



**Can you provide examples of acceptable use cases for grant funds?
Are there any specific areas encouraged for the use of the grant funds?**

Examples of project goals include bolstering infrastructure, refining training programs, and fortifying quality systems. Previous ICCBBA Grant initiatives have encompassed the implementation of crucial infrastructure, including computers, printers, scanners, and other technologies tailored to empower facilities to streamline their operational processes effectively. Additionally, other projects have prioritized the enrichment of staff skills, knowledge, and expertise through training and upscaling initiatives. Some initiatives focused on providing financial support to physicians, technicians, and nurses to facilitate their participation in educational conferences, workshops, and events. These efforts are instrumental in fostering a culture of perpetual learning and skill development. Notably, the inaugural project funded in 2017 was centered on IT within the quality system domain. While indirectly linked to traceability and the ISBT 128 Standard, its significance lies in its contribution to the broader ecosystem in which the ISBT 128 Standard operates. By addressing fundamental aspects of infrastructure and quality management, the project played a pivotal role in reinforcing the foundational elements necessary for the effective implementation and utilization of the ISBT 128 standards.

Is there a restriction based on world regions for the ICCBBA Grant, thereby making certain regions ineligible to apply?

No. While there is a special interest in addressing challenges in low-resource settings, we remain open to applications from more economically developed countries. Despite our eligibility criteria stipulating that organizations seeking funding should be nonprofit or public bodies, the presence of a commercial partner or contributor-such as a supplier providing essential systems to the grantee-does not disqualify the project. It's important to note that the grant is distributed directly to the non-profit facility or organization,

irrespective of any commercial partnerships. Thus, collaborations with commercial entities are permitted, provided they are not the primary applicant.

What are the key dates and deadlines for the ICCBBA Grant application cycle?

The crucial deadline for applications is 30 April at 5 PM (based on the applicant's respective time zone). Following this, the Selection Committee will assess the applications throughout May and June. Successful awardees will be notified of their status in July. Key dates are also available on the ICCBBA Grant Homepage.

What documents are required to be submitted as part of the application?

To ensure a comprehensive application process, please submit the following documents:

- FM-093 v6 ICCBBA Grant Application Form
- Grant Budget Template
- Obligatory Organizational Official Letter
- Organization Annual Report (if available)
- Any additional supporting documentation

Given that the application may contain condensed sections, it may be necessary to include supplementary documents. In such cases, please specify the question number to facilitate correlation with the appropriate section of the application. Emphasis is placed on the completion and thoroughness of the application. Applications demonstrating these qualities are more likely to receive favorable consideration. Please note that ICCBBA may request additional information during the application review period. Prompt responses to any such requests are preferred to facilitate a smooth review process.

How does the evaluation process work, and what criteria are used to assess grant applications?

The evaluation process involves rubric scaling (the Project Description itself is worth 25 points). A meticulous examination of the project description is paramount. The committee will assess the clarity of project objectives and goals, validate the sustainability of the proposed approach, and evaluate the feasibility and efficacy of the initiatives intended to achieve the defined goals. Reference "Section VI. Application Review Information" on the ICCBBA Grant Guide for detailed guidelines on the evaluation process, scoring criteria, and comprehensive insight into the requirements.

How are grant disbursements made to the grant recipients?

Generally, payments are made via wire transfer. The method of disbursement depends on the amount awarded to the grantee. For example, for payouts over \$40,000 USD, disbursements can be staggered - 50% may be provided upon signing the grant agreement, with 30% released upon receipt of the interim report, and the remaining 20% upon project finalization. Should expedited funds be required, written requests will be evaluated promptly. Regular reporting, particularly after 90-days and up to the end phases of the project, is crucial to keep ICCBBA informed of progress.

What does MPHO stand for?

Medical Products of Human Origin. To learn more about MPHO, visit the [World Health Organization's article](#).

How do I access the ICCBBA Grant Portal?

Click [here](#) to directly access the ICCBBA application portal.

Where can I get more information regarding eligibility and resources on how to apply?

Please access our ICCBBA Grant and Awards page on our ICCBBA website - <https://iccbba.org/grants-awards/>.

For more information, visit our new [ICCBBA Grant Page](#).