

ICANN GRANT PROGRAM

ICANN84 Prep-Week Session
15 October 2025



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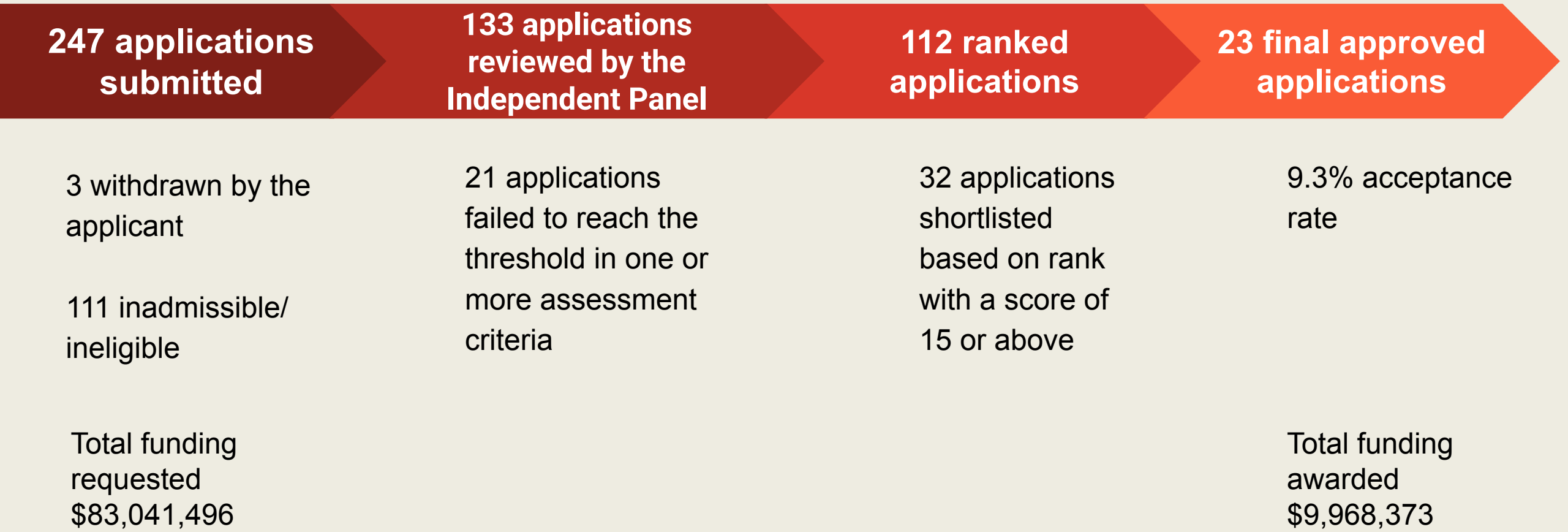
