

ONTARIO CREATES

Program Policies

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The information in this document applies to the Ontario Creates funds and programs listed below. It is considered an integral part of the program guidelines and it is expected that applicants will review this document thoroughly along with the program-specific guidelines in advance of submitting an application:

- Book Fund
- Interactive Digital Media Fund
- Magazine Fund
- Export Fund – Book
- Export Fund – Film and Television
- Industry Development
- Film Fund – Marketing and Distribution Initiative

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1. General Policies

- [Respectful Workplace](#) - Ontario Creates is committed to fostering respectful workplaces in all sectors and companies we support. A respectful workplace is one that values diversity and inclusion, dignity, courteous conduct, fairness, positive communication and professional working relationships. A respectful workplace is free from harassment and discrimination including sexual harassment.

Ontario Creates expects that all funding recipients maintain the principles of a respectful workplace including taking every reasonable step to:

- Cultivate and sustain a respectful, positive, inclusive and supportive work culture
- Provide a safe mechanism for staff to report incidents or allegations of inappropriate behavior
- Take action to prevent, identify and eliminate workplace harassment and discrimination in a timely manner

An eligibility requirement for Ontario Creates programs includes the applicant organization confirming that they have in place both guiding principles and a process for maintaining a respectful workplace. Please download the [Applicant Affidavit](#) from the Ontario Creates website or from the application form in the OAP, sign, and include with your application as instructed.

- **Diversity** - Ontario Creates values and supports diversity and gender parity at all levels and business roles within creative industries. We acknowledge that many communities continue to face systemic barriers, preventing them from participating meaningfully in these industries. Ontario Creates applies a lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion to the evaluation criteria for this program, and directs jury members to do the same. Applicants proposing projects/activities that support, reflect, and strengthen diversity and gender parity in Ontario are expected to tangibly demonstrate a genuine and sustained commitment to these equity-seeking communities*. Ontario Creates encourages applications from companies that are led by BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, or People of Colour) or Francophone individuals and applicants that otherwise meet the provincial definition of diversity**.

* Equity seeking communities are those that face significant collective challenges in participating in society. This marginalization may be caused by, but not limited to, attitudinal, historic, social and environmental barriers based on age, ethnicity, disability, economic status, gender, nationality, race, sexual orientation and transgender status. Equity-seeking communities identify barriers to equal access, opportunities and resources due to disadvantage and discrimination and actively seek social justice and reparation.

** The provincial definition of diversity states: the dimensions of diversity include, but are not limited to: ancestry, culture, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, language, physical and intellectual ability, race, religion (creed), sex, sexual orientation and socio-economic status.

- **Accessibility** - Ontario Creates welcomes applications from people with disabilities, people who are deaf, and people who have barriers to accessing technology. If you would like to request an alternative process or format for submitting an application please contact the relevant Program Consultant a minimum of four weeks before the deadline.

- Ontario Creates encourages applicants who host event-based activities to choose accessible venues and offer accommodations for people with disabilities as required. More information on the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act can be found here <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/05a11>.

2. Application Submission

- [Online Application Portal](#) - All applications must be submitted electronically through the Online Application Portal (OAP) at <https://apply.ontariocreates.ca/>.

Applicants that do not have a user account on OAP, should go to <https://apply.ontariocreates.ca/> and click on “Register”. For assistance, please see Ontario Creates’ website for the “OAP Quick Start Guide”.

Applicants that are already registered will see the Ontario Creates IDM Fund program deadline in their dashboard. To start the application, click on “Start New Application” and follow the directions through the five step wizard to access the application form. For technical assistance, please contact the OAP Helpdesk at applyhelp@ontariocreates.ca.

- [Financial Statements](#) - Financial Statements for the two most recently completed fiscal years must be submitted with your application:
 - A minimum of Notice-to-Reader financial statements will be accepted for projects requesting \$150,000 or less. Notice-to-Reader financial statements must be prepared and signed by a third-party accountant who is a member in good standing of a provincial branch of the Chartered Professional Accountants (CPA).
 - Review engagement or audited financial statements are required for requests of more than \$150,000, and must be conducted by an independent public accountant.
 - Financial statements are not required for requests of \$15,000 or less.
 - Exceptions may be considered for companies with less than two years of operations. Companies in this situation should contact Ontario Creates in advance of the deadline.

