



**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 Enterprise 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 ISBT 128 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 ISBT 128 standards.

**Is there a restriction based on world regions for the Enterprise 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 Enterprise 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. Successful awardees will be notified of their status in June. Key dates are also available on the [Enterprise Grant Homepage.](https://iccbba.isbt128.org/en-us/enterprise-grant-2025)

**Can I include a for-profit partner? Do they need to be included in the budget template under subcontracting or consulting services? Is it necessary to submit their CVs, or would a company profile and scope of work be more appropriate?**

Applications for this grant are open exclusively to providers of MPHO transfusion and/or transplantation services that are non-profit organizations, public institutions, governmental agencies, or other non-profit entities. For-profit organizations are not eligible to apply as the principle applicant. An applicant may include a for-profit entity as a project partner (e.g., a professional training provider), but the principal applicant must meet the criteria set out above.

*Budget Template - Other Direct Costs* This covers non-personnel-related costs allocated to implementation of the grant activity (e.g., supplies, proportionate amount for applicant office rent, utilities, etc.). Enter individual unit amount and total units anticipated for the duration of the project. Each expense entered requires justification in the budget notes. Should a grant be awarded, back-up documentation (such as a lease agreement for rent) may be required. Remember to allocate these expenses in relation to other activities you may have. For example, if you have another funded activity, you should not include 100% office rent for this budget; you should include the proportional amount to implement this activity. For-profit should also be incorporated is they are providing a proportional amount towards your project.

All project team members should be listed up to 10 principal members of the team who are expected to lead and undertake the project. Briefly describe their qualifications and experience. (Note this is a scoring factor).

**What documents are required to be submitted as part of the application?**
To ensure a comprehensive application process, please submit the following documents:
• ICCBBA Enterprise Grant Application Form, FM-093 v5
• Copy of the facility’s registration (if applicable)
• Enterprise Grant Budget Template 1.0
• Copy of the facility/organization's Annual Report
• Any additional supporting documentation that could provide valuable insights for the Selection Committee's review.

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 V. Application and Submission Information” on the ICCBBA Enterprise 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 20,000 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 during the middle to the end phases of the project, is crucial to keep ICCBBA informed of progress.

**How many grants do you give each year? and how many participants normally apply for it?**

There is no maximum or minimum amount of grants we give out each year. The only difference in 2025 is that ICCBBA has increased the total fund to $100,000 USD. Each applicant can now request up to a maximum award of $50,000 USD, providing even greater support for impactful projects.

We receive anywhere from 20 to 50 applications annually, so it is best to apply as soon as possible.

**What does MPHO stand for?**

Medical Products of Human Origin. To learn more about MPHO, visit the World Health Organization’s article here: [Principles on...MPHO](https://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA70/A70_19-en.pdf).

**If an applicant needs to supplement the grant from other organizations, how will the application be considered?**

This criterion looks at how well the budget aligns with the project’s description and intended goals. Reviewers will assess the appropriateness of the budget in relation to the proposed activities and the expected outcomes. They will consider whether the budget is realistic and supports the objectives outlined in the application.

**Will a recording of the workshop be available? Will the slides be made available to the participants?**

Yes, the recording can be accessed from the [Enterprise homepage](https://iccbba.isbt128.org/en-us/enterprise-grant-2025) as well as the [presentation deck](https://23490490.fs1.hubspotusercontent-na1.net/hubfs/23490490/Enterprise_Grant_Workshop_Powerpoint.pdf).

**Who makes up the Assessment Committee? Many prominent people in the industry know each other. How are biases and conflicts of interest be avoided?**

The Enterprise Grant committee is composed of board members who review all applications and score rubrics.

Members of the ICCBBA Board are excluded from acting as the designated representative of an applicant organization. If a member of the ICCBBA Board has a conflict of interest, including but not limited to being an employee of the organization being considered, the individual must recuse himself/herself from the discussion and voting process.

**Do you have to be registered with ICCBBA to apply?**

No, you do not need to be registered with ICCBBA to be an Enterprise Grant applicant.

**Does the team necessarily have to include 10 people?**

The team composition evaluates the qualifications and expertise of the individuals involved in the project. Reviewers will assess the relevance of team members’ skills and experience to the project’s goals, as well as their capacity to execute the proposed work. Diversity, leadership, and collaboration within the team may also be considered.

All project team members should be listed up to 10 principal members but less could be mentioned if the project warrants less than 10 team members who are expected to lead and undertake the project. Briefly describe their qualifications and experience. (Note this is a scoring factor).

**Can the data reference be provided in document form? If so, can it be included among the supporting documents?**

The budget sheet is a required document for the application. However, if you have more supporting data, you will want to upload it in the portal. This is located towards the end of the application in section 4.

**Is another source of funding mandatory? Can ICCBBA fully fund a project?**

CCBBA wishes to understand the alignment of the proposed budget to the description of work and goals/outcomes. See section IV of the guidelines for documents required.

8.1. Total funding requirements of project (USD)
8.2. Funding requested from ICCBBA (USD)
8.3. Other funding/resources. What other sources of funding are expected.

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