

You requested the following information in relation to Equality Network:

- The full conditions of funding
- The total amount of funding being provided per financial year for the last three financial years (we understood this to be 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23)
- The conditions of funding, which stipulate what criteria is expected by SG for the organisations for the funding awarded to the organisations to achieve in real terms
- The professional standards and reporting required to comply with the conditions of funding

Please note that Grant Offer Letters for the following funds have been included in this response:

- Equality Budget Funding
- Equality and Human Rights Fund
- Social Justice Covid-19 Fund (Immediate Priorities Funding)

## 1.1 2020-21

- Some of the information you have requested is already available at the following links:
  - [Equality funding: national and intermediary bodies 2017-2021 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/Topics/Equality/Equality-funding-national-and-intermediary-bodies-2017-2021)
  - [Immediate Priorities Fund: organisations funded - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/Topics/Equality/Immediate-priorities-fund-organisations-funded)

### Excerpts of Grant Offer Letter for Equality Funding 2019-20

#### Intermediary

### **OFFER OF GRANT – EQUALITY BUDGET FUNDING: 1 JULY 2019 – 30 JUNE 2020**

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## **2. Purposes of the Grant**

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3.1 The Grant shall be paid by the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee in accordance with the terms of **Schedule 1** attached.

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The Grantee shall not, without prior written consent of the Scottish Ministers, dispose of any asset funded, in part or in whole, with Grant funds during the lifetime of the asset. During that period the Scottish Ministers shall be entitled to the proceeds of the disposal – or the relevant proportion of the proceeds based on the percentage of grant funding used in connection with the acquisition or improvement of the asset against the whole proceeds. The Scottish Ministers shall also be entitled to the relevant proportion of any proceeds resulting from any provision included as a

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9.3.2 Where the Grantee is an individual, if a petition is presented for the Grantee's bankruptcy or the sequestration of his estate or a criminal bankruptcy order is made against the Grantee; or the Grantee makes any composition or arrangement with or for the benefit of creditors, or makes any conveyance or assignation for the benefit of creditors, or if an administrator or trustee is appointed to manage his affairs; or

9.3.3 A receiver, manager, administrator or administrative receiver is appointed to the Grantee, or over all or any part of the Grantee's property, or circumstances arise which would entitle a court or a creditor to appoint such a receiver, manager, administrator or administrative receiver.

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9.5 Notwithstanding the provisions of this clause 9, in the event that the Grantee is in breach of any of the Conditions, the Scottish Ministers may, provided that the breach is capable of a remedy, postpone the exercise of their rights to recover any sum from the Grantee in terms of clause 9 for such period as they see fit, and may give written notice to the Grantee requiring it to remedy the breach within such period as may be specified in the notice. In the event of the Grantee failing to remedy the breach within the period specified, the Grantee shall be bound to pay the sum to the Scottish Ministers in accordance with the foregoing provisions.

9.6 Any failure, omission or delay by the Scottish Ministers in exercising any right or remedy to which they are entitled by virtue of clauses 9.1 to 9.3 shall not be construed as a waiver of such right or remedy.

## 10. Assignation

The Grantee shall not be entitled to assign, sub-contract or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations under the Agreement without the prior written consent of the Scottish Ministers.

## 11. Termination

The Agreement may be terminated by the Scottish Ministers giving not less than three months' notice in writing from the date of the notice being sent.

## 12. Corrupt Gifts and Payments of Commission

The Grantee shall ensure that its employees shall not breach the terms of the Bribery Act 2010 in relation to this or any other grant. The Grantee shall ensure that adequate controls are in place to prevent bribery.

## 13. Continuation of Conditions

13.1 These Conditions, except for Condition 6, shall continue to apply for a period of five years after the end of the financial year in which the final instalment of the Grant was paid.

13.2 Condition 6 shall continue to apply until the end of the period referred to in that Condition.

## 14. Compliance with the Law

The Grantee shall ensure that in relation to the Project, they and anyone acting on their behalf shall comply with the relevant law, for the time being in force in Scotland.

## 15. Governing Law

This contract is governed by the Law of Scotland and the parties hereby prorogate to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Scottish Courts.

If you wish to accept the offer of this Grant on the whole terms and conditions as set out in the letter and annexed Schedules, you should sign and date both copies of the Grant Acceptance below and return one full copy of the offer of Grant and Schedules electronically to [EqualityBudgetFunding@gov.scot](mailto:EqualityBudgetFunding@gov.scot). If you are unable to do so electronically, hard copies can be sent to the Equality Unit, 3H North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ. You should retain the second copy of the offer of Grant and Schedules for your own records

## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **PART 1: THE PROJECT**

To create a lasting improvement in the situation of LGBTI people in Scotland, including those with intersectional identities, by improving law and national and local policy and services based on the needs expressed by LGBTI people, supporting LGBTI communities to advocate for equality and human rights and to reduce social isolation, and developing and sharing expertise in LGBTI equality. There will be a strong focus on including the full diversity of LGBTI communities.

### **PART 2: PAYMENT OF GRANT**

1. The total Grant of £230,000 shall be payable by the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee quarterly on receipt of a completed claim for Grant in the form set out in **Schedule 2** together with the associated monitoring information set out in paragraph 4.1 of the Offer of Grant.



2. The total Grant shall be payable over 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020 in instalments as per the payment schedule table below. The Scottish Ministers shall not be bound to pay any instalment of the Grant which has not been claimed by the end of the 12 month period (1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020), unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Scottish Ministers.

	Quarterly Amount	Claim Date
Payment 1	£57,500	1 July 2019
Payment 2	£57,500	1 October 2019
Payment 3	£57,500	1 January 2020
Payment 4	£57,500	1 April 2020
<b>Total</b>	<b>£230,000</b>	

3. The Grantee shall provide a quarterly profile of expenditure of the Grant before the start of the period of funding. Any change to the profile or to the overall costs of the Project shall be notified to the Scottish Ministers at the earliest opportunity via the claims for Grant and monitoring reports.

4. Each claim shall be for an amount equal to the estimated amount of the Grant required to meet the reasonable and proper costs and expenses of the Grantee in connection with the Project until the next claim is due to be submitted.

5. Each claim shall be submitted together with such explanatory or supplementary material as the Scottish Ministers may from time to time require whether before or after submission of the claim.

6. On receipt of each claim (and any required documentation and information), the Scottish Ministers shall determine the amount of expenditure which they consider the Grantee shall reasonably and properly incur in connection with the Project having regard to that claim. The determination shall be based on the information provided by the Grantee in accordance with this Schedule. The Scottish Ministers shall use their best endeavours (but shall be under no obligation or duty) to pay the amount determined to the Grantee within three weeks of receiving a claim and any required documentation and information relevant to the claim.

7. In order to facilitate the accrual of expenditure of the Grant for the period of funding the Grantee shall, where appropriate, advise the Scottish Ministers in writing by 31 July 2020 the amount of the Grant actually expended up to and including 30 June 2020.

## Intersex Project

### **OFFER OF GRANT – EQUALITY BUDGET FUNDING: 1 JULY 2019 – 30 JUNE 2020**

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The Grantee shall not be entitled to assign, sub-contract or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations under the Agreement without the prior written consent of the Scottish Ministers.

## **11. Termination**

The Agreement may be terminated by the Scottish Ministers giving not less than three months' notice in writing from the date of the notice being sent.

## **12. Corrupt Gifts and Payments of Commission**

The Grantee shall ensure that its employees shall not breach the terms of the Bribery Act 2010 in relation to this or any other grant. The Grantee shall ensure that adequate controls are in place to prevent bribery.

## **13. Continuation of Conditions**

13.1 These Conditions, except for Condition 6, shall continue to apply for a period of five years after the end of the financial year in which the final instalment of the Grant was paid.

13.2 Condition 6 shall continue to apply until the end of the period referred to in that Condition.

## **14. Compliance with the Law**

The Grantee shall ensure that in relation to the Project, they and anyone acting on their behalf shall comply with the relevant law, for the time being in force in Scotland.

## **15. Governing Law**

This contract is governed by the Law of Scotland and the parties hereby prorogate to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Scottish Courts.

If you wish to accept the offer of this Grant on the whole terms and conditions as set out in the letter and annexed Schedules, you should sign and date both copies of the Grant Acceptance below and return one full copy of the offer of Grant and Schedules electronically to [EqualityBudgetFunding@gov.scot](mailto:EqualityBudgetFunding@gov.scot). If you are unable to do so electronically, hard copies can be sent to the Equality Unit, 3H North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ. You should retain the second copy of the offer of Grant and Schedules for your own records.

## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **PART 1: THE PROJECT**

A national project to facilitate intersex people, equality organisations, government policy makers, the NHS and other service providers to engage together to develop a shared understanding of intersex equality, rights and inclusion priorities in Scotland. The project focuses on connecting intersex people with each other and with potential allies in order to build social capital supporting intersex people's engagement in equality policy and good practice development.

### **PART 2: PAYMENT OF GRANT**

The total Grant of £45,000 shall be payable by the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee quarterly on receipt of a completed claim for Grant in the form set out in **Schedule 2**



together with the associated monitoring information set out in paragraph 4.1 of the Offer of Grant.

2. The total Grant shall be payable over 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020 in instalments as per the payment schedule table below. The Scottish Ministers shall not be bound to pay any instalment of the Grant which has not been claimed by the end of the 12 month period (1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020), unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Scottish Ministers.

	Quarterly Amount	Claim Date
Payment 1	£11,250	1 July 2019
Payment 2	£11,250	1 October 2019
Payment 3	£11,250	1 January 2020
Payment 4	£11,250	1 April 2020
<b>Total</b>	<b>£45,000</b>	

3. The Grantee shall provide a quarterly profile of expenditure of the Grant before the start of the period of funding. Any change to the profile or to the overall costs of the Project shall be notified to the Scottish Ministers at the earliest opportunity via the claims for Grant and monitoring reports.

4. Each claim shall be for an amount equal to the estimated amount of the Grant required to meet the reasonable and proper costs and expenses of the Grantee in connection with the Project until the next claim is due to be submitted.

5. Each claim shall be submitted together with such explanatory or supplementary material as the Scottish Ministers may from time to time require whether before or after submission of the claim.

6. On receipt of each claim (and any required documentation and information), the Scottish Ministers shall determine the amount of expenditure which they consider the Grantee shall reasonably and properly incur in connection with the Project having regard to that claim. The determination shall be based on the information provided by the Grantee in accordance with this Schedule. The Scottish Ministers shall use their best endeavours (but shall be under no obligation or duty) to pay the amount determined to the Grantee within three weeks of receiving a claim and any required documentation and information relevant to the claim.

