



Welsh Government Expectations of Grant Recipients

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Grant funding is one of the Welsh Government's most important mechanisms for delivering Ministerial priorities and making a difference to the lives of people in Wales. This document aims to provide an insight into the Welsh Government's expectations on grant funded bodies as well as on third party bodies who manage grant programmes or schemes on behalf of the Welsh Government.

What does the Welsh Government expect from Grant Funded Bodies?

Organisations that are applying for and or have been awarded grant funding to deliver their proposals are expected by the Welsh Government to conduct themselves in accordance with the Nolan Principles. In particular these organisations and their staff are expected to display the following:

1. Selflessness

Organisations should take decisions solely in terms of the public interest which includes their organisation, sector, etc. They should not do so in order to gain financial or other material benefits for their own personal gain, their family's or friends'.

2. Integrity

Organisations should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might prevent them from delivering the grant funded activities.

3. Objectivity

In delivering grant funding activities, including making appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, organisations should make choices based solely on merit.

4. Accountability

Organisations are accountable for their decisions and actions to the Welsh Government and the public and must submit to whatever scrutiny is appropriate.

5. Openness

Organisations should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions to the Welsh Government when required.

6. Honesty

Organisations have a duty to declare any private interests relating to the delivery of the grant funded activities and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.

7. Leadership

Organisations should promote and support these principles by leadership and example.

What does the Welsh Government expect from third parties managing grant programmes or schemes on its behalf?

Organisations managing grant programmes or schemes on behalf of the Welsh Government are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the Nolan Principles as stated above. In addition these organisations and their staff are expected to:

- Be responsible for managing all individual grants they award to individuals and other organisations and ensure that all necessary procedures and processes are put in place before any grant is awarded.
- Undertake appropriate due diligence before awarding any grant funding to any recipient.
- Undertake a comprehensive assessment of the grant programme or scheme to ensure that it complies with State Aid Rules, including State Aid implications of each individual grant, and obtain such documentation and information from the recipient as is necessary to comply with State Aid Rules.
- Put in place appropriate grant terms and conditions ensuring that they are in line with, and not in conflict with, the terms and conditions of the award letter or contract provided by the Welsh Government.
- Agree a clear purpose for each grant including SMART targets, as well as how to measure the recipient's success in delivering the agreed purposes.
- Provide information requested from time to time by the Welsh Government about the grant programme or scheme and or any grant funding paid under it.