



Seed Alliance for Internet Development and Digital Innovation: Establishing the Internet Society Regional Grants for 2016

1. Project description

The [Seed Alliance](#) is a collaboration established between the [FRIDA](#), [FIRE](#) and [ISIF Asia](#) grants and awards programs which, hosted by the Regional Internet Registries LACNIC, AFRINIC and APNIC, support Internet development across the global south.

These three regional programs share the mission of Internet Society to further the open development, evolution, and use of the Internet for the benefit of all people throughout the world. Internet Society's Beyond the Net Program, in particular, closely aligns with the goals of the Seed Alliance in its efforts to encourage equal access to the internet, create awareness and promote the use of open standards, ensure internet security for users and foster participatory processes in internet governance.

Building on Internet Society's prior experience with all three programs --as one FIRE's first contributors, FRIDA's continuous supporter, and ISIF Asia's founding partner-- the Seed Alliance proposes to deepen this collaboration by establishing a set of regional grants exclusively sponsored by Internet Society. The **objective** of the Internet Society Regional Grants will be to further the mission of both Internet Society and the Seed Alliance through a joint effort to reach and support innovative local initiatives in Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa and Asia Pacific working on: a. Internet Security; b. Development of Open Standards; and c. Internet development through communities. The Internet Society Regional Grants will be channeled through the Beyond the Net Program and seek to strengthen the impact of this initiative by reaching local organizations through the Seed Alliance Community.

2. Description of the Internet Society Regional Grants

With the support of Internet Society, the Seed Alliance will allocate US\$ 50,000 to between 1 and 2 grants per region within the 2 years since the beginning of this agreement on December 2015. These grants will be managed by FRIDA for the Latin America and the Caribbean region, FIRE for the Africa region and ISIF Asia for the Asia Pacific region. Each program will have the freedom to decide how these funds are allocated according to the characteristics of the applications received. Selected recipients will implement projects between 10 to 12 months in duration, and will be required to demonstrate tangible results by the end of the grant period. Priority will be given to pragmatic projects from which lessons can be drawn, that have potential for replicability and, particularly in the case of research, that can inform public policy and decision-making.

Promotion and selection procedures: The Internet Society Regional Grants will be incorporated into the Seed Alliance's call for proposals, however they will be promoted as a separate type of grant exclusively sponsored by Internet Society. All regional programs will use selection procedures currently in place and review the proposals with existing Selection Committees.

Thematic focus. The thematic focus of the grants will be aligned with the Internet Society's three strategic objectives listed above: a. Internet Security, including collaborative security; b. Development of Open Standards; and c. Internet development through communities. For the call for



proposals, FRIDA, FIRE and ISIF Asia may choose to center on only one of these topics, depending the needs and context of each of region. Each program will be responsible for communicating its final selection of thematic focus to the corresponding regional office of Internet Society.

Documenting stories behind projects: Each member of the Seed Alliance will be responsible for working alongside each grantee to produce a report and video documenting lessons learned and highlighting the impact of each project. This will be included in the Seed Alliance reporting to Internet Society coordinated by LACNIC and utilized for communication and dissemination efforts as described below. Particular attention will be paid to introducing the situation prior to the implementation of each project and presenting the changes generated as a direct result of its implementation, to capture the impact of each intervention.

Communication of results. The stories and testimonies behind the work of each grantee will be presented at the Internet Governance Forum and other relevant conferences. As a member of the Seed Alliance, Internet Society will be free to contribute to communication and dissemination efforts and invite grantees to present and participate in events of its own, always acknowledging its connection with the Seed Alliance and each of the regional programs. Both the programs and its corresponding Internet Society regional office will keep each other informed of any communication efforts undertaken in connection to the grantees and explore potential synergies when applicable.

Reporting from grantees: Each regional program will supervise the execution of projects by the Grantees, all of which will be required to submit interim and final narrative and financial reports. Payments will be completed in stages and paid upon the approval of the reports submitted.

Reporting to Internet Society and visibility: The leading organization in the project will be LACNIC which manages the FRIDA Program. LACNIC-FRIDA will be in charge of compiling consolidated narrative and financial reports for Internet Society, submitting interim reports on July 31, 2016 and March 31, 2017 and final reports on November 30, 2017. Upon the completion of the project, all three programs will conduct a presentation for Internet Society summarizing the results of the interventions by the Grantees. In all outside communications and presentations regarding the Seed Alliance, Internet Society will be acknowledged as one of the supporters of the grants and awards program and as a member of the Seed Alliance.

3. Tentative work schedule and funds requested

The Seed Alliance is requesting US\$212,500 to be executed in two years, beginning on December 2015. The funds will be used to support one single grant cycle as detailed in the tentative work schedule and budget proposal below.

Tentative Work Schedule

December '15 - April '16: Signing of MoU between LACNIC, AFRINIC and APNIC. Definition of thematic focus for each region and communication to corresponding Internet Society Regional office. Preparation and coordination to launch the call for proposals. Updates to websites for call for grants.



April '16 - May '16: Window to submit applications. Webinars available to applicants for the completion of project proposals.

June '16: Project selection by each regional program and announcement of Grantees.

July '16 - June '17: Project implementation and submission of interim and final reports to each regional program by Grantees depending on their project schedules. Consolidated Interim Reports by LACNIC-FRIDA to be submitted to Internet Society by July 31, 2016 and March 31, 2017.

July '17 - September '17: Review and evaluation of Grantees final reports. Regional programs to work alongside Grantees to document impact and produce audiovisual materials about each intervention.

November '17: Presentation of results at the IGF and other relevant conferences as applicable. Consolidated Final Reports by LACNIC-FRIDA to be submitted to Internet Society by November 30, 2017.

Proposed Budget

Budget Categories	FIRE	ISIF Asia	FRIDA	Total
Grant programs	\$62,000	\$62,000	\$62,000	\$186,000
Grant funds	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$150,000
Travel to IGF for Grantees (including lodging, airfare and per diems)	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$24,000
Video production documenting impact	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$12,000
Communication and M&E	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$7,500
Support for communication and M&E	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$7,500
Indirect Costs	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$19,000
Overhead 9% Aprox.	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$18,000
Consolidated reporting by LACNIC			\$1,000	\$1,000
Grand total	\$70,500	\$70,500	\$71,500	\$212,500

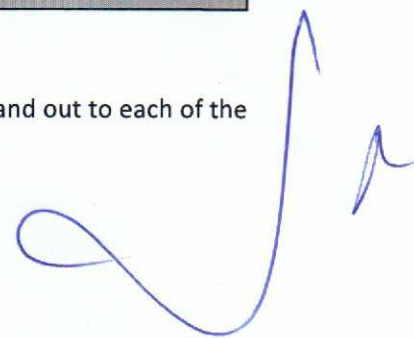
Payment Schedule

The Seed Alliance proposes that payments be made in one single installment and out to each of the three programs as follows:

FRIDA, LACNIC: US\$ 71,500

ISIF ASIA, APNIC: US\$70,500

FIRE, AFRINIC: US\$70,500





Signed:

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Raul Echeberria
Vice President, Global Engagement
Internet Society

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Date

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On behalf of the Seed Alliance
Oscar Robles
Executive Director
LACNIC

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