7. In order to facilitate the accrual of expenditure of the Grant for the period of funding the Grantee shall, where appropriate, advise the Scottish Ministers in writing by 31 July 2020 the amount of the Grant actually expended up to and including 30 June 2020.

## Excerpts of Grant Offer Letter for Equality Funding 2020-21

### Intermediary

#### **OFFER OF GRANT – EQUALITY BUDGET FUNDING: 1 JULY 2020 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

The Scottish Ministers in exercise of their powers under Section 10 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 hereby offer to give to Equality Network (“the Grantee”) a grant of up to £287,500. This will be payable over 1 July 2020 – 30 September 2021, in connection with Intermediary work, which is more particularly described in Part 1 of Schedule 1 (“the Project”) and / or support the government and communities in responding to Covid-19, as required, and subject to the following terms and conditions.

[...]

#### **2. Purposes of the Grant**

2.1 The Grant is made to enable the Grantee to carry out the Project.

2.2 The Grant shall only be used for the purposes of the Project or to support the government and communities in responding to Covid-19, as required, and for no other purpose whatsoever.

2.3 No part of the Grant shall be used to fund any activity or material which is party political in intention, use, or presentation or appears to be designed to affect support for a political party.

2.4 The expected outcomes of the Grant are:

- A reduction in discrimination against people who share protected characteristics
- Reduced levels of hate crime
- Increased community participation, engagement and community cohesion
- Addressing imbalances in representation in all aspects and levels of public life

2.5 The original targets/milestones for funding over the specified period are set out in your application (below). When returning your signed grant acceptance letter, please provide a revised business plan for 1 July 2020 – 30 September 2021 against which progress in achieving expected outcomes shall be monitored.

2.6 The eligible costs for which the Grant can be claimed are:

- staff salaries and associated costs
- direct project costs

2.7 The eligible costs exclude:

- reclaimable Value Added Tax
- redundancy payments
- capital expenditure, including the purchasing of property

- dissemination of funds to other recipients.

### 3. Payment of Grant

3.1 The Grant shall be paid by the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee in accordance with the terms of **Schedule 1** attached.

3.2 In addition to the progress and financial reports to be submitted in relation to the funded project, the Grantee shall within four weeks of the end of the funded period in which the Grant has been paid submit to the Scottish Ministers a statement of compliance with the Conditions of the Grant using the form of words provided in **Schedule 3**. The statement shall be signed by the Grantee's Director/CEO/authorised signatory.

3.3 In the event that the amount of the Grant paid by the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee at any point in time is found to exceed the amount of the expenses reasonably and properly incurred by the Grantee in connection with the Project, the Grantee shall repay to the Scottish Ministers the amount of such excess within 14 days of receiving a written demand for it from or on behalf of the Scottish Ministers. In the event that the Grantee fails to pay such amount within the 14 day period, the Scottish Ministers shall be entitled to interest on the sum at the rate of two per cent per annum above the Bank of England base lending rate prevailing at the time of the written demand from the date of the written demand until payment in full of both the sum and the interest.

3.4 The Scottish Ministers shall not be bound to pay to the Grantee, and the Grantee shall have no claim against the Scottish Ministers in respect of, **any instalment of the Grant which has not been claimed by the Grantee by 30 September 2021 as set out in Schedule 1**, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Scottish Ministers.

### 4. Inspection and Information

4.1 The Grantee shall keep the Scottish Ministers fully informed of the progress of the Project in the form of bi-annual progress reports, and quarterly financial reports to be submitted with claims for Grant. Details shall include actual expenditure to date compared with profiled expenditure and any change to estimated expenditure for the 12 month period and/or the Project as a whole, the reasons for any such changes and progress in achieving objectives/outcomes.

4.2 Revisions to targets/milestones against which progress in achieving outcomes are monitored shall be subject to the written agreement of the Scottish Ministers.

4.3 The Grantee shall, on completion of the Project, submit a report to the Scottish Ministers summarising the outcomes and performance of the Project. Such a report shall include such statistical and other information relating to the impact of the Project as shall be required by the Scottish Ministers.

4.4 The Grantee shall also provide any other information that the Scottish Ministers may reasonably require to satisfy themselves that the Project is consistent

with the Agreement. The Grantee shall provide the Scottish Ministers with prompt access to any information they reasonably require to ensure compliance with these Conditions.

4.5 The Grantee shall keep and maintain for a period of six years after the expenditure occurs, adequate and proper records and books of account recording all receipts and expenditure of monies paid to it by the Scottish Ministers by way of the Grant. The Grantee shall afford the Scottish Ministers, their representatives, the Auditor General for Scotland and their representatives and such other persons as the Scottish Ministers may reasonably specify from time to time, such access to those records and books of account as may be required by them at any reasonable time in response to a written request for such access from the person seeking it. The Grantee shall provide such reasonable assistance and explanation as the person carrying out the inspection may from time to time require.

4.6 The Grantee must have robust safeguarding policies in place to protect vulnerable groups. The Grantee must also have in place clear processes which must be followed if it becomes aware of specific incidents, including referral to the relevant authorities where necessary. Where the Grantee is working directly through a partner organisation, the Grantee is required to have undertaken due diligence in relation to safeguarding arrangements, including obtaining evidence of satisfactory safeguarding policies and / or procedures by the Grantee's partner organisation. The Grantee must report all and any cases of suspected abuse or malpractice relating to anyone involved in delivery of the Project or any beneficiary of the Project to Scottish Ministers and the relevant authorities immediately. The Grantee must, upon request from Scottish Ministers, provide copies of the safeguarding policies and procedures referred to in this clause.

4.7 In the event of the Grantee becoming aware of or suspecting:

- any irregular or fraudulent activity in relation to the Grant or Project, or any part of either of them; and/or
- any safeguarding incident by or in respect of any person involved in the Project,

the Grantee shall immediately notify the Scottish Ministers of such activity or incident and provide such other information as the Scottish Ministers may reasonably require in relation to the impact on the Project and the use of the Grant. In so notifying Scottish Ministers, the Grantee must also confirm that such irregular or fraudulent activity or safeguarding incident has been referred to the relevant regulatory or other authorities as appropriate, in line with any statutory duty and otherwise in line with any guidance issued from time to time on Notifiable Events by either the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulatory (OSCR) or as appropriate the Charity Commission for England and Wales. For the avoidance of doubt, in this agreement, a "safeguarding incident" includes any incident of abuse or mistreatment of any vulnerable person.

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## **5. Confidentiality and Data Protection**

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5.3 The Grantee shall ensure that all requirements of Data Protection Laws are fulfilled in relation to the Project.

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## **6. Disposal of Assets**

The Grantee shall not, without prior written consent of the Scottish Ministers, dispose of any asset funded, in part or in whole, with Grant funds during the lifetime of the asset. During that period the Scottish Ministers shall be entitled to the proceeds of the disposal – or the relevant proportion of the proceeds based on the percentage of grant funding used in connection with the acquisition or improvement of the asset against the whole proceeds. The Scottish Ministers shall also be entitled to the relevant proportion of any proceeds resulting from any provision included as a condition of sale. Recovery by the Scottish Ministers shall not be required where the value of the asset is less than £1,000.

## **7. Publicity**

The Grantee shall where reasonably practicable acknowledge in all publicity material relating to the Project the contribution of the Scottish Ministers to its costs. The

Scottish Ministers may require to approve the form of such acknowledgement prior to its first publication.

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8.1 All Intellectual Property Rights are hereby assigned to and shall vest in the Crown or its assignees.

8.2 The Grantee shall ensure that nothing contained in any materials produced or submitted to the Scottish Ministers by the Grantee or anyone acting on its behalf nor the reproduction of such materials, shall constitute an infringement of any third party copyright or intellectual property right and shall indemnify the Scottish Ministers against all actions, proceedings, claims and demands made by reason of any such infringement.

## **9. Default and Recovery etc. of Grant**

9.1 The Scottish Ministers may re-assess, vary, make a deduction from, withhold, or require immediate repayment of the Grant or any part of it in the event that:

9.1.1 The Grantee commits a Default;

9.1.2 The Scottish Ministers consider that any change or departure from the purposes for which the Grant was awarded warrants an alteration in the amount of the Grant;

9.1.3 The Grantee fails to carry out the Project;

9.1.4 In the Scottish Ministers' opinion, the progress on the Project is not satisfactory; or

9.1.5 In the Scottish Ministers' opinion, the future of the Project is in jeopardy.

9.2 If, in the Scottish Ministers' opinion, the Grant or any part of it is state aid and they consider that they are required to recover such sum in order to ensure compliance with their obligations, Scottish Ministers may require immediate repayment of the Grant or any part of it together with interest at such rate and on such basis as may be determined from time to time in accordance with law.

9.3 The Scottish Ministers may withhold the payment of the Grant if at any time within the duration of the Agreement:

9.3.1 The Grantee passes a resolution that it be wound up, or a court makes an order that the Grantee be wound up, in either case otherwise than for the purposes of reconstruction or amalgamation, or circumstances arise which would enable a court to make such an order or the Grantee is unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986;

9.3.2 Where the Grantee is an individual, if a petition is presented for the Grantee's bankruptcy or the sequestration of his estate or a criminal bankruptcy order is made against the Grantee; or the Grantee makes any composition or arrangement with or for the benefit of creditors, or makes any conveyance or assignation for the benefit of creditors, or if an administrator or trustee is appointed to manage his affairs; or

9.3.3 A receiver, manager, administrator or administrative receiver is appointed to the Grantee, or over all or any part of the Grantee's property, or circumstances arise which would entitle a court or a creditor to appoint such a receiver, manager, administrator or administrative receiver.

9.4 In the event that the Grantee becomes bound to pay any sum to the Scottish Ministers in terms of clause 9.1, the Grantee shall pay the Scottish Ministers the appropriate sum within 14 days of a written demand for it being given by or on behalf of the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee. In the event that the Grantee fails to pay the sum within the 14 day period, the Scottish Ministers shall be entitled to interest on the sum at the rate of two per cent per annum above the Bank of England base lending rate prevailing at the time of the written demand, from the date of the written demand until payment in full of both the sum and interest.

9.5 Notwithstanding the provisions of this clause 9, in the event that the Grantee is in breach of any of the Conditions, the Scottish Ministers may, provided that the breach is capable of a remedy, postpone the exercise of their rights to recover any sum from the Grantee in terms of clause 9 for such period as they see fit, and may give written notice to the Grantee requiring it to remedy the breach within such period as may be specified in the notice. In the event of the Grantee failing to remedy the breach within the period specified, the Grantee shall be bound to pay the sum to the Scottish Ministers in accordance with the foregoing provisions.

9.6 Any failure, omission or delay by the Scottish Ministers in exercising any right or remedy to which they are entitled by virtue of clauses 9.1 to 9.3 shall not be construed as a waiver of such right or remedy.

