



# Local Government Program Services

## General Funding Terms & Conditions

*The purpose of these Terms and Conditions is to provide basic information on the administration of Local Government Program Services (LGPS) grants. For specific information regarding the terms and conditions of each funding program, please refer to the Program & Application Guide.*

### 1. Definitions

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- **Approved Applicant** - In general, LGPS grants are awarded to local governments (regional districts and municipalities). However, under some programs, other organizations, such as First Nations and aboriginal organizations or boards of education, can be the approved applicant. The approved applicant is the primary contact for UBCM and is responsible for overall grant management.
- **Approved Partner(s)** - Are organizations that contribute directly to the approved project, are identified in the application and are approved by UBCM. Possible partners include, but are not limited to, boards of education, health authorities, First Nations or aboriginal organizations, non-profit organizations and local governments (other than the applicant).
- **Approved Project** - Is the activity or activities described in the application and approved by UBCM.
- **Cash Expenditures** - Are direct costs properly and reasonably incurred and paid for with money by the approved applicant or approved project partners for the development or implementation of the approved project. For example, catering and consultant fees can be cash expenditures.
- **In-Kind Expenditures** - Are the use of resources of the approved applicant or approved project partner for the development or implementation of the approved project. For example, the use of meeting rooms owned by the applicant or approved partner can be an in-kind expenditure.
- **Program & Application Guides** - Are the application and program materials prepared by UBCM to describe the program and assist applicants in completing and submitting an application. All Program & Application Guides are available at [www.ubcm.ca](http://www.ubcm.ca).

### 2. Eligible & Ineligible Costs

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Eligible costs, including cash and in-kind expenditures, are direct costs properly and reasonably incurred by the approved applicant or approved partners in the development or implementation of the approved project. To be eligible, these costs must be outlined in the detailed budget submitted by the approved applicant as part of the application process and be approved by UBCM. Requests to change the budget must be made to UBCM, in writing, by the approved applicant (see below). Please see the Program & Application Guide for specific notes regarding eligible and ineligible costs.

### 3. Post-Approval Terms

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#### **Notice of Approval**

UBCM will inform approved applicants by letter and a specified percentage of the approved grant amount will be forwarded upon approval. The balance will be paid on satisfactory completion of the project and receipt of all final reporting requirements.

#### **Applicant Responsibilities**

LGPS grants are awarded to approved applicants. When collaborative projects are undertaken, the approved applicant remains the primary organization responsible for the grant. Due to this, the approved applicant is the primary contact for UBCM and is responsible for:

- Ensuring that approved activities are undertaken as outlined in the approved application and within the required timeline,
- Providing proper fiscal management of the grant and approved project (see below), and

- Submitting progress and/or final reports, using UBCM forms where available, as required by the Program & Application Guide (see below).

### **Accounting Records**

Acceptable accounting records must be kept that clearly disclose the nature and amounts of cash and in-kind expenditures incurred during the development or implementation of the approved project. Financial summaries are required to be submitted as part of the final report and must be signed by a representative of the approved applicant (or as required in the Program & Application Guide). In all cases, the final project expenditure must be net of any rebates (such as HST) that the approved applicant or approved partner is eligible to receive.

### **Changes to or Cancellation of Approved Project**

Approved applicants need to advise UBCM, in writing, of any significant variation from the approved project as described in the approved application, including any major changes to:

- Start or end dates
- Project purpose, goals, outcomes or milestones
- Cash and in-kind expenditures or matching funds (when required)
- Project partners

UBCM's approval may be required in advance for such changes. If an approved project is cancelled, the approved applicant is responsible for ensuring any grant monies that have been advanced are returned to UBCM within 30 days, or as outlined in the Program & Application Guide.

## **4. Reporting Requirements**

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### **Submission of Reports**

Approved applicants are required to submit progress and final reports as outlined in the Program & Application Guide. When UBCM forms are available, they are required to be used. Please note the following when submitting a report:

- When completing a UBCM report form please ensure that each question is answered and that all attachments are complete. Follow any sample templates that UBCM provides.
- When a report form is not required, please ensure that each required component, as outlined in the Program & Application Guide, is addressed in your report and that all attachments are complete.
- Unless specifically requested, please do not bind reports or submit in binders or folders.
- When submitting electronically, submit all documents as Word or PDF files.
- All digital photos or images should be submitted, by e-mail or on CD, as JPEG files.
- When you are ready to submit your report, please e-mail it directly to lgps@ubcm.ca or mail/fax it to Local Government House: 525 Government Street, Victoria, BC, V8V 0A8 or Fax: (250) 356-5119

### **Extensions and Outstanding Reports**

In order for an approved project to continue past the approved end date – or for a final report to be submitted after the established deadline – approved applicants must contact LGPS and request *and be granted* permission for an extension.

Approved applicants that do not request extensions and have outstanding reports may forfeit the final payment of their grant and may not be eligible to apply to future LGPS programs until reports are received.

## **5. Recognition of Funding and Funders**

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Approved applicants should contact UBCM for more information on recognizing funding and for information on the appropriate use of logos. Please contact Paul Taylor, Relationships & Communications Advisor, at (250) 356-2938 or ptaylor@ubcm.ca.