



# R3 Pandemic Project Proposal

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## *Guidelines*

- ▶ Develop a Section based team to solve a problem associated with a pandemic
- ▶ Suggestions but not limited to:
  - Social distancing monitoring
  - Assistance to schools or other organizations on how to deliver virtual meetings
  - Deliver technology ideas to teachers for virtual technology experiments
  - Assist elderly with virtual networking
  - Many other possible problems/solutions
- ▶ Problem / Solution must align with the IEEE Fields of Interest
- ▶ Should include section members / chapters / community
- ▶ Funding up to \$1,000 per section based on submission requirements



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## *How to register*

- ▶ Each section should develop a written plan with the following elements:
  - Define the problem
  - Define the solution
  - Who will participate?
  - What funds are required?
  - What is the proposed time-line?
- ▶ Submit plan to R3 Projects committee for evaluation ([g.randall@ieee.org](mailto:g.randall@ieee.org))
- ▶ Each proposal will be evaluated by a committee:
  - Does the project make sense and meet the guidelines?
  - Are there any risks to IEEE that need to be evaluated?
  - Are the funds requested appropriate for the task?

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## *Proposal Acceptance*

- ▶ If proposal is accepted
  - Funds will be transferred to Section CB account.
  - Section team must update status monthly to R3 Projects committee
    - Must include pictures (people, project, community)
  
- ▶ R3 Project committee will post progress online of each team
  - Visibility to IEEE members of ongoing project in the region
  - Allow individual teams to consult with other teams working on similar projects
  
- ▶ R3 will highlight some teams based on progress / success
  - Great for social media updates, newsletter, SoutheastCon recognition



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- ▶ Approach to engage sections to start a local community based project
  - Engage members
  - Get sections started in developing projects
  - Limits the current argument that they have no funding to do it
  
- ▶ Because of COVID-19, we should have funds available
  - Travel, PACE, reserves money should be available because of limited spending in 2020
  - This gives the sections an option for additional funding to offset lack of fundraising activities
  - Estimate cost to R3 around \$10k-\$15k based on sections that will probably participate and funding less than maximum per project
  - Worst case cost is \$43K if every section participated at maximum funding (Which would be fantastic!!!)
  
- ▶ Great way to give money to sections while engaging them to start community based projects



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Feedback*

- ▶ COVID-19 is political
  - Maybe it is, but the problems that people have encountered are real.... Helping to solve these real life issues should not be considered political but humanitarian in nature.
- ▶ Even with funding, many smaller sections will not have resources/skills to participate
  - Sadly true. We can attempt to assist with some webex meetings to support questions and concerns with project startups.... But I expect some sections will not participate. But for each section that does a project, that is a huge success that could potentially be ongoing. Projects spawn new projects.
- ▶ COVID-19 will not last forever.
  - True! I hope that we can announce this program quickly to get teams started. Hopefully these projects will have life for 6-12 months and continue to service the problem goals. Once a project is successful, it will hopefully morph into other projects that meet current needs of the time and that continue to have a significance in the community.



Move that Region 3 encourage and support sections to develop projects that engage members to bring solutions to address local problems arising out of the current and future pandemics. The Region 3 Projects Coordinator shall establish a review committee to evaluate proposals directly from, or endorsed by, sections and report regularly to the Region 3 Section Support Committee. Up to \$1,000 of funding may be provided per section to support approved projects. The Region 3 Finance Committee is authorized to approve funding from the 2020 Budget.