial sustainability plan? What is the anticipated size, scale, and scope of the network long term (i.e.: two years after the grant period is over)?
- Estimate the total number of people who will have the opportunity to gain Internet access as a result of your project.* (Select one answer)
  - 0-500
  - 501-1000
  - 1000+
- Based on the total number of people who will have the opportunity to gain Internet access as a result of your project, what proportion (%) will be women?*
- Estimate the total number of households you expect will gain Internet access as a result of your project.* (Select one answer)
  - 0-100
  - 101-249
  - 250+

Community information

- How do people in the community connect to the Internet today? *(Select all that apply)*
    - Copper
    - Fiber
    - Mobile Service
    - Wireless
    - Other
- How many Internet service providers are available in the area today?* (Select one answer)
    - 0
    - 1-3
    - 4-5
    - 6+
- Please describe the current average cost of connectivity and average speed of connectivity in the community where the proposed project will be implemented.*
  Cost of connectivity = how much 1 GB costs or average cost per speed by the local service provider/mobile operator

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Note: The following questions will only appear for applicants who indicated in previous question that they are expanding an existing network.

- If you are expanding an existing network, what is the average connectivity speed of your subscribers (in Mbps)?* (Select one answer)
    - 1-10
    - 11-30
    - 31+

- Do you plan to increase the average speed of connectivity due to the project? If yes, by how many Mbps?* (Select one answer)
- Maintain existing connectivity speed
    - 1-10
    - 11-30

- o 31+
- What are the subscriber packages your network currently offers or will offer and what are the costs?*
- If you are expanding an existing network, what is the backhaul bandwidth of your network (in Mbps)?*(Select one answer)
    - o 1-100
    - o 101-200
    - o 201+

- For each of the community locations below, indicate how many you plan to connect as part of your project. If a location does not apply, enter 0.
    - o Local Businesses
    - o Health Centers
    - o Community Hubs
    - o Schools
    - o Government Offices
    - o Public Hotspots
- Do you plan to train people to access the Internet or maintain the network?* (Yes/No)

Note: The following questions will only appear for applicants who indicated in the previous question that they will train people.
- Indicate the number of people you plan to train.
- Describe who the participants will be:

    E.g. community members, teachers, local technicians, local government officials, others
- Describe the training topics:

    E.g. digital literacy, network maintenance, other

Funding Information

- Do you have other funds secured or requested for this project?* (Yes/No)
  - *If Yes - Please explain how much you are receiving / have received and for what purpose.*
- Are you currently receiving or have you in the past received any other funding from the Internet Society or Internet Society Foundation?(Yes/No)
  - *If Yes - Please explain how much you are receiving / have received and for what purpose.*

Survey Questions

The following two questions will not influence your application approval or rejection.

- Have you read the following Community Network resources?* *(Select all that apply)*
  - Community Network Do-It-Yourself Toolkit
  - Community Network Readiness Assessment Handbook
  - None of the above.
- Were any of these resources helpful while preparing this application?* (Yes/No)

Guidance for uploading documents for your application

Application Documents

Required:

  - Completed project Budget, Workplan, and Equipment Support Form; using the required template.

Recommended:

  - Any other relevant documents such as financial or operational plans for the project, network diagrams, recent annual reports, feasibility studies, consultations with communities, quotes for services or equipment etc.
  - Letters of Support: if you are partnering with other organization(s) to implement any part of your project, attach letters, agreements, Memoranda of Understanding, or other relevant documents that demonstrate your partnership.

Organization Documents

Required:

- o Tax Identification Document(s): organizational tax documents that demonstrate your organization's non-profit/charitable status
- o Governing Document(s): such as Articles of Incorporation or Charter documents
- o Financial Documents: Current organizational budget, latest audits or national tax returns within the last two years

Recommended:
- o Equivalency Determination: A certification that your organization is equivalent to a U.S. 501c3 public charity. Include only if you already have one and it is current.

Please note that if the documents you are submitting are not in English, ISOC may use a third-party service to translate them. Accuracy cannot be guaranteed. By submitting this application, you are consenting to this practice.

Please do not upload any banking information into Fluxx.

If you encounter any issues or technical difficulties with Fluxx, contact fluxx_help@isocfoundation.org