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Spot Check Audits

Grand Challenges Canada is funded by the Government of Canada. Grand Challenges Canada is committed to ensuring that all of the funds it provides to innovators are used for the intended purposes, as set out in each funding agreement. To this end, Grand Challenges Canada has a systematic process of regularly selecting projects for spot check audits throughout the year. A certain number of projects are selected randomly, while others are selected based on concerns that may have arisen during funding agreement negotiations or during project implementation.

Grand Challenges Canada's spot check process occurs pursuant to the audit clause that can be found in all Grand Challenges Canada funding agreements. In most cases, the clause is titled "Record Maintenance and Inspection" and reads as follows:

Record Maintenance and Inspection

Grand Challenges Canada requires that the Recipient maintain adequate records for the Project, to enable Grand Challenges Canada to easily determine how the funds were expended. These records are to be maintained for a minimum of seven years (could be two years if the agreement was signed in 2013 or before) after the conclusion of the Funding Period. The Recipient's books and records must be made available for inspection by Grand Challenges Canada or its designee at reasonable times, to permit us to monitor and conduct an evaluation of operations under this Funding Agreement.

At the request of Grand Challenges Canada, the Recipient will permit representatives of Grand Challenges Canada or its designees to visit the Recipient's premises and any Project sites at times convenient to the parties concerned, and will facilitate the discussion of the results and progress of the Project between Grand Challenges Canada representatives and Project personnel.

Selected funding recipients are notified in advance and are expected to fully cooperate in helping Grand Challenges Canada to complete this important exercise, to ensure that Grand Challenges Canada funds are used for the intended purposes. Spot check audits will require you to provide supporting documentation for expenditures under your funding agreement. Spot check audits may also involve a site visit by Grand Challenges Canada, our designated auditor, or Grand Challenges Canada's consortium partners.

Grand Challenges Canada may also publicize the results of the audits, as part of our commitment to be transparent and fully accountable for the use of public funds.

If you have any questions about Grand Challenges Canada's spot check audit process, please contact your Project Coordinator.