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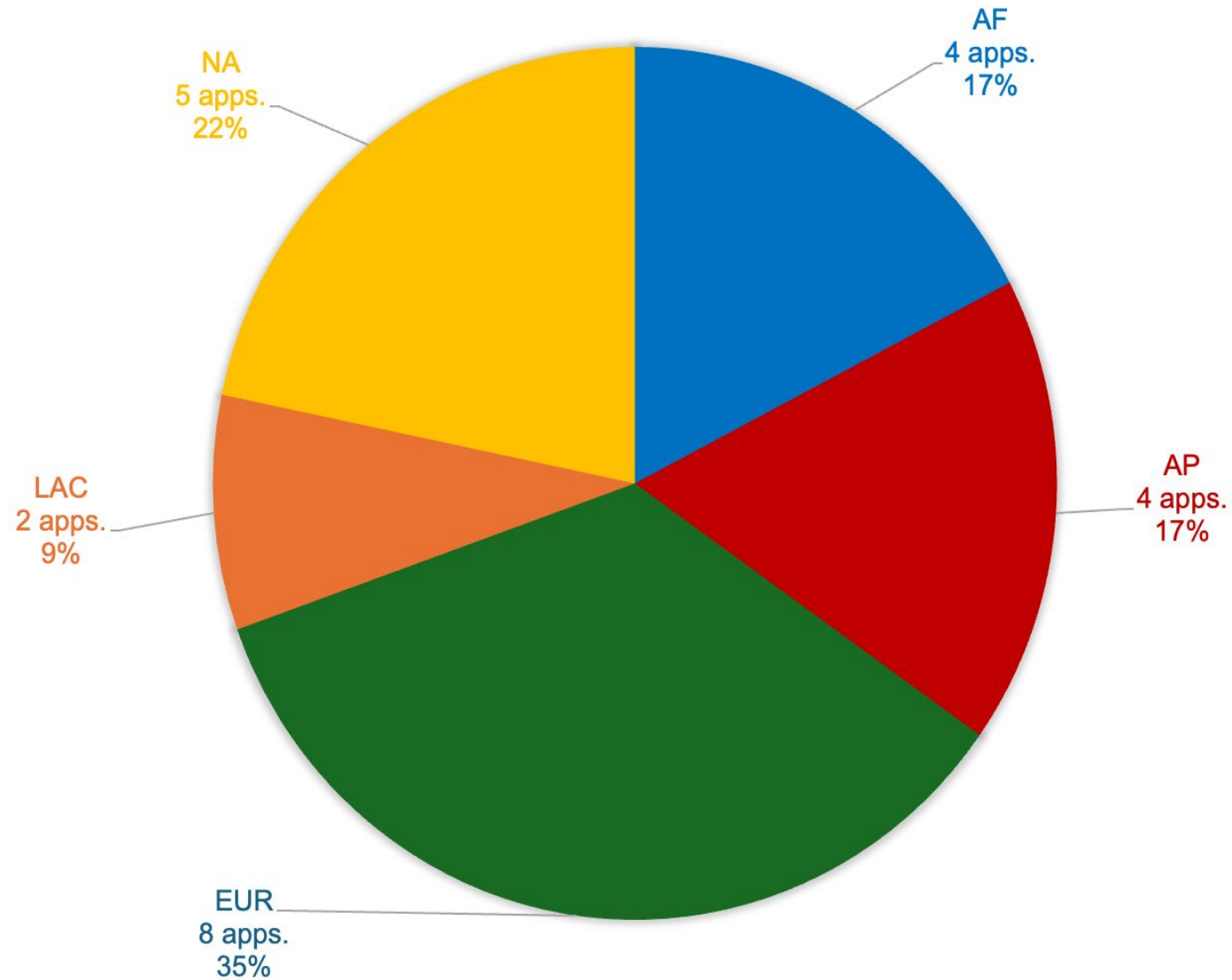
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