**Department of Social Services**

GPO Box 9820

CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear [XXXX]

# Letter of Agreement

I am writing to offer you, an Australian Government Grant under the[XXX] program. The offer is for a Grant of [$XXXX] total, excluding GST, (the ‘Grant’) to undertake the Grant Activity as set out in the attached Grant Schedule.

To accept this offer and enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth, represented by Department of Social Services, ABN 36 342 015 855 in relation to the Grant, please sign the attached Grant Schedule and send or email a scanned copy to the address below by [XXX], otherwise this offer will lapse.

Provided the signed copy of the Grant Schedule is received by the Commonwealth by this date, this letter, the Grant Schedule and the Commonwealth Letter of Agreement Conditions will form a legally enforceable agreement in relation to the Grant.

Please send or email a scanned copy of the signed and completed Grant Schedule to:

[XXXX]

Department of Social Services

GPO Box 9820

CANBERRA ACT 2601

If you have any questions about this offer, please contact [XXXXX] on [XXXX] or email [XXXX].

Yours sincerely

[Internal Signatory]

[date]

## Grant Schedule

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| Organisation Id: |  |
| Agreement Id: |  |
| Schedule Id: |  |

## Grant

The amount of the Grant is [$XXX] total, excluding GST.

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| **Grant Information** | | | | |
| **Milestone** | **Anticipated date** | **Amount (excl. GST)** | **GST** | **Total (incl. GST)** |
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| **Total Amount** | |  |  |  |
| Payment will be made upon signing of the Letter of Agreement or as otherwise agreed by both parties.  If applicable a SACS payment may be made separately. | | | | |

Subject to the Grantee’s compliance with this Agreement, payment(s) will be made into the following bank account:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Your bank account details** | **Financial Institution** |  |
| **BSB** |  |
| **Account Number** |  |
| **Account Name** |  |

The Grant must be 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).

## Grant Activity

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| **Activity Information** | |
| **Activity Name** |  |
| **Activity Start Date** |  |
| **Activity End Date** |  |
| **Activity Details**  **(what you must do)** |  |

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| **Performance Indicators**  The Activity will be measured against the following Performance Indicator/s: | | |
|  | **Performance Indicator** | **Measure** |
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| The information listed below on location, service area and the attributed Department of Social Services Grant amounts will be used by us to provide reports, by region, on Department of Social Services Grants.  The information may be published on a Commonwealth web site.  Any changes to the location or service area information must be advised to us in writing within thirty (30) business days of any change commencing and will be subject to our written approval. | | | | |
| **Location Information**  You have advised that all or part of the Activity will be delivered from the location/s specified below: | | | | |
|  | **Location Type** | **Name** | | **Address** |
|  |  |  | |  |
| **Service Area**  You have advised that the Activity will service the service area/s specified below: | | | | |
|  | **Type** | | **Service Area** | |
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| **Deliverables** | |
| **Description of Deliverable** | **Due Date** |
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The Agreement will end once the Commonwealth accepts a signed statement from the Grantee that meets the requirements of clause 5 of the *Commonwealth Letter of Agreement Conditions*.

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| **Organisation ID** |  |
| **Agreement ID:** |  |

## Signatures

**Executed as an Agreement**

[*Organisation Legal Name*], ABN [*Organisation ABN*] (the ‘**Grantee’**) agrees to use the Grant to undertake the Grant Activity in accordance with this letter and the Grant Schedule, which together form the Agreement between the Grantee and the Commonwealth in relation to the Grant.

### Grantee:

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| Signed for and on behalf of [*Organisation Legal Name*], [*Organisation 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)    …./…/…. |

### Commonwealth:

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by the relevant Delegate, represented by and acting through Department of Social Services, ABN 36 342 015 855 in the presence of:

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| (Name of Departmental Representative) |  |  | (Signature of Departmental Representative)  …./…/…. |
| (Position of Departmental Representative) |  |  |  |
| (Name of Witness in full) |  |  | (Signature of Witness)  …./…/…. |

### Notes about the signature block

* If you are an **incorporated association**, you must refer to the legislation incorporating the association as it will specify how documents must be executed. This process may differ between each State and Territory. If an authorised person is executing a document on behalf of the incorporated association, you should be prepared to provide evidence of this authorisation upon request.
* 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**, a partner must be a signatory in the presence of a witness.
* 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.

