



Australian Government

Department of Education and Training

Commonwealth Standard Grant Agreement

between the Commonwealth represented by

**Department of Education and
Training**

and

Grantee Name

Grant Agreement **XXX**

Once completed, this document, together with each set of Grant Details and the Commonwealth Standard Grant Conditions (Schedule 1), forms an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the Grantee.

Parties to this Agreement

The Grantee

Full legal name of Grantee	
Legal entity type	
Trading or business name	
Any relevant licence, registration or provider number	
Australian Company Number (ACN) or other entity identifiers	
Australian Business Number (ABN)	
Registered for Goods and Services Tax (GST)	
Date from which GST registration was effective	
Registered office (physical)	
Relevant business place (if different)	
Telephone	
Fax	
Email	

The Commonwealth

The Commonwealth of Australia represented by Department of Education and Training

GPO Box 9880

CANBERRA ACT 2601

ABN 76 337 613 647

Background

The Commonwealth has agreed to enter into this Agreement under which the Commonwealth will provide the Grantee with one or more Grants for the purpose of assisting the Grantee to undertake the associated Activity.

The Grantee agrees to use each Grant and undertake each Activity in accordance with this Agreement and the relevant Grant Details.

Scope of this Agreement

This Agreement comprises:

- (a) this document;
- (b) the Supplementary Terms from the Clause Bank (if any);
- (c) the Standard Grant Conditions (Schedule 1);
- (d) the Grant Details;
- (e) any other document referenced or incorporated in the Grant Details.

Each set of Grant Details, including Supplementary Terms (if any), only applies to the particular Grant and Activity covered by that set of Grant Details and a reference to the 'Agreement' in the Grant Details or the Supplementary Terms is a reference to the Agreement in relation to that particular Grant and Activity. If there is any ambiguity or inconsistency between the documents comprising this Agreement in relation to a Grant, the document appearing higher in the list will have precedence to the extent of the ambiguity or inconsistency.

This Agreement represents the Parties' entire agreement in relation to each Grant provided under it and the relevant Activity and supersedes all prior representations, communications, Agreements, statements and understandings, whether oral or in writing.

Certain information contained in or provided under this Agreement may be used for public reporting purposes.

Grant Details

Organisation ID:	
Agreement ID:	
Schedule ID:	

A. Purpose of the Grant

The purpose of the Grant is to:

Support Child Care Services to address barriers to child care participation, particularly targeting disadvantaged and vulnerable families and communities, and to support services to transition to and operate viably under the new child- care system and to support their longer- term sustainability.

This Grant is being provided under, and these Grant Details form part of, the Agreement between the Commonwealth and the Grantee.

The Grant is being provided as part of the Child Care Services Support Program.

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B. Activity

B.1 Warranty

You warrant that you have the power to enter into this Agreement to deliver the funded Activity.

In carrying out the Activity, you must:

- (a) Comply with any codes of ethics, regulations or other industry standards relevant to the Activity;
- (b) Comply with all relevant laws and in particular, take all reasonable actions to ensure no fraud occurs;
- (c) Comply with any Commonwealth or departmental policy notified to you in writing; including any new or altered Commonwealth or departmental policy;
- (d) Comply with the Community Child Care Fund – Open competitive Grant Opportunity (for approved child care services) Guidelines; and
- (e) Comply with program guidance material as provided by the department from time to time.

Activities funded under the Sustainability Support element will help childcare services operating in areas of limited supply improve the viability and sustainability of their service.

B.2 Deliverables

Activities funded under the Sustainability Support element may include the following:

- (a) Implementing changes to business practices and introducing innovative solutions to improve sustainability and viability of child care services;
- (b) developing and implementing an action plan to support transition to a more sustainable business model;
- (c) helping with additional costs of providing child care in unviable markets where a service is providing the most effective model of care for the community; and/or
- (d) meeting standard child care operating costs during transition to a more sustainable business model.

B.3 Payment Conditions of the Grant

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the total of the Grant is the total of the instalments paid in accordance with clauses B.3.2 and B 3.3.

