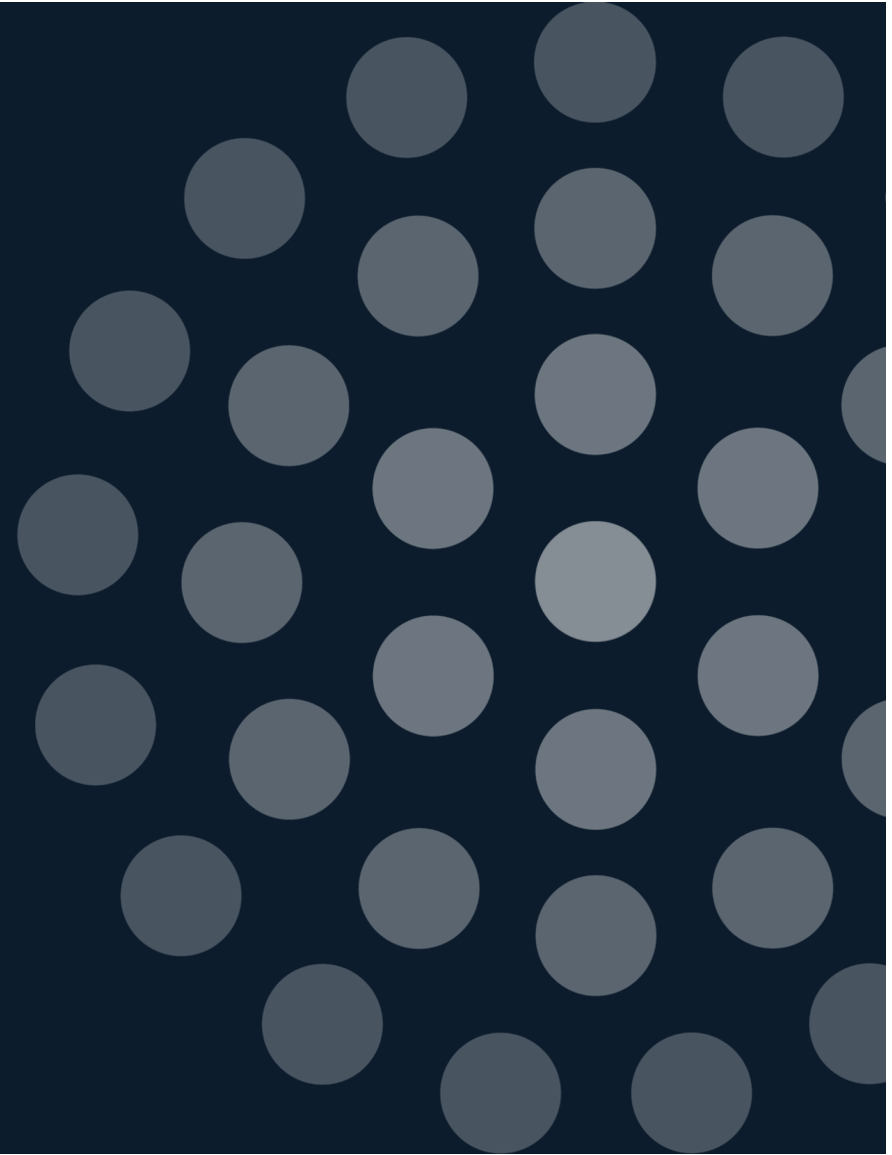




# **Common Good Cyber Fund Grant Program**

Information Session

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# About the Internet Society Foundation





## Vision

The Internet  
**is for  
everyone.**



## Mission

The Internet Society  
Foundation champions  
ideas and enables  
communities to unlock  
**the Internet's potential**  
to tackle the world's  
evolving challenges.



## The Internet Society Foundation

- A Supporting Organization of Internet Society
- Launched in 2019 to manage grantmaking initiatives
- Now includes Internet Society Fellowships, Training, and E-Learning initiatives
- Currently running 9 different grant opportunities

### 2025 Grantmaking:

**\$19.9M**

In grant funds committed

**370**

Grants made

**120**

Countries where  
organizations received  
Internet Society  
Foundation grants



# The Internet Society 2030 Strategy

## Strategic Goal 1:

People everywhere have access to affordable, reliable, and resilient Internet.