## **10. Assignation**

The Grantee shall not be entitled to assign, sub-contract or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations under the Agreement without the prior written consent of the Scottish Ministers.

## **11. Termination**

The Agreement may be terminated by the Scottish Ministers giving not less than three months' notice in writing from the date of the notice being sent.

## **12. Corrupt Gifts and Payments of Commission**

The Grantee shall ensure that its employees shall not breach the terms of the Bribery Act 2010 in relation to this or any other grant. The Grantee shall ensure that adequate controls are in place to prevent bribery.

### **13. Continuation of Conditions**

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### **14. Compliance with the Law**

The Grantee shall ensure that in relation to the Project, they and anyone acting on their behalf shall comply with the relevant law, for the time being in force in Scotland.

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## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **PART 1: THE PROJECT**

To create a lasting improvement in the situation of LGBTI people in Scotland, including those with intersectional identities, by improving law and national and local policy and services based on the needs expressed by LGBTI people, supporting LGBTI communities to advocate for equality and human rights and to reduce social isolation, and developing and sharing expertise in LGBTI equality. There will be a strong focus on including the full diversity of LGBTI communities and or support the government and communities in responding to COVID-19, as required.

### **PART 2: PAYMENT OF GRANT**

1. The total Grant of £287,500 shall be payable by the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee quarterly on receipt of a completed claim for Grant in the form set out in **Schedule 2** together with the associated monitoring information set out in paragraph 4.1 of the Offer of Grant.



2. The total Grant shall be payable over 1 July 2020 – 30 September 2021 in instalments as per the payment schedule table below. The Scottish Ministers shall not be bound to pay any instalment of the Grant which has not been claimed by the end of the 15 month period (1 July 2020 – 30 September 2021), unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Scottish Ministers.

	Quarterly Amount	Claim Date
Payment 1	£57,500	1 July 2020
Payment 2	£57,500	1 October 2020
Payment 3	£57,500	1 January 2021
Payment 4	£57,500	1 April 2021
Payment 5	£57,500	1 July 2021
<b>Total</b>	<b>£287,500</b>	

3. The Grantee shall provide a quarterly profile of expenditure of the Grant before the start of the period of funding. Any change to the profile or to the overall costs of the Project shall be notified to the Scottish Ministers at the earliest opportunity via the claims for Grant and monitoring reports.

4. Each claim shall be for an amount equal to the estimated amount of the Grant required to meet the reasonable and proper costs and expenses of the Grantee in connection with the Project until the next claim is due to be submitted.

5. Each claim shall be submitted together with such explanatory or supplementary material as the Scottish Ministers may from time to time require whether before or after submission of the claim.

6. On receipt of each claim (and any required documentation and information), the Scottish Ministers shall determine the amount of expenditure which they consider the Grantee shall reasonably and properly incur in connection with the Project having regard to that claim. The determination shall be based on the information provided by the Grantee in accordance with this Schedule. The Scottish Ministers shall use their best endeavours (but shall be under no obligation or duty) to pay the amount determined to the Grantee within three weeks of receiving a claim and any required documentation and information relevant to the claim.

7. In order to facilitate the accrual of expenditure of the Grant for the period of funding the Grantee shall, where appropriate, advise the Scottish Ministers in writing by 31 October 2021 the amount of the Grant actually expended up to and including 30 September 2021.

## Intersex Project

### **OFFER OF GRANT – EQUALITY BUDGET FUNDING: 1 JULY 2020 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

The Scottish Ministers in exercise of their powers under Section 10 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 hereby offer to give to Equality Network (“the Grantee”) a grant of up to £56,250. This will be payable over 1 July 2020 – 30 September 2021, in connection with the Intersex Equality Project, which is more particularly described in Part 1 of Schedule 1 (“the Project”) and / or support the government and communities in responding to Covid-19, as required, and subject to the following terms and conditions.

[...]

#### **2. Purposes of the Grant**

2.1 The Grant is made to enable the Grantee to carry out the Project.

2.2 The Grant shall only be used for the purposes of the Project or to support the government and communities in responding to Covid-19, as required, and for no other purpose whatsoever.

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2.4 The expected outcomes of the Grant are:

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2.6 The eligible costs for which the Grant can be claimed are:

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### 3. Payment of Grant

3.1 The Grant shall be paid by the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee in accordance with the terms of **Schedule 1** attached.

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4.1 The Grantee shall keep the Scottish Ministers fully informed of the progress of the Project in the form of bi-annual progress reports, and quarterly financial reports to be submitted with claims for Grant. Details shall include actual expenditure to date compared with profiled expenditure and any change to estimated expenditure for the 12 month period and/or the Project as a whole, the reasons for any such changes and progress in achieving objectives/outcomes.

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## **9. Default and Recovery etc. of Grant**

9.1 The Scottish Ministers may re-assess, vary, make a deduction from, withhold, or require immediate repayment of the Grant or any part of it in the event that:

9.1.1 The Grantee commits a Default;

9.1.2 The Scottish Ministers consider that any change or departure from the purposes for which the Grant was awarded warrants an alteration in the amount of the Grant;

9.1.3 The Grantee fails to carry out the Project;

9.1.4 In the Scottish Ministers' opinion, the progress on the Project is not satisfactory; or

9.1.5 In the Scottish Ministers' opinion, the future of the Project is in jeopardy.

9.2 If, in the Scottish Ministers' opinion, the Grant or any part of it is state aid and they consider that they are required to recover such sum in order to ensure compliance with their obligations, Scottish Ministers may require immediate repayment of the Grant or any part of it together with interest at such rate and on such basis as may be determined from time to time in accordance with law.

9.3 The Scottish Ministers may withhold the payment of the Grant if at any time within the duration of the Agreement:

9.3.1 The Grantee passes a resolution that it be wound up, or a court makes an order that the Grantee be wound up, in either case otherwise than for the purposes of reconstruction or amalgamation, or circumstances arise which would enable a court to make such an order or the Grantee is unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986;

9.3.2 Where the Grantee is an individual, if a petition is presented for the Grantee's bankruptcy or the sequestration of his estate or a criminal bankruptcy order is made against the Grantee; or the Grantee makes any composition or arrangement with or for the benefit of creditors, or makes any conveyance or assignation for the benefit of creditors, or if an administrator or trustee is appointed to manage his affairs; or

9.3.3 A receiver, manager, administrator or administrative receiver is appointed to the Grantee, or over all or any part of the Grantee's property, or circumstances arise which would entitle a court or a creditor to appoint such a receiver, manager, administrator or administrative receiver.

9.4 In the event that the Grantee becomes bound to pay any sum to the Scottish Ministers in terms of clause 9.1, the Grantee shall pay the Scottish Ministers the appropriate sum within 14 days of a written demand for it being given by or on behalf of the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee. In the event that the Grantee fails to pay the sum within the 14 day period, the Scottish Ministers shall be entitled to interest on the sum at the rate of two per cent per annum above the Bank of England base lending rate prevailing at the time of the written demand, from the date of the written demand until payment in full of both the sum and interest.

9.5 Notwithstanding the provisions of this clause 9, in the event that the Grantee is in breach of any of the Conditions, the Scottish Ministers may, provided that the breach is capable of a remedy, postpone the exercise of their rights to recover any sum from the Grantee in terms of clause 9 for such period as they see fit, and may give written notice to the Grantee requiring it to remedy the breach within such period as may be specified in the notice. In the event of the Grantee failing to remedy the breach within the period specified, the Grantee shall be bound to pay the sum to the Scottish Ministers in accordance with the foregoing provisions.

9.6 Any failure, omission or delay by the Scottish Ministers in exercising any right or remedy to which they are entitled by virtue of clauses 9.1 to 9.3 shall not be construed as a waiver of such right or remedy.

## **10. Assignment**

The Grantee shall not be entitled to assign, sub-contract or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations under the Agreement without the prior written consent of the Scottish Ministers.

## **11. Termination**

The Agreement may be terminated by the Scottish Ministers giving not less than three months' notice in writing from the date of the notice being sent.

## **12. Corrupt Gifts and Payments of Commission**

The Grantee shall ensure that its employees shall not breach the terms of the Bribery Act 2010 in relation to this or any other grant. The Grantee shall ensure that adequate controls are in place to prevent bribery.

## **13. Continuation of Conditions**

13.1 These Conditions, except for Condition 6, shall continue to apply for a period of five years after the end of the financial year in which the final instalment of the Grant was paid.

13.2 Condition 6 shall continue to apply until the end of the period referred to in that Condition.

## **14. Compliance with the Law**

The Grantee shall ensure that in relation to the Project, they and anyone acting on their behalf shall comply with the relevant law, for the time being in force in Scotland.

## **15. Governing Law**

This contract is governed by the Law of Scotland and the parties hereby prorogate to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Scottish Courts.

If you wish to accept the offer of this Grant on the whole terms and conditions as set out in the letter and annexed Schedules, you should sign and date both copies of the Grant Acceptance below and return one full copy of the offer of Grant and Schedules electronically to [EqualityBudgetFunding@gov.scot](mailto:EqualityBudgetFunding@gov.scot). If the person accepting the grant and the witness are unable to sign the grant acceptance letter electronically, an email trail that makes clear this offer has been accepted by both parties before being sent onto me will suffice. You should retain the second copy of the offer of Grant and Schedules for your own records.

## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **PART 1: THE PROJECT**

A national project to facilitate intersex people, equality organisations, government policy makers, the NHS and other service providers to engage together to develop a shared understanding of intersex equality, rights and inclusion priorities in Scotland. The project focuses on connecting intersex people with each other and with potential allies in order to build social capital supporting intersex people's engagement in



equality policy and good practice development, and or support the government and communities in responding to COVID-19, as required.

## **PART 2: PAYMENT OF GRANT**

1. The total Grant of £56,250 shall be payable by the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee quarterly on receipt of a completed claim for Grant in the form set out in **Schedule 2** together with the associated monitoring information set out in paragraph 4.1 of the Offer of Grant.

2. The total Grant shall be payable over 1 July 2020 – 30 September 2021 in instalments as per the payment schedule table below. The Scottish Ministers shall not be bound to pay any instalment of the Grant which has not been claimed by the end of the 15 month period (1 July 2020 – 30 September 2021), unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Scottish Ministers.

	Quarterly Amount	Claim Date
Payment 1	£11,250	1 July 2020
Payment 2	£11,250	1 October 2020
Payment 3	£11,250	1 January 2021
Payment 4	£11,250	1 April 2021
Payment 5	£11,250	1 July 2021
<b>Total</b>	<b>£56,250</b>	

3. The Grantee shall provide a quarterly profile of expenditure of the Grant before the start of the period of funding. Any change to the profile or to the overall costs of the Project shall be notified to the Scottish Ministers at the earliest opportunity via the claims for Grant and monitoring reports.