- B.3.1 Subject to clause B.3.2, the Grant will be paid in instalments by the Commonwealth upon completion of the agreed Milestones, and compliance by the Grantee with its obligations under this Agreement.
- B.3.2 The instalments will be paid up to the amounts referred to in the table at Item D, contingent on the satisfactory receipt of any report (as referred to in Item E) that is due prior to the 'Anticipated date' of payment. A lower amount may be paid if the Commonwealth considers, at its absolute discretion, that the most recent Progress Report, and/or other relevant information that is available to the department, indicates that the sustainability of the Grantee's business model and the Grantee's financial viability make the payment of a lower amount reasonable. The discretion to pay a lower amount will be exercised, in particular:
 - (a) where the Grantee's financial viability does not depend on payments under this Agreement; or
 - (b) where the full amount is considered not to be required in view of the purpose of the Grant described in Item A.

B.3.3 The instalments referred to in clause B.3.2 are only payable if, at the time of the Anticipated date of the instalment (as referred to in Item D), the Grantee is an approved provider in respect of the relevant service under the family assistance law as referred to in clause G.9.

B.5 Circumstances in which payments may be reduced

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, payments under this Agreement may be reduced in order to offset and recover either:

- (a) any debt or liability that the Grantee owes to the Commonwealth under any other funding agreement or contract that the Grantee has entered into with the Commonwealth;
- (b) as a “child care service payment”, any debt that the Grantee owes as an approved provider under Part 4 of the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Administration Act 1999*.

B.6 Use of Location, Service Information and Attributed Funding Information

The information listed below on location, service area and any attributed funding amounts will be used by us to provide reports, by region, on the Department of Education and Training’s funding.

The information may be published on a Commonwealth website.

B.7 Changes to circumstances

You are obligated to report any changes to the circumstances of the child care service to which this grant agreement applies that may affect the ongoing eligibility for payments under this grant agreement. Such changes may include, but is not limited to:

- Changes to the ownership of the child care service or its owning entity
- Changes to key personnel
- Changes to the financial or other circumstances of the child care service that may affect the need for funding.

Any changes to circumstances must be reported to the Commonwealth representative listed at Item F of this Grant Agreement as soon as practicable after the change has occurred, but no more than five days after the change has occurred.

Performance Indicators

The Activity will be measured against the following Performance Indicator/s:

Performance Indicator Description	Measure
Activities are completed according to scope, quality, timeframes and budget defined in the Annual Performance Report.	The Department and you agree that the Annual Performance Report has been completed as specified or as otherwise agreed.

Location Information

The Activity will be delivered from the following site location/s:

	Location Type	Name	Address
1.	Direct Funded		

Service Area Information

The Activity will service the following service area/s:

	Type	Service Area
1.		

C. Duration of the Activity

The Activity starts on **XXX**.

The Activity (other than the provision of any final reports) ends on **XXX**, which is the Activity's Completion Date.

The Agreement ends on **XXX** when the Grantee has provided all of the reports and repaid any Grant amount as required under this Agreement.

D. Payment of the Grant

The total amount of the Grant is **XXX** (GST exclusive).

A break down by Financial Year is below:

Financial Year	Amount * (excl. GST)

The Grantee must ensure that the Grant is held in an account in the Grantee's name and which the Grantee controls, with an authorised deposit-taking institution authorised under the Banking Act 1959 (Cth) to carry on banking business in Australia.

The Grantee's nominated bank account into which the Grant is to be paid is:

BSB Number	
Financial Institution	
Account Number	
Account Name	

The Grant will be paid in instalments by the Commonwealth in accordance with the agreed Milestones, and compliance by the Grantee with its obligations under this Agreement.

Milestone	Anticipated date	Amount (excl. GST)	GST	Total (incl. GST)
Half-yearly payment of 2019-20 funds on execution		\$	\$	\$
Half-yearly payment of 2019-20 funds		\$	\$	\$
Half-yearly payment of 2020-21 funds		\$	\$	\$
Half-yearly payment of 2020-21 funds		\$	\$	\$
Total Amount				

Invoicing

None Specified

Taxes, duties and government charges

GST Provisions – you are registered or required to be registered for GST

D.1. In this clause:

- (a) the term '**GST Act**' means the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* (Cth);
- (b) the terms '**supply**', '**supplier**', '**taxable supply**', '**tax invoice**', '**GST**', '**input tax credit**', '**decreasing adjustment**' and '**adjustment note**' have the same meaning as given in the GST Act; and
- (c) the term '**RCTI**' means a 'recipient created tax invoice' as defined in the GST Act. For the purpose of this Agreement, an RCTI is a tax invoice belonging to a class of tax invoices that the Australian Commissioner of Taxation has determined in writing may be issued by the receiver of the supply; and
- (d) '**receiver of the supply**' has the same meaning as the term 'recipient' has in the GST Act.

