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དག་ཤོས་ཚྲང་བདག་དང་ཆེ་ཤོས་ལྷ།

ཁྱེད་ཀྱི་སྤྱི་ལོ་ 2017 ལྷམ་ 04 པའི་ཆེས་ 18 ལུ་འཇོགས་གནང་མི་ ལྷན་ཁག་གི་གཞུང་ཚོགས་ཚོགས་ཐེངས་ 26 པའི་ནང་ལས་གོས་ཆོད་གྲུབ་ཡོད་པ་བཞིན་དུ་ ཆོད་འོག་གོང་འཕེལ་གནང་སྤྱིན་གྱི་ལམ་སྟོན་ 2017 རེ་མཉམ་སྒྲགས་ལུ་བཏང་ཡོད་པ་མི་འདི་ ཆོད་འོག་གོང་འཕེལ་གནང་སྤྱིན་གྱི་ལམ་སྟོན་ 2017 གྲུར་ལེགས་བཅོས་གནང་གནང་མ་ཡིན། ཚྲང་ལག་དང་ཆོད་འོག་ཚུ་གིས་གནང་སྤྱིན་གྱི་དངུལ་ལག་ལེན་འཐབ་པའི་སྐབས་ལུ་ལམ་སྟོན་འདི་གི་དོན་ཆོད་ཚུ་དམ་ཟབ་སྤྱོད་འཕྲིལ་ཏེ་ཕྱག་ལུ་གནང་དགོ་པའི་བསྐྱེད་མ་ཁུ་བ་མཁྱེན། ཞེས་སྤྱི་ཆེས་ 03/04/2017 ལུ།

ཕུལ།
(སྐམ་རྒྱུ་རྒྱུ་)
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འད་བལྟས།

- 1) ལྷན་ཁག་གི་གཞུང་ཚོགས་ཀྱི་རྒྱུ་རྒྱུ་མཆོག་ལུ།
- 2) རན་ལྷན་བཀག་བསྐྱོར་ལྷན་ཚོགས་ཀྱི་ཁྲི་འཛིན་མཆོག་ལུ།
- 3) རྒྱལ་གཞུང་ཅིས་ཞིབ་དབང་འཛིན་གྱི་ཅིས་ཞིབ་སྤྱོད་མཆོག་ལུ།
- 4) རན་ལྷན་དང་སྤྱི་དབང་འཛིན་ལྷན་ཚོགས་ཀྱི་རྒྱུ་རྒྱུ་མཆོག་ལུ།
- 5) དངུལ་ཅིས་ལྷན་ཁག་དམངས་ཅིས་ལས་ཁུངས་ཀྱི་ཡོང་ཆབ་མདོ་ཚུ་ལུ།
- 6) ས་ནགས་གཞུང་སྤྱི་དབང་ཁུངས་ཀྱི་མདོ་ཚུ་ལུ།
- 7) དངུལ་ཅིས་ལྷན་ཁག་འཆར་དངུལ་ལས་ཁུངས་ཀྱི་མདོ་ཚུ་ལུ།

GEWOG DEVELOPMENT GRANT GUIDELINES, 2014

1. Introduction:

Towards strengthening the decentralization process and good governance at the grass roots level, the Government has initiated a system of **Gewog Development Grants (called 'Grant' hereinafter)**. The Grant shall be provided over and above the regular budget provided to the Gewogs.

The Gewogs, which are in the best position to know the diverse and specific local needs and priorities, would benefit from this Grant by enjoying discretionary choice and flexibility in allocation across a range of sectors and activities. This will, in turn, allow them to make more independent decisions and enhance participation in the local development process.

The Grant shall also help to bridge the resource gap faced by the Gewogs in implementing the planned activities within the annual budget. Such flexibility would not only enable the Gewogs to achieve their plan targets, but also help in facilitating quicker public service delivery.

2. Objective

The principle of providing Gewog Development Grant was *Wangtse Chhirphel* for all Chiwogs in every Gewogs, so that the gewogs would have full discretion to use the grant for developmental projects or any other related expenses. The grant would give financial flexibility to all Chiwogs in the gewogs which would go a long way in helping LGs function independently.

