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What is a Grant and How are Projects evaluated?

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OUTLINE

- A grant is an allocation of funds provided by a Donor (local or International) to a group or groups of stakeholders for a specific purpose; Usually to achieve certain pre-established objectives or national goal.
- All Grants are cost –sharing in nature either in kind or cash. (in kind refers to product or service such as personnel, facilities such equipment or office space). The percentage of local contribution varies between Donors but is usually 70%:30%.
- A maximum is normally set and the eligibility criteria determined.(see CPEC brochure and website for criteria). In this case the maximum grant is CDN\$230,000.
 - Reporting requirements are usually very stringent and is done periodically during the life of the project.

Other CIDA Grants available

- Green Fund- Must have environmental and sustainable development focus; Must be submitted by CBO and NGO and Chambers of Commerce; maximum \$100,000.
- Canada Fund for Local initiatives – NGOs and CBOs eligible; will fund HRD, sanitation, women and youth in development; public education; maximum \$50,000
- Enhancing Civil Society – CBO's eligible; will fund training and awareness; cost sharing plan – minimum 15% in cash or kind.

This takes place at two stages;

- Concept /proposal
- Implementation

Concept / proposal

In assessing a proposal for funding support, the following points are considered:

- Eligibility (sector relevance, historical perspective, improve productivity, value added processes, price and profitability)
- Proposer commitment and associated sponsors; clear evidence of commitment by stakeholders and beneficiaries to the stated objectives of the project
- Sustainability : The Proposal should show a high level of enduring results related to the goal. Mechanisms for institutionalising the activities should be clearly described
- Economic cost /benefit (local and regional)
- Economies of Scale; It should demonstrate the comparative advantage to be achieved through collaborative proposals, integrated approaches, partnerships, joint venture, shared resources, mergers and other synergies.
- Organisation for management or project coordination;
- Impact on the environment; the track record in environmental protection will be assessed.
- Gender equity; information to prove that the project will undertake socially equitable practices will be assessed.
- Involvement of other associates/donors; The contribution of partner organisations and Donors must be confirmed in writing
- Implementation risks; identify the risks involved and the impact on non- achievement of goals

Project implementation

Results based management

- Logical framework- Goal, Purpose, Resources
- Impacts, Outcomes and Outputs
- Performance indicators /measurements
- Evaluate the assumptions and risks associated
- Financial management and budget control