D.2 You must pay all taxes, duties and government charges imposed or levied in Australia or overseas in connection with the performance of this Agreement, except as provided by this clause.

D.3 If one party ('**supplier**') makes a taxable supply to the other party ('**receiver of the supply**') under this Agreement the receiver of the supply will pay without set-off, on provision of a tax invoice or RCTI, an additional amount to the supplier equal to the GST imposed on the supply in question.

D.4 If an amount on account of GST has been included in the consideration for a supply under this Agreement, the amount of GST is as specified in this Item D.

- D.5 If an amount on account of GST has been included in the consideration for a supply under this Agreement and the supply is not a taxable supply for any reason, the supplier must, on demand, refund the amount paid on account of GST to the receiver of the supply.
- D.6 No party may claim or retain from the other party any amount in relation to a supply made under this Agreement for which the first party can obtain an input tax credit or decreasing adjustment.
- D.7 The parties acknowledge and agree that each party:
- (a) is registered for GST purposes;
 - (b) has quoted its Australian Business Number to the other; and
 - (c) must tell the other of any changes to the matters covered by this clause.
- D.8 We (as the receiver of the supply) will issue RCTI(s) and any adjustment notes for any taxable supplies you make to us under this Agreement within 28 days of us determining the value of the taxable supplies in question.
- D.9 You must not issue tax invoices or adjustment notes for taxable supplies you make to us under this Agreement.
- D.10 Both parties must comply with the determination scheduled to GST Ruling 2000/10.
- D.11 We will not issue RCTI(s) or adjustment notes for taxable supplies you make to us under this Agreement at any time that either Party fails to comply with any of the requirements in clauses D.7 to D.11.

E. Reporting

The Grantee agrees to create the following reports in the form specified and to provide the reports to the Commonwealth representative in accordance with the following:

Milestone	Information to be included	Due Date
Annual Performance Report	A report with compliance or other reporting as set out in Item E.5	
Financial Acquittal Report	Financial Acquittal from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 as per Item E.4	
Annual Performance Report	A report with compliance or other reporting as set out in Item E.5	
Financial Acquittal Report	Financial Acquittal from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 as per Item E.4	

E.1 Performance Report

None Specified.

E.2 Activity Work Plan

None Specified.

E.3 Annual Report

None Specified

E.4 Accounting for the Grant

A Financial Declaration must be submitted for each financial year funded under this Grant Agreement. A Financial Declaration is a certification from the Grantee stating that funds were spent for the purpose provided as outlined in the Grant Agreement and in-which the Grantee is required to declare unspent funds.

The Financial Declaration must be certified by your Board, the Chief Executive Officer or one of your officers, with authority to do so verifying that you have spent the funding on the Activity in accordance with the Grant Agreement.

E.5 Other Reports

Annual Performance Report

For the purposes of this Agreement, Annual Performance Report means a document to be completed by you, on a template or system provided by us. The preferable way to submit the Report would be through the Grant Recipients Services Portal when it becomes available.

F. Party representatives and address for notices

Grantee's representative and address

Grantee's representative name	
Position	
Physical address	
Telephone	
E-mail	

Commonwealth representative and address

Name of representative	
Position	
Postal address	
Business hours telephone	
Mobile	
E-mail	

The Parties' representatives will be responsible for liaison and the day-to-day management of the Grant, as well as accepting and issuing any written notices in relation to the Grant.

G. Activity Material

Activity Material means any material, other than Reporting Material, created or developed by the Grantee as a result of the Activity and includes any Existing Material that is incorporated in or supplied with the Activity Material.

Signatures

Organisation ID:	
Agreement ID:	

Executed as an agreement

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by the relevant Delegate, represented by and acting through the Department of Education and Training, ABN 76 337 613 647 in the presence of:

(Name of Departmental Representative) (Signature of Departmental Representative)
...../...../.....