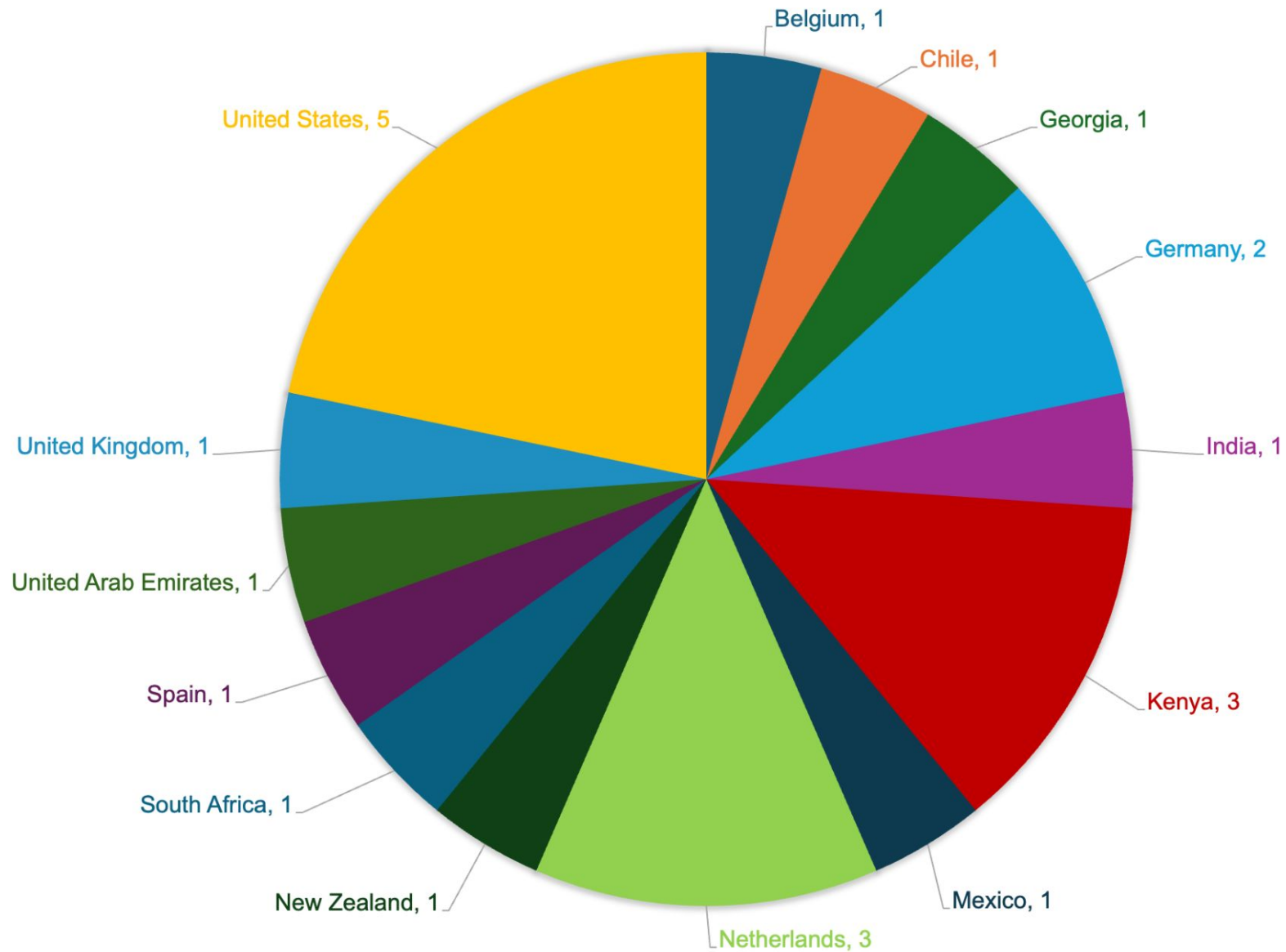
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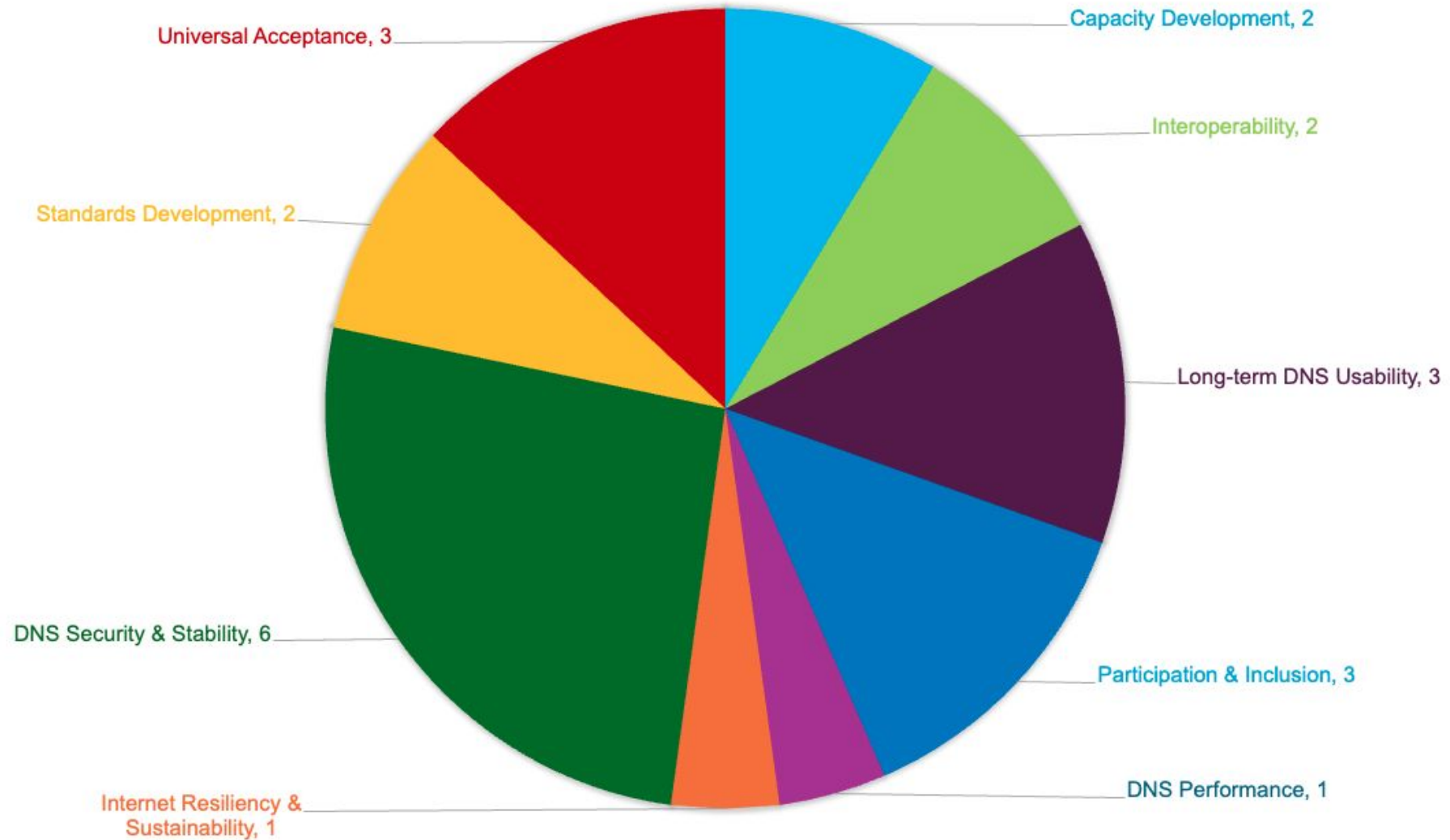
