

Attachment 1 New Project Request

The Directors
APIDTT Pty Ltd
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South Brisbane QLD 4101

10 June 2026

Dear Directors

RE: New Project Request

We write to you regarding the grant agreement entered into between APIDTT Pty Ltd ACN 638 389 072 as trustee for the Asia Pacific Internet Development Trust (**APIDTT**) and APNIC Foundation Limited ACN 646 643 156 (**Grantee**) on 5 January 2026 (the **Grant Agreement**).

In this letter (**New Project Request**), expressions defined in the Grant Agreement and used in this letter have the meaning set out in the Grant Agreement. The rules of interpretation and governing law set out in the Grant Agreement apply to this New Project Request.

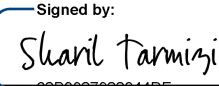
The Grantee wishes to pursue the new project set out in the Schedule to this New Project Request (**Additional Project**) and requests that the Additional Project be funded by APIDTT.

The Grantee requests to include the Additional Project as an additional Project under the Grant Agreement pursuant to clause 4 of the Grant Agreement.

If APIDTT wishes to approve the Additional Project, please return a signed copy of this letter to the Grantee.

The parties acknowledge and agree that with effect from the date this New Project Request is executed by APIDTT, the Grant Agreement shall be varied as set out in this New Project Request and otherwise in accordance with clauses 4 and 28.1 of the Grant Agreement.

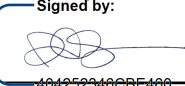
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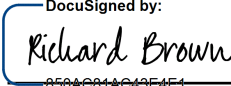
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Schedule 2 New Project Details

Budget Summary

Project #	Project	Implementing partner	Project budget (in USD)	A-F overhead (in USD)	Project total (in USD)
2026-02	SOI Pacific	Keio University	\$368,000	\$55,200	\$423,200
2026-02	SOI Pacific	University of Hawai'i	\$247,500	\$37,125	\$284,625
Total			\$615,500	\$92,325	\$707,825

Project Summary

SOI Pacific

Overview

The SOI Pacific initiative is guided by the vision of “*A Connected and Resilient Pacific*,” where research, education, innovation, culture, health, and inclusion—enabled by technology—empower communities to thrive in harmony with their environment. Building on SOI Asia’s experience in community and capacity development, the initiative supports the co-development of contextually grounded approaches with Pacific partners, responding to local priorities and needs. SOI Pacific is implemented through a collaboration between Keio University (SOI Asia) and the University of Hawai'i (UH), combining regional engagement, academic partnerships, and collaborative program design. ARENA-PAC provides a complementary infrastructure context supporting research and education network development in the region.

The initiative responds to the need for more locally grounded and collaborative approaches to strengthening connectivity, capacity, and research and education ecosystems in the Pacific, where contexts, priorities, and access conditions differ significantly across economies. In 2026, SOI Pacific will focus on partnership-building, contextual understanding, and co-design of program concepts with regional stakeholders, laying the foundation for pilot activities and longer-term implementation. Through this process, the initiative aims to establish a collaborative framework that enables sustainable, locally relevant programs and contributes to inclusive and resilient development across the Pacific region.

Alignment with APNIC Foundation Strategic Plan

The SOI Pacific initiative contributes to **APNIC Foundation Strategic Pillars 1–3**, including outcomes: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3. Through collaboration between Keio University and the University of Hawai'i, the initiative builds on SOI Asia’s experience while working with Pacific partners to co-develop approaches that respond to regional contexts, priorities, and needs.

In 2026, this collaboration focuses on partnership-building, contextual understanding, and program co-design, contributing to the development of inclusive and sustainable Internet ecosystems in the Pacific. Therefore, the expected key results target outcomes 1.2, 1.3, 3.1, 3.3.

Alignment with APIDT theory of change

The project contributes to APIDT Objects 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 by:

- Expanding access to Internet-related knowledge and infrastructure

- Supporting education and capacity development
- Strengthening research and education networks across the Pacific

By combining SOI Asia's collaborative learning and research model with UH's regional partnerships and ARENA-PAC engagement, the initiative supports improved availability, affordability, and accessibility of Internet and research infrastructure in the region.