(Position of Departmental Representative)

(Name of Witness in full) (Signature of Witness)
...../...../.....

Signed for and on behalf of **Grantee Legal Name**, ABN **Grantee ABN** in accordance with its rules, and who warrants that he/she is authorised to sign this Agreement:

(Name and position held by Signatory) (Signature)
...../...../.....

(Name and position held by second Signatory/Name of Witness) (Signature of second Signatory/Witness)
...../...../.....

Notes about the signature block

- If you are an **incorporated association**, the signatories can be any two members of the governing committee of the Association or a member of the governing committee and the Public Officer. Alternatively, the Grant Agreement could be executed using the Common Seal. Associations incorporated in the **Northern Territory** must affix their **Common Seal** unless the Rules of the Association authorise a person to enter into legally binding documents. Where a Common Seal is used this must be attested by two authorised signatories.
- If you are a **company**, generally two signatories are required – the signatories can be two Directors or a Director and the Company Secretary. Affix your **Company Seal**, if required by your Constitution.
- If you are a **company with a sole Director/Secretary**, the Director/Secretary is required to be the signatory in the presence of a witness. Affix your **Company Seal**, if required by your Constitution.
- If you are a **partnership**, the signatory must be a partner with the authority to sign on behalf of all partners receiving the grant. A witness to the signature is required.
- If you are an **individual**, you must sign in the presence of a witness.

If you are a **university**, the signatory can be an officer authorised by the legislation creating the university to enter into legally binding documents. A witness to the signature is required.

1. Undertaking the Activity

1.1 The Grantee agrees to undertake the Activity for the purpose of the Grant in accordance with this Agreement.

1.2 The Grantee is fully responsible for the Activity and for ensuring the performance of all its obligations under this Agreement in accordance with all relevant laws. The Grantee will not be relieved of that responsibility because of:

- (a) the grant or withholding of any approval or the exercise or non-exercise of any right by the Commonwealth; or
- (b) any payment to, or withholding of any payment from, the Grantee under this Agreement.

2. Payment of the Grant

2.1 The Commonwealth agrees to pay the Grant to the Grantee in accordance with the Grant Details.

2.2 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Commonwealth may by notice withhold payment of any amount of the Grant and/or take any other action specified in the Supplementary Terms if it reasonably believes that:

- (a) the Grantee has not complied with this Agreement;
- (b) the Grantee is unlikely to be able to perform the Activity or manage the Grant in accordance with this Agreement; or
- (c) there is a serious concern relating to the Grantee or this Agreement that requires investigation.

2.3 A notice under clause 2.2 will contain the reasons for any action taken under clause 2.2 and, where relevant, the steps the Grantee can take to address those reasons.

2.4 The Commonwealth will only be obliged to pay a withheld amount once the Grantee has addressed the reasons contained in a notice under clause 2.2 to the Commonwealth's reasonable satisfaction.

2.5 The Grantee agrees to hold the Grant in an account in the Grantee's name and which the Grantee controls, with an authorised deposit-taking institution authorised by the *Banking Act 1959* (Cth) to carry on banking business in Australia.

3. Acknowledgements

3.1 The Grantee agrees not to make any public announcement, including by social media, in connection with the awarding of the Grant without the Commonwealth's prior written approval.

3.2 The Grantee agrees to acknowledge the Commonwealth's support in all Material, publications and promotional and advertising materials published in connection with this Agreement. The Commonwealth may notify the Grantee of the form of acknowledgement that the Grantee is to use.

3.3 The Grantee agrees not to use the Commonwealth Coat of Arms in connection with the Grant or the Activity without the Commonwealth's prior written approval.

4. Notices

4.1 Each Party agrees to promptly notify the other Party of anything reasonably likely to adversely affect the undertaking of the Activity, management of the Grant or its performance of any of its other requirements under this Agreement.

4.2 A notice given by a Party under this Agreement must be in writing and addressed to the other Party's representative as set out in the Grant Details or as most recently updated by notice given in accordance with this clause.

4.3 A notice is deemed to be effected:

- (a) if delivered by hand - upon delivery to the relevant address;
- (b) if sent by post - upon delivery to the relevant address; or
- (c) if transmitted electronically - upon actual receipt by the addressee.