## Strategic Goal 2:

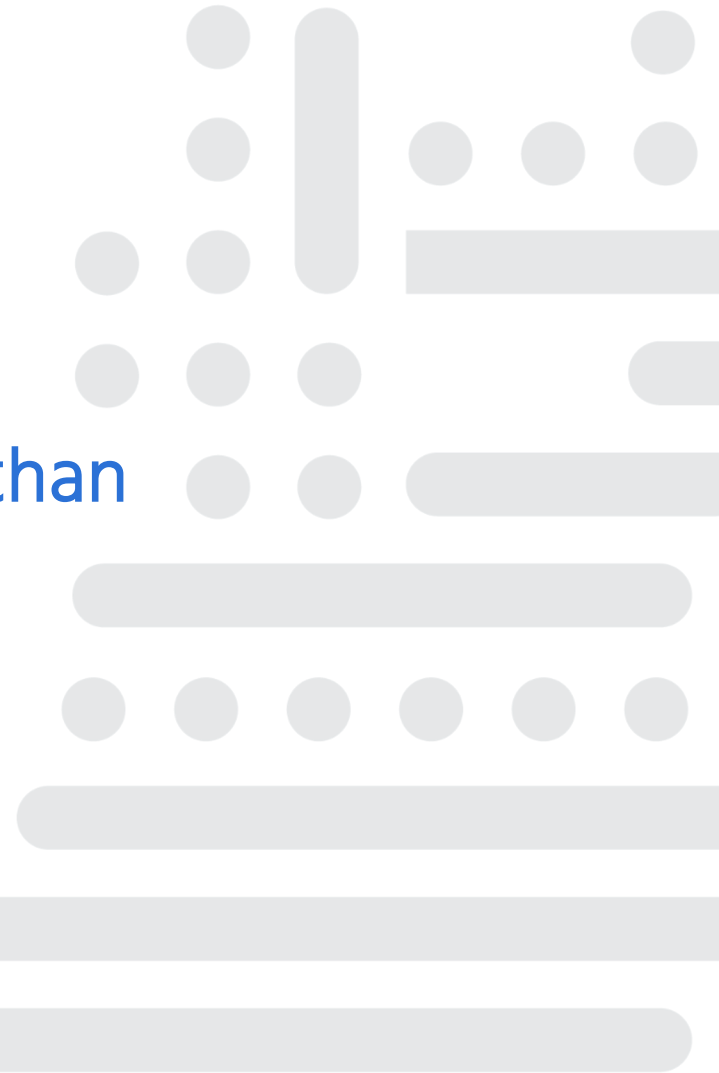
People everywhere have an Internet experience that is safe, secure, and protects them online



# Common Good Cyber Fund



Digital and cyber threats scale faster than  
public-interest defense capacity



# The Common Good Cyber Fund (CGCF)

## The Problem

Much of what keeps Internet users safe is delivered by **nonprofit and public-interest actors who depend on funding that can be unpredictable or inconsistent.**


At the same time, cyberattacks are rising in frequency and sophistication, with **disproportionate impacts on high-risk actors**, including NGOs, journalists, human rights defenders, and dissidents.

End-users remain vulnerable, and targeted attacks against high-risk users are commonplace. Cybersecurity nonprofits struggle to fight evolving and scaling attack methods, and coordination is complicated by limited resources.

## The Response

The Common Good Cyber Fund aims to strengthen cybersecurity nonprofits through grants made from a pooled fund coordinated with multiple donors<sup>1</sup>.

A thriving global ecosystem of cybersecurity nonprofits that coordinate effectively to secure the Internet for all and provide greater protection for high-risk users.

 <sup>1</sup> Donors include the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Craig Newmark Philanthropies, the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office of the United Kingdom, Global Affairs Canada, the Internet Society, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

## Overview

The Common Good Cyber Fund is designed to strengthen the **global ecosystem** of nonprofits that provide critical public interest cybersecurity services. It aims to support organizations whose work supports:

Maintenance of critical cybersecurity infrastructure

Delivery of scalable support to secure Internet users from digital harm, including state-directed cyber activity and digital transnational repression

Advancement of a safer Internet for vulnerable groups and high-risk communities, including civil society and journalists



# Maintenance of critical cybersecurity infrastructure

Supports the shared security capabilities that keep the Internet safe and resilient.