## Commonwealth Letter of Agreement Conditions

**1. Undertaking the Grant Activity**

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

**2. Acknowledgements**

The Grantee agrees to acknowledge the Commonwealth’s support in any material published in connection with this Agreement and agrees to use any form of acknowledgment the Commonwealth reasonably specifies.

**3. Notices**

The Grantee agrees to notify the Commonwealth of anything reasonably likely to affect the performance of the Grant Activity, including any actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest which could affect the Grantee’s performance of this Agreement and to take action to resolve the conflict.

**4. Payment of the Grant**

4.1 The Commonwealth agrees to pay the Grant to the Grantee in accordance with this Agreement.

4.2 The parties agree that the amount of the Grant is inclusive of any GST payable and the Grantee agrees to pay all taxes, duties and government charges in connection with the performance of this Agreement. The Grantee must on request provide the Commonwealth with a tax invoice before the Commonwealth is obliged to pay any amount under this Agreement.

**5. Spending the Grant**

The Grantee agrees to spend the Grant for the sole purpose of undertaking the Grant Activity, and to provide a statement, in the form required by the Commonwealth and signed by the Grantee, verifying that the Grant Activity has been undertaken and the Grant was spent in accordance with this Agreement.

**6. Repayment**

If any of the Grant amount has been spent other than in accordance with this Agreement or on expiration or termination of this Agreement is additional to the requirements of the Grant Activity, the Grantee agrees to repay that amount to the Commonwealth, unless the Commonwealth agrees in writing otherwise.

**7. Record keeping**

The Grantee agrees to maintain records of the performance of the Grant Activity and the expenditure of the Grant and to make them available to the Commonwealth on request.

**8. Privacy**

When dealing with Personal Information (as defined in the Privacy Act 1988) in carrying out the Grant Activity, the Grantee agrees not to do anything which, if done by the Commonwealth, would be a breach of the Privacy Act 1988.

**9. Grant Activity material**

The Grantee gives (or procures for) the Commonwealth a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free licence for the Commonwealth to use, reproduce, publish and adapt all material that is provided to the Commonwealth under this Agreement.

**10. Confidentiality**

The parties agree not to disclose each other’s confidential information without prior written consent unless required or authorised by law or Parliament.

**11. Insurance**

The Grantee agrees to maintain adequate insurance for the duration of this Agreement and provide the Commonwealth with proof when requested.

**12. Licences and approvals**

The Grantee must ensure that all persons engaged to work on the Grant Activity obtain and maintain all relevant licences, registrations or other approvals required by applicable laws or as directed by the Commonwealth, including but not limited to police checks, Working With Children checks and Working with Vulnerable People checks.

**13. Dispute resolution**

13.1 The parties agree not to initiate legal proceedings in relation to a dispute unless they have tried and failed to resolve the dispute by negotiation.

13.2 The parties agree to continue to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement where a dispute exists.

13.3 The procedure for dispute resolution does not apply to action relating to termination or urgent litigation.

**14. Termination for default**

The Commonwealth may terminate this Agreement by notice where it reasonably believes the Grantee:

(a) has breached this Agreement; or

(b) has provided false or misleading statements in their application for the Grant; or

(c) has become bankrupt or insolvent, entered into a scheme of arrangement with creditors, or come under any form of external administration.

The Commonwealth will not be required to make any further payments of the Grant after the termination of the Agreement.

**15. General provisions**

15.1 A party is not by virtue of this Agreement an employee, agent or partner of the other party.

15.2 This Agreement may only be varied by the parties’ signed written agreement.

15.3 Clauses 5 (Spending of the Grant), 6 (Repayment), 7 (Record keeping), and 9 (Grant Activity material) survive the expiry or termination of this Agreement.