4.4 A notice received after 5.00 pm, or on a day that is a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, in the

place of receipt, is deemed to be effected on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in that place.

4.5 The Commonwealth may, by notice, advise the Grantee of changes to the Agreement that are minor or of an administrative nature, provided that any such changes do not increase the Grantee's obligations under this Agreement. Such changes, while legally binding, are not variations for the purpose of clause 8.

5. Relationship between the Parties

A Party is not by virtue of this Agreement the employee, agent or partner of the other Party and is not authorised to bind or represent the other Party.

6. Subcontracting

6.1 The Grantee is responsible for the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including in relation to any tasks undertaken by subcontractors.

6.2 The Grantee agrees to make available to the Commonwealth the details of any of its subcontractors engaged to perform any tasks in relation to this Agreement upon request.

6.3 The Grantee agrees not to subcontract any part of the performance of the Activity without the Commonwealth's prior written consent. The Commonwealth may impose any conditions it considers reasonable and appropriate when giving its consent.

6.4 The Grantee agrees to remove a subcontractor from the Activity at the reasonable request of the Commonwealth and at no additional cost to the Commonwealth.

7. Conflict of interest

7.1 Other than those which have already been disclosed to the Commonwealth, the Grantee warrants that, to the best of its knowledge, at the date of this Agreement neither it nor its officers have any actual, perceived or potential conflicts of interest in relation the Activity.

7.2 If during the term of the Agreement, any actual, perceived or potential conflict arises or there is any material change to a previously disclosed conflict of interest, the Grantee agrees to:

- (a) notify the Commonwealth promptly and make full disclosure of all relevant information relating to the conflict; and
- (b) take any steps the Commonwealth reasonably requires to resolve or otherwise deal with that conflict.

8. Variation, assignment and waiver

8.1 This Agreement may be varied in writing only, signed by both Parties.

8.2 The Grantee cannot assign its obligations, and agrees not to assign its rights, under this Agreement without the Commonwealth's prior approval.

8.3 The Grantee agrees not to enter into negotiations with any other person for the purposes of entering into an arrangement that will require novation of, or involve any assignment of rights under, this Agreement without first consulting the Commonwealth.

8.4 A waiver by a Party of any of its rights under this Agreement is only effective if it is in a signed written notice to the other Party and then only to the extent specified in that notice.

9. Taxes, duties and government charges

9.1 The Grantee agrees to pay all taxes, duties and government charges imposed or levied in Australia or overseas in connection with the performance of this Agreement, except as provided by this Agreement.

9.2 If Goods and Services Tax (GST) is payable by a supplier on any supply made under this Agreement, the recipient of the supply will pay to the supplier an amount equal to the GST payable on the supply, in addition to and at the same time that the consideration for the supply is to be provided under this Agreement.

9.3 The Parties acknowledge and agree that they each:

- (a) are registered for GST purposes;
- (b) have quoted their Australian Business Number to the other; and

(c) must notify the other of any changes to the matters covered by this clause.

9.4 The Grantee agrees that the Commonwealth will issue it with a recipient created tax invoice for any taxable supply it makes under this Agreement.

9.5 The Grantee agrees not to issue tax invoices in respect of any taxable supplies.

9.6 If the Grantee is not, or not required to be, registered for GST, then:

(a) clauses 9.3(a), 9.4 and 9.5 do not apply; and

(b) the Grantee agrees to notify the Commonwealth in writing within 7 days of becoming registered for GST if during the term of the Agreement it becomes, or is required to become, registered for GST.

10. Spending the Grant

10.1 The Grantee agrees to spend the Grant for the purpose of performing the Activity and otherwise in accordance with this Agreement.

10.2 Within one month after the Activity Completion Date, the Grantee agrees to provide a statement signed by the Grantee in a form specified by the Commonwealth verifying the Grant was spent in accordance with this Agreement.

11. Repayment

11.1 If any amount of the Grant:

(a) has been spent other than in accordance with this Agreement; or

(b) is additional to the requirements of the Activity;

then the Commonwealth may by written notice:

(c) require the Grantee to repay that amount to the Commonwealth;

(d) require the Grantee to deal with that amount as directed by the Commonwealth; or

(e) deduct the amount from subsequent payments of the Grant or amounts payable under another agreement between the Grantee and the Commonwealth.

