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Writing a Grant Proposal

Tips to Strengthen Your Beyond the Net Application



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Use the resources available to you

ISOC has many resources for Beyond the Net applicants.



General Selection Criteria.

<https://www.internetsociety.org/what-we-do/grants-awards/beyond-net-funding-programme/how-apply-beyond-net-funding>

We want to ensure your project has a high success rate, so we have rigorous selection criteria. We look at a number of things like:

- Originality
- The long-term impact of your project
- The impact on people's lives of your project
- Is your community involved?
- Can the other chapters replicate your project?

Be sure to speak to all of these criteria *somewhere* in your grant application.



Refer to the Application Sample.

<https://www.internetociety.org/application-sample>

Project Summary

Not more than 300 words. Provide a brief description of the Project indicating how the project relates to the Internet Society's mission and values. [Read more...](#)

Thiayetou is the birth place of the most know scientific in west africa (Cheikh Anta DIOP) With the support of the computer science club of Ecole Superieure Polytechnique(www.esp.sn), the project aims to deploy in Thieytou's primary school an open but secured internet connection shared through Wifi and an opensource online school management software linked to a website so they can follow the progression of their pupils. Through this project we wish to the whole village a free high speed internet access for information access destined to teachers , administrative staff and learners as well.

Use this free & public tool! Look at how concise, yet complete, each answer is.



Review the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

<https://www.internetsociety.org/what-we-do/grants-awards/beyond-net-funding-programme/beyond-net-frequently-asked-questions>

1. Who can apply for Beyond the Net Funding Programme?

Applications for Beyond the Net funding will primarily be accepted from Internet Society Chapters or projects with an Internet Society Chapter actively involved. However, we will also consider on a case-by-case basis applications from Internet Society members who do not have an Internet Society Chapter in their country.

Wondering if there is a Chapter in your area check: [Chapters Map](#).

2. How do I know if my project idea is eligible?

Eligible projects ideas must be in line with the [Internet Society mission](#) and fall in one of the areas of interest.

There are 17 questions in total; many of your own questions might be there already.



Follow the Rules

Seems simple. But you would be surprised.



Can you color inside
the lines?

☐ Yes.

☒ No.

What did you expect?

Plan, research, discuss...and plan some more!

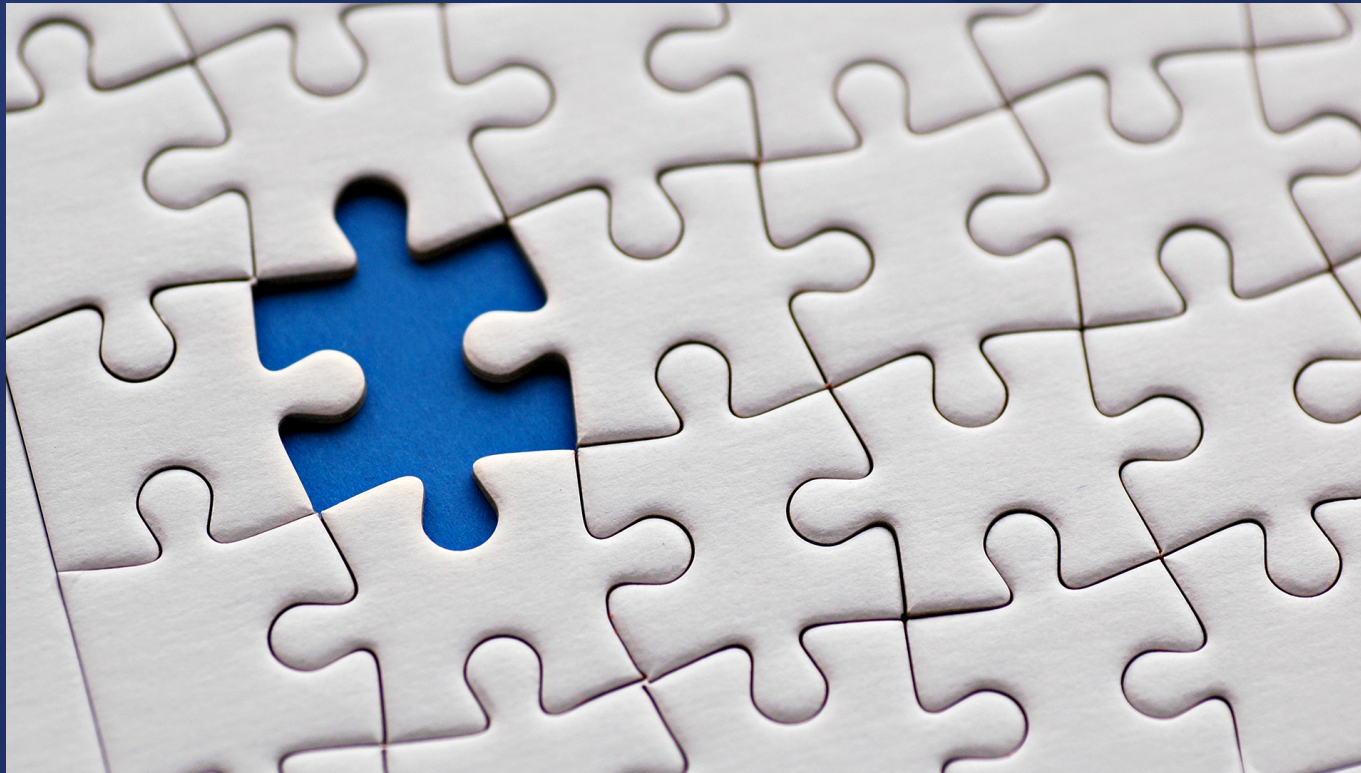




"80% preparation. 20% writing."

Proper planning *before* you write is the quickest and easiest way to take all the various pieces of the puzzle and make a complete picture for the programme selection committee.

So please don't do this...



Most grant applications have these main pieces you must address in order to make a clear & complete picture.

Who you are

- Description
- History
- Information on the project's leadership

What you do

- Major accomplishments (why you are best placed to do this work)
- Current projects
- Areas of expertise relevant to this project

The need you are addressing

- What is the need?
- How does this need relate to the funder's mission or priorities?

HOW you will address that need

- What will you do?
- Timeframe
- Whom will it benefit and how?
- What resources or budget do you need?

How will you know you were successful?

- How will you monitor the project's effectiveness as you go?
- What measures can you use to show outcomes?



Qualities of successful proposals

A great proposal shows a creative or innovative way to address a challenge.

Clear

It is easy to understand what you are doing, why, for whom, and what you hope to accomplish.

Brief

You make sure to cover all the necessary pieces to complete the picture but you aren't writing a novel.

Specific

You are focused. You have identified a specific need in your community and are proposing a solution that is reasonable within scope.

Accurate

You are genuine. The facts you provide, the need you identify, and your proposed solution are all based in reality.



Thank you.

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