

Response due 28 April 2017

Public Comment: <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/fy18-budget-2017-03-08-en>

RySG Public Comment:

<http://mm.icann.org/pipermail/comments-fy18-budget-08mar17/2017-March/000001.html>

The Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG) submits this public comment to request that ICANN staff reconsider its position not to fund the Document Development and Drafting Pilot Program (the Program) in FY18.

The RrSG supports the statements made by the RySG in its public comment, specifically that “the community benefited from the Program since it achieved its goals of evolving and further globalizing ICANN (by improving policy development and governance processes, structures and meetings to be more accountable, inclusive, efficient, effective and responsive); advanced organizational, technological and operational excellence (by helping develop a globally diverse culture of knowledge and expertise available to ICANN’s Board, staff and stakeholders); promoted ICANN’s role and multi-stakeholder approach (by empowering current and new stakeholders to fully participate in ICANN activities.); and developing and implementing a global public interest framework bounded by ICANN’s mission.”

As an ICANN community member, the RrSG would benefit greatly from the Program for the same reasons as the RySG. In addition, the RrSG is working hard to improve the diversity of its membership, provide better engagement opportunities for its members, and to more fully participate in the bottom-up, multi-stakeholder model that is ICANN. The Program will enable the RrSG to facilitate greater engagement by its members, allowing members who may be less familiar with the totality of ICANN policy work to substantively engage in policy development.

The RrSG appreciates the opportunity to comment on this issue. It recognizes there are many competing demands for ICANN’s limited resources. But programs like this one support the bottom-up, multi-stakeholder model and ICANN’s efforts to increase the diversity of participation in the community. The entire community would benefit from this funding.

Sincerely,

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