Working for a bigger, stronger Internet for everyone.

Creating a financial foundation for the future.

What will happen to the $1.135B from the proposed sale of PIR?

The proceeds from the sale will be invested in a diversified, safe portfolio of assets, and the earnings will fund our future.

The intent is to keep the principal investment amount substantially intact and use the earnings to fund our operations.

In accordance with a governance structure, a portion of the interest from the investment will run the Internet Society’s operations going forward, and will replace the revenue ISOC receives from PIR.

A portion of the interest received annually is planned to be reinvested for long-term support.

This provides the Internet Society with a consistent stream of revenue with which to sustain its work.

Careful investment

If managed carefully, we expect the sale proceeds to sustain the Internet Society’s work for many, many years.

Governance rules will mandate prudent investment.

Management of the funds will be separate from Internet Society operations.

Experts in fund management will advise the Internet Society in how best to set up the fund for a sustainable return.

In an open consultation process, the Internet Society community will be able to offer comments on the final governance structures.

These funds will support our global work.

Using our 2020 Action Plan as an example, here’s how this could look:

- Engaging tech and operational communities: 33%
- Extending encryption: 16%
- Promoting community networks: 14%
- Measuring the Internet: 12%
- Promoting the Internet way of networking: 9%
- Securing global routing: 9%
- Increasing time security: 4%
- Open standards and protocols: 3%

Breakdown based on Internet Society 2020 Action Plan Project Modeling

With more stable and reliable funding, the Internet Society can continue its work to:

Connect the nearly 49% of the world that’s still unconnected.

Help keep the Internet secure.

The Internet Society remains committed to an Internet that is a force for good in the world. Our enduring vision is an Internet for everyone. This investment fund secures our plans and the work of our community to make this vision a reality, helping to make the Internet even bigger and stronger over time.