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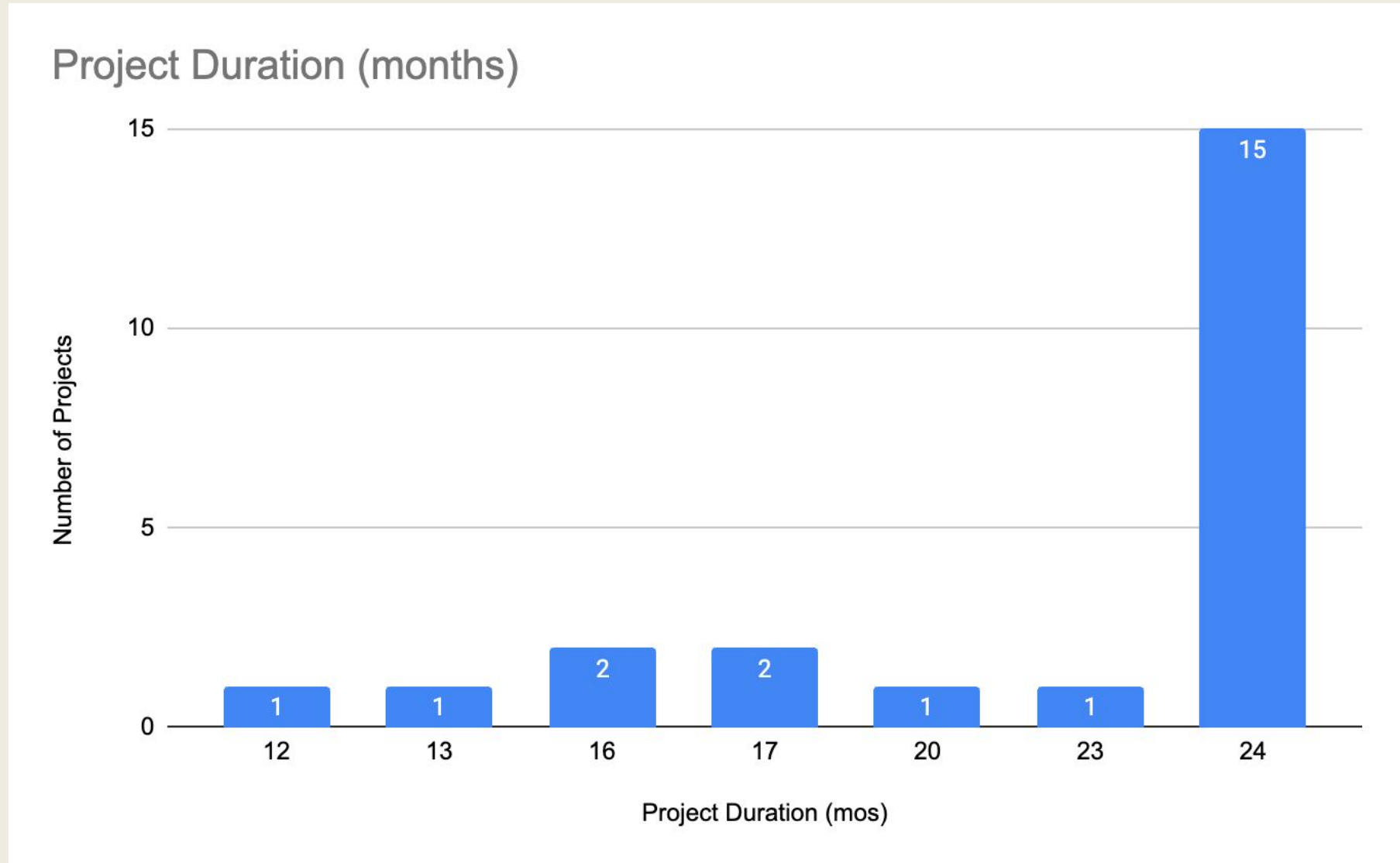
Distribution of Grants by Country