4. Each claim shall be for an amount equal to the estimated amount of the Grant required to meet the reasonable and proper costs and expenses of the Grantee in connection with the Project until the next claim is due to be submitted.

5. Each claim shall be submitted together with such explanatory or supplementary material as the Scottish Ministers may from time to time require whether before or after submission of the claim.

6. On receipt of each claim (and any required documentation and information), the Scottish Ministers shall determine the amount of expenditure which they consider the Grantee shall reasonably and properly incur in connection with the Project having regard to that claim. The determination shall be based on the information provided by the Grantee in accordance with this Schedule. The Scottish Ministers shall use their best endeavours (but shall be under no obligation or duty) to pay the amount determined to the Grantee within three weeks of receiving a claim and any required documentation and information relevant to the claim.

7. In order to facilitate the accrual of expenditure of the Grant for the period of funding the Grantee shall, where appropriate, advise the Scottish Ministers in writing

by 31 October 2021 the amount of the Grant actually expended up to and including 30 September 2021.

## Excerpts of Grant Offer Letters for Immediate Priorities Fund (COVID-19)

April 2020

### **COVID-19 SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND: OFFER OF GRANT TO EQUALITY NETWORK – SUPPORTING LOCAL LGBT ORGANISATIONS ACROSS SCOTLAND 2020-21**

The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of their powers under Section 10 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968/Section 97 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, hereby offer to give to Equality Network (the “Grantee”) a grant of up to, but not exceeding, £3,932.82 payable over April – July 2020. The Grant is in connection with the Grantee’s supporting local LGBT organisations across Scotland project which is more particularly described in **Part 1 of Schedule 1** (the “Project”) and subject to the following terms and conditions.

[...]

#### **2. Purposes of the Grant**

2.1 The Grant is made to enable the Grantee to carry out the Project.

2.2 The Grant shall only be used for the purposes of the Project and for no other purpose whatsoever.

2.3 No part of the Grant shall be used to fund any activity or material which is party political in intention, use, or presentation or appears to be designed to affect support for a political party.

2.4 The main objectives/expected outcomes of the Grant is, as a result of Covid-19, to support vulnerable individuals and those in need, to help communities respond to the needs and challenges they are experiencing, and protect the wellbeing of the people of Scotland.

#### **3. Payment of Grant**

3.1 The Grant shall be paid by the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee in accordance with the terms of **Schedule 1** attached.

3.2 The Grantee shall within six weeks, following the end of each financial year in respect of which the Grant has been paid, submit to the Scottish Ministers a statement of compliance with the Conditions of Grant using the form of words provided in **Schedule 3**. The statement shall be signed by the Grantee’s Director.

3.3 The Scottish Ministers expect that any of the Grant unspent at 31 July 2020 is declared to the Scottish Ministers by 14 August 2020. If there is no requirement for funding to support continued activity in relation to Covid-19, this unspent Grant should be returned to the Scottish Ministers. The Grantee shall repay to the Scottish Ministers the amount of the declared unspent Grant within 14 days of receiving a written demand for it from or on behalf of the Scottish Ministers.

## 4. Inspection and Information

4.1 This offer of grant is for April – July 2020. The Grantee shall, on completion of the Project, submit a report to the Scottish Ministers summarising the outcomes and performance of the Project. Such a report shall include such statistical and other information relating to the impact of the Project as shall be required by the Scottish Ministers. However, due to the priority placed on putting the support in place and the immediacy of the need for the funding requested, reporting against this Grant will be light touch. Further information on the reporting required will follow in due course.

4.2 The Grantee shall also provide any other information that the Scottish Ministers may reasonably require to satisfy themselves that the Project is consistent with the Agreement. The Grantee shall provide the Scottish Ministers with prompt access to any information they reasonably require to ensure compliance with these Conditions.

4.3 The Grantee shall keep and maintain for a period of six years after the expenditure occurs, adequate and proper records and books of account recording all receipts and expenditure of monies paid to it by the Scottish Ministers by way of the Grant. The Grantee shall afford the Scottish Ministers, their representatives, the Auditor General for Scotland and their representatives and such other persons as the Scottish Ministers may reasonably specify from time to time, such access to those records and books of account as may be required by them at any reasonable time in response to a written request for such access from the person seeking it. The Grantee shall provide such reasonable assistance and explanation as the person carrying out the inspection may from time to time require.

4.4 The Grantee must have robust safeguarding policies in place to protect vulnerable groups. The Grantee must also have in place clear processes which must be followed if it becomes aware of specific incidents, including referral to the relevant authorities where necessary. Where the Grantee is working directly through a partner organisation, the Grantee is required to have undertaken due diligence in relation to safeguarding arrangements, including obtaining evidence of satisfactory safeguarding policies and/or procedures by the Grantee's partner organisation. The Grantee must report all and any cases of suspected abuse or malpractice relating to anyone involved in delivery of the Project or any beneficiary of the Project to Scottish Ministers and the relevant authorities immediately. The Grantee must, upon request from Scottish Ministers, provide copies of the safeguarding policies and procedures referred to in this clause.

4.5 In the event of the Grantee becoming aware of or suspecting:

- any irregular or fraudulent activity in relation to the Grant or Project, or any part of either of them; and/or
- any safeguarding incident by or in respect of any person involved in the Project,

the Grantee shall immediately notify the Scottish Ministers of such activity or incident and provide such other information as the Scottish Ministers may reasonably require in relation to the impact on the Project and the use of the Grant. In so notifying Scottish Ministers, the Grantee must also confirm that such irregular or fraudulent

activity or safeguarding incident has been referred to the relevant regulatory or other authorities as appropriate, in line with any statutory duty and otherwise in line with any guidance issued from time to time on Notifiable Events by either the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulatory (OSCR) or as appropriate the Charity Commission for England and Wales. For the avoidance of doubt, in this agreement, a “safeguarding incident” includes any incident of abuse or mistreatment of any vulnerable person.

4.6 The grantee shall immediately inform the Scottish Ministers of any change in its constitution, for example, but not limited to, a change in status from one type of body corporate to another.

## **5. Confidentiality and Data Protection**

5.1 The Grantee will respect the confidentiality of any commercially sensitive information that they have access to as a result of the Project.

5.2 Notwithstanding the above, the Grantee may disclose any information as required by law or judicial order. All information submitted to the Scottish Ministers may need to be disclosed and/or published by the Scottish Ministers. Without prejudice to the foregoing generality, the Scottish Ministers may disclose information in compliance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, any other law, or, as a consequence of judicial order, or order by any court or tribunal with the authority to order disclosure. Further, the Scottish Ministers may also disclose all information submitted to them to the Scottish or United Kingdom Parliament or any other department, office or agency of Her Majesty’s Government in Scotland, in right of the Scottish Administration or the United Kingdom, and their servants or agents. When disclosing such information to either the Scottish Parliament or the United Kingdom Parliament it is recognised and agreed by both parties that the Scottish Ministers shall if they see fit disclose such information but are unable to impose any restriction upon the information that it provides to Members of the Scottish Parliament, or Members of the United Kingdom Parliament; such disclosure shall not be treated as a breach of this agreement.

5.3 The Grantee shall ensure that all requirements of Data Protection Laws are fulfilled in relation to the Project.

5.4 To comply with section 31(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010, the Scottish Ministers publish an annual statement of all payments over £25,000. In addition, in line with openness and transparency, the Scottish Government publishes a monthly report of all payments over £25,000. The Grantee should note that where a payment is made in excess of £25,000 there will be disclosure (in the form of the name of the payee, the date of the payment, the subject matter and the amount of grant) in the both the monthly report and the annual Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 statement.

## **6. Disposal of Assets**

The Grantee shall not, without prior written consent of the Scottish Ministers, dispose of any asset funded, in part or in whole, with Grant funds within five years. During that period the Scottish Ministers shall be entitled to the proceeds of the disposal –

or the relevant proportion of the proceeds based on the percentage of grant funding used in connection with the acquisition or improvement of the asset against the whole proceeds. The Scottish Ministers shall also be entitled to the relevant proportion of any proceeds resulting from any provision included as a condition of sale. Recovery by the Scottish Ministers shall not be required where the value of the asset is less than £1,000.

## **7. Publicity**

The Grantee shall where reasonably practicable acknowledge in all publicity material relating to the Project the contribution of the Scottish Ministers to its costs. The Scottish Ministers may require to approve the form of such acknowledgement prior to its first publication.

## **8. Intellectual Property Rights**

8.1 All Intellectual Property Rights are hereby assigned to and shall vest in the Crown or its assignees.

8.2 The Grantee shall ensure that nothing contained in any materials produced or submitted to the Scottish Ministers by the Grantee or anyone acting on its behalf nor the reproduction of such materials, shall constitute an infringement of any third party copyright or intellectual property right and shall indemnify the Scottish Ministers against all actions, proceedings, claims and demands made by reason of any such infringement.

## **9. Default and Recovery etc. of Grant**

9.1 The Scottish Ministers may re-assess, vary, make a deduction from, withhold, or require immediate repayment of the Grant or any part of it in the event that:

9.1.1 The Grantee commits a Default;

9.1.2 The Scottish Ministers consider that any change or departure from the purposes for which the Grant was awarded warrants an alteration in the amount of the Grant;

9.1.3 The Grantee fails to carry out the Project;

9.1.4 In the Scottish Ministers' opinion, the progress on the Project is not satisfactory; or

9.1.5 In the Scottish Ministers' opinion, the future of the Project is in jeopardy.

9.2 If, in the Scottish Ministers' opinion, the Grant or any part of it is state aid and they consider that they are required to recover such sum in order to ensure compliance with their obligations under EU law Scottish Ministers may require immediate repayment of the Grant or any part of it together with interest at such rate and on such basis as may be determined from time to time by the Commission of the European Union.

9.3 The Scottish Ministers may withhold the payment of the Grant if at any time within the duration of the Agreement:

9.3.1 The Grantee passes a resolution that it be wound up, or a court makes an order that the Grantee be wound up, in either case otherwise than for the purposes of reconstruction or amalgamation, or circumstances arise which would enable a court to make such an order or the Grantee is unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986;

9.3.2 Where the Grantee is an individual, if a petition is presented for the Grantee's bankruptcy or the sequestration of his estate or a criminal bankruptcy order is made against the Grantee; or the Grantee makes any composition or arrangement with or for the benefit of creditors, or makes any conveyance or assignation for the benefit of creditors, or if an administrator or trustee is appointed to manage his affairs; or

9.3.3 A receiver, manager, administrator or administrative receiver is appointed to the Grantee, or over all or any part of the Grantee's property, or circumstances arise which would entitle a court or a creditor to appoint such a receiver, manager, administrator or administrative receiver.

