

Creative Services Limited (CSL) Grant Management Policy

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1. Introduction

Creative Services Limited (CSL) is committed to effectively managing grants to ensure transparency, accountability, and alignment with organizational goals. This Grant Management Policy serves as a framework for effectively administering, monitoring, and reporting grants received and awarded by CSL. It aims to ensure responsible and successful outcomes in all grant-funded activities through transparency and accountability.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Establish procedures for the administration and oversight of grants.
- Ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and grantor requirements.
- Promote transparency, accountability, and effective use of grant funds.
- Enhance the ability to secure future grant funding.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all employees, suppliers, and stakeholders involved in the grant management process at CSL. It covers the entire grant lifecycle, including proposal development; grant administration, financial management, reporting, and closeout.

4. Principles

4.1 Transparency

- Ensure clear and open communication regarding grant activities.
- Provide stakeholders with access to relevant information about grants.

4.2 Accountability

- Establish clear roles and responsibilities for grant management.
- Implement mechanisms to monitor and report on the use of grant funds.

4.3 Compliance

- Adhere to all applicable laws, regulations, and grantor requirements.
- Ensure that all grant activities align with CSL's policies and objectives.

4.4 Stewardship

- Manage grant funds responsibly and efficiently.
- Ensure that grant funds are used for their intended purposes.

5. Grant Lifecycle

5.1 Proposal Development

- Identify funding opportunities that align with CSL's mission and objectives.

- Develop and submit grant proposals in accordance with grantor guidelines.
- Ensure proposals are reviewed and approved by relevant stakeholders before submission.

5.2 Grant Award and Acceptance

- Review grants award terms and conditions to ensure they are acceptable and feasible.
- Obtain necessary approvals before accepting grant awards.
- Communicate grant award details to relevant stakeholders.

5.3 Grant Administration

- Designate a Grant Manager for each grant to oversee its implementation.
- Establish a detailed work plan and budget for grant-funded activities.
- Maintain accurate records of all grant-related activities and expenditures.

5.4 Financial Management

- Ensure grant funds are managed in accordance with grantor requirements and CSL's financial policies.
- Track and report on grant expenditures regularly.
- Ensure all expenditures are necessary, reasonable, and allocable to the grant.

5.5 Monitoring and Reporting

- Regularly monitor grant activities to ensure compliance with grant terms and conditions.
- Prepare and submit timely and accurate reports to grantors, as required.
- Address any issues or discrepancies identified during monitoring or reporting.

5.6 Grant Closeout

- Complete all required grant activities and deliverables by the grant end date.
- Prepare and submit final reports and financial statements to the grantor.
- Ensure all grant funds are properly accounted for and any unspent funds are returned, if required.

6. Roles and Responsibilities

6.1 Grant Manager

- Oversee the implementation and administration of the grant.
- Ensure compliance with grant terms and conditions.
- Prepare and submit required reports to the grantor.

6.2 Finance Department

- Manage grant funds in accordance with financial policies and grantor requirements.
- Track and report on grant expenditures.
- Assist with the preparation of financial reports.

6.3 Compliance Officer

- Monitor compliance with grant terms and conditions.
- Conduct periodic audits of grant activities and expenditures.
- Address any compliance issues that arise.

6.4 Executive Management

- Provide oversight and support for grant management activities.
- Ensure that grant activities align with CSL's strategic objectives.

7. Training and Capacity Building

- Provide training to employees involved in grant management on relevant policies, procedures, and best practices.
- Encourage continuous learning and professional development in grant management.

8. Monitoring and Evaluation

8.1 Internal Audits

- Conduct regular internal audits to assess compliance with this policy and grantor requirements.
- Identify and address any weaknesses or areas for improvement in grant management processes.

8.2 Performance Evaluation

- Evaluate the performance and outcomes of grant-funded activities.
- Use evaluation findings to improve future grant management practices.

9. Review and Updates

- This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary to reflect changes in laws, regulations, and best practices.
- Feedback from employees and stakeholders will be considered in the review process.