

LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF GRANT AID TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

1. DEFINITIONS:

- 1.1 **Organisation** means the person or the voluntary Organisation to whom Grant Aid is awarded by the London Borough of Brent.
- 1.2 **Grant Aid** means such sum and/or part of sums as may be approved for payment by the London Borough of Brent to the Organisation.
- 1.3 **The Council** means the Council of the London Borough of Brent.
- 1.4 **The Team Leader of the Voluntary Sector UNIT** means the officer appointed by the Council to the position of Team Leader of the Voluntary Sector UNIT
- 1.5 **Executive Member** means any member of the Organisations management committee who holds the position of Chair, Secretary or Treasurer of that Committee.
- 1.6 **Executive Report** means the report to the Executive of the Council recommending the approval of Grant Aid to the Organisation.
- 1.7 **Guidance Note** means the Guidance Notes on Standard Conditions of Grant Aid for Voluntary Organisations for the time being in force.
- 1.8 **Report** means the report entitled [The Main Grant Report] which specifies the outcomes to be delivered by the Organisation through its use of the Grant Aid.

2. PART A General Conditions

Part A of the Conditions applies to all Organisations in receipt of Grant Aid.

- 2.1 These Conditions must be read in conjunction with the Guidance Notes.
- 2.2 The Organisation shall use Grant Aid wholly and exclusively for the purposes specified by the Committee, and for the benefit of the inhabitants of the London Borough of Brent.

- 2.3 If the Organisation fails to deliver the outcomes specified in the Report or uses the Grant Aid for unauthorised purposes the Council reserves the right to recover all or part of the Grant Aid awarded.
- 2.4 The Organisation shall keep the Council informed of all matters relating to the need for and the use of the Grant Aid and in particular shall notify the Council in writing of any changes to the factors that formed the basis on which the Grant Aid was awarded.
- 2.5 Where the Grant Aid awarded is a contribution towards the costs of agreed activities, the Organisation shall take all reasonable steps to seek and obtain from sources other than the Council, funding for the Organisation's activities including those which are the subject of the Grant Aid award.
- 2.6 The Organisation shall not promote or oppose any political party or party political causes and shall not use any part of the Grant Aid to engage in party political activity or the furtherance or propagation of a religious faith.
- 2.7 The Organisation shall wherever possible, publicise Council support on all public literature, buildings and vehicles. The provision of Grant Aid shall be acknowledged within its annual report and accounts.
- 2.8 The Organisation shall submit an adopted constitution or its equivalent and an equal opportunities policy, the provisions of which need to be acceptable to the Team Leader of the Voluntary Sector UNIT, as advised by the Council Legal Services.
- 2.9 The Organisation shall satisfy the Team Leader of the Voluntary Sector UNIT as advised by the Council's Legal Services, that the activities to be carried out with the Grant Aid fall within the ambits of the Organisation's powers.
- 2.10 The Organisation shall have a properly constituted management committee, which meets regularly, and not less than four times a year. The Organisation shall hold an annual general meeting and must inform the Council in writing of any changes to its management structure. It shall provide the Council within 10 working days with the names and addresses of the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and other members of the management committee.
- 2.11 No Executive Members of the management committee of the Organisation shall take up employment with the Organisation within one year after his/her resignation.
- 2.12 Where Grant Aid is approved for up to one year, this shall be limited to the maximum amount agreed in the Executive Reports and shall not imply any commitment or agreement by the Council to provide Grant Aid to the Organisation for more than that year or for any further period.

- 2.13 Where Grant Aid is approved by the Council for more than one year it shall be limited to the amount specified in the Executive Report(s) and shall not imply any commitment to provide Grant Aid for a longer period than specified in the Executive Report.
- 2.14 Without prejudice to paragraph 2.15 below, the Grant Aid shall not be released in the second subsequent year following the year in respect of which it is first awarded unless and until the Council, having received a monitoring report from the Team Leader of the Voluntary Sector UNIT that he/she is satisfied that the Organisation has complied with the undertaking and agreement referred to in paragraph 3.1 below.
- 2.15 The Council will review the award of Grant Aid on an annual basis. The Council reserves the right to decide that Grant Aid should not be paid in the second or subsequent years notwithstanding any provision in the original Executive Report to the contrary.

3. PART B

This Part B of the Standard Conditions of Grant Aid applies to all Grant Aid funded Organisations and must be complied with before the first quarter of the Grant Aid is paid.

3.1 Written Undertaking and Agreement

- 3.1.1 The Organisation shall complete and submit to the Council, a written undertaking and agreement to comply with the Council's Standard Conditions of Grant Aid and any additional conditions which may be imposed by the Council in respect of the Grant Aid in question. Two Executive Members shall duly sign this written undertaking and agreement on behalf of the Organisation within three months of notification of the Grant Aid awarded.
- 3.1.2 Where the Grant Aid is not claimed by the end of September in the year in which Grant Aid is allocated to the Organisation and/or no written undertaking and agreement is received by the Team Leader of the Voluntary Sector UNIT, the Grant Aid shall be withdrawn and reallocated to other Organisations.
- 3.1.3 The Organisation shall satisfy the Team Leader of the Voluntary Sector UNIT as advised by the Council's Legal Services, as necessary, that the activities to be carried out with the Council's Grant Aid fall within the ambit of the Organisation's constitutional power.

3.2 Budget

- 3.2.1 The Organisation shall submit to the Council a full income and expenditure budget for the year in which the Grant Aid is expected. This budget shall include all income from other sources and associated running expenditure.

3.3 Previous Year's Audited/Certified Accounts

- 3.3.1 Before any payment of Grant Aid is made the Organisation shall submit to the Council a full set of audited/certified accounts for the previous financial year, signed by two officers of the Organisations management committee one of whom shall be the Treasurer. This condition is not applicable where the Organisation has supplied these documents to the Council when the application for Grant Aid was made or in compliance with paragraph 4.3 below in respect of a previous year's Grant Aid.

3.4 Salaries

- 3.4.1 Before any part of the Grant Aid relating to salaries is paid by the Organisation, the Organisation shall submit to the Council detailed job descriptions for the funded post(s) and all relevant details relating to the employment of persons in the funded post(s). These details shall include name, starting date, salary, grade and such other details as the Council may request.

4. PART C

All Grant Aid funded Organisations must comply with the following conditions and terms (where applicable) before the third quarter's Grant Aid is released.

4.1 Six month report

- 4.1.1 The Organisation shall, not less frequently than every six month after payment of Grant Aid, submit detailed written reports on the activities of the Organisation in particular, those activities in respect of which the Grant Aid monies are used. Such reports shall include relevant statistics on numbers of persons assisted by the Organisation or who have used the Organisation's services and details of all steps taken to obtain funding from other sources for the Organisation's activities.

4.2 Revised Budget

- 4.2.1 All Organisations receiving Grant Aid from the Council shall submit a revised income and expenditure statement by 15 October in each year. This revised income and expenditure statement shall show six months actual income and expenditure in each year to 30 September in that year and estimated income and expenditure for the following six months to 31 March on the form provided.

4.3 Audited / Certified Accounts

- 4.3.1 All Organisations receiving Grant Aid from the Council shall submit statements of accounts to the Council as specified below:
- 4.3.2 All Organisations with gross income of less than £20,000 per annum shall submit to the Team Leader of the Voluntary Sector UNIT, as soon as possible, and in any event not later than six months after the end of the financial year in respect of which the Grant Aid is received or expended, a set of accounts of the Organisation certified by an independent examiner for that financial year. Two officers of the Organisation's management committee shall sign the accounts, one of whom shall be the Treasurer of the Organisation.
- 4.3.3 All Organisations with gross income of £20,000 and over per annum shall submit to the Team Leader of the Voluntary Sector UNIT, within six months of the end of each financial year, externally and independently audited accounts for the financial year of the Organisation during which any Grant Aid is received or expended. It shall further provide him/her on request with such information regarding the Organisation's activities as he/she may reasonably require to satisfy him/her as to the manner in which the Grant Aid or any part of the Grant Aid has been used.

4.4 Equipment, Furniture, Vehicles, Computers, Training and Premises costs (Accommodation, Support & Training Grants)

- 4.4.1 Organisations in receipt of Grant Aid for equipment, furniture, vehicles, computers and premises costs shall produce receipted invoice(s) before Grant Aid payment is made. Where the Organisation has insufficient funds, the Council may pay the supplier(s) direct on the Organisation's behalf at the Organisation's written request.
- 4.4.2 The Organisation shall keep and maintain an inventory of all assets purchased with the Council's grant monies. This inventory shall include a brief description of the asset, serial number, and date of purchase and on any sale, date and income received on such sale.
- 4.4.3 The Organisation shall not dispose of any item of equipment or furniture etc., purchased with Grant Aid monies without the prior written consent of the Council.
- 4.4.4 Where items are disposed of, in accordance with condition 4.4.3 above, the Organisation shall repay the Council forthwith, on demand, such part of the Grant Aid as the Council may determine. Such sum shall not exceed the sum which the Head/Director of the Unit that administers the Grant Aid in question, considers to be equivalent to the market value of the items at the time of disposal.

4.5 Insurance

4.5.1 The Organisation shall take out insurance policies to cover all risks, but not limited as appropriate:

- i) Public and employer's liabilities;
- ii) Fire and other risks to the property;
- iii) Risks arising from the use of Vehicles; and
- iv) Theft or damages to property and its contents;

And shall produce evidence of such insurances to the Council if so requested.

4.5.2 The Council accepts no liability whatsoever to the Organisation or to any third party for any costs, claims, damages or losses however they are incurred. The Organisation shall not be or be deemed to be, an agent of the Council and shall not hold itself out to any third party as such.

4.6 Dissolution

4.6.1 In the event that the Organisation is dissolved or, being a limited company, goes into liquidation, any of its assets which have been bought with Grant Aid monies and/or any unexpended Grant Aid monies shall be returned to the Council. Unless the Council agrees otherwise such agreement shall be on terms as decided by the Council.

4.6.2 No further Grant Aid shall be payable to the Organisation with effect from the date upon which the dissolution/liquidation occurred.

4.7 Payment Methods

Grant Aid shall be paid in four equal instalments quarterly in April, July, October and January respectively as specified in the guidance note except that Grant Aid of up to £500 shall be paid in two equal half yearly instalments in April and October.