Content

Title：	Subsidy Directions for Overseas Compatriot Group Ch
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Legislative：	1.Promulgated by Order of OCAC No. (84)05531 dated January 20, 1995. 2.Amended by Order of OCAC No.0913025636 dated July 17, 2002 3.Amended by Order of OCAC No.0923008661 dated March 11, 2003 4.Amended by Order of OCAC No.0923030295 dated July 30, 2003 5.Amended by Order of OCAC No.09530161985 dated June 21, 2006 (revised directions take into force from June 21,2006) 6.The amended Direction 8, and Appendix 2-1, 2-2 were promulgated by Order of OCAC No.09530293642 dated September 7, 2006(revised directions take into force from September 7,2006) 7.The amended Direction 3,4,8 and 9 were promulgated by Order of OCAC No.09830036392 dated February 16, 2009(revised directions take into force from February 16,2009) 8.Amended by Order of OCAC No.10301024351 dated August 19, 2014 (revised directions take into force from August 19, 2014) 9.Amended by Order of OCAC No.10701017261 dated April 17, 2018 (revised directions take into force from April 17, 2018) 10.Amended by OCAC Qiao Min Zong Zi No.10801045031 on October 7, 2019; and effective same day.
Content：	1.The Overseas Community Affairs Council (OCAC) sets these Directions to assist overseas compatriot groups (hereafter compatriot groups) to develop soundly and to promote activities. 2.A compatriot group applying for a grant must meet the following requirements: (1)Its purpose of establishment matches the ROC government policy. (2)It maintains regular contact with the OCAC or an overseas representative office of the ROC and the response to it from local overseas compatriots is good. (3)The organization is sound and substantive achievements have been made. 3.In principle, a grant applied for by a compatriot group should be intended for holding various activities, building or repairing offices or purchasing new or replacement equipment, and other matters that will help with its sound development. The various activities in the previous paragraph should meet one of the following objectives: (1)Promoting unity in the overseas compatriot community. (2)Promoting civil diplomacy and improve national image. (3)Celebrating an important national festival. (4)Promoting development of culture, education and sports business in the overseas compatriot community. (5)Promoting economic development in the overseas community. (6)Having other important significance. 4.When a compatriot group applies for a grant, an application form (as shown in appendices 1 and 2), should be submitted to the nearest overseas representative office of the ROC, culture center or overseas-based OCAC staff (hereafter overseas offices). The grant application in the previous paragraph should be submitted at least 30 days before the activity is held, offices built or repaired or new or replacement equipment purchased. When the same case applies for a grant to more than two agencies, the content of all expenditure and the items and amount applied to each

agency for should be stated. In the case of misrepresentation or falsehood, the OCAC can revoke the grant and claim return of the money already allocated.

5.When reviewing a grant application from a compatriot group, as well as the requirements in Direction 2, the OCAC can also take into account the opinions of an overseas representative office of the ROC and the OCAC's annual budget when deciding the grant amount according to the matters the grant is applied for.

6.When a compatriot group applies for a (activity) grant, as well as the regulations in the previous direction, the OCAC can consider the following items:
(1)Activity contents, objective, significance and period.
(2)Estimated number of participants and members.
(3)Estimated total: 1. Activity expenditure; 2. Funds income and expenditure and use situation.
(4)Other important matters relating to the grant.

7.For compatriot group office building or repair and purchase of new or replacement equipment grant, as well as the regulations in Direction 5, the OCAC can take the following items into account:
(1)The current situation and use situation of offices and equipment.
(2)Explanation of need for building or repair of offices or purchase of new or replacement equipment.
(3)Building, repair or new or replacement equipment items planned.
(4)Total construction expenditure and funds income and expenditure and use situation
(5)Assessment of increased use benefit after building, repair or purchase of new or replacement equipment.
(6)Other important matters relating to the grant.

8.After a compatriot group receives a grant from the OCAC, the funds should be executed in accordance with the approved contents of the application and, within one month of the day after the building or repair offices or the purchase of new or replacement equipment, the group should submit the following documents to the OCAC for disbursement verification. However, when the day after is less than 30 days before the last day of the accounting year (December 31), write off should be handled before December 31.
(1)Results report for compatriot group office building or repair and purchase of new or replacement equipment grant (as shown in appendices 3 and 4).
(2)Income and Expenditure List for OCAC Public Funds Grants to Groups and Individuals (appendix 5).
(3)Original certificates of expenditure of the grant amount received from the OCAC.
The results report in Subparagraph 1 of the previous paragraph should first be reviewed and stamped by overseas offices.

9.When a subsidized compatriot group handles disbursement verification , if the same case receives a grant from more than two agencies, the actual amount received from each agency should be listed. If the grant received involves procurement matters, the regulations of the Government Procurement
Act and related regulations should be complied with.
In special situations, a compatriot group that is required to retain the original certificates can, after the agreement of the auditing agency is received by the OCAC, submit a receipt for closing and the requirement to
submit related certificates can be waived.
The original certificates retained by the subsidized compatriot group should be retained and destroyed according to the requirements of the Accounting Act; certificates that have reached the end of the required retention period should be destroyed after the OCAC obtains permission from the auditing agency; in the case of early destruction or damage or

loss, the reason and handling situation should be reported to the OCAC which will then request agreement from the auditing agency. If it is found that handling has not been carried out properly, the OCAC can, taking the seriousness of the situation into account, reduce subsequent grants or prohibit the group from applying for a grant for one to five years.

10.The calculation basis for the balance to be returned of grants provided by the OCAC, shall be, with the currency of the grant as the standard, as follows, unless the OCAC determines that the grant was fixed amount grant or annual administrative grant in nature, in which case the balance does not need to be calculated:
(1)When the subsidized compatriot group's total expenditure is larger than or equal to total income and the actual expenditure is 30% or more less than estimated expenditure and the OCAC grant totals USD5,000 or more (EUR3,800, JPY490,000, AUD4,800 or NTD150,000), the grant amount needs to be re-calculated according to the originally approved grant proportion (the approved grant amount as a proportion of originally estimated expenditure) and then the balance should be calculated and returned.
(2)When the subsidized compatriot group's total expenditure is smaller than total income, the balance should be returned after being calculated according to the originally approved grant proportion.

11.Matters for attention:
(1)After a group receives a grant from the OCAC, if it fails to follow the approved contents of the application or to handle in accordance with the Direction 8, Paragraph 1 of Direction 9 and Direction 10, the OCAC will not accept any more applications from it for grants of the same type.
(2)After a group receives a grant from the OCAC, if the OCAC finds out that results are poor, the grant has been used for a purpose other than the approved purpose, or false or inflated reporting, the OCAC can revoke the grant and claim return of the money already allocated and, depending on seriousness of the situation, prohibit the group from applying for a grant for one to five years.
(3)For grant cases involving building or repair of offices and purchase of new or replacement equipment etc. the OCAC can, depending on the amount involved, decide to pay the money in installments.
(4)When a subsidized compatriot group applies for payment, it should be responsible for the payment fact and authenticity of the proofs of expenditure submitted.

Attachments：	Appendix 1-4.pdf Appendix 5.pdf

Data Source：Overseas Community Affairs Council, Republic of China (Taiwan) Laws and Regulations Retrieving System