9.4 In the event that the Grantee becomes bound to pay any sum to the Scottish Ministers in terms of clause 9.1, the Grantee shall pay the Scottish Ministers the appropriate sum within 14 days of a written demand for it being given by or on behalf of the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee. In the event that the Grantee fails to pay the sum within the 14 day period, the Scottish Ministers shall be entitled to interest on the sum at the rate of two per cent per annum above the Bank of England base lending rate prevailing at the time of the written demand, from the date of the written demand until payment in full of both the sum and interest.

9.5 Notwithstanding the provisions of this clause 9, in the event that the Grantee is in breach of any of the Conditions, the Scottish Ministers may, provided that the breach is capable of a remedy, postpone the exercise of their rights to recover any sum from the Grantee in terms of clause 9 for such period as they see fit, and may give written notice to the Grantee requiring it to remedy the breach within such period as may be specified in the notice. In the event of the Grantee failing to remedy the breach within the period specified, the Grantee shall be bound to pay the sum to the Scottish Ministers in accordance with the foregoing provisions.

9.6 Any failure, omission or delay by the Scottish Ministers in exercising any right or remedy to which they are entitled by virtue of clauses 9.1 to 9.3 shall not be construed as a waiver of such right or remedy.

## **10. Continuation of Conditions**

10.1 These Conditions, except for Condition 6, shall continue to apply for a period of five years after the end of the financial year in which the final instalment of the Grant was paid.

10.2 Condition 6 shall continue to apply until the end of the period referred to in that Condition.

## 11. Compliance with the Law

The Grantee shall ensure that in relation to the Project, they and anyone acting on their behalf shall comply with the relevant law, for the time being in force in Scotland.

## 12. Governing Law

If you wish to accept the offer of this Grant on the whole terms and conditions as set out in the letter and annexed Schedules, you should sign and date the Grant Acceptance below and return one copy of the offer of Grant and Schedules electronically to [EqualityBudgetFunding@gov.scot](mailto:EqualityBudgetFunding@gov.scot). If the person accepting the grant and the witness are unable to sign the grant acceptance letter electronically, an email trail that makes clear this offer has been accepted by both parties before being sent on to me will suffice. You should retain a copy of the offer of Grant and Schedules for your own records.

## SCHEDULE 1

### PART 1: THE PROJECT

The project will focus on providing premium Zoom videoconferencing accounts to local LGBT organisations across Scotland. The majority of these organisations are unfunded and volunteer-run, and provide vital social support to members in communities from the urban to the rural. Due to the present situation in light of COVID-19, these groups are not able to meet, or otherwise communicate effectively with their members. Groups have indicated that an online meeting tool would allow them to restart community engagement, and Equality Network suggest that around 50 meetings a month would take place initially, rising as groups further consider the possibilities of virtual meetings.

Full details of Equality Network's supporting local LGBT organisations across Scotland project is as set out in the attached document:

### PART 2: PAYMENT OF GRANT

1. The total Grant of up to £3,932.82 shall be payable by the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee on receipt of a completed claim for Grant in the form set out in Schedule 2.
2. The total Grant shall be payable over April – July 2020 as per the payment schedule below.

	Amount	Claim Date
Payment 1	£3,932.82	April 2020
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,932.82</b>	



3. The claim shall be submitted together with such explanatory or supplementary material as the Scottish Ministers may from time to time require whether before or after submission of the claim.

4. On receipt of each claim (and any required documentation and information), the Scottish Ministers shall determine the amount of expenditure which they consider the Grantee has reasonably and properly incurred in connection with the Project having regard to that claim. The determination shall be based on the information provided by the Grantee in accordance with this Schedule.

5. In order to facilitate the accrual of expenditure of the Grant for the financial year the Grantee shall, where appropriate, advise the Scottish Ministers in writing by 15 April the amount of the Grant actually expended up to and including 31 March in each financial year as appropriate.

October 2020

## **EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS FUNDING: OFFER OF GRANT TO EQUALITY NETWORK – SUPPORTING LOCAL LGBT ORGANISATIONS ACROSS SCOTLAND 2020-21**

The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of their powers under Section 10 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968/Section 97 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, hereby offer to give to Equality Network (the “Grantee”) an additional grant of up to, but not exceeding, £1,259 payable over October – December 2020. The Grant is in connection with the Grantee’s supporting local LGBT organisations across Scotland project which is more particularly described in **Part 1 of Schedule 1** (the “Project”) and subject to the following terms and conditions.

[...]

### **2. Purposes of the Grant**

- 2.1 The Grant is made to enable the Grantee to carry out the Project.
- 2.2 The Grant shall only be used for the purposes of the Project and for no other purpose whatsoever.
- 2.3 No part of the Grant shall be used to fund any activity or material which is party political in intention, use, or presentation or appears to be designed to affect support for a political party.
- 2.4 The main objectives/expected outcomes of the Grant is, as a result of Covid-19, to support vulnerable individuals and those in need, to help communities respond to the needs and challenges they are experiencing, and protect the wellbeing of the people of Scotland.

### **3. Payment of Grant**

- 3.1 The Grant shall be paid by the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee in accordance with the terms of **Schedule 1** attached.
- 3.2 The Grantee shall within six weeks, following the end of each financial year in respect of which the Grant has been paid, submit to the Scottish Ministers a statement of compliance with the Conditions of Grant using the form of words provided in **Schedule 3**. The statement shall be signed by the Grantee’s Director.
- 3.3 The Scottish Ministers expect that any of the Grant unspent at 31 December is declared to the Scottish Ministers by 14 January 2021. If there is no requirement for funding to support continued activity in relation to Covid-19, this unspent Grant should be returned to the Scottish Ministers. The Grantee shall repay to the Scottish

Ministers the amount of the declared unspent Grant within 14 days of receiving a written demand for it from or on behalf of the Scottish Ministers.

#### **4. Inspection and Information**

4.1 This offer of grant is for October – December 2020. The Grantee shall, on completion of the Project, submit a report to the Scottish Ministers summarising the outcomes and performance of the Project. Such a report shall include such statistical and other information relating to the impact of the Project as shall be required by the Scottish Ministers. However, due to the priority placed on putting the support in place and the immediacy of the need for the funding requested, reporting against this Grant will be light touch. Further information on the reporting required will follow in due course.

4.2 The Grantee shall also provide any other information that the Scottish Ministers may reasonably require to satisfy themselves that the Project is consistent with the Agreement. The Grantee shall provide the Scottish Ministers with prompt access to any information they reasonably require to ensure compliance with these Conditions.

4.3 The Grantee shall keep and maintain for a period of six years after the expenditure occurs, adequate and proper records and books of account recording all receipts and expenditure of monies paid to it by the Scottish Ministers by way of the Grant. The Grantee shall afford the Scottish Ministers, their representatives, the Auditor General for Scotland and their representatives and such other persons as the Scottish Ministers may reasonably specify from time to time, such access to those records and books of account as may be required by them at any reasonable time in response to a written request for such access from the person seeking it. The Grantee shall provide such reasonable assistance and explanation as the person carrying out the inspection may from time to time require.

4.4 The Grantee must have robust safeguarding policies in place to protect vulnerable groups. The Grantee must also have in place clear processes which must be followed if it becomes aware of specific incidents, including referral to the relevant authorities where necessary. Where the Grantee is working directly through a partner organisation, the Grantee is required to have undertaken due diligence in relation to safeguarding arrangements, including obtaining evidence of satisfactory safeguarding policies and/or procedures by the Grantee's partner organisation. The Grantee must report all and any cases of suspected abuse or malpractice relating to anyone involved in delivery of the Project or any beneficiary of the Project to Scottish Ministers and the relevant authorities immediately. The Grantee must, upon request from Scottish Ministers, provide copies of the safeguarding policies and procedures referred to in this clause.

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- any irregular or fraudulent activity in relation to the Grant or Project, or any part of either of them; and/or
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## **6. Disposal of Assets**

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The Grantee shall where reasonably practicable acknowledge in all publicity material relating to the Project the contribution of the Scottish Ministers to its costs. The Scottish Ministers may require to approve the form of such acknowledgement prior to its first publication.

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9.1.5 In the Scottish Ministers' opinion, the future of the Project is in jeopardy.

9.2 If, in the Scottish Ministers' opinion, the Grant or any part of it is state aid and they consider that they are required to recover such sum in order to ensure

compliance with their obligations, Scottish Ministers may require immediate repayment of the Grant or any part of it together with interest at such rate and on such basis as may be determined from time to time in accordance with law.

9.3 The Scottish Ministers may withhold the payment of the Grant if at any time within the duration of the Agreement:

9.3.1 The Grantee passes a resolution that it be wound up, or a court makes an order that the Grantee be wound up, in either case otherwise than for the purposes of reconstruction or amalgamation, or circumstances arise which would enable a court to make such an order or the Grantee is unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986;

9.3.2 Where the Grantee is an individual, if a petition is presented for the Grantee's bankruptcy or the sequestration of his estate or a criminal bankruptcy order is made against the Grantee; or the Grantee makes any composition or arrangement with or for the benefit of creditors, or makes any conveyance or assignation for the benefit of creditors, or if an administrator or trustee is appointed to manage his affairs; or

9.3.3 A receiver, manager, administrator or administrative receiver is appointed to the Grantee, or over all or any part of the Grantee's property, or circumstances arise which would entitle a court or a creditor to appoint such a receiver, manager, administrator or administrative receiver.

9.4 In the event that the Grantee becomes bound to pay any sum to the Scottish Ministers in terms of clause 9.1, the Grantee shall pay the Scottish Ministers the appropriate sum within 14 days of a written demand for it being given by or on behalf of the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee. In the event that the Grantee fails to pay the sum within the 14 day period, the Scottish Ministers shall be entitled to interest on the sum at the rate of two per cent per annum above the Bank of England base lending rate prevailing at the time of the written demand, from the date of the written demand until payment in full of both the sum and interest.

9.5 Notwithstanding the provisions of this clause 9, in the event that the Grantee is in breach of any of the Conditions, the Scottish Ministers may, provided that the breach is capable of a remedy, postpone the exercise of their rights to recover any sum from the Grantee in terms of clause 9 for such period as they see fit, and may give written notice to the Grantee requiring it to remedy the breach within such period as may be specified in the notice. In the event of the Grantee failing to remedy the breach within the period specified, the Grantee shall be bound to pay the sum to the Scottish Ministers in accordance with the foregoing provisions.

9.6 Any failure, omission or delay by the Scottish Ministers in exercising any right or remedy to which they are entitled by virtue of clauses 9.1 to 9.3 shall not be construed as a waiver of such right or remedy.