11.2 If the Commonwealth issues a notice under this Agreement requiring the Grantee to repay a Grant amount:

(a) the Grantee must do so within the time period specified in the notice;

(b) the Grantee must pay interest on any part of the amount that is outstanding at the end of the time period specified in the notice until the outstanding amount is repaid in full; and

(c) the Commonwealth may recover the amount and any interest under this Agreement as a debt due to the Commonwealth without further proof of the debt being required.

12. Record keeping

12.1 The Grantee agrees to keep financial accounts and other records that:

(a) detail and document the conduct and management of the Activity;

(b) identify the receipt and expenditure of the Grant [and any Other Contributions] separately within the Grantee's accounts and records so that at all times the Grant is identifiable; and

(c) enable all receipts and payments related to the Activity to be identified and reported.

12.2 The Grantee agrees to keep the records for five years after the Activity Completion Date or such other time specified in the Grant Details and provide copies of the records to the Commonwealth upon request.

13. Reporting and liaison

13.1 The Grantee agrees to provide the Reporting Material specified in the Grant Details to the Commonwealth.

13.2 In addition to the obligations in clause 13.1, the Grantee agrees to:

(a) liaise with and provide assistance and information to the Commonwealth as reasonably required by the Commonwealth; and

(b) comply with the Commonwealth's reasonable requests, directions and monitoring requirements, in relation to the Activity.

13.3 If the Commonwealth acting reasonably has concerns regarding the performance of the Activity or the management of the Grant, the Commonwealth may by written notice require the Grantee to provide one or more additional reports, containing the information and by the date(s), specified in the notice.

13.4 The Grantee acknowledges that the giving of false or misleading information to the Commonwealth is a serious offence under the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth).

14. Privacy

14.1 When dealing with Personal Information in carrying out the Activity, the Grantee agrees:

(a) to comply with the requirements of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth);

(b) not to do anything which, if done by the Commonwealth, would be a breach of an Australian Privacy Principle;

(c) to ensure that any of the Grantee's subcontractors or personnel who deal with Personal Information for the purposes of this Agreement are aware of the requirements of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) and the Grantee's obligations under this clause; and

(d) to immediately notify the Commonwealth if the Grantee becomes aware of an actual or possible breach of this clause by the Grantee or any of the Grantee's subcontractors or personnel.

15. Confidentiality

15.1 The Parties agree not to disclose each other's confidential information without the other Party's prior written consent unless required or authorised by law or Parliament to disclose.

15.2 The Commonwealth may disclose the Grantee's confidential information where;

(a) the Commonwealth is providing information about the Activity or Grant in accordance with Commonwealth accountability and reporting requirements;

(b) the Commonwealth is disclosing the information to a Minister of the Australian Government, a House or Committee of the Commonwealth Parliament; or

(c) the Commonwealth is disclosing the information to its personnel or another Commonwealth agency where this serves the Commonwealth's legitimate interests.

16. Insurance

16.1 The Grantee agrees to maintain adequate insurance for as long as any obligations remain in connection with this Agreement and provide proof of insurance to the Commonwealth upon request.

17. Intellectual property

17.1 Subject to clause 17.2, the Grantee owns the Intellectual Property Rights in Activity Material and Reporting Material.

17.2 This Agreement does not affect the ownership of Intellectual Property Rights in Existing Material.

17.3 The Grantee provides the Commonwealth a permanent, non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free licence to use, modify, communicate, reproduce, publish, adapt and sub-license the Reporting Material for Commonwealth Purposes.

17.4 The licence in clause 17.3 does not apply to Activity Material.

18. Dispute resolution

18.1 The Parties agree not to initiate legal proceedings in relation to a dispute arising under this Agreement unless they have first tried and failed to resolve the dispute by negotiation.

18.2 Unless clause 18.3 applies, the Parties agree to continue to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement when a dispute exists.

18.3 The Parties may agree to suspend performance of the Agreement pending resolution of the dispute.

18.4 Failing settlement by negotiation in accordance with clause 18.1, the Parties may agree to refer the dispute to an independent third person with power to intervene and direct some form of resolution, in which case the Parties will be bound by that resolution. If the Parties do not agree to refer the dispute to an independent third person, either Party may initiate legal proceedings.

