

## Creation of an Auction Proceeds Program Review Panel

The CCWG-AP proposes that an Auction Proceeds Program Review Panel [Committee] be established, which will [may] include ICANN community volunteers, as well as invited external experts with expertise in evaluating grant processes.<sup>1</sup>

[Participants should be compensated, based on the work expected.]

An Auction Proceeds Review Panel (APRP) will be a community-based group to review the Auction Proceeds process.

- APRP will consist of up to two members from each ICANN SO/AC (or fewer if an SO/AC so chooses to not participate) [plus up to four independently selected members from the larger ICANN participating community][more GNSO members] plus up to four external members chosen based on their expertise in granting processes. APRP members are nominated by SO/ACs through their own respective processes, factoring in the required expertise, skills and commitments required. The Board of ICANN will also accept self nominations and will appointment of up to four independent participants. The AC/SO Chairs will make the final selection of the nominations coming from the SO/AC for APRP membership to serve for a two-year term.
- The prime function of the APRP will be to perform an annual review (starting at the end of year 2) of the ongoing operational process including an assessment of approved projects vs auction proceeds goals and an assessment of the success of funded projects (based on interim and final assessments provided to the APRP).
- This function is over and above any internal reviews of its processes performed by the selected Mechanism, or financial audits that may be performed, but other types of reviews/audits may be used by the APRP.
- The APRP will provide reports to the ICANN Board, the Mechanism, the ICANN community and the Auction Proceeds Program Evaluation Panel (see below).
- [At the request of the external project evaluation group, the APRP may be asked for guidance and/or clarification by the evaluation group. Such Guidance or clarification may be desired to address general issues or specific project applications, but all such requests will be general in nature and MUST not reference application specifics. The ability to provide such clarification/guidance is essential to ensure that omissions during the design and implementation phases do not significantly impact the operational processes.]

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<sup>1</sup> Notes on nomenclature:

1. “Mechanism” is whatever overall structure is selected to disburse the auction proceeds
2. “Project Evaluation Team” is the group within the Mechanism or contracted by the Mechanism, that performs the evaluation of applications and selection of projects to be funded. It is independent of ICANN Org and does not include ICANN Org employees.
3. “Review” is the process of determining how well the auction proceeds disbursement is proceeding.

## Creation of a Program Assessment Panel

A Program Assessment Panel (PAP) will be chartered by the ICANN Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC) to allow for an assessment of the entire Auction Proceeds program. Such review may include all aspects of the programs operation as well as the program goals and project criteria. Such an evaluation can be done by experienced ICANN community members, by an expert group that is hired to do the work, or preferably a combination of the two working as a team. Any recommendations developed by the Program Evaluation Panel will be provided to the full ICANN community via a publicly available report, to the ICANN Board and ICANN org, for further consideration, including community consultation.

- [First evaluation after 3 years of operation and thereafter every third year.][The recommendation to initiate a PAP may come from the APRP or from the OEC.]
- As part of its overall review, the PAP will also review whether and how the APRP should be continued.
- Detailed goals of EP shall get defined by the Implementation Team.