For fiscal year ends 2020 and earlier, Ontario Creates will accept at minimum Notice-to-Reader financial statements prepared and signed by a third-party accountant who is a member in good standing of a provincial branch of the Chartered Professional Accountants (CPA).

- [Application Form: FTEs](#) – applicants must indicate the number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions that will be created and/or retained as a result of the Ontario Creates-supported activity/activities and funding.

- [Application Form: Ontario Expenditures](#) – applicants are required to indicate the total expenditures paid to Ontario residents for labour that is directly attributable to the project, and Total Ontario expenditures, excluding labour, that are directly attributable to the project.
- [Application Form: Funding from Other Sources](#) – applicants are required to report the total unregulated private sector project funding (financing that is not influenced by government regulation) such as internal revenues, venture capital investment, sponsorship, loans, distribution fees, and the total public sector funding (Federal, provincial, and/or municipal government funding and tax credits).
- [FIPPA](#) - Subject to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA), all information contained in the application will remain strictly confidential.
- [Communication](#) - Ontario Creates reserves the right to alter program guidelines with general public notice to all potential applicants and to refuse any application for any reason. All inquiries pertaining to Ontario Creates Funds are to be directed to Ontario Creates staff only.
- [Final Decisions](#) - All Ontario Creates decisions are final. The number of awards and amount awarded is contingent on confirmation of Ontario Creates' annual budget. Ontario Creates is not required to make any minimum number of awards.

3. Successful Applicants

- [Agreement](#) - On acceptance into the program, the recipient company will be required to sign a standard an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement covering the terms of their participation in the program including providing Ontario Creates with permission to use the project and delivery materials for promotional purposes. A copy of this agreement is attached for review in Section 5: Appendix 1 below. Recipients may not amend the agreement template.
- [Release of Project Info](#) – Ontario Creates is required to provide a list of funding recipients to the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries and to disclose funding information on the Ontario Creates website. Information provided may include but is not limited to company, project title/description and amount of funding.
- [Insurance](#) - Recipient companies will be required to carry Commercial General Liability Insurance on an occurrence basis for Third Party Bodily Injury, Personal Injury and Property Damage, to an inclusive limit of not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 products and completed operations aggregate. Ontario Creates and Her Majesty the Queen need to be named as additional insureds on all policies. Please budget accordingly. Additional information on insurance requirements is available upon request.

- **Credit** - Ontario Creates support is to be acknowledged with an Ontario Creates credit and logo on the project and all related publicity and promotional materials. Ontario Creates is to be advised in advance of any mention of Ontario Creates or Ontario Creates' involvement in the project in media releases publicity materials or social media. The Ontario Creates logo is available here: <https://ontariocreates.ca/about-us/ontario-creates-logo>
- **Changes to the Project** - Ontario Creates must be notified of any significant changes to the project as defined in the contract and if applicable, changes will require consent of Ontario Creates.
- **Interim Reports** - Successful applicants will prepare written interim reports on the progress of their project. Participants will also be required to provide feedback on the process, business and/or content development benefits and other outcomes in order for Ontario Creates to evaluate the program.

4. Project Delivery

- **Deliverables** - The agreement with Ontario Creates will outline specific deliverables including, but not limited to: a cost report, copies of the project, marketing materials and an assessment of the program. Since project-related deliverables will vary, certain delivery requirements will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis at contract signing. Participants will also be required to provide feedback on the process, business and/or content development benefits and other outcomes in order for Ontario Creates to evaluate the program.
- **Cost Report** - A Final Cost Report and Financing Statement is required for all projects supported by Ontario Creates.
 - Successful applicants awarded more than \$150,000 must have the Final Cost Report audited by a licensed public accountant.
 - Successful applicants awarded \$150,000 or less must have a duly authorized notarized affidavit attesting to the true and fair representation of the Final Cost Report.

