



Grand Challenges Canada™
Grands Défis Canada^{MC}

Our Approach to Grant Management

The overall purpose of Grand Challenges Canada's grant management is to enable success by supporting **bold ideas with big impact** in global health. We focus on bringing successful innovation to scale, catalyzing sustainability and impact. We have a determined focus on results, and saving and improving lives.

Grand Challenges Canada achieves this by ensuring projects stay on track with respect to project activities and budget, and assisting the Grantee to identify and resolve issues/barriers/gaps. This active approach to grant management includes a Grand Challenges Canada Program Officer working with each Grantee. The level of engagement will depend on size of the grant and other factors. Our approach is focused around the Grantee's project milestones. The project milestones are initially part of the grant application; during grant negotiations, the Program Officer works with the Grantee to finalize the milestones, based on comments from the Peer Review Committee. The milestones then become central in managing both the program and financial progress of each grant.

INTEGRATED INNOVATION

To expedite the path from idea to impact, within each grant Grand Challenges Canada seeks to enable Integrated InnovationTM. Integrated Innovation is defined as the coordinated application of scientific/technological, social and business innovation to develop solutions to complex challenges. This approach does not discount the singular benefits of each of these types of innovation alone, but rather highlights the powerful synergies that can be realized by aligning all three¹. Integrated Innovation is incorporated into each grant through the project milestones. It is also enabled through the specific criteria set out in each Request for Proposal and the selection of a multi-disciplinary Peer Review Committee.

INSTITUTIONAL ASSESSMENT

As part of grant management, Grand Challenges Canada conducts an institutional assessment on the granting organization. The result of this assessment determines the schedule and frequency of payments and reporting, initial payments, and whether other commensurate mitigation strategies will be required (i.e., stipulations for a separate bank account for grant funds).

CONTINUED SUPPORT

Once the project has started, the Program Officers continue to work with the Grantees through update calls, project progress reports and a final project report. The Program Officer also meets

¹ <http://www.grandchallenges.ca/integrated-innovation>

with the Grantees if issues arise in between scheduled calls. The focus of these reports and updates is around the Grantee's milestones. The Grantee's progress on their milestones and their financial reports determine the amount of funds that will be advanced to the Grantee for the next period.

Our approach to grant management is an ongoing learning process, where the Grand Challenges Canada Program Officers work with the Grantee at the outset and throughout the life of the project to ensure the Grantee is enabled to achieve success and Grand Challenges Canada has provided sufficient support mechanisms. The success of Grand Challenges Canada rests on the ability of Grantees to take their **Bold Ideas** along the path to **Big Impact**.