Distribution of Grants by Theme



Distribution of Grants by Project Duration



Grants Status

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Status Overview

Indicator	Expected	Actual	Status
Grant agreements finalized and executed	100%	100%	✓
Projects initiated	100%	100%	✓
First payment disbursed Total of \$2,674,435	100%	100%	✓
Total funding of \$10M disbursed	23%	23%	✓

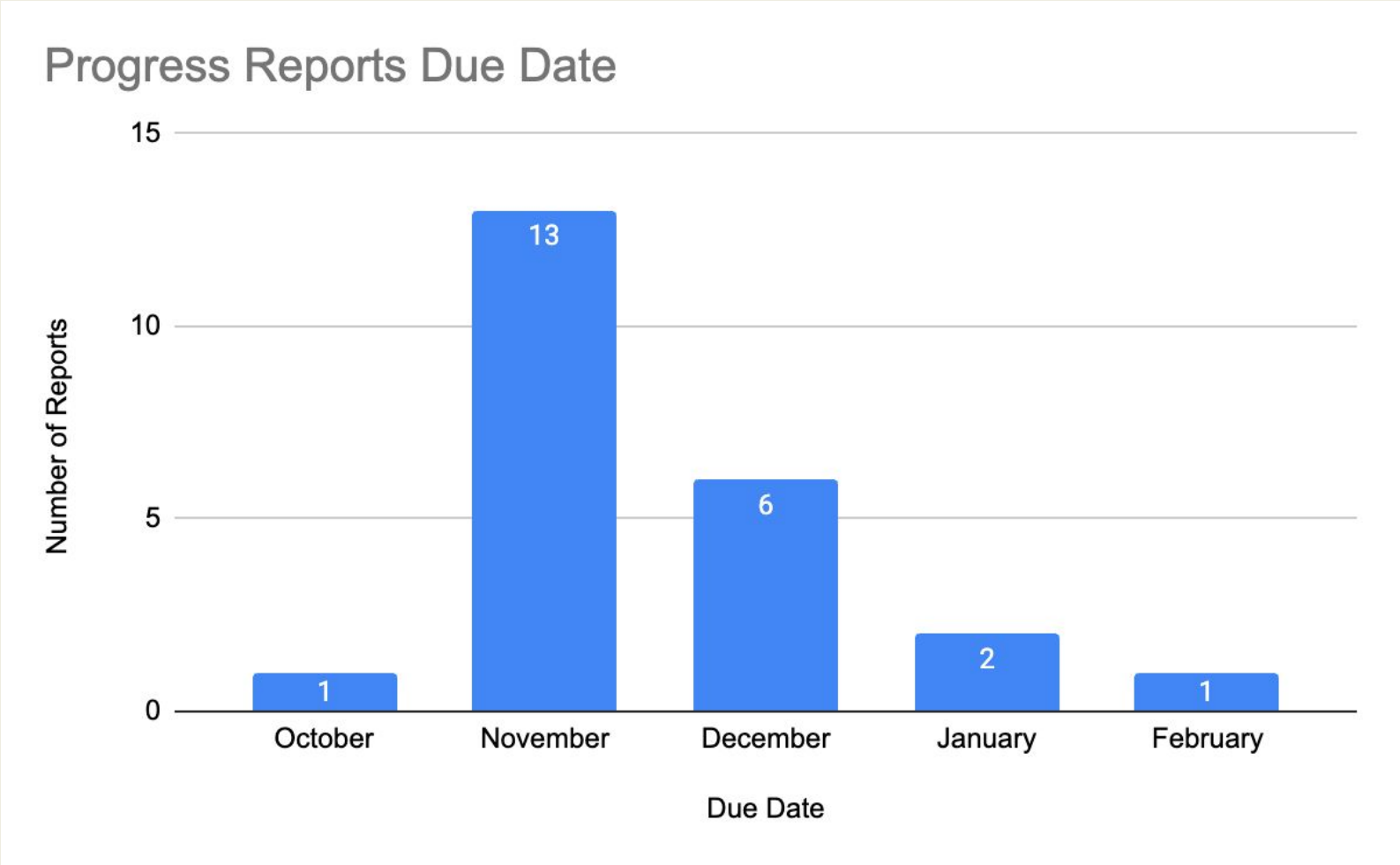
Funded Projects’ List and Summaries*

Project Title	Organization	Country	Region	Project Duration (months)	Grant Amount
Deployment of IPv6 In African Countries	African Telecommunications Union	Kenya	AF	24	\$398,040.50
Passive DNSSEC Data Collection Platform (GUPPY)	Ajman University	Deployment of IPv6 In African Countries			
Enhancing Digital Inclusivity and Universal Acceptance through Educational Outreach	Asociación A Favor De Lo Mejor, A.C.	Grantee: African Telecommunications Union (Kenya)			
African Internet Observatory for Assessing Resilience of Critical Cyber Infrastructure	Carnegie Mellon University	Grant Amount: \$398,040.50 Many countries in Africa still rely heavily on IPv4, which is running out of available IP addresses. There is an urgent need to deploy IPv6 in Africa. The adoption of IPv6 in Africa lags behind other regions, ranging between 10-15% of the global average of 30%, according to the latest IPv6 deployment statistics from Google. Deploying IPv6 in Africa will require multifaceted strategies combining technical, organizational and policy innovations. This project aims to provide awareness, capacity building, infrastructure an technical support, collaboration, roadmap and monitoring to IPv6 transition for Governments in about 30 less developed countries such as Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Central Africa Republic Comoros, Djibouti, Eswatini, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Republic of Congo, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Chad and Togo, to be done in phases within two years.			

* Published on the ICANN Grant Program webpage in early August 2025.

First Progress Reports

First Progress Reports expected between October 2025 and February 2026.



Internal Review of the First Cycle

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Types of review and objective

- Board-adopted CCWG Recommendation #12: The CCWG recommends that two types of review are implemented.
 - *First, an internal review step will be part of the standard operation of the program.*
 - *Second, a broader, strategic review may be an appropriate element of program implementation.*
- Review objectives:
 - *Enhancing operational effectiveness: Ensuring that the program is operating effectively and optimally,*