Outcomes, indicators, and key results (2026)

Outcome	Outcome indicator	Key results by December 2026
Outcome 1.2 – Communities of practice strengthened through participation and collaboration	• % of participants who report contributing to or co-creating knowledge through peer collaboration	• 10+ participants (regional and/or local students and faculty members) in a pilot program
Outcome 1.3 – Communities gain better access to knowledge and opportunities for improved livelihoods	• % of beneficiaries reporting improved access to relevant knowledge resources	• 25+ faculty members, students and community members in regional dialogue meeting
Outcome 3.1 – Stakeholders intervene based on coordinated and informed technical and policy advice	• % of interventions informed by coordinated advice	At least 2 co-design concepts (education, IoT, culture, health) defined by regional stakeholders
Outcome 3.3 – Establish leadership for collective impact in digital development	• % of stakeholders recognising SOI Pacific as a leader	Numbers from the implementation roadmap and action plan • 4+ economies consulted • 10+ partner organizations identified and documented (universities, RENs, enterprises, organizations, community stakeholders)
	• # of formal multi-stakeholder initiatives co-led, contributed to, or sustained with Foundation support through the project	• 1 regional dialogue meeting conducted
	• # of formal multi-stakeholder initiatives co-led, contributed to, or sustained with Foundation support through the project	• Presentation at at least 3 relevant regional events (e.g., SOI Asia Meeting, APAN, others TBC)

Deliverables

Deliverable	Description	Timeline [Quarter]
1. SOI Pacific Implementation Roadmap and Action Plan (Keio/UH)	The development of <i>Pacific Resilience & Connectivity Map</i> identifying partners, needs, and opportunities.	Q2–Q4

	Also, this document will outline approaches, thematic priorities and design principles	
2. ARENA-PAC Pacific Expansion Update (UH)	An update on plans to extend ARENA-PAC into the Pacific based on actual deployment of the capacity on the Google Pacific Connect infrastructure that has been acquired by APIDT.	Q4
3. Pilot Program Design and Evaluation Report (Keio/UH)	Documentation of one pilot program design, implementation, and evaluation, including participant engagement and outcomes.	Q4
4. SOI Pacific Website and Outreach Materials (Keio)	Development of website and communication materials to support visibility and engagement	Q3–Q4

Foundation metrics

Program	Focus area	Metric
Knowledge	Non-technical audiences improved understanding of network operations and security, strengthen an open, stable and reliable Internet	# of individuals supported by audience type (academic, students, corporate, etc)
	Improved research capacity on network operations and security to diagnose, analyse and report on Internet	# of events supported # of partnerships by stakeholder groups (academia, civil society, government, private sector, social enterprise, technical community)
	Strengthened knowledge sharing and collaboration across communities of practice	# of events supported # of partnerships by stakeholder groups (academia, civil society, government, private sector, social enterprise, technical community)

Budget for SOI Pacific (Keio University)

Project budget for Keio University			
Project budget [in USD]	Overhead [in percentage]	Overhead [in USD]	Project total [in USD]
\$368,000	15%	\$55,200	\$423,200

Category	Description	Total [in USD]
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Mapping and Understanding	SOI Pacific regional meeting in Palau (Q3-Q4 2026) - Travel (flights and accommodation): 25 pax - Meeting organization and facilitation costs	\$120,500
Partnerships / Trust Building	Two onsite stakeholder dialogue visits Travel (flights and accommodation): 3 pax per event	\$28,200
Pilot Design: Concept and Demo	Two fieldwork surveys and co-design workshops - Palau FW (flights and accommodation): 3 pax per activity - Equipment and materials required for workshops	\$21,400
Capacity Building	Support for participation in SOI Asia activities and related engagements - Travel (flights and accommodation): 10 pax - Miscellaneous	\$32,000
Visibility	Website development and outreach materials - Presentation at key events (flight, accommodation, registration fee): 2~3 pax per event	\$34,100
Enhancing Keio-UH Collaboration	Preparation for formal collaboration activities between Keio University and regional partners, including coordination, MoU-related activities, and research staff dispatch preparation. - Travel (flights and accommodation): 2~3 pax per activity - Initial administrative and setup costs for research staff dispatch	\$39,800
Keio University overhead	Keio University overhead	\$92,000
Project total		\$368,000

Budget for Oceania Alliance for Connected Futures (University of Hawai'i)

Project budget for University of Hawai'i			
Project budget [in USD]	Overhead [in percentage]	Overhead [in USD]	Project total [in USD]
\$247,500	15%	\$37,125	\$284,625

Category	Description	Total [in USD]
Personnel	Core project personnel will include a .75 FTE Staff position and one Graduate Assistant.	\$120,000
Travel	Travel will include specific Pacific staff travel to locations such as Palau and American Samoa as well as travel to SOI meetings, ARENA-PAC retreats, network planning	\$70,000

	engagements, and participant travel to planning convenings in the region.	
Supplies	Miscellaneous materials to support meetings and convenings.	\$5,000
Other Direct Costs	Printing, meeting expenses in Pacific locations, stipends for participants.	\$30,000
University of Hawai'i Overhead	University of Hawai'i Overhead	\$22,500
Project total		\$247,500