Upon request, copies of invoices and proofs of payments must be submitted.

- **Audit and Review Engagement Requirements:**
 - The auditor must be a member in good standing with its Provincial Institute/Order of Association, have any provincial licenses required to conduct an audit in the province where the engagement will take place, and must be independent of the application corporation.
 - The auditor's report must be addressed to the party that has engaged the auditor, that is, to the directors or shareholders of the applicant corporation.
 - The audit must be performed in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Auditing Standards.

- The cost report must be prepared in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) that are published in the CPA Canada Handbook.
- The reports must include:
 - A summary of all related party transactions as well as all payments made to the producer and/or related parties;
 - A declaration of non-Canadian labour or services; and
 - A summary of any unpaid amounts and deferrals
- The auditor conducting the audit of the Final Cost Report should ensure that they have read and understood the requirements of the relevant program's guidelines before undertaking their reports. Special attention should be paid to the expense and financing categories which have maximum allowable caps.
- The company submitting the final cost report is responsible for ensuring that the certified independent accountant who is undertaking the audit or review engagement is aware of the relevant program policies.
- An [affidavit](#) should be submitted with the final cost report ensuring the final activity costs and sources of funds are truthful and are a fair representation of the activities undertaken during the eligible activity window, in accordance with Ontario Creates' Cost Report Guidelines.

5. Appendix 1: Agreement template

THE AGREEMENT is effective as of the _____ day of _____, 20__

B E T W E E N :

Ontario Media Development Corporation

(the “Province”)

- and -

[enter the full legal name of the Recipient]

(the “Recipient”)

CONSIDERATION

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are expressly acknowledged, the Province and the Recipient agree as follows:

1.0 ENTIRE AGREEMENT

1.1 This Agreement, including:

- Schedule “A” - General Terms and Conditions
 - Schedule “B” - Project Specific Information and Additional Provisions
 - Schedule “C” - Project Description and Timelines
 - Schedule “D” - Budget
 - Schedule “E” - Payment Plan
 - Schedule “F” - Reports, and
- any amending agreement entered into as provided for below,

constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter contained in the Agreement and supersedes all prior oral or written representations and agreements.

2.0 COUNTERPARTS

2.1 The Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

3.0 AMENDING THE AGREEMENT

3.1 The Agreement may only be amended by a written agreement duly executed by the Parties.

4.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

4.1 The Recipient acknowledges that:

- (a) by receiving Funds it may become subject to legislation applicable to organizations that receive funding from the Government of Ontario, including the *Broader Public Sector Accountability Act, 2010* (Ontario), the *Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, 1996* (Ontario), and the *Auditor General Act* (Ontario);
- (b) Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario has issued expenses, perquisites, and procurement directives and guidelines pursuant to the *Broader Public Sector Accountability Act, 2010* (Ontario);
- (c) the Funds are:
 - (i) to assist the Recipient to carry out the Project and not to provide goods or services to the Province;
 - (ii) funding for the purposes of the *Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, 1996* (Ontario);
- (d) the Province is not responsible for carrying out the Project; and
- (e) the Province is bound by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Ontario) and that any information provided to the Province in connection with the Project or otherwise in connection with the Agreement may be subject to disclosure in accordance with that Act.

- SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS -

The Parties have executed the Agreement on the dates set out below.

ONTARIO MEDIA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Date

Name:
Title:

[enter the full legal name of the Recipient]

Date

Name:
Title:

I have authority to bind the Recipient.

TEMPPLATE

**SCHEDULE “A”
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

A1.0 INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

A1.1 Interpretation. For the purposes of interpretation:

- (a) words in the singular include the plural and vice-versa;
- (b) words in one gender include all genders;
- (c) the headings do not form part of the Agreement; they are for reference only and will not affect the interpretation of the Agreement;
- (d) any reference to dollars or currency will be in Canadian dollars and currency; and
- (e) “include”, “includes” and “including” denote that the subsequent list is not exhaustive.

A1.2 Definitions. In the Agreement, the following terms will have the following meanings:

“**Additional Provisions**” means the terms and conditions referred to in section A9.1 and as specified in Schedule “B”.