- Internet infrastructure protection, such as DNS security, routing security, and secure defaults
- Shared threat detection and noncommercial threat intelligence
- Response-enabling tools, coordination, automation, and long-term upkeep of open security systems



# **Delivery of scalable support to secure Internet users from digital harm, including state-directed cyber activity and digital transnational repression**

Supports practical services that help high-risk users prevent, respond to, and recover from cyber incidents.

- Rapid response and incident support for civil society, media, and other high-risk groups
- Threat-informed hardening of accounts, devices, MFA, backups, and recovery workflows
- Scalable delivery models, such as remote support, security clinics, and regional responder networks



# Advancement of a safer Internet for vulnerable groups and high-risk communities, including civil society and journalists

Supports advocacy and coordination work when it leads to concrete security improvements.

- Policy or standards work tied to stronger protections, safer defaults, or better safeguards
- Trusted reporting and coordination pathways for vulnerabilities, abuse, and threats
- Norms and escalation mechanisms that improve collective response for at-risk groups



# What type of support is awarded?

## Funding:

- Grants of \$100,000 - \$300,000 will be made
- All grants will have a 2-year period
- Grants will follow a hybrid unrestricted model

## Organizational Capacity-Building:

- Grantees will receive virtual organizational capacity-building support throughout project implementation
- Support will be provided by Internet Society and Internet Society Foundation staff as well as external partners
- At least one in-person gathering will be held for grantees



# **The Application Process**

**Open call: 23 June to 4 August 2026 21:00 UTC**

## Who can apply?

All applicant organizations must:

- Be registered as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit *or* international equivalent
- Have a bank account in the organization's legal name that can receive funds from a Foundation based in the United States

Applicants will be accepted from organizations in all regions of the world

- Applicants who are based in, or who work in, **Global Majority** regions will be prioritized (Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, Asia Pacific)
- Work can be global in scale, but work focused in specific regions can be in scope with clear justification
- For Objectives 2 and 3, we will place added value on organizations that can show a credible track record of responding to gender-related digital harms



## What do I need to apply?

Proposals are only accepted through the Fluxx platform. Required materials will include:

- A narrative application describing your organization's work, impact, and organizational needs
- Your organization's current operational budget
- Your organization's governing documents
- Your organization's Tax Identification documents
- A list of current institutional funders and the amounts they provide.
- Copies of your organization's audited financial statements for the two most recent available fiscal years
- Copies of your organization's tax filings, or equivalent national tax returns, for the two most recent available fiscal years
- (501(c)(3) Equivalency Determination, if applicable and available)



# How are proposals evaluated?

<b>Organizational Alignment</b>	The applicant organization's mission and their core projects, programs, or services align with at least one of the objectives of the program
<b>Capacity &amp; Resources</b>	The applicant organization currently has the requisite staffing, functioning governance structure, and resources to successfully deliver their proposed projects, programs, or services.
<b>Experience &amp; History</b>	The applicant organization presents concrete evidence of their experience successfully delivering programs, projects, or services related to this grant program. They present a strong history of successfully managing grant funds from other credible donors.
<b>Target Audience</b>	The applicant organization presents concrete evidence that their work serves the demographic and geographic target audiences included in the grant proposal.



# How to Apply

- Open call: 23 June to 4 August 2026 at 21:00 UTC
- Register in the Internet Society Foundation's grants management system, Fluxx (<https://isocfoundation.fluxx.io>).
  - It can take 2-3 business days for registrations to be completed
  - Applicants must be registered in Fluxx at least 24 hours before the application window deadline.
- Applications are **only** accepted through Fluxx. Incomplete submissions will not be considered. Email submissions will not be accepted.
- Applications may be submitted in English, French, or Spanish
- We cannot provide individualized application guidance
- If you encounter any issues or technical difficulties with Fluxx, contact [fluxx\\_help@isocfoundation.org](mailto:fluxx_help@isocfoundation.org)



# Timeline

**23 June**

Application window opens in the Fluxx portal



**August - September**

Internal and independent reviews are completed. Status updates on applications will not be provided.



**4 August**

Application window closes at 21:00 UTC



**November**

Awards are announced and all applicants are notified of their status.



# Thank you.

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