## **10. Continuation of Conditions**

10.1 These Conditions, except for Condition 6, shall continue to apply for a period of five years after the end of the financial year in which the final instalment of the Grant was paid.

10.2 Condition 6 shall continue to apply until the end of the period referred to in that Condition.

## **11. Compliance with the Law**

The Grantee shall ensure that in relation to the Project, they and anyone acting on their behalf shall comply with the relevant law, for the time being in force in Scotland.

## **12. Governing Law**

If you wish to accept the offer of this Grant on the whole terms and conditions as set out in the letter and annexed Schedules, you should sign and date the Grant Acceptance below and return one copy of the offer of Grant and Schedules electronically to [EqualityBudgetFunding@gov.scot](mailto:EqualityBudgetFunding@gov.scot). If the person accepting the grant and the witness are unable to sign the grant acceptance letter electronically, an email trail that makes clear this offer has been accepted by both parties before being sent on to me will suffice. You should retain a copy of the offer of Grant and Schedules for your own records.

## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **PART 1: THE PROJECT**

The project will focus on providing premium Zoom videoconferencing accounts to local LGBT organisations across Scotland. The majority of these organisations are unfunded and volunteer-run, and provide vital social support to members in communities from the urban to the rural. Due to the present situation in light of COVID-19, these groups are not able to meet, or otherwise communicate effectively with their members. Groups have indicated that an online meeting tool would allow them to restart community engagement, and Equality Network suggest that around 50 meetings a month would take place initially, rising as groups further consider the possibilities of virtual meetings.

Full details of Equality Network's supporting local LGBT organisations across Scotland project is as set out in the attached document:

### **PART 2: PAYMENT OF GRANT**

1. The total Grant of up to £1,259 shall be payable by the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee on receipt of a completed claim for Grant in the form set out in Schedule
2. The total Grant shall be payable over October – December 2020 as per the payment schedule below.

	Amount	Claim Date
Payment 1	£1,259	October 2020
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,259</b>	

3. The claim shall be submitted together with such explanatory or supplementary material as the Scottish Ministers may from time to time require whether before or after submission of the claim.

4. On receipt of each claim (and any required documentation and information), the Scottish Ministers shall determine the amount of expenditure which they consider the Grantee has reasonably and properly incurred in connection with the Project having regard to that claim. The determination shall be based on the information provided by the Grantee in accordance with this Schedule.

5. In order to facilitate the accrual of expenditure of the Grant for the financial year the Grantee shall, where appropriate, advise the Scottish Ministers in writing by 15 April the amount of the Grant actually expended up to and including 31 March in each financial year as appropriate.



Excerpts of Grant Offer Letter for Rural LGBTI Project  
**OFFER OF GRANT FOR EQUALITY NETWORK**

The Scottish Ministers in exercise of their powers under Section 10 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, Section 97 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, and Section 23 of the National Heritage (Scotland) Act 1985 hereby offer to give to the Equality Network incorporated under the Companies Act with Company Number SC220213 and having its registered office at 30 Bernard Street, Edinburgh EH6 6PR (“the Grantee”) a grant of up to £10,900 STERLING, payable for the financial years 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 to fund grant activity to allow the Equality Network to support and deliver outcomes for rural and island LGBTI communities over the period of the grant. The activity is more particularly described in Part 1 of SCHEDULE 1 (“the Project/Programme”) and subject to the following terms and conditions:

[...]

## **2. Purposes of the Grant**

2.1 The Grant is made to enable the Grantee to carry out the Project.

2.2 The Grant shall only be used for the purposes of the Project and for no other purpose whatsoever.

2.3 No part of the Grant shall be used to fund any activity or material which is party political in intention, use, or presentation or appears to be designed to affect support for a political party.

2.4 The main objectives/expected outcomes of the Grant are to support SRA to:

- Create a **Rainbow safe space /Visibility Mark** primarily focused on rural and island communities.
- Encourage local community spaces to sign up to the scheme to show that they are a safe space for LGBTI people. (Possibilities of this being championed by rural bus companies, businesses, sports centres etc). LGBTI people in turn would be able to recognise a place they can be themselves.
- A set of guiding principles would be created with and by LGBTI people living rurally. Training will be provided by EN to those businesses, public bodies etc. who want to sign up.
- A visible ‘rainbow mark’ ( the symbol/logo to be designed by LGBTI groups in conjunction with the EN) to be displayed.
- The EN would work with ‘ambassadors’ to advocate for the needs of LGBTI people in rural and island Scotland.

2.5 The targets/milestones against which progress in achieving objectives/expected outcomes shall be monitored are contained in Schedule 5. Any amendments to Schedule 5 must be agreed between the Scottish Ministers and the Grantee.

2.6 The eligible costs for which the Grant can be claimed are the reasonable costs associated with the activities listed in Schedule 5, noting for some activities the claimable costs are specified in Schedule 5. The Grantee shall consult the Scottish Ministers if there is any doubt as to whether particular expenditure for the project may be supported by the grant:

2.7 The eligible costs exclude:

- Any Value Added Tax (VAT) reclaimable by the Grantee

### **3. Payment of Grant**

3.1 The Grant shall be paid by the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee in accordance with the terms of [SCHEDULE 1](#) attached.

3.2 The Grantee shall within one month of receiving the final instalment of the grant submit to the Scottish Ministers a statement of compliance with the Conditions of the Grant using the form of words provided in Error! Reference source not found.. The statement shall be signed by the Grantee's Directors (two only required) or by a Director and a witness.

3.3 In the event that the amount of the Grant paid by the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee at any point in time is found to exceed the amount of the expenses reasonably required by the Grantee in connection with the Project, the Grantee shall repay to the Scottish Ministers the amount of such excess within 14 days of receiving a written demand for it from or on behalf of the Scottish Ministers. In the event that the Grantee fails to pay such amount within the 14 day period, the Scottish Ministers shall be entitled to interest on the sum at the rate of 2 per cent per annum above the Bank of England base lending rate prevailing at the time of the written demand from the date of the written demand until payment in full of both the sum and the interest.

3.4 The Scottish Ministers shall not be bound to pay to the Grantee, and the Grantee shall have no claim against the Scottish Ministers in respect of, any instalment of the Grant which has not been claimed by the Grantee by 31 March of the applicable financial year as set out in [SCHEDULE 1](#), unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Scottish Ministers.

### **4. Inspection and Information**

4.1 The Grantee shall keep the Scottish Ministers fully informed of the progress of the Project in the form of interim report (31 July 2021) and a final report (30 Dec 2021) together with completed Schedule 5 for the period. Details shall include actual expenditure to date compared with profiled expenditure and any change to estimated expenditure for the financial year and/or the Project as a whole, the reasons for any such changes and progress in achieving objectives/outcomes (in accordance with Schedules 1 and 5).

4.2 Revisions to targets/milestones against which progress in achieving objectives/outcomes are monitored shall be subject to the written agreement of the Scottish Ministers.

4.3 The Grantee shall, on completion of the Project, submit a report to the Scottish Ministers summarising the outcomes and performance of the Project. Such a report shall include such statistical and other information relating to the impact of the Project as shall be required by the Scottish Ministers.

4.4 The Grantee shall also provide any other information that the Scottish Ministers may reasonably require to satisfy themselves that the Project is consistent with the Agreement. The Grantee shall provide the Scottish Ministers with prompt access to any information they reasonably require to ensure compliance with these Conditions.

4.5 The Grantee shall keep and maintain for a period of six years after the expenditure occurs, adequate and proper records and books of account recording all receipts and expenditure of monies paid to it by the Scottish Ministers by way of the Grant. The Grantee shall afford the Scottish Ministers, their representatives, the Auditor General for Scotland, his/her representatives and such other persons as the Scottish Ministers may reasonably specify from time to time, such access to those records and books of account as may be required by them at any reasonable time in response to a written request for such access from the person seeking it. The Grantee shall provide such reasonable assistance and explanation as the person carrying out the inspection may from time to time require.

4.6 In the event of the Grantee becoming aware of or suspecting any irregular or fraudulent activity that may have any impact on the Project or on the use of the Grant, or any part of it, the Grantee shall immediately notify the Scottish Ministers of such activity and provide such other information as the Scottish Ministers may reasonably require in relation to the impact on the Project and the use of the Grant.

4.7 The grantee shall immediately inform the Scottish Ministers of any change in its constitution for example, but not limited to, a change in status from one type of body corporate to another.

## **5. Confidentiality and Data Protection**

5.1 The Grantee will respect the confidentiality of any commercially sensitive information that they have access to as a result of the Project.

5.2 Notwithstanding the above, the Grantee may disclose any information as required by law or judicial order. All information submitted to the Scottish Ministers may need to be disclosed and/or published by the Scottish Ministers. Without prejudice to the foregoing generality, the Scottish Ministers may disclose information in compliance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, any other law, or, as a consequence of judicial order, or order by any court or tribunal with the authority to order disclosure. Further, the Scottish Ministers may also disclose all information submitted to them to the Scottish or United Kingdom Parliament or any other department, office or agency of Her Majesty's Government in Scotland, in right of the Scottish Administration or the United Kingdom, and their servants or agents. When disclosing such information to either the Scottish Parliament or the United Kingdom Parliament it is recognised and agreed by both parties that the Scottish

Ministers shall if they see fit disclose such information but are unable to impose any restriction upon the information that it provides to Members of the Scottish Parliament, or Members of the United Kingdom Parliament; such disclosure shall not be treated as a breach of this agreement.

5.3 The Grantee shall ensure that all requirements of the Data Protection Laws are fulfilled in relation to the Project.

5.4 To comply with section 31(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010, the Scottish Ministers publish an annual statement of all payments over £25,000. In addition, in line with openness and transparency, the Scottish Government publishes a monthly report of all payments over £25,000. The Grantee should note that where a payment is made in excess of £25,000 there will be disclosure (in the form of the name of the payee, the date of the payment, the subject matter and the amount of grant) in both the monthly report and the annual Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 statement.

## **6. Disposal of Assets**

The Grantee shall not, without prior written consent of the Scottish Ministers, dispose of any asset funded, in part or in whole, with Grant funds during the lifetime of the asset. During that period the Scottish Ministers shall be entitled to the proceeds of the disposal – or the relevant proportion of the proceeds based on the percentage of grant funding used in connection with the acquisition or improvement of the asset against the whole proceeds. The Scottish Ministers shall also be entitled to the relevant proportion of any proceeds resulting from any provision included as a condition of sale. Recovery by the Scottish Ministers shall not be required where the value of the asset is less than £50.