“**Agreement**” means this agreement entered into between the Province and the Recipient and includes all of the schedules listed in section 1.1 and any amending agreement entered into pursuant to section 3.1.

“**Budget**” means the budget attached to the Agreement as Schedule “D”.

“**Business Day**” means any working day, Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory and other holidays, namely: New Year’s Day; Family Day; Good Friday; Easter Monday; Victoria Day; Canada Day; Civic Holiday; Labour Day; Thanksgiving Day; Remembrance Day; Christmas Day; Boxing Day and any other day on which the Province has elected to be closed for business.

“**Effective Date**” means the date set out at the top of the Agreement.

“**Event of Default**” has the meaning ascribed to it in section A14.1.

“**Expiry Date**” means the date on which the Agreement will expire and is the date provided for in Schedule “B”.

“Funding Year” means:

- (a) in the case of the first Funding Year, the period commencing on the Effective Date and ending on the following March 31; and
- (b) in the case of Funding Years subsequent to the first Funding Year, the period commencing on April 1 following the end of the previous Funding Year and ending on the following March 31.

“Funds” means the money the Province provides to the Recipient pursuant to the Agreement.

“Indemnified Parties” means Ontario Media Development Corporation, Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario, Her ministers, agents, appointees, and employees.

“Maximum Funds” means the maximum amount the Province will provide the Recipient under the Agreement as provided for in Schedule “B”.

“Notice” means any communication given or required to be given pursuant to the Agreement.

“Notice Period” means the period of time within which the Recipient is required to remedy an Event of Default pursuant to section A14.3(b), and includes any such period or periods of time by which the Province extends that time in accordance with section A14.4.

“Parties” means the Province and the Recipient.

“Party” means either the Province or the Recipient.

“Project” means the undertaking described in Schedule “C”.

“Reports” means the reports described in Schedule “F”.

A2.0 REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES, AND COVENANTS

A2.1 General. The Recipient represents, warrants, and covenants that:

- (a) it is, and will continue to be, a validly existing legal entity with full power to fulfill its obligations under the Agreement;
- (b) it has, and will continue to have, the experience and expertise necessary to carry out the Project;

- (c) it is in compliance with, and will continue to comply with, all federal and provincial laws and regulations, all municipal by-laws, and any other orders, rules, and by-laws related to any aspect of the Project, the Funds, or both;
- (d) unless otherwise provided for in the Agreement, any information the Recipient provided to the Province in support of its request for funds (including information relating to any eligibility requirements) was true and complete at the time the Recipient provided it and will continue to be true and complete; and
- (e) it is not aware of any actions, suits, proceedings or investigations that relate to the Project that may be pending or threatened against the Recipient or any person associated with the Project.

A2.2 Execution of Agreement. The Recipient represents and warrants that it has:

- (a) the full power and authority to enter into the Agreement; and
- (b) taken all necessary actions to authorize the execution of the Agreement.

A2.3 Governance. The Recipient represents, warrants, and covenants that it has, will maintain in writing, and will follow:

- (a) a code of conduct and ethical responsibilities for all persons at all levels of the Recipient's organization;
- (b) procedures to enable the Recipient's ongoing effective functioning;
- (c) decision-making mechanisms for the Recipient;
- (d) procedures to enable the Recipient to manage Funds prudently and effectively;
- (e) procedures to enable the Recipient to complete the Project successfully;
- (f) procedures to enable the Recipient to identify risks to the completion of the Project and strategies to address the identified risks, all in a timely manner;
- (g) procedures to enable the preparation and submission of all Reports required pursuant to Article A7.0; and
- (h) procedures to enable the Recipient to address such other matters as the Recipient considers necessary to enable the Recipient to carry out its obligations under the Agreement.

A2.4 Supporting Proof. Upon the request of the Province, the Recipient will provide the Province with proof of the matters referred to in this Article A2.0.

A3.0 TERM OF THE AGREEMENT

A3.1 Term. The term of the Agreement will commence on the Effective Date and will expire on the Expiry Date unless terminated earlier pursuant to Article A12.0, Article A13.0, or Article A14.0.

