



Sustainable Peering and Infrastructure (SPI) Grant Program Information Session, January 2024

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Our Mission

At the Internet Society Foundation, we:



Fund initiatives that strengthen the Internet in function and reach so it can effectively serve all people.



Advance the vision of the Internet Society: *The Internet is for Everyone.*



Support efforts to ensure an open, globally-connected, secure, and trustworthy Internet.

Objectives for the Sustainable Peering and Infrastructure Grant Program



- Increase the amount of Internet traffic within local infrastructure, reducing costs associated with traffic exchange between networks.
- Provide support to build new and enhance existing internet exchange points (IXPs) to ensure their long-term sustainability.
- Champion the development of peering and interconnection by building local capacity in collaboration with regional entities.

Two Funding Focus Areas

1. IXP Operational Support

- Support established or new IXPs to purchase/upgrade equipment. Open mostly to IXPs from **emerging economies, low-income economies, and small island developing countries**.

2. Peering Ecosystem Organizational Support

- Support organizations and systems that improve interconnection through trainings, community building, capacity building, and infrastructure development.

About the Funding Opportunities

Funding and Duration:

- Up to USD \$ 50,000 for a grant project for up to 24 months.

Eligibility:

- Operate an existing IXP that needs improvements;
- Plan to build a new IXP;
- Champion peering and interconnection in a specific region; or
- Provide a positive contribution to the entire IXP ecosystem;
- Organization's bank must be able to receive USD

Two Application Windows:

- 16 January–22 March 2024 and 1 July–6 September 2024

Application Overview

- Applications must be submitted in English, Spanish, or French during the open application windows using the Foundation's grant management platform, [Fluxx](#).
 - You must first register your organization in Fluxx to view the application forms.
 - A tutorial on how to navigate Fluxx is on [our YouTube page](#).
- A complete application must include:
 - For IXP Operational Support application: application form with key questions about the project, a proposed budget, a workplan, a general equipment support request form, plus a detailed IXP equipment request to describe current and desired servers and networking equipment
 - For the Ecosystem Organizational Support application: application form with key questions about the project, a proposed budget, a workplan, and a general equipment support request form (only needed if you are purchasing software/hardware)

Questions?

