The Speaker’s “Democracy For All” Small Grant Scheme

Terms and Conditions

**Terms and conditions of your grant**

1. **By submitting an application to The Speaker’s Art Fund “Democracy For All” Small Grant Scheme, the organisation named in the application (referred to as “you” in these Terms and Conditions) agrees, if awarded a grant, to:**
   1. hold the grant on trust for The Speaker’s Art Fund “Democracy For All” Small Grant Scheme (referred to as ‘we’ or ‘us’) and use it only for your project or activity as described in your application or otherwise agreed with us, and only for expenditure incurred after the date of your grant award;
   2. provide us promptly with any information and reports we require about the project and its impact, both during and after the end of the project or activity;
   3. act lawfully in carrying out your project in accordance with best practice and guidance from your regulators, and follow any guidelines issued by us about the project or use of the grant and let us know promptly about any fraud, other impropriety, mismanagement or misuse in relation to the grant;
   4. acknowledge The Speaker’s Art Fund “Democracy for All” small grant scheme funding using our logo in accordance with the relevant guidelines for recognising your grant, which can be found on our website;
   5. hold the grant in a UK-based bank account or building society account, which is in the legal name of the organisation that is applying for funding from The Speaker’s Art Fund ‘Democracy For All Small Grant Scheme’;
   6. adhere to our guidance on financial controls and banking arrangements, ensuring that no single individual has sole responsibility for any single transaction from authorisation to review and completion, and that the account is managed by at least two unrelated and authorised individuals in your organisation;
   7. immediately return any part of the grant that is not used for your project or which constitutes an unlawful subsidy;
   8. comply with our safeguarding policy for grant holders, which is available on our website;
   9. We may commission research into and/or evaluation of your funding. You confirm that you will co-operate with any research or evaluation-related activities which we carry out and further confirm that we may use any part of your application and/or project information for research or evaluation purposes;
   10. comply with data protection laws and obtain the consent of your beneficiaries for us and you to receive and process their personal information and contact them;
   11. keep accurate and comprehensive records about your project both during the project and for seven years afterwards and provide us on request with copies of those records and evidence of expenditure of the grant, such as original paper or electronic receipts, invoices, and bank statement;
   12. allow us and/ reasonable access to your premises and systems to inspect project and grant records;
   13. The Speaker’s Art Fund “Democracy for All” small grant scheme publicising and sharing information about you and your project including your name and images of project activities. You hereby grant us a royalty free licence to reproduce and publish any project information you give us. You will let us know when you provide the information if you don’t have permission for us to use it in this way; and
   14. if your project is being delivered in Wales, enable people to engage in both Welsh and English, treating both languages equally. Welsh speakers must be able to access information and services in Welsh and all materials must be produced bilingually.
2. **You acknowledge that we are entitled to suspend or terminate the grant and/or require you to repay all or any of the grant in any of the following situations. You must let us know if any of these situations have occurred or are likely to occur.**
   1. You use the grant in any way other than as approved by us or fail to comply with any of these Terms and Conditions including bringing the Speaker or the Art fund into disrepute.
   2. You fail to make good progress with your project or are unlikely in our view to complete the project or achieve the objectives agreed with us.
   3. You have match funding for the project withdrawn or receive or fail to declare any duplicate funding for the same project costs as funded by the grant.
   4. You provide us with false or misleading information either on application or after award of the grant, act dishonestly or are under investigation by us, a regulatory body or the police, or if we consider for any other reason that public funds are at risk or you do anything to bring The Speaker’s Art Fund ‘Democracy For All’ small grand scheme into disrepute.
   5. You enter into, or in our view are likely to enter into, administration, liquidation, receivership, dissolution or, in Scotland, have your organisation’s estate sequestrated.
   6. You receive any grant money incorrectly either as a result of an administrative error or otherwise. This includes where You are paid in error before You have complied with your obligations under these terms and conditions and Offer Letter. Any sum, which falls due under this paragraph 2.6, shall fall due immediately. If the You fail to repay the due sum immediately, or as otherwise agreed with us, the sum will be recoverable summarily as a civil debt.
3. **You acknowledge that:**
   1. the grant is for your use only and we may require you to pay us a share of any proceeds from disposal of assets purchased or enhanced with the grant;
   2. we will not increase the grant if you spend more than the agreed budget;
   3. the grant is not consideration for any taxable supply for VAT purposes;
   4. we have no liability for any costs or consequences incurred by you or third parties that arise directly or indirectly from the project, nor from non-payment or withdrawal of the grant, save to the extent required by law;
   5. these Terms and Conditions will continue to apply for one year after the grant is paid or until the project has been completed, whichever is later. Clauses 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.9, 1.10, 1.11, 1.12, 1.13, 3.4 and 3.5 shall survive expiry of these Terms and Conditions; and
   6. if the application and grant award are made electronically, the agreement between us shall be deemed to be in writing and your online acceptance of these Terms and Conditions shall be deemed to be the equivalent of your signature on that agreement.

**Bank details**

**Bank statement**

**You must attach your bank statement as a PDF, JPEG or PNG file. Unfortunately we can’t accept Word documents, but photos of your bank statements are absolutely fine.** Please make sure that we can clearly see the following on your bank statement:

* Your organisation’s legal name
* The address the statements are sent to
* The bank name
* Account number
* Sort code
* Date (must be within last 3 months)

**Your statement needs to be less than three months old.** For bank accounts opened within the last three months, we can accept a bank welcome letter. This must confirm the date your account was opened, account name, account number and sort code.

**If you're a school using a local authority bank account**

We'll need a letter from the local authority dated within the last 3 months. It should show:

* Your school name
* The bank account name
* Account number
* Sort code