A4.0 FUNDS AND CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT

A4.1 Funds Provided. The Province will:

- (a) provide the Recipient up to the Maximum Funds for the purpose of carrying out the Project;
- (b) provide the Funds to the Recipient in accordance with the Payment Plan attached to the Agreement as Schedule “E”; and
- (c) deposit the Funds into an account designated by the Recipient provided that the account:
 - (i) resides at a Canadian financial institution; and
 - (ii) is in the name of the Recipient.

A4.2 Limitation on Payment of Funds. Despite section A4.1:

- (a) the Province is not obligated to provide any Funds to the Recipient until the Recipient provides the certificates of insurance or other proof as the Province may request pursuant to section A11.2;
- (b) the Province is not obligated to provide instalments of Funds until it is satisfied with the progress of the Project;
- (c) the Province may adjust the amount of Funds it provides to the Recipient in any Funding Year based upon the Province’s assessment of the information the Recipient provides to the Province pursuant to section A7.1; and
- (d) if, pursuant to the *Financial Administration Act* (Ontario), the Province does not receive the necessary appropriation from the Ontario Legislature for payment under the Agreement, the Province is not obligated to make any such payment, and, as a consequence, the Province may:

- (i) reduce the amount of Funds and, in consultation with the Recipient, change the Project; or
- (ii) terminate the Agreement pursuant to section A13.1.

A4.3 Use of Funds and Carry Out the Project. The Recipient will do all of the following:

- (a) carry out the Project;
- (b) use the Funds only for the purpose of carrying out the Project;
- (c) spend the Funds only in accordance with the Budget;
- (d) not use the Funds to cover any cost that has or will be funded or reimbursed by one or more of any third party, ministry, agency, or organization of the Government of Ontario.

A4.4 Interest Bearing Account. If the Province provides Funds before the Recipient's immediate need for the Funds, the Recipient will place the Funds in an interest bearing account in the name of the Recipient at a Canadian financial institution.

A4.5 Interest. If the Recipient earns any interest on the Funds, the Province may:

- (a) deduct an amount equal to the interest from any further instalments of Funds; or
- (b) demand from the Recipient the repayment of an amount equal to the interest.

A4.6 Maximum Funds. The Recipient acknowledges that the Funds available to it pursuant to the Agreement will not exceed the Maximum Funds.

A4.7 Rebates, Credits, and Refunds. The Recipient acknowledges that the amount of Funds available to it pursuant to the Agreement is based on the actual costs to the Recipient to carry out the Project, less any costs (including taxes) for which the Recipient has received, will receive, or is eligible to receive, a rebate, credit, or refund.

A5.0 RECIPIENT'S ACQUISITION OF GOODS OR SERVICES, AND DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

A5.1 Acquisition. If the Recipient acquires goods, services, or both with the Funds, it will:

- (a) do so through a process that promotes the best value for money; and
- (b) comply with the *Broader Public Sector Accountability Act, 2010* (Ontario), including any procurement directive issued thereunder, to the extent applicable.

A5.2 Disposal. The Recipient will not, without the Province's prior written consent, sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of any asset purchased or created with the Funds or for which Funds were provided, the cost of which exceeded the amount as provided for in Schedule "B" at the time of purchase.

A6.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A6.1 No Conflict of Interest. The Recipient will carry out the Project and use the Funds without an actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest.

A6.2 Conflict of Interest Includes. For the purposes of this Article, a conflict of interest includes any circumstances where:

- (a) the Recipient; or
- (b) any person who has the capacity to influence the Recipient's decisions, has outside commitments, relationships, or financial interests that could, or could be seen to, interfere with the Recipient's objective, unbiased, and impartial judgment relating to the Project, the use of the Funds, or both.

A6.3 Disclosure to Province. The Recipient will:

- (a) disclose to the Province, without delay, any situation that a reasonable person would interpret as an actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest; and
- (b) comply with any terms and conditions that the Province may prescribe as a result of the disclosure.

