

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.



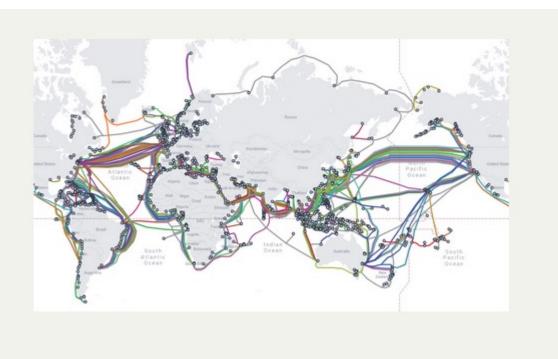
Advance the vision of the Internet Society: *The Internet is for Everyone.* 



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 <u>established or new IXPs</u> to purchase/upgrade equipment. Open mostly to IXPs from <u>emerging economies</u>, <u>low-income economies</u>, <u>and small island developing</u> <u>countries</u>.
- 2. Peering Ecosystem Organizational Support
  - Support <u>organizations and systems</u> 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, <u>Fluxx</u>.
  - You must first register your organization in Fluxx to view the application forms.
  - A tutorial on how to navigate Fluxx is on <u>our YouTube page</u>.
- 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?

