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?