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| **Charter Question #5** | What conflict of interest provisions and procedures need to be put in place as part of this framework for fund allocations? |
| **Initial Responses (summary – for full responses, see** [**here**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QN7zarCr2c-2BVv3pfa6Z5O10pDcgHSIQ5Q3CBdX2WE/edit)**)**  | * Do not foresee any issue whereby an individual would raise a conflict of interest in their participation and their advocating a funding priority vs. another, since the group works on consensus.
* Very strict provisions should be in place as soon as allocation of funds is considered for specific organisations. In case the process implies review and selection of projects / organisations, people and organisations in charge of the review should be strictly independent from applicants, and commit to high standards of ethics to prevent lobbying, etc. The scope of external audits of the process should include this aspect of the process.
* CoI might apply at the final stage, during the final funding allocations. For that final process:
	+ Individuals should not be eligible to apply for funding, only legal entities.
	+ Independent selection committees that represent different stakeholders/regions are an important step to be neutral
	+ The ICANN board should focus on ways to ratify decisions made through Selection Committees that are independent, not to be part of the Selection Process
* Statement of any possible conflict related to the project shall be public and part of the project submitted to be funded.
* A way forward to both reducing the risk of conflict of interest AND getting enough granting organisations could be the following:
	+ CCWG members/participants could all nominate 1 or 2 capable non-profit/charity organisations that could potentially help subgranting.
	+ After that, all nominated organisations are invited to issue a proposal how they would subgrant ICANN funds and what their trackrecord is.
	+ CCWG members/participants qualify proposals on capability, and nominate a selection of capable subgranting organisations to the Board.
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| **Order in which this question should be dealt with** | Response to this question will be partly dependent on mechanism(s) that is recommended. See also input provided by ICANN Board and clarification requested by CCWG.  |
| **Sub-questions or clarifications needed** |  |
| **(External) Expertise required?** | Legal and fiduciary (see [https://community.icann.org/x/CbDRAw)](https://community.icann.org/x/CbDRAw%29)Audit requirements (briefing requested) |