

3 September 2024

Re: GNSO Council Input on Applicant Support Program Use of Auction Proceeds

Ms. Tripti Sinha
Chair, ICANN Board

Dear Tripti,

We write in response to your letter asking for input on the New gTLD [Applicant Support Program](#) (ASP) use of \$5M in auction proceeds.

It is our understanding that the ICANN Board and Org seek a mechanism to provide adequate funding to kick off the Applicant Support Program prior to the commencement of the next round of New gTLD applications.

The GNSO Council supports this intervention as we believe it is not in variance with guidance recommendations previously provided to the Board through the Final Report of the GNSO Guidance Process (GGP) for Applicant Support, and we also believe this would enhance the success of the ASP such that a repeat of the challenges identified with the previous round would be avoided.

It is our understanding also that by this action, meaningful support would be provided for up to 45 qualified ASP applicants.

The GNSO Council will continue to evaluate progress made with the ASP and provide feedback deemed necessary.

Best Regards,

Greg DiBiase
GNSO Chair