Internet Society Foundation

Sustainable Peering Infrastructure Grant Program
IXP Support
Example Application

Note: This is not an application form. This document is meant to provide the application questions for reference purposes only. All applications must be submitted through the Internet Society Foundation's grants management platform, Fluxx. If your organization is not already registered, you will need to register. It may take 1-2 business days for your registration to be complete, so plan ahead. Applications sent by email will not be accepted.

Organization Information

- Organization:*
- Primary Contact:*
- Signatory Contact:*
- Additional Contact:
    - *Your application should have at least two different points of contact (Primary Contact and Additional Contact). The Signatory will receive any legal documents to sign on behalf of your organization.*
- Does your organization have a bank account in the organization's name, and can it receive funds from a foundation based in the United States?* (Yes/No)
    - *In order to receive funds from the Internet Society Foundation, an organization or their fiscal sponsor must have a bank account registered in their legal name. For additional guidance, please consult the grantee eligibility information on our website.*
- Please demonstrate your organization's capacity to manage a grant award up to the requested amount in the proposed timeframe:*
    - *Share examples of previous grants awarded to your organization. You can provide URLs to award announcements and press releases, a copy of your*

organization's annual budget that includes funding amounts, or other
evidence of experience in and capacity to manage an award of this size.

Application Details

- Which program are you applying to?*
    - Peering Ecosystem Support
    - IXP Support *(This example application is for the IXP Support)*
- Have you completed the IXP Self-Assessment in the past 12 months? If no, please complete before submitting application [EXTERNAL LINK] * (Yes/No)
- Project Title:*
- Project Budget in USD:*

    Note: For IXP Support requests, the maximum project budget is $50,000

- Project Start Date:*
- Project End Date:*
- What is the region your project is most focused on?*
    - Africa
    - Asia Pacific
    - Europe & Central Asia
    - Latin America & Caribbean
    - Middle East
    - North America
    - Global
- How many countries does your project impact?*
    - 1
    - 2
    - 3
    - 4 or more
    - Not applicable

    If more than one country, select your countries in the order of greatest impact to least. Anything more than three countries will not be tracked individually.

- Country 1:*

IXP Support

- What is the name of your IXP?
- Are you building a new IXP or enhancing an existing IXP?*
  - New
  - Existing
- Where is/will the IXP be located (e.g. city name)?*
- Where is/will the IXP be housed?*
  - *Please list the specific location(s), such as carrier neutral data center, server room, carrier data center, etc.*
- Are you managing the IXP yourself?* (Yes/No)
  - If No, What is the name of the organization that is responsible for managing the IXP?*
- Does your organization receive funding from any of the following?* (Select all that apply)
  - Educational Institution or network
  - Government
  - International Organizations
  - Regional IX Association
  - Other
- Are you a member of any of the following regional IX association?* (Select all that apply)
  - AfIX
  - APIX
  - Euro-IX
  - LAC-IX
  - Other
- Do you host any of the following measurement tools:* (Select all that apply)
  - RIPE Atlas Probe
  - RIPE Atlas Anchor
  - Other
- Is or will the IXP be hosted at a neutral location?* (Yes/No)

- How does the project ensure that the IXP remains neutral and gives all members equal access?*
- Please provide an overview of your proposed project.*
  - *You must include a clear problem statement, a specific solution, and a description of all key activities. Include a PeeringDB link if applicable*
- What is the current state of the peering and interconnection ecosystem in the location you wish to serve?*
  - *Describe local IXP(s), technical communities, and/or the policy landscape in the location, and opportunities and challenges.*
- Please describe how you will use this grant to support the development of the local peering and interconnection ecosystem. *
  - *Describe your planned activities or new/enhanced services you will offer.*
- What is your financial sustainability plan for your IXP? How do you plan to sustain the IXP's operations after this project?*
- Do you have a fee structure?* (Yes/No)
  - If Yes, Please describe your fee structure:*
- How many networks are currently connected or will be connected to your exchange?*
- What are the type of networks that connect to your IXP?* (Select all that apply)
  - Cloud Providers
  - Content Delivery Networks
  - Domain Name System
  - Enterprise/Financial
  - Gaming
  - Government Networks
  - Internet Service Providers
  - Research and Education networks
  - Other
- What is the expected increase in number of networks as a result of your project?*
- What is the expected aggregate traffic growth as a result of your project (in %)?*
- Are you/or are you planning to be a Mutually Agreed Norms for Routing Security (MANRS) member?*

- Already a member
- Planning to become a member
- Not planning to become a member
- Do you plan to increase the number of Points of Presence (PoPs) as part of this project?* (Yes/No)
  - If Yes, How many PoPs do you plan to add?*

Training Information

- Do you plan to train people as part of your grant activities?* (Yes/No)
  - If Yes, Indicate the number of people you plan to train.*
- Describe who the participants will be:*

  e.g, IXP staff, engineers, peers etc.

- Describe the training topics:*

Funding Information

- Do you have other funds secured or requested for this project?* (Yes/No)
  - *If Yes - Please explain how much you are receiving / have received and for what purpose.**
- Are you currently receiving or have you in the past received any other funding from the Internet Society or Internet Society Foundation?(Yes/No)
  - *If Yes - Please explain how much you are receiving / have received and for what purpose.*

Documents

Documents required to upload to your Application:

- A full project budget, workplan, and equipment support request; the required template is found here.

- An IXP Servers and Networking Equipment Form to describe current and desired servers and networking equipment; [the required template is found here](#).
- At least 2 quotations for equipment, a network diagram, and any letters that demonstrate the need for the project. These can be uploaded as document type "Other Document - Grant Request" in the upload menu.
- Optional attachments: If you wish, you may upload any document(s) that you believe will enhance your application.

Please **do not** upload any banking information into Fluxx.

Please note that if the documents you are submitting are not in English, ISOC may use a third-party service to translate them. Accuracy cannot be guaranteed. By submitting this application, you are consenting to this practice.

Organization Documents Required:
- Tax Identification Documents: Please provide organizational tax documents, such as IRS Determination Letter, Form 990, or other documents that demonstrate your non-profit/charitable status.
- Equivalency Determination Certificate: If available and current
- Governing Documents: such as Articles of Incorporation or Charter documents. If you have multiple governing documents, please upload the one that most clearly and comprehensively outlines the organization's purpose and activities.
- Financial Documents: Current organizational budget, as well as the latest audits or national tax returns within the last two years

If your official tax identification or governing documents are written in a non-English language and saved in PDF, please submit the certified version in PDF as well as a Word version.

Document Upload Directions
1. You may see a list of highlighted required documents with a + button next to each. If so, use the + button to upload each document.

2. If you **do** not see a highlighted document list, you have already uploaded some or all required documents previously. Please review your files in the O**rganization Documents** section below to ensure they are current.

   o To replace an existing document, click the green + button next to that document.

   o If you do not see the green + button, you may need moderator access. Check your status and instructions under **My Organization** by reviewing the list of moderators.

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