

Process for Funding ARIN External Projects and Entities

1.0 Background

ARIN is routinely approached by external entities with a variety of funding requests. These requests may come at any given time, for any reason, and for any amount.

ARIN has an obligation to insure that grants and/or funding of external projects or entities are made in conformance with the purposes of the organization, and consistent with ARIN's mission and objectives.

This document outlines the process by which funding requests are evaluated and approved.

2.0 Process

All funding requests will be directed to ARIN staff for research and collection. Staff, if not already provided, will solicit adequate information to understand the proposed merit as part of determining the value to ARIN and its community. In general, funding requests from for-profit entities will not be considered.

During the annual fall budgeting process, staff will make a recommended aggregate funding amount based on projected revenue and expenses of ARIN. In addition, staff will provide a list of entities requesting funding (including a brief summary of each request and the requested amount) in a priority order and with recommend amounts for each as determined based on staff's initial assessment of perceived merits to ARIN and its community, including conformance with purposes of the organization.

These materials will be provided to the ARIN Finance Committee (FinCom) as part of their budget review and evaluation. FinCom will review and make a final recommendation to the Board consistent with the budget review and recommendation process.

If there is a funding request of a timely nature that requires consideration outside of the normal budget preparation process, ARIN's President will review the request to determine if serves an urgent need of the organization and its members. The President will provide such requests (including an assessment of its merits and a specific funding recommendation) to the FinCom for their review and approval.