

Creation of an Auction Proceeds Program Review Panel

The CCWG-AP proposes that an Auction Proceeds Program Review Panel (APPRP) be established, which will include ICANN community volunteers, as well as invited external experts with expertise in evaluating grant processes.¹

The APPRP will be a community-based group to review the Auction Proceeds program process.

- The APPRP will consist of up to two members from each ICANN SO/AC², plus up to four external members chosen based on their expertise in granting processes. APPRP members are nominated by SO/ACs through their own respective processes, factoring in the required expertise, skills and commitments required. [Should an SO/AC identify more than two prospective members, the SO/AC Chairs will make the final selection.] The Board of ICANN will accept self-nominations and will appointment of up to four expert members. APPRP members will serve for two-year terms. In total, the APPRP should include some members with expertise in evaluating granting processes.
- Participants could be compensated. Such compensation would be in the form of an honorarium and not a payment for time. Whether this is practical should be further discussed by the Implementation Team.
- The prime function of the APPRP 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 APPRP).
- 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 such reviews/audits may be used by the APPRP.
- The APPRP will provide reports to the ICANN Board, the Mechanism, the ICANN community and the Auction Proceeds Program Evaluation Panel (see below).
- For avoidance of doubt, the APPRP will focus on the overall operation of the Mechanism and will not evaluate the success of individual funded projects, although the APPRP may take into consideration such evaluations performed by the Mechanism.

Creation of an Auction Proceeds Program Assessment Panel

An Auction Proceeds Program Assessment Panel (APPAP) 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

¹ Notes on nomenclature:

- a) "Mechanism" is whatever overall structure is selected to disburse the auction proceeds
- b) "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.
- c) "Review" is the process of determining how well the auction proceeds disbursement is proceeding.

² An SO/AC may choose to contribute only one member, or to not participate at all. An SO/AC that so chooses may reconsider that decision at any later date.

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well as the program goals and project criteria. Such an assessment 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 APPAP 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.

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- The first evaluation will be initiated after after 3 years of operation and thereafter in every third year. Outside of this cycle, the APPRP may recommend that a APPAP be initiated, or a APPAP may be initiated at the discretion of the OEC.
- As part of its overall review, the APPAP will also review whether and how the APPRP should be continued.
- Detailed goals of EP shall get be defined by the Implementation Team.

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