 - *Strengthening strategic approaches: Identifying areas for improvement in program design and implementation to further program objectives.*

Communication Activities

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Grantee Communication Activities

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NEW REPORT: The Road to WSIS+20: Key Country Perspectives in the Twenty-Year Review of the World Summit on the Information Society

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The Global Network Initiative (GNI) and [Global Partners Digital](#) (GPD) are pleased to announce the publication of “The Road to WSIS+20: Key Country Perspectives in the Twenty-Year Review of the World Summit on the Information Society” as part of the *Shaping the WSIS+20 Review for a Unified Internet Multistakeholderism* project supported by the inaugural ICANN Grant Program. This report aims to support engagement in the WSIS+20 process by providing insight into the positions and priorities of selected governments.

[The Road to WSIS+20: Key Country Perspectives in the Twenty-Year Review of the World Summit on the Information Society](#)

Digital Natives Academy (DNA), based in Rotorua, has secured international funding to deliver a groundbreaking tech training programme for young people, putting the city on the global map for digital leadership.

DNA, an award winning non-profit, is one of only 23 organisations worldwide, and the sole recipient from Aotearoa and the Pacific to receive funding through the inaugural ICANN Grant Program.

ICANN is a non-profit public benefit corporation established in 1998. Its mission is to ensure a stable, secure, and unified global Internet by coordinating the allocation and management of Internet Protocol (IP) addresses, domain names, and protocol parameters.

“This programme is the first of its kind. An accredited, Indigenous-designed course that teaches young leaders how the internet works behind the scenes, covering everything from DNS and IP addressing to Internet governance and data sovereignty,” says DNA co-founder Nikolasa Biasiny-Tule.

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We are happy to announce that the ICANN Board has [officially approved](#) the final slate of applications to proceed to contract negotiations in the first cycle of the ICANN Grant Program. Congratulations to our future grantees and thank you to everyone who participated by applying.

The funded projects are listed below.

I have questions, who can I contact?



For any comments, questions, or feedback regarding the Grant Program, please contact grantprogram@icann.org or the ICANN Helpdesk at <https://www.icann.org/en/help>

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