## **7. Publicity**

The Grantee shall where reasonably practicable acknowledge in all publicity material relating to the Project the contribution of the Scottish Ministers to its costs. The Scottish Ministers may require to approve the form of such acknowledgement prior to its first publication. The Grantee shall give the Scottish Ministers four weeks' written notice (which includes email) of the launch of any media campaigns relating to the Project.

## **8. Intellectual Property Rights**

8.1 All Intellectual Property Rights are hereby assigned to and shall vest in the Crown or its assignees.

8.2 The Grantee shall ensure that nothing contained in any materials produced or submitted to the Scottish Ministers by the Grantee or anyone acting on its behalf nor the reproduction of such materials, shall constitute an infringement of any third party copyright or intellectual property right and shall indemnify the Scottish Ministers against all actions, proceedings, claims and demands made by reason of any such infringement.

## **9. Default and Recovery etc. of Grant**

9.1 The Scottish Ministers may re-assess, vary, make a deduction from, withhold, or require immediate repayment of the Grant or any part of it in the event that:

9.1.1 The Grantee commits a Default;

9.1.2 The Scottish Ministers consider that any change or departure from the purposes for which the Grant was awarded warrants an alteration in the amount of the Grant;

9.1.3 The Grantee fails to carry out the Project;

9.1.4 In the Scottish Ministers' opinion, the progress on the Project is not satisfactory; or

9.1.5 In the Scottish Ministers' opinion, the future of the Project is in jeopardy.

9.2 If the Grant (or any part or condition thereof) does not comply with applicable Subsidy Control obligations, Scottish Ministers may require immediate repayment of the Grant or any part of it together with interest at such rate and on such basis as may be determined from time to time in accordance with law.

9.3 The Scottish Ministers may withhold the payment of the Grant if at any time within the duration of the Agreement:

9.3.1 The Grantee passes a resolution that it be wound up, or a court makes an order that the Grantee be wound up, in either case otherwise than for the purposes of reconstruction or amalgamation, or circumstances arise which would enable a court to make such an order or the Grantee is unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986;

9.3.2 Where the Grantee is an individual, if a petition is presented for the Grantee's bankruptcy or the sequestration of his estate or a criminal bankruptcy order is made against the Grantee; or the Grantee makes any composition or arrangement with or for the benefit of creditors, or makes any conveyance or assignation for the benefit of creditors, or if an administrator or trustee is appointed to manage his affairs; or

9.3.3 A receiver, manager, administrator or administrative receiver is appointed to the Grantee, or over all or any part of the Grantee's property, or circumstances arise which would entitle a court or a creditor to appoint such a receiver, manager, administrator or administrative receiver.

9.4 In the event that the Grantee becomes bound to pay any sum to the Scottish Ministers in terms of clause 9.1, the Grantee shall pay the Scottish Ministers the appropriate sum within 14 days of a written demand for it being given by or on behalf of the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee. In the event that the Grantee fails to pay the sum within the 14 day period, the Scottish Ministers shall be entitled to interest on the sum at the rate of 2 per cent per annum above the Bank of England base lending

rate prevailing at the time of the written demand, from the date of the written demand until payment in full of both the sum and interest.

9.5 Notwithstanding the provisions of this clause 9, in the event that the Grantee is in breach of any of the Conditions, the Scottish Ministers may, provided that the breach is capable of a remedy, postpone the exercise of their rights to recover any sum from the Grantee in terms of clause 9 for such period as they see fit, and may give written notice to the Grantee requiring it to remedy the breach within such period as may be specified in the notice. In the event of the Grantee failing to remedy the breach within the period specified, the Grantee shall be bound to pay the sum to the Scottish Ministers in accordance with the foregoing provisions.

9.6 Any failure, omission or delay by the Scottish Ministers in exercising any right or remedy to which they are entitled by virtue of clauses 9.1 to 9.3 shall not be construed as a waiver of such right or remedy.

## **10. Assignment**

The Grantee shall not be entitled to assign, sub-contract or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations under the Agreement without the prior written consent of the Scottish Ministers.

## **11. Termination**

The Agreement may be terminated by the Scottish Ministers giving not less than 3 months' notice in writing from the date of the notice being sent.

## **12. Corrupt Gifts and Payments of Commission**

The Grantee shall ensure that its employees shall not breach the terms of the Bribery Act 2010 in relation to this or any other grant. The Grantee shall ensure that adequate controls are in place to prevent bribery.

## **13. Continuation of Conditions**

13.1 These Conditions, except for Condition 6, shall continue to apply for a period of 5 years after the end of the financial year in which the final instalment of the Grant was paid.

13.2 Condition 6 shall continue to apply until the end of the period referred to in that Condition.

## **14. Compliance with the Law**

The Grantee shall ensure that in relation to the Project, they and anyone acting on their behalf shall comply with the relevant law, for the time being in force in Scotland.

## **15. Governing Law**

This contract is governed by the Law of Scotland and the parties hereby prorogate to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Scottish Courts

If you wish to accept the offer of this Grant on the whole terms and conditions as set out in the letter and annexed Schedules, you should sign and date both copies of the Grant Acceptance below and return one copy of the offer of Grant and Schedules to me at The Scottish Government Rural Economy and Communities Division, Spur B1, Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh EH11 3XD. You should retain the second copy of the offer of Grant and Schedules for your own records.

[...]

## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **PART 1: THE PROJECT**

The grantee will do this through the actions set out in Schedule 5.

### **PART 2: PAYMENT OF GRANT**

1. The total Grant for the period to 31 March 2021 of up to ten thousand nine hundred pounds (£10,900) shall be payable by the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee in accordance with the table at paragraph 2 below **on** receipt of a completed claim for Grant in the form set out in [SCHEDULE 2](#) together with the associated monitoring information set out in paragraph 4.1 of the Offer of Grant.
2. The total Grant shall be payable for the financial year April 2020 to March 2021. The Scottish Ministers shall not be bound to pay any instalment of the Grant which has not been claimed by the Grantee by 31 March of the applicable financial year, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Scottish Ministers.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> payment (Feb 2021)</b>	<b>£10,900</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,900</b>

3. The Grantee shall provide a monthly profile of expenditure of the Grant before the start of the financial year April 2021 to March 2022. Any change to the profile or to the overall costs of the Project shall be notified to the Scottish Ministers at the earliest opportunity via the claims for Grant and monitoring reports.
4. Each claim shall be for an amount equal to the estimated amount of the Grant to meet the reasonable and proper costs and expenses of the Grantee in connection with the Project until the next claim is due to be submitted.
5. Each claim shall be submitted together with such explanatory or supplementary material as the Scottish Ministers may from time to time require whether before or after submission of the claim.

6. On receipt of each claim (and the required completed progress report at Schedule 5 and information), the Scottish Ministers shall determine the amount of expenditure which they consider the Grantee shall reasonable and properly incur in connection with the Project having regard to that claim. The determination shall be based on the information provided by the Grantee in accordance with this Schedule. The Scottish Ministers shall use their best endeavours (but shall be under no obligation or duty) to pay the amount determined to the Grantee within four weeks of receiving a claim and any required documentation and information relevant to the claim.

7. In order to facilitate the accrual of expenditure of the Grant for the financial year the Grantee shall, where appropriate, advise the Scottish Ministers in writing by 15 April the amount of the Grant actually expended up to and including 31 March.



## 1.2 2021-22

- Some of the information you have requested is already available at the following link: [Equality funding: national and intermediary bodies 2017-2021 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/Equality-funding-national-and-intermediary-bodies-2017-2021)

### Excerpts of Grant Offer Letter for Equality Funding 2019-20

## **OFFER OF GRANT – EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS FUND 1 OCTOBER 2021-30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

The Scottish Ministers in exercise of their powers under Section 10 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 hereby offer to give to Equality Network Limited (“the Grantee”) a grant of up to £503,322.00. This will be payable over 1 October 2021 – 30 September 2022, in connection with Strategic intermediary projects: LGBTI, and Scottish Trans Alliance – Equality and Human Rights Fund, which is more particularly described in Part 1 of Schedule 1 (“the Project/Programme”) and / or support the government and communities in responding to Covid-19, as required, and subject to the following terms and conditions. Ministers are at present minded to give grants of £503,207.00 over 1 October 2022 – 30 September 2023 and £503,323.00 over 1 October 2023 – 30 September 2024 in respect of this project, but these figures are indicative only. Final figures will be confirmed with the Grantee once the Equality Budget has been set for 2022-23 and 2023-24 financial years.

[...]

## **2. Purposes of the Grant**

2.1 The Grant is made to enable the Grantee to carry out the Project/Programme.

2.2 The Grant shall only be used for the purposes of the Project/Programme or to support the government and communities in responding to Covid-19, as required, and for no other purpose whatsoever.

2.3 No part of the Grant shall be used to fund any activity or material which is party political in intention, use, or presentation or appears to be designed to affect support for a political party.

2.4 The main objectives/expected outcomes of the Grant are:

- People have greater access to their human rights and how to access them,
- People with protected characteristics have increased access to remedy where their rights have not been upheld,
- People with Protected characteristics have increased participation in public life,
- People with protected characteristics have increased influence in decisions that affect them,
- The Scottish Government has better access to data and depth of information about the experiences of people with protected characteristics,
- Actors in civil society increasingly use Scotland's domestic and international E&HR framework to influence and effect change,

- The experience of people with protected characteristics is increasingly used to inform the policy and practice of public bodies,
- Public services increasingly embed equality and human rights in their strategic planning and their day-to-day functions

The outcomes may be updated during the course of the grant year

2.5 The targets/milestones against which progress in achieving objectives/expected outcomes shall be monitored by Inspiring Scotland as the Fund Managers and administrators are:

Creating a lasting improvement in the situation of LGBTI people in Scotland, structured as two projects: the general LGBTI project, and the Scottish Trans Alliance (STA) project (both are Scottish Government equality strategic intermediaries). This will involve the following activities by both projects: Policy development, advice and guidance for policy-makers, good practice guidance and training, informed by our expertise and by communities' needs. Community engagement to inform policy work, facilitation of direct community engagement with policy makers, and community development to strengthen groups and communities and their voices. Publishing research into people's lived experience, providing accurate information, and developing partnerships.

2.6 The eligible costs for which the Grant can be claimed are:

- staff salaries and associated costs
- direct project costs

Further detail of the funding agreed is in Schedule 1.

2.7 The eligible costs exclude:

- reclaimable Value Added Tax
- redundancy payments
- capital expenditure, including the purchasing of property
- dissemination of funds to other recipients.

### 3. Payment of Grant

3.1 The Grant shall be paid by the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee in accordance with the terms of **Schedule 1** attached.

