

# Local Government Program Services

## General Funding Terms & Conditions

*The purpose of the Terms & Conditions is to provide basic information on grants administered by the Union of BC Municipalities through Local Government Program Services (LGPS). For specific information regarding the requirements of each funding program, please refer to the relevant Program & Application Guide. For information regarding a specific project approved through LGPS, please refer to the approval agreement.*

### 1. Definitions

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**Approved Applicant:** In general, LGPS grants are awarded to local governments (regional districts and municipalities) and, in some programs, First Nations or other eligible applicants. The approved applicant is the primary contact for UBCM and is responsible for overall grant management.

**Approved Partner(s):** Organizations that contribute directly to the approved project and are identified in the application. This may include boards of education, health authorities, First Nations or Indigenous organizations, non-profit organizations and local governments (other than the applicant). Refer to program guides for requirements for partners in regional applications.

**Approved Project:** The activities described in the application and budget and approved by UBCM.

**Cash Expenditures:** Direct costs properly and reasonably incurred and paid for with money by the approved applicant or approved project partner for the development or implementation of the approved project. For example, catering and consultant fees can be cash expenditures.

**Community Contribution:** Some LGPS programs require cost-sharing. The community contribution is the portion of the approved project cost that is required to be provided by the approved applicant or an approved partner. This can be in cash or in-kind, but must be an eligible expenditure.

**In-Kind Expenditures:** 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.

### 2. Eligible & Ineligible Expenditures

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Eligible expenditures, including community contributions, are direct costs that are properly and reasonably incurred by the approved applicant or approved partner as part of the approved project.

To be eligible for grant funding, 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.

### 3. Grant Management & Applicant Responsibilities

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#### Notice of Decision

All applicants will be informed of the status of their application by letter, generally within 90 days of the application deadline. Approved applicants will be informed of specific conditions of the grant approval and are required to sign and return a copy of the Approval Agreement.

#### Applicant Responsibilities

Approved applicants are 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)
- Submitting final reports 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 eligible expenditures (cash and in-kind) incurred as part 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.

In all cases, the final project expenditure must be net of any rebates (such as GST/PST) that the approved applicant or approved partner is eligible to receive.

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

Any significant variation from the approved project as described in the approved application must be approved, including any major changes to:

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

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 final reports as outlined in the Program & Application Guide. 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.
- Submit all documents as Word or PDF files. Note: files over 20mb cannot be accepted.
- Submit all digital photos or images as JPEG files. Note: files over 20mb cannot be accepted.

### **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 UBCM to request and be granted approval 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 LGPS at (250) 356-2947.