A7.0 REPORTS, ACCOUNTING, AND REVIEW

A7.1 Preparation and Submission. The Recipient will:

- (a) submit to the Province at the address referred to in section A18.1, all Reports in accordance with the timelines and content requirements provided for in Schedule "F", or in a form as specified by the Province from time to time;

submit to the Province at the address referred to in section A18.1, any

A10.4 Settlement Authority. The Recipient will not enter into a settlement of any proceeding against any Indemnified Parties unless the Recipient has obtained the prior written approval of the Province. If the Recipient is requested by the Province to participate in or conduct the defence of any proceeding, the Province will co-operate with and assist the Recipient to the fullest extent possible in the proceeding and any related settlement negotiations.

A10.5 Recipient's Co-operation. If the Province conducts the defence of any proceedings, the Recipient will co-operate with and assist the Province to the fullest extent possible in the proceedings and any related settlement negotiations

A11.0 INSURANCE

A11.1 Recipient's Insurance. The Recipient represents, warrants, and covenants that it has, and will maintain, at its own cost and expense, with insurers having a secure A.M. Best rating of B+ or greater, or the equivalent, all the necessary and appropriate insurance that a prudent person carrying out a project similar to the Project would maintain, including commercial general liability insurance on an occurrence basis for third party bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage, to an inclusive limit of not less than the amount provided for in Schedule "B" per occurrence. The policy will include the following:

- (a) the Indemnified Parties as additional insureds with respect to liability arising in the course of performance of the Recipient's obligations under, or otherwise in connection with, the Agreement;
- (b) a cross-liability clause;
- (c) contractual liability coverage; and
- (d) a 30-day written notice of cancellation.

A11.2 Proof of Insurance. The Recipient will:

- (a) provide to the Province, either:
 - (i) certificates of insurance that confirm the insurance coverage as provided for in section A11.1; or
 - (ii) other proof that confirms the insurance coverage as provided for in section A11.1; and
- (b) upon the request of the Province, provide to the Province a copy of any insurance policy.

A12.0 TERMINATION ON NOTICE

A12.1 Termination on Notice. The Province may terminate the Agreement at any time without liability, penalty, or costs upon giving at least 30 days' Notice to the Recipient.

A12.2 Consequences of Termination on Notice by the Province. If the Province terminates the Agreement pursuant to section A12.1, the Province may take one or more of the following actions:

- (a) cancel all further instalments of Funds;
- (b) demand the repayment of any Funds remaining in the possession or under the control of the Recipient; and
- (c) determine the reasonable costs for the Recipient to wind down the Project, and do either or both of the following:
 - (i) permit the Recipient to offset such costs against the amount the Recipient owes pursuant to section A12.2(b); and
 - (ii) subject to section A4.7, provide Funds to the Recipient to cover such costs.

A13.0 TERMINATION WHERE NO APPROPRIATION

A13.1 Termination Where No Appropriation. If, as provided for in section A4.2(d), the Province does not receive the necessary appropriation from the Ontario Legislature for any payment the Province is to make pursuant to the Agreement, the Province may terminate the Agreement immediately without liability, penalty, or costs by giving Notice to the Recipient.

A13.2 Consequences of Termination Where No Appropriation. If the Province terminates the Agreement pursuant to section A13.1, the Province may take one or more of the following actions:

- (a) cancel all further instalments of Funds;
- (b) demand the repayment of any Funds remaining in the possession or under the control of the Recipient; and
- (c) determine the reasonable costs for the Recipient to wind down the Project and permit the Recipient to offset such costs against the amount owing pursuant to section A13.2(b).

A13.3 No Additional Funds. For greater clarity, if the costs determined pursuant to

section A13.2(c) exceed the Funds remaining in the possession or under the control of the Recipient, the Province will not provide additional Funds to the Recipient.

