

Gambling-related Research Grants



Northern Territory Government

Minister's Guidelines



COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND
Helping Build Better Communities

GUIDELINES FOR GAMBLING-RELATED RESEARCH GRANTS

INTRODUCTION

The Community Benefit Fund (CBF) comprises funds derived from the Community Benefit Fund Levy that is collected from the operation of electronic gaming machines in hotels. The CBF Committee allocates grants from the CBF for community purposes, gambling-related research and amelioration programs.

These guidelines set out information in relation to the Gambling-related Research Grant Program.

The CBF Gambling-related Research Grant Program has been established to support research activities directed at problem gambling, the economic impact of gambling activities and associated issues. The research must have direct benefit and application to the Northern Territory.

DESCRIPTION OF GRANTS

The CBF will offer grant funding to support gambling-related research projects.

The quantum of funding for individual research activities will be governed by budget availability and the priority of needs identified by the CBF Committee.

Applications for amounts in excess of \$100 000 or twelve months duration must meet at least one of the following special criteria:

- The project is a partnership between two or more organisations;
- The project covers a wide geographic area or has peculiar methodological demands; or
- The project will bring substantial benefit to the whole community.

The intent of the Program is to enable priority issues to be investigated. Funds can only be used for research into gambling-related issues such as problem gambling, economic impacts and associated issues. This may include the

social and economic impact of gambling on individuals, families and communities.

The Program may support collaborative research with other funding bodies, but such cases will have to clearly demonstrate how specific CBF components or demands will be accounted for.

ELIGIBILITY

Organisations seeking funds must be an incorporated body, a higher education institution or a reputable and recognised research facility.

Funding will not normally be provided for:

- Substitute funding of an organisation's core activities.
- Projects with a primary aim of providing treatment to people experiencing gambling problems. (Funds for gambling-related treatment programs and counselling services may be sought from the Community Benefit Fund Gambling Amelioration Program.)
- Commercial ventures, developments or outputs.

QUALITY OF THE APPLICATION

Only applications which show that the project can be fully completed within the funding allocation and within the identified timeframe will be considered.

Attention should be given to the following points when making a submission:

- Clarity about how the project will advance understanding of an issue or contribute to an actual reduction in gambling-related problems.
- A strategy for disseminating findings to achieve practical benefits.
- Efficiency and effectiveness of the project design and consistency with ethical research standards.
- Support for the principles of harm minimisation.
- Access to any other sources of funding for the project or related activities.
- Practical and financial contributions made to the project by the organisation requesting funding.

- Reasonable and competitive budget.

When selecting projects for funding, attention will be given to the organisation's research experience in the gambling field and its demonstrated capacity to implement a project.

OBLIGATIONS OF GRANT RECIPIENTS

Formal Funding Agreements will be negotiated with successful applicants and these will detail specific conditions and arrangements. However, in accepting a grant, an organisation will generally be expected to:

- Ensure a timely start-up of the project.
- Report during the course of the project on progress to date, difficulties encountered, expenditure and expected completion date.
- Provide a final report no later than six weeks after the time allowed for the project.
- Give due acknowledgment for the support provided by the Northern Territory Government (NTG), through the Community Benefit Fund, on all publications and public materials produced as a result of the research. Further, include a disclaimer that the views expressed in any publication derived from the research are not necessarily those of the CBF or NTG.

TIME LINES AND TOPICS

Applications will be sought through public advertisement, generally once a year. Applicants may be considered at other times, but only in exceptional circumstances.

Submissions can either be initiated by interested agencies or be in response to topics nominated by the CBF Committee. Preference will be given to these latter projects.

A list of any current priority topics nominated by the Committee can be obtained from the CBF Secretariat.

Successful applicants will generally be advised within 12 weeks of the closing date for submissions.

GRANT ADMINISTRATION

The total amount of the grant will be paid in a timely fashion from the CBF. Instalments will be dependent on reporting and progress requirements being met.

An audit of the funds must be provided at the completion of the research. If necessary, the cost of the audit should be included in the submitted budget. Otherwise the cost will be borne by the grant recipient.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The researcher retains the right to any intellectual property developed as the result of the research funded under the grant program. The Northern Territory Government reserves the right to use any such intellectual property without cost in furtherance of its objectives and purposes, including subsequent research grants made by the CBF.

INSURANCE AND INDEMNITY

It is the responsibility of grant recipients to be adequately insured for the project being undertaken. The CBF does not hold or offer any insurance in respect of any activities funded by a CBF Gambling-related Research Grant.

The successful applicant shall indemnify and hold harmless the Northern Territory Government, its officers, employees, servants and agents from and against all claims, actions, causes of action, demands, costs, losses, damages, expenses, suits or other proceedings by whomever made, brought or prosecuted in any manner based upon or related to the activities of the applicant.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Grants will be grossed up by the value of the GST when the grant recipient is registered for GST. A Recipient Created Tax Invoice (RCTI) will be generated on behalf of a qualifying grant recipient and will accompany grant payments. To enable the RCTI to be generated, the successful applicant will need to complete an RCTI Agreement Form.

MISCELLANEOUS

Only under exceptional circumstances will a time extension be granted once a Funding Agreement has been signed.

Previously successful grant recipients are not precluded from applying for another grant in the future. However, the subsequent application must not simply be for a continuation/replication of the first research activity. It must be for a separate project, noting that the project may be developed out of information or results derived from a previous project.

Funds for infrastructure support should be limited to what is not routinely demanded of the organisation. All applicants are expected to make some form of contribution toward their projects.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A GAMBLING-RELATED RESEARCH GRANT

Submissions can only be made on a CBF Gambling-related Research Grant Application Form. Applications must be accompanied by all attachments specified in the Application Form. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant, identifying deficiencies.

Submissions should be forwarded to the CBF Secretariat – Gambling-related Research Grant:

Community Benefit Fund
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