ICANN BOARD PAPER NO. 2014-04-30.2b

TITLE: **SO/AC FY15 additional Budget requests**

PROPOSED ACTION: **For Board approval**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As a result of prior discussions between the ICANN Community and staff, an additional budget request process was created to enable Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees (SOs and ACs) to formulate requests for funding of actions to be carried out in the following fiscal year. Also, as a result of these discussions, the approval of these budget requests should happen in advance of the overall ICANN Budget approval to allow both community members and staff to have sufficient time to organize events between the budget approval for such events, and the timing of the events being funded.

This specific process was created and communicated to the community in November 2013. It included a deadline of 7 March 2014 to provide budget requests, indicated a review and approval recommendation by a panel (including Policy, Stakeholders Engagement and Finance personnel) and a board vote by the end of April 2014.

The Board Finance Committee (BFC) has met on 25 April 2014 and on 28 April 2014 and has determined to recommend to the Board the approval of SO/AC requests for additional funding amounting to ^{Resolution ext Superseded} as per the attached detailed list.

STAFF AND BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE (BFC) RECOMMENDATION:

The staff and the BFC recommends that the Board approval ^{Resolution ext Superseded} of expenses for the FY15 SO/AC additional budget requests as per the attached detailed list.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Whereas, discussions between the Community and the ICANN staff have identified the need for an early decision on the funding of SO/AC additional budget requests made by the ICANN Community.

Whereas, the staff created an SO/AC additional budget request process, to collect, review and submit such funding requests to the BFC for recommendation to the Board for approval.

Whereas, the ICANN Community submitted additional budget requests by the deadline, and were reviewed by a panel of staff members representing the Policy, Stakeholders Engagement and Finance personnel.

Whereas, the review panel recommended the approval of requests amounting to
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Whereas the Board Finance Committee met on 25 April 2014 and 28 April 2014, reviewed the process followed and the staff's proposal, and determined to recommend that the Board approve the staff's and BFC's recommendations.

Resolved (2014.04.30.xx), the Board approves committing funds during FY15 in the amount of [Resolution ext Supersed] for the SO/AC additional budget requests as indicated in the <attached list>.

PROPOSED RATIONALE:

Approval of additional budget requests from the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees (SOs and ACs) earlier than the rest of the budget is reasonable in that earlier approval helps facilitate the work of the ICANN Community, including planning actions in early FY15; early approval does not create additional expenses. The amount of the committed budget funds resulting from this resolution is considered sufficiently small to not require that specific resources or revenue be specifically identified and approved by the Board at the same time.

There is no anticipated impact from this decision on the security, stability and resiliency of the domain name system as a result of this decision.

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