A14.0 EVENT OF DEFAULT, CORRECTIVE ACTION, AND TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

A14.1 Events of Default. Each of the following events will constitute an Event of Default:

- (a) in the opinion of the Province, the Recipient breaches any representation, warranty, covenant, or other material term of the Agreement, including failing to do any of the following in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement:
 - (i) carry out the Project;
 - (ii) use or spend Funds; or
 - (iii) provide, in accordance with section A7.1, Reports or such other reports as may have been requested pursuant to section A7.1(b);
- (b) the Recipient's operations, or its organizational structure, changes such that it no longer meets one or more of the eligibility requirements of the program under which the Province provides the Funds;
- (c) the Recipient makes an assignment, proposal, compromise, or arrangement for the benefit of creditors, or a creditor makes an application for an order adjudging the Recipient bankrupt, or applies for the appointment of a receiver; or
- (d) the Recipient ceases to operate.

A14.2 Consequences of Events of Default and Corrective Action. If an Event of Default occurs, the Province may, at any time, take one or more of the following actions:

- (a) initiate any action the Province considers necessary in order to facilitate the successful continuation or completion of the Project;
- (b) provide the Recipient with an opportunity to remedy the Event of Default;
- (c) suspend the payment of Funds for such period as the Province determines appropriate;
- (d) reduce the amount of the Funds;

- (e) cancel all further instalments of Funds;
- (f) demand the repayment of any Funds remaining in the possession or under the control of the Recipient;
- (g) demand the repayment of an amount equal to any Funds the Recipient used, but did not use in accordance with the Agreement;
- (h) demand the repayment of an amount equal to any Funds the Province provided to the Recipient; and
- (i) terminate the Agreement at any time, including immediately, without liability, penalty or costs to the Province upon giving Notice to the Recipient.

A14.3 Opportunity to Remedy. If, in accordance with section A14.2(b), the Province provides the Recipient with an opportunity to remedy the Event of Default, the Province will provide Notice to the Recipient of:

- (a) the particulars of the Event of Default; and
- (b) the Notice Period.

A14.4 Recipient not Remediating. If the Province has provided the Recipient with an opportunity to remedy the Event of Default pursuant to section A14.2(b), and:

- (a) the Recipient does not remedy the Event of Default within the Notice Period;
- (b) it becomes apparent to the Province that the Recipient cannot completely remedy the Event of Default within the Notice Period; or
- (c) the Recipient is not proceeding to remedy the Event of Default in a way that is satisfactory to the Province,

the Province may extend the Notice Period, or initiate any one or more of the actions provided for in sections A14.2(a), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i).

A14.5 When Termination Effective. Termination under this Article will take effect as provided for in the Notice.

A15.0 FUNDS AT THE END OF A FUNDING YEAR

A15.1 Funds at the End of a Funding Year. Without limiting any rights of the Province under Article A14.0, if the Recipient has not spent all of the Funds allocated for the Funding Year as provided for in the Budget, the Province may

take one or both of the following actions:

- (a) demand the return of the unspent Funds; and
- (b) adjust the amount of any further instalments of Funds accordingly.

A16.0 FUNDS UPON EXPIRY

A16.1 Funds Upon Expiry. The Recipient will, upon expiry of the Agreement, return to the Province any Funds remaining in its possession or under its control.

A17.0 REPAYMENT

A17.1 Repayment of Overpayment. If at any time the Province provides Funds in excess of the amount to which the Recipient is entitled under the Agreement, the Province may:

- (a) deduct an amount equal to the excess Funds from any further instalments of Funds; or
- (b) demand that the Recipient pay an amount equal to the excess Funds to the Province.

A17.2 Debt Due. If, pursuant to the Agreement:

- (a) the Province demands the payment of any Funds or an amount equal to any Funds from the Recipient; or
- (b) the Recipient owes any Funds or an amount equal to any Funds to the Province, whether or not their return or repayment has been demanded by the Province,

such Funds or other amount will be deemed to be a debt due and owing to the Province by the Recipient, and the Recipient will pay or return the amount to the Province immediately, unless the Province directs otherwise.

A17.3 Interest Rate. The Province may charge the Recipient interest on any money owing by the Recipient at the then current interest rate charged by the Province of Ontario on accounts receivable.

A17.4 Payment of Money to Province. The Recipient will pay any money owing to the Province by cheque payable to the "Ontario Minister of Finance" and delivered to the Province as provided for in Schedule "B".