3.2 In addition to the progress and financial reports to be submitted in relation to the funded Project/Programme, the Grantee shall within four weeks of the end of the funded period in which the Grant has been paid submit to the Scottish Ministers a statement of compliance with the Conditions of the Grant using the form of words provided in **Schedule 3**. The statement shall be signed by the Grantee's Director/CEO/authorised signatory.

3.3 In the event that the amount of the Grant paid by the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee at any point in time is found to exceed the amount of the expenses reasonably and properly incurred by the Grantee in connection with the Project/Programme, the Grantee shall repay to the Scottish Ministers the amount of

such excess within 14 days of receiving a written demand for it from or on behalf of the Scottish Ministers. In the event that the Grantee fails to pay such amount within the 14 day period, the Scottish Ministers shall be entitled to interest on the sum at the rate of two per cent per annum above the Bank of England base lending rate prevailing at the time of the written demand from the date of the written demand until payment in full of both the sum and the interest.

3.4 The Scottish Ministers shall not be bound to pay to the Grantee, and the Grantee shall have no claim against the Scottish Ministers in respect of, **any instalment of the Grant which has not been claimed by the Grantee by 30 September 2022 as set out in Schedule 1**, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Scottish Ministers.

#### **4. Inspection and Information**

4.1 The Grantee shall keep the Scottish Ministers fully informed of the progress of Project/Programme in the form of bi-annual progress reports, and quarterly financial reports and any other learning input as agreed with Inspiring Scotland as Fund Managers. Details shall include actual expenditure to date compared with profiled expenditure and any change to estimated expenditure for the 12 month period and/or the Project/Programme as a whole, the reasons for any such changes and progress in achieving objectives/outcomes.

4.2 Revisions to targets/milestones against which progress in achieving outcomes are monitored shall be subject to the written agreement of the Scottish Ministers.

4.3 The Grantee shall, on completion of the Project/Programme, submit a report to the Scottish Ministers summarising the outcomes and performance of the Project/Programme. Such a report shall include such statistical and other information relating to the impact of the Project/Programme as shall be required by the Scottish Ministers.

4.4 The Grantee shall also provide any other information that the Scottish Ministers may reasonably require to satisfy themselves that the Project/Programme is consistent with the Agreement. The Grantee shall provide the Scottish Ministers with prompt access to any information they reasonably require to ensure compliance with these Conditions.

4.5 The Grantee shall keep and maintain for a period of six years after the expenditure occurs, adequate and proper records and books of account recording all receipts and expenditure of monies paid to it by the Scottish Ministers by way of the Grant. The Grantee shall afford the Scottish Ministers, their representatives, the Auditor General for Scotland, his/her representatives and such other persons as the Scottish Ministers may reasonably specify from time to time, such access to those records and books of account as may be required by them at any reasonable time in response to a written request for such access from the person seeking it. The Grantee shall provide such reasonable assistance and explanation as the person carrying out the inspection may from time to time require.

4.6 The Grantee will comply with any organisational health check and/or financial monitoring visit to be undertaken by the fund manager, Inspiring Scotland.

4.7 The Grantee must have robust safeguarding policies in place to protect vulnerable groups. The Grantee must also have in place clear processes which must be followed if it becomes aware of specific incidents, including referral to the relevant authorities where necessary. Where the Grantee is working directly through a partner organisation, the Grantee is required to have undertaken due diligence in relation to safeguarding arrangements, including obtaining evidence of satisfactory safeguarding policies and / or procedures by the Grantee's partner organisation. The Grantee must report all and any cases of suspected abuse or malpractice relating to anyone involved in delivery of the Project/Programme or any beneficiary of the Project/Programme to Scottish Ministers and the relevant authorities immediately. The Grantee must, upon request from Scottish Ministers, provide copies of the safeguarding policies and procedures referred to in this clause.

4.8 In the event of the Grantee becoming aware of or suspecting:

- any irregular or fraudulent activity in relation to the Grant or Project/Programme, or any part of either of them; and/or
- any safeguarding incident by or in respect of any person involved in the Project/Programme,

the Grantee shall immediately notify the Scottish Ministers of such activity or incident and provide such other information as the Scottish Ministers may reasonably require in relation to the impact on the Project/Programme and the use of the Grant. In so notifying Scottish Ministers, the Grantee must also confirm that such irregular or fraudulent activity or safeguarding incident has been referred to the relevant regulatory or other authorities as appropriate, in line with any statutory duty and otherwise in line with any guidance issued from time to time on Notifiable Events by either the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulatory (OSCR) or as appropriate the Charity Commission for England and Wales. For the avoidance of doubt, in this agreement, a "safeguarding incident" includes any incident of abuse or mistreatment of any vulnerable person.

4.9 The grantee shall immediately inform the Scottish Ministers of any change in its constitution, for example, but not limited to, a change in status from one type of body corporate to another.

## **5. Confidentiality and Data Protection**

5.1 The Grantee will respect the confidentiality of any commercially sensitive information that they have access to as a result of the Project/Programme.

5.2 Notwithstanding the above, the Grantee may disclose any information as required by law or judicial order. All information submitted to the Scottish Ministers may need to be disclosed and/or published by the Scottish Ministers. Without prejudice to the foregoing generality, the Scottish Ministers may disclose information in compliance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, any other law, or, as a consequence of judicial order, or order by any court or tribunal with the authority to order disclosure. Further, the Scottish Ministers may also disclose all

information submitted to them to the Scottish or United Kingdom Parliament or any other department, office or agency of Her Majesty's Government in Scotland, in right of the Scottish Administration or the United Kingdom, and their servants or agents. When disclosing such information to either the Scottish Parliament or the United Kingdom Parliament it is recognised and agreed by both parties that the Scottish Ministers shall if they see fit disclose such information but are unable to impose any restriction upon the information that it provides to Members of the Scottish Parliament, or Members of the United Kingdom Parliament; such disclosure shall not be treated as a breach of this agreement

5.3 The Grantee shall ensure that all requirements of Data Protection Laws are fulfilled in relation to the Project/Programme.

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This will pay for £363,603.00 staff costs and Policy Co-ordinator, Policy Officer, Development Manager, 2 intersectional project officers, 2 intersectional project support officers, communications officer, Scottish Trans Alliance Manager, STA Policy Officer, STA Community Engagement Officer, Finance and Business officer and Director, £15904.00 additional staff costs, £57,775.00 Overheads including Office consumable and IT and Internet and £66,040.00 delivery costs including £17,900.00 community engagement and £14,150.00 community development.

### **PART 2: PAYMENT OF GRANT**

1. The total Grant of up to £503,322.00 shall be payable by Inspiring Scotland on behalf of the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee on receipt of completed finance



reports together with the associated monitoring information set out in paragraph 4.1 of the Offer of Grant

2. The total Grant shall be payable over 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022 in instalments as per the payment schedule table below. The Scottish Ministers shall not be bound to pay any instalment of the Grant which has not been claimed by the end of the period, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Scottish Ministers.

Payments	Amount	Financial Report and Claim Date	Payment Date
Payment 1	£125,830.50	24 September 2021	8 October 2021
Payment 2	£125,830.50	Not required	14 Jan 2022
Payment 3	£125,830.50	25 February 2022	8 April 2022
Payment 4	£125,830.50	20 May 2022	8 July 2022
<b>Total</b>	<b>£503,322.00</b>		

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4. Each claim shall be for an amount equal to the estimated amount of the Grant required to meet the reasonable and proper costs and expenses of the Grantee in connection with the Project until the next claim is due to be submitted.

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6. On receipt of each claim (and any required documentation and information), the Scottish Ministers shall determine the amount of expenditure which they consider the Grantee shall reasonably and properly incur in connection with the Project/Programme having regard to that claim. The determination shall be based on the information provided by the Grantee in accordance with this Schedule. The Scottish Ministers shall use their best endeavours (but shall be under no obligation or duty) to pay the amount determined to the Grantee within three weeks of receiving a claim and any required documentation and information relevant to the claim.

7. In order to facilitate the accrual of expenditure of the Grant for the period of funding the Grantee shall, where appropriate, advise the Scottish Ministers in writing by 22 November 2022 the amount of the Grant actually expended up to and including 30 September 2022.

## 1.3 2022-23

### Excerpts of Grant Offer Letter for Equality and Human Rights Fund 2022-23

- Some of the information you have requested is already available at the following link: [Equality and Human Rights Fund: projects funded - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/resources/documents/2022/03/Equality_and_Human_Rights_Fund_projects_funded_-_gov.scot)

### **OFFER OF GRANT – EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS FUND 1 OCTOBER 2022 - 31 MARCH 2023**

The Scottish Ministers in exercise of their powers under Section 10 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 hereby offer to give to Equality Network Limited (“the Grantee”) a grant of up to £251,603.50. This will be payable over 1 October 2022 – 31 March 2023, in connection with Strategic intermediary projects: LGBTI, and Scottish Trans Alliance – Equality and Human Rights Fund, which is more particularly described in Part 1 of Schedule 1 (“the Project/Programme”).

[...]

## **2. Purposes of the Grant**

2.1 The Grant is made to enable the Grantee to carry out the Project/Programme.

2.2 The Grant shall only be used for the purposes of the Project/Programme and for no other purpose whatsoever.

2.3 No part of the Grant shall be used to fund any activity or material which is party political in intention, use, or presentation or appears to be designed to affect support for a political party.

2.4 The main objectives/expected outcomes of the Grant are:

- People have greater access to their human rights and how to access them
- People with protected characteristics have increased participation in public life
- People with protected characteristics have increased influence in decisions that affect them,
- The Scottish Government has better access to data and depth of information about the experiences of people with protected characteristics
- The experience of people with protected characteristics is increasingly used to inform the policy and practice of public bodies
- Public services increasingly embed equality and human rights in their strategic planning and their day-to-day functions

The outcomes may be updated during the course of the grant period.

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- staff salaries and associated costs
- direct project costs

Further detail of the funding agreed is in Schedule 1.

2.7 The eligible costs exclude:

- reclaimable Value Added Tax
- redundancy payments
- capital expenditure, including the purchasing of property
- dissemination of funds to other recipients.

### 3. Payment of Grant

3.1 The Grant shall be paid by the Scottish Ministers to the Grantee in accordance with the terms of **Schedule 1** attached.

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**31 March 2023 as set out in Schedule 1**, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Scottish Ministers.

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<b>Total</b>	<b>£251,603.50</b>		

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## Supporting Communities Fund

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Equality Network; LGBT Health and Wellbeing; LGBT Youth Scotland; LEAP Scotland	£87,700	Supporting communities through Covid-19.
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### Details of Funding for Working Group Member Payments

Equality Network received £825.00 in 2022 as remuneration to be distributed to community members who participated in the Working Group on Non-Binary Equality.

### Details for Focus Group Delivered on 6 May 2022

Equality Network received £550.