3. Amount, scope and criteria for the Grant

The grant:

- i. Shall comprise maximum of Nu.2 million per annum per Gewog;
- ii. The grant must be distributed to all Chiwogs equally irrespective of number of households, populations and Chiwog size. The Chiwog would have the authority to use the share of grant allocated to them for basic developmental activities within the Chiwog. However, if two or more Chiwogs agree to combine the resources for a common project that would benefit two or more Chiwogs or all Chiwogs agree to use the grant for a bigger common project that would benefit all Chiwogs it might be allowed upon the consensus of public of the respective Chiwogs.

- iii. May be used to co-fund developmental activities covered by the annual budget;
- iv. May also be used to fund immediate disaster relief activities;
- v. Shall not be used for financing:
 - a. Normal operational/recurrent expenditure of the Gewog Administration;*
 - b. Purchase of office vehicles;*
 - c. Acquisition of land and buildings;*
 - d. Contributions and donations;*
 - e. A project or any part thereof which involve personal awards to any person in cash or in kind and buying shares, and providing scholarships, to an individual;*
 - f. Celebrations;*
 - g. Political campaigns;*
 - h. Programs/activities that conflict with existing government policies.*

4. Budget process:

- i. The Grant shall be kept in the Gewog budget on annual basis under a separate Financing Item Code (FIC).
- ii. The Grant shall form part of the annual national budget.
- iii. The total cost of the activities funded by the Grant shall not exceed Nu.2 million per annum.
- iv. The Department of National Budget shall release full grant amount to the Gewogs. ;
- v. The activities in the Chiwog shall be monitored by the working committee of five members from the users group chaired by the Tshogpa. The payment shall be made to the concerned parties by the Gewog Administration upon verification by the working committee members.
- vi. Any unutilized portion of the grant shall not be carried forward to the next financial year. Cases of spill-over activities and unutilized funds shall be dealt with as per existing practice.

5. Fund release and accounting:

- i. Fund releases shall be made as per the financial rules and regulations-2001 (FRR-2001).
- ii. Public Expenditure Management System (PEMS) shall be used for recording all fund releases and accounting transactions.
- iii. All the disbursement shall be made by the respective Gewog Administrations.
- iv. The Gewog shall maintain records and books of accounts as per FRR-2001.

6. Procedures for implementation of activities under the Grant:

- i. All the activities under the Grant shall be implemented in accordance with the established financial and procurement rules and regulations of the Government.
- ii. The Chiwog or Group of Chiwogs must submit their proposals on activities/common activities for Gewog Tshogde's approval and after approval by the GT shall be implemented directly by the Chiwog. The activities once approved for implementation by GT shall be intimated to the respective MPs and the Dzongkhag Administrations.
- iii. The Dzongkhag Administrations shall provide technical backstopping for the implementation of activities to the Gewogs.

7. Transparency in the utilization of the Grant:

- i. All information pertaining the GDG shall be made public in a designated notice board by the Gewog Administrative Officer, which shall contain details of award of work, estimated cost, time of completion and the current status.
- ii. The Gewog Administration shall submit an annual report on utilization and status of their Grant to GT, DT, MP and the Ministry of Finance.

8. Monitoring

- i. Concerned Dzongkhag Administrations shall carry out monitoring and review of the activities under the Grant at least three times during the project period , i.e., at the start, mid way and end of the project.

9. Custodian of assets created:

- i. It shall be the responsibility of the beneficiaries to maintain the assets created through the Grant.
- ii. The Gewog Administration shall maintain an inventory of all assets created under the Grant.
- iii. The ownership of the assets so created shall vest with the Gewog and any transactions, disposal, sale or transfer of such assets shall be in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations.

10. Accountability:

- i. The Ministry of Finance shall be accountable for ensuring the timely release of funds to the Gewogs.
- ii. The GT shall be accountable for the selection and overall benefit or lack thereof with respect to funds distributed under the Grant.
- iii. The Gups shall be accountable for timely disbursement of funds and implementation/execution of the Grant activities in accordance with the applicable rules and procedures.

11. Auditing:

- i. The Dzongkhag internal auditor shall conduct periodic review of the accounts of the Grant-funded activities.
- ii. The Royal Audit Authority shall audit the accounts relating to the Grant as per the auditing practice.

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