A17.5 Fails to Repay. Without limiting the application of section 43 of the *Financial Administration Act* (Ontario), if the Recipient fails to repay any amount owing

under the Agreement, Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario may deduct any unpaid amount from any money payable to the Recipient by Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario.

A18.0 NOTICE

A18.1 Notice in Writing and Addressed. Notice will be in writing and will be delivered by email, postage-prepaid mail, personal delivery, or fax, and will be addressed to the Province and the Recipient respectively as provided for Schedule “B”, or as either Party later designates to the other by Notice.

A18.2 Notice Given. Notice will be deemed to have been given:

- (a) in the case of postage-prepaid mail, five Business Days after the Notice is mailed; or
- (b) in the case of email, personal delivery, or fax, one Business Day after the Notice is delivered.

A18.3 Postal Disruption. Despite section A18.2(a), in the event of a postal disruption:

- (a) Notice by postage-prepaid mail will not be deemed to be received; and
- (b) the Party giving Notice will provide Notice by email, personal delivery, or fax.

A19.0 CONSENT BY PROVINCE AND COMPLIANCE BY RECIPIENT

A19.1 Consent. When the Province provides its consent pursuant to the Agreement, it may impose any terms and conditions on such consent and the Recipient will comply with such terms and conditions.

A20.0 SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS

A20.1 Invalidity or Unenforceability of Any Provision. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of the Agreement will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of the Agreement. Any invalid or unenforceable provision will be deemed to be severed.

A21.0 WAIVER

A21.1 Waivers in Writing. If a Party fails to comply with any term of the Agreement, that Party may only rely on a waiver of the other Party if the other Party has provided a written waiver in accordance with the Notice provisions in Article

A18.0. Any waiver must refer to a specific failure to comply and will not have the effect of waiving any subsequent failures to comply.

A22.0 INDEPENDENT PARTIES

A22.1 Parties Independent. The Recipient is not an agent, joint venturer, partner, or employee of the Province, and the Recipient will not represent itself in any way that might be taken by a reasonable person to suggest that it is, or take any actions that could establish or imply such a relationship.

A23.0 ASSIGNMENT OF AGREEMENT OR FUNDS

A23.1 No Assignment. The Recipient will not, without the prior written consent of the Province, assign any of its rights or obligations under the Agreement.

A23.2 Agreement Binding. All rights and obligations contained in the Agreement will extend to and be binding on the Parties' respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and permitted assigns.

A24.0 GOVERNING LAW

A24.1 Governing Law. The Agreement and the rights, obligations, and relations of the Parties will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the applicable federal laws of Canada. Any actions or proceedings arising in connection with the Agreement will be conducted in the courts of Ontario, which will have exclusive jurisdiction over such proceedings.

A25.0 FURTHER ASSURANCES

A25.1 Agreement into Effect. The Recipient will provide such further assurances as the Province may request from time to time with respect to any matter to which the Agreement pertains, and will otherwise do or cause to be done all acts or things necessary to implement and carry into effect the terms and conditions of the Agreement to their full extent.

A26.0 JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY

A26.1 Joint and Several Liability. Where the Recipient is comprised of more than one entity, all such entities will be jointly and severally liable to the Province for the fulfillment of the obligations of the Recipient under the Agreement.

A27.0 RIGHTS AND REMEDIES CUMULATIVE

A27.1 Rights and Remedies Cumulative. The rights and remedies of the Province under the Agreement are cumulative and are in addition to, and not in

substitution for, any of its rights and remedies provided by law or in equity.

A28.0 FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH OTHER AGREEMENTS

A28.1 Other Agreements. If the Recipient:

- (a) has failed to comply with any term, condition, or obligation under any other agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario or one of Her agencies (a “**Failure**”);
- (b) has been provided with notice of such Failure in accordance with the requirements of such other agreement;
- (c) has, if applicable, failed to rectify such Failure in accordance with the requirements of such other agreement; and
- (d) such Failure is continuing,

the Province may suspend the payment of Funds for such