

## Cultural Matching Fund FAQ 2026

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### Completing the Application Form: Annex A Breakdown of Qualifying Donations

1. *I do not see any selection under “Column E: Donor Profile”?*

You would have to fill in “Column C: Donor Type” to see the drop-down list options under “Column E: Donor Profile”. It is recommended to fill in Annex A from left to right.

2. *If we did not collect residency status for our individual donors (Singaporean / PR, Foreigner), how should we classify these donor profiles (e.g. for unknown anonymous donors that donated through Giving.sg)?*

Applicants are encouraged to fill in the information to the best of your knowledge. For anonymous donations, please indicate in the "Column N: Other Remarks" that “Individual Profile not collected”.

3. *We received donations via the CDC Vouchers Donation Scheme. How should we indicate this under “Column I: Mode of Donation”?*

Please indicate “Other online platforms” for “Column I: Mode of Donation”, and indicate “CDC Vouchers Donation Scheme” accordingly in “Column J: Other Modes of Donation, please specify”.

4. *For anonymous donors, are we still required to indicate whether they are “Column M: New / Repeated” donation?*

The objective is to provide accurate information based on applicants' knowledge and records.

If the donor is a known individual or foundation to you but prefers to remain anonymous, please indicate based on your knowledge of their donation history. (i.e., indicate "Repeated" if the donor have donated before, regardless of their preference for anonymity)

For unknown anonymous donors where applicants did not collect the identity records, you may indicate "New".

For more than one anonymous donor, you may indicate in “Column B: Donor’s Name” “Anonymous” followed by running sequence (e.g. Anonymous 01, Anonymous 02) for accurate Donor Count.

5. *If a donor only started donating within the past year but for more than once, how should we fill up “Column M: New / Repeated” donation?*

All the donations from this donor should be recorded as ‘Repeated’.

6. *I am unsure if I should be declaring for certain related party instances such as former staff/director?*

When in doubt about whether a relationship constitutes a related party arrangement, applicants are encouraged to err on the side of caution and declare the relationship and provide relevant details for CMF's assessment.

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### **Eligibility and Application Considerations**

*7. What does CMF consider as governance issues?*

Governance issues could cover possible abuse of the CMF application process or relevant findings outside of the CMF application process.

*8. What are the possible factors that could affect our CMF application?*

Incomplete submissions by 31st May, 2359hrs, including delay in Public Accountant Certification on the Main Application Form and the Annex A: Breakdown of Qualifying Donations; or outstanding audit issues from past CMF Special Purpose Audits.

*9. Do projects funded by NAC and NHB qualify for CMF grants usage?*

Projects which are partially supported by funding from NAC and NHB may qualify for the CMF, as long as these other sources of funding are declared when applying to the CMF.

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### Application Outcome and Management

#### 10. How do we know the outcome of our application?

Applications outcome will be notified via OSG portal. For successful awards, the application is required to download from the portal from the Deed of Acceptance of Conditions of Grant and which is to be signed by Key Personnel of the applicant organisation (e.g. Director(s) of the applicant and/or Corporate Secretary and/or Witness)

#### 11. For successful applications, what is the frequency of milestone reporting back to CMF?

In accordance with Deed of Acceptance:

- for grants approved between May 2014 and March 2017 application windows, milestone reports need to be submitted twice a year in April and October until funds are fully utilised;
- for grants approved from 2018 application windows onwards, milestone reports need to be submitted once a year in April until funds are fully utilised.

#### 12. Can we put the awarded CMF grants into Fixed Deposits for cash management?

We would encourage recipients to put CMF grants to immediate use. Nonetheless CMF allows Fixed Deposit placement as an option for prudent cash management measure especially for larger grant sums before actual utilisation. Fixed Deposit placement is subjected to the following:

- The Fixed Deposit placement is to be in Singapore Dollars with a Local Bank or Full Qualifying Bank listed on MAS website.
- The Fixed Deposit account should be for CMF grants only, and not be comingled with other sources of funds.
- The Fixed Deposit maturity instruction is for the principal and earned interest to return to CMF
- dedicated current bank account.
- Movements of the CMF grants (principal and earned interest) must be properly accounted with sufficient supporting documentation. Supporting documents are to be available for audit.
- Usage of the Earned interest is to be towards the same Approved Use as the principal sum.

### Program Information

#### 13. What is the size and duration for the Cultural Matching Fund?

Since its set-up in 2014, CMF has received \$600M from the Ministry for the CMF scheme until the end of fiscal year 2029.