Sample Grant Application

Beyond the Net Large

Grant Application and
Project Implementation Guidance

Resource

Internet Society
Foundation

Organization/Chapter or SIG Information

Organization
Terra Chapter

Location
Terra City

Primary contact
James T. Kirk

Primary signatory
Dr. Scott Montgomery

Do you have a Chapter/SIG Bank account
Yes

Has the Chapter/SIG bank account changed in the last year?
No

Does this grant include any project sponsors or partners/supporters?
Yes

Project Sponsor Information
Klingon Group – technical and practical training on community networking.

Full application

Requested Project Start Date

When do you propose to begin your project? Please keep in mind the grant program deadline and include at minimum an additional one (1) month for award reviews and selection.

September 2019

Project Duration (in months)

How many months will your Large Grant project last? The maximum is 24 months (2 years) from the date your application is awarded.

12 months

Project Title

Internet access for the Rural Community of Terra (RCT)

Which of the Internet Society 2020 Project Areas would your project support?

Building Community Networks

Project Summary

Please provide a 1-2 sentence description of your project.

This project will deploy a community in the rural area of Terra with the goal of bridging the digital divide by giving the local population access to education and online resources. Further, the project will build the technical skills of the community members on how to develop and use online content.

Would you consider your project to be specific to one country, one region, or is it a global project?

One country

Please describe the need and/or problem your project seeks to address.

The rural community of Terra is located in a series of small valleys in a mountainous area. This makes it hard to reach and this has severe impacts on the services offered to its citizens. Among other things, the Internet is currently only accessible through the cellular network covering the region. This limits accessibility, increases costs and reduces available bandwidth. Further, the schools in the RCT are not connected to Internet and this restricts the educational opportunities of both the learners and the teachers.

Please briefly describe the overarching objective for your project.

Provide educational, economic and communication opportunities to the RCT by installing a Community Network.

Please clearly describe the activities you will undertake to achieve your project's overarching objective.

What are the major steps your project team will take to eventually achieve your objective? Do not include the smallest details but be sure to capture the main activities you have planned.

Activity 1: Connect three (3) schools in the RCT

Install a multipoint link from the city with the closest broadband and mesh network to connect the three schools, so that this connection can be expanded to community members.

Activity 2: Train local teachers on how to leverage the Internet in their teaching

Through a series of five (5), one-day training sessions to be held over a two-week period, train all the teachers in the three newly connected schools.

The five training days will focus on:

- Day 1: How to use the internet, including how to remain safe online.

- Day 2: How to identify relevant educational content (software, libraries, etc.)

- Day 3: How to adapt online content to the classroom setting

- Day 4: How to train students to use the internet and remain safe online.

- Day 5: Sharing lessons learned and building online community.

Activity 3: Develop local content, including in local languages

Through a day-long workshop open to all members of the RCT community, participants will be trained on how to create local content (including in the local language), where it should be uploaded and how it can be accessed.

Activity 4: Train local champions to act as network maintenance experts

Develop a training of trainers program that will serve to build ongoing mentorship relationships between the project implementers (knowledgeable on the maintenance of the CN) and the community members that would like to support the CN. This will include weekly in-person trainings.

How does your project contribute to the Internet Society 2020 Project Area you selected above?

Explain how your project supports the Internet Society's 2020 Project Area by explaining how your proposed project and its activities links to and supports the Project Area

The project aligns itself with one of the objectives of ISOC: "Building Community Networks" by establishing an infrastructure for connectivity, bridging digital divides and promoting internet approaches based on collaboration. The initiative will also contribute to community development and chapter effectiveness, as both leaders and members will contribute to the project.

List the name(s) of the person(s) responsible for your project implementation.

For each person listed, provide his/her role in your project and their background/area of expertise.

James T. Kirk, Project Leader, Systems analyst specialized in networks and the Internet.

Maria Gonzalez, Technical Leader, telecommunications specialist.

Dr. Scott Montgomery, Researcher and Trainer, telecommunications specialist.

Nyota Uhura, School Principal, liaison with schools in the area

Brad Smith, ICT Teacher, lead for teacher training

Jean-Luc Picard, Program Manager, will lead implementation of the overall project.

How do you foresee this project being sustainable beyond the life of this Grant?

In preparation for this project, we have built buy-in from the local community (including the three identified schools), as well as received confirmation of ongoing funding for the running of the CN from the local business community, so that the CN will continue its operations following the end of this project.

Based on the Project Area chosen above, please choose the number of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) you'd like to provide. Indicate which measurements you will use to assess your project's outputs and the numbers you hope to reach.

KPI 1   Number of people trained = 20

KPI 2   Number of people connected to Internet = 1500

KPI 3   Pieces of online content created in local languages = 10

KPI 4   Number of stories captured to measure social impact = 3

Budget

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Is your Chapter currently receiving any other funding from either the Internet Society or the Internet Society Foundation?

No