18.5 Each Party will bear their own costs in complying with this clause 18, and the Parties will share equally the cost of any third person engaged under clause 18.4.

18.6 The procedure for dispute resolution under this clause does not apply to any action relating to termination, cancellation or urgent interlocutory relief.

19. Reduction, Suspension and Termination

19.1 Reduction in scope of agreement for fault

19.1.1 If the Grantee does not comply with an obligation under this Agreement and the Commonwealth believes that the non-compliance is incapable of remedy, or if the Grantee has failed to comply with a notice to remedy, the Commonwealth may by written notice reduce the scope of the Agreement.

19.1.2 The Grantee agrees, on receipt of the notice of reduction, to:

- (a) stop or reduce the performance of the Grantee's obligations as specified in the notice;
- (b) take all available steps to minimise loss resulting from the reduction;
- (c) continue performing any part of the Activity or the Agreement not affected by the notice if requested to do so by the Commonwealth; and
- (d) report on, and return any part of, the Grant to the Commonwealth, or otherwise deal with the Grant, as directed by the Commonwealth.

19.1.3 In the event of reduction under clause 19.1.1, the amount of the Grant will be reduced in proportion to the reduction in the scope of the Agreement.

19.2 Suspension

19.2.1 If:

- (a) the Grantee does not comply with an obligation under this Agreement and the Commonwealth believes that the non-compliance is capable of remedy;
 - (b) the Commonwealth reasonably believes that the Grantee is unlikely to be able to perform the Activity or manage the Grant in accordance with this Agreement; or
 - (c) the Commonwealth reasonably believes that there is a serious concern relating to the Grantee or this Agreement that requires investigation;
- the Commonwealth may by written notice:
- (d) immediately suspend the Grantee from further performance of the Activity (including expenditure of the Grant); and/or
 - (e) require that the non-compliance or inability be remedied, or the investigation be completed, within the time specified in the notice.

19.2.2 If the Grantee:

- (a) remedies the non-compliance or inability specified in the notice to the Commonwealth's reasonable satisfaction, or the Commonwealth reasonably concludes that the concern is unsubstantiated, the Commonwealth may direct the Grantee to recommence performing the Activity; or
- (b) fails to remedy the non-compliance or inability within the time specified, or the Commonwealth reasonably concludes that the concern is likely to be substantiated, the Commonwealth may reduce the scope of the Agreement in accordance with clause 19.1 or terminate the Agreement immediately by giving a second notice in accordance with clause 19.3.

19.3 Termination for fault

19.3.1 The Commonwealth may terminate this Agreement by notice where the Grantee has:

- (a) failed to comply with an obligation under this Agreement and the Commonwealth believes that the non-compliance is incapable of remedy or where clause 19.2.2.b applies; or
- (b) provided false or misleading statements in relation to the Grant; or
- (c) become bankrupt or insolvent, entered into a scheme of arrangement with creditors, or come under any form of external administration.

19.3.2 The Grantee agrees, on receipt of the notice of termination, to:

- (a) stop the performance of the Grantee's obligations;
- (b) take all available steps to minimise loss resulting from the termination; and
- (c) report on, and return any part of, the Grant to the Commonwealth, or otherwise deal with the Grant, as directed by the Commonwealth.

20. Cancellation or reduction for convenience

20.1 The Commonwealth may cancel or reduce the scope of this Agreement by notice, due to:

- (a) a change in government policy; or
- (b) a Change in the Control of the Grantee which the Commonwealth reasonably believes will negatively affect the Grantee's ability to comply with this Agreement.

20.2 On receipt of a notice of reduction or cancellation under this clause, the Grantee agrees to:

- (a) stop or reduce the performance of the Grantee's obligations as specified in the notice;
- (b) take all available steps to minimise loss resulting from that reduction or cancellation;
- (c) continue performing any part of the Activity or the Agreement not affected by the notice if requested to do so by the Commonwealth; and
- (d) report on, and return any part of, the Grant to the Commonwealth, or otherwise deal with the Grant, as directed by the Commonwealth.

