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| **Charter Question #7** | Should ICANN oversee the solicitation and evaluation of proposals, or delegate to or coordinate with another entity, including, for example, a foundation created for this purpose? |
| **Initial Responses (summary – for full responses, see** [**here**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QN7zarCr2c-2BVv3pfa6Z5O10pDcgHSIQ5Q3CBdX2WE/edit)**)** | * If that's what the board wants, then yes. Somehow, it will depend on the trust in and solidity of the strategic plan given to the grant agency, i.e. if the safeguards and criteria are good enough then ICANN may live with post-funding decision reporting only. * In order to avoid risks (reputational, integrity legal risks) affecting ICANN’s operations in the future (given that stability and security are paramount in its Mission), relying on another entity may be preferable. * It will be preferable to limit ICANN’s board and staff involvement to avoid undue influence, CoI/integrity issues and other potential legal risks. Strong criteria, sufficient safeguards and a transparent processes that are informed to the community should be in place. * ICANN should not deal with thousands of proposals itself, since it is a tremendous effort that requires many new employees that can hardly do the work, and will incur huge overhead-costs and many months to get started and experienced. ICANN should make use of app. 25 existing non-profit/charity organisations around the globe with the right capabilities and track record. |
| **Order in which this question should be dealt with** | Possible gating question as a yes/no answer would determine to a certain extent which mechanisms would require further consideration (or not)? |
| **Sub-questions or clarifications needed** |  |
| **(External) Expertise required?** |  |