Content

Title：	OCAC Directions for Subsidy of Hosting Taiwan Youth and Overseas Expatriate Bridging Program Ch
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Legislative：	1. The whole 7 articles promulgated by OCAC order Qiao-Zong-Qi-Zi No.1110700293 on March 21, 2022, and effective immediately. 2. All articles amended by OCAC order Qiao-Zong-Qi-Zi No. 1120700644 on May 29, 2023, and effective immediately. 3.Attachment 1 of Paragraph 4 amended by OCAC order Qiao-Zong-Qi-Zi No. 1130701332 on November 15, 2024, and effective immediately.
Content：	1.Purpose: The Overseas Community Affairs Council (hereinafter referred to as the OCAC) has promulgated the directions for encouraging overseas compatriot associations to participate in and organize activities related to the Taiwan Youth and Overseas Expatriate Bridging Program (hereinafter referred to as the Bridging Program), which aims to increase Taiwanese youths' understanding of the government's overseas community affairs, establish the connection between overseas compatriot communities and them, broaden their international vision, and enhance their international exchange opportunities. 2.Eligible Organizer: Overseas compatriot associations with capabilities of guest reception, enthusiasm and experience in organizing activities. 3.Program Content: (1)Program target: youths (including students currently studying in colleges and universities in Taiwan and abroad) with R.O.C.(TAIWAN) nationality. (2)Program Activities: camps, seminars, salons, workshops, or other types for gatherings that are related to overseas compatriot affairs. It can be in the forms of face-to-face interaction, video conference, or hybrid meetings. The activities should be designed to help the youth participants better understand the government's overseas compatriot affairs, to serve as a bridge to link with the overseas compatriot communities, and to promote youth communication. (3)Program focus: the activities should preferably be linked to major OCAC policies to encourage the participation of the overseas compatriot communities. 4.Subsidy application: (1)When an unit applies for a subsidy, the Application Form (as shown in Attachment 1) should be submitted to overseas offices 30 days prior to the first day of the activity. Subsidy application will be transferred to the OCAC through overseas offices, and be approved of by the OCAC. (2)When the same case applies for a subsidy to more than two agencies, the content of all expenditure and the items and amount applied to each agency for must be listed. In the case of misrepresentation or falsehood, the OCAC can revoke the subsidy. 5.Subsidy Approval Guidelines: (1)The program provides subsidies to partially fund the activities. (2)In addition to considering the opinions from the overseas offices

and the annual budget, the following factors will be taken into account when determining the subsidy amount. Furthermore, if the proposed activities align with major OCAC policies, the amount may be increased by a reasonable margin.

A.The purpose, content and expected outcome of the activity.

B.The scheduled time and location of the activity.

C.The estimated total number of participants, including the number of Taiwanese youth participants.

D.Estimated total cost and an overview of income and expenditure.

E.Other important matters related to the subsidy.

6.Disbursement verification:

(1)Disbursement procedures: the subsidy will be paid the whole amount at once. The subsidized unit should submit the following documents to overseas offices for disbursement verification within one month of the day after the Bridging Program finished: Result Report (as shown in Attachment 2), Income and Expenditure List for OCAC Public Funds Subsidizes for Groups and Individual (as shown in Attachment 3), and the original receipts of the expenditure of the subsidy amount. The submitted documents will be transferred to the OCAC for the approval process through overseas offices. If the submission is overdue for write off before the last day of the fiscal year (December 31), the OCAC reserves the right to cancel the subsidy.

(2)Matters needing attention:

A.When the subsidized unit handles disbursement verification, the use of the expenditures and all total amounts must be listed. If the same case receives subsidies from more than two agencies, the actual subsidy items and amount received from each agency must be listed.

B.If the subsidized unit encounters any of the following circumstances, subsidy should be re-calculated according to the basis listed below:

a.When the total expenditure of the activity is larger than or equal to total income, the actual expenditure is 30% or more less than estimated expenditure, and the OCAC subsidy totals USD5,000 or more (or EUR3,800, JPY190,000, AUD4,800, or NTD150,000), the subsidy amount should be re-calculated according to the originally approved subsidy proportion (the approved subsidy amount as a proportion of originally estimated expenditure).

b.When the total expenditure of the activity is smaller than total income, the subsidy amount should be re-calculated according to the originally approved subsidy proportion.

C.The subsidized unit who encounters any of the following circumstances shall be penalized. The OCAC has the right to impose subsidy revocation, subsidy cancellation, subsidy deduction, returning of acquired or overpaid subsidies, and up to 5 years' rejection of future applications, depending on the gravity of the situation.

a.When overseas offices verify improper behavior on the part of the subsidized units, such as violating local regulations or engaging in activities unrelated to the purposes of the Bridging Program, and refusing to refrain from such acts, they should report to the OCAC.

b.If the OCAC finds out that the subsidy has been used for a purpose other than the approved Application Form, or results are poor, false, or inflated reporting.

c.Submitting documents that are confirmed by the OCAC to contain incorrect information or involve copyright infringement.

d.If the expense receipts are not properly kept in accordance with the relevant regulations, resulting in damage or loss.

D.The subsidized unit should bear responsibility based on the principle of good faith for the balance and the validity and authenticity of the payments that were made in accordance with the expenditure

	receipts submitted, as well as liability for any falsehoods. 7.In case of the legislature’s eliminating or reducing of budgets that lead to difficulty in providing subsidies, the OCAC is entitled to notify the subsidized units of the termination or adjustment of the subsidy. 8.Please refer to “Directions for Central Government Agencies subsidizing or Donating to Civil Groups or Individuals” and relevant regulations and directions for matters not included in the Directions.
Attachments：	Attachment 1~3.odt

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