20.3 In the event of reduction or cancellation under this clause, the Commonwealth will be liable only to:

- (a) pay any part of the Grant due and owing to the Grantee under this Agreement at the date of the notice; and
- (b) reimburse any reasonable and substantiated expenses the Grantee unavoidably incurs that relate directly and entirely to the reduction in scope or cancellation of the Agreement.

20.4 In the event of reduction, the amount of the Grant will be reduced in proportion to the reduction in the scope of the Agreement.

20.5 The Commonwealth's liability to pay any amount under this clause is:

- (a) subject to the Grantee's compliance with this Agreement; and
- (b) limited to an amount that when added to all other amounts already paid under the Agreement will not exceed the total amount of the Grant.

20.6 The Grantee will not be entitled to compensation for loss of prospective profits or benefits that would have been conferred on the Grantee but for the cancellation or reduction in scope of the Agreement under clause 20.1.

20.7 The Commonwealth will act reasonably in exercising its rights under this clause.

21. Survival

The following clauses survive termination, cancellation or expiry of this Agreement:

- clause 10 (Spending the Grant);
- clause 11 (Repayment);
- clause 12 (Record keeping);

- clause 13 (Reporting);
- clause 14 (Privacy);
- clause 15 (Confidentiality);
- clause 16 (Insurance);
- clause 17 (Intellectual property);
- clause 19 (Reduction, Suspension and Termination);
- clause 21 (Survival);
- clause 22 Definitions;
- [^any applicable provisions included from the clause bank^]; and
- Any other clause which expressly or by implication from its nature is meant to survive.

22. Definitions

In this Agreement, unless the contrary appears:

- **Activity** means the activity described in the Grant Details and includes the provisions of the Reporting Material.
- **Activity Completion Date** means the date or event specified in the Grant Details.
- **Activity Material** means any Material, other than Reporting Material, created or developed by the Grantee as a result of the Activity and includes any Existing Material that is incorporated in or supplied with the Activity Material.
- **Agreement** means the Grant Details, Supplementary Terms (if any), the Commonwealth Standard Grant Conditions and any other document referenced or incorporated in the Grant Details.
- **Agreement End Date** means the date or event specified in the Grant Details.
- **Australian Privacy Principle** has the same meaning as in the *Privacy Act 1988*.
- **Change in the Control** means any change in any person(s) who directly exercise effective control over the Grantee.
- **Commonwealth** means the Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the Commonwealth entity specified in the Agreement and includes, where relevant, its officers, employees, contractors and agents.
- **Commonwealth Purposes** includes the following:
 - a. the Commonwealth verifying and assessing grant proposals, including a grant application;
 - b. the Commonwealth administering, monitoring, reporting on, auditing, publicising and evaluating a grant program or exercising its rights under this Agreement;
 - c. the Commonwealth preparing, managing, reporting on, auditing and evaluating agreements, including this Agreement; and
 - d. the Commonwealth developing and publishing policies, programs, guidelines and reports, including Commonwealth annual reports;but in all cases:
 - e. excludes the commercialisation (being for-profit use) of the Material by the Commonwealth.
- **Commonwealth Standard Grant Conditions** means this document.
- **Existing Material** means Material developed independently of this Agreement that is incorporated in or supplied as part of Reporting Material or Activity Material.
- **Grant** means the money, or any part of it, payable by the Commonwealth to the Grantee for the Activity as specified in the Grant Details [and includes any interest earned by the Grantee on that money once the Grant has been paid to the Grantee].
- **Grantee** means the legal entity other than the Commonwealth specified in the Agreement and includes, where relevant, its officers, employees, contractors and agents.
- **Grant Details** means the document titled Grant Details that forms part of this Agreement.

- **Intellectual Property Rights** means all copyright, patents, registered and unregistered trademarks (including service marks), registered designs, and other rights resulting from intellectual activity (other than moral rights under the *Copyright Act 1968*).
- **Material** includes documents, equipment, software (including source code and object code versions), goods, information and data stored by any means including all copies and extracts of them.
- **Party** means the Grantee or the Commonwealth.
- **Personal Information** has the same meaning as in the *Privacy Act 1988*.
- **Records** includes documents, information and data stored by any means and all copies and extracts of the same.
- **Reporting Material** means all Material which the Grantee is required to provide to the Commonwealth for reporting purposes as specified in the Grant Details and includes any Existing Material that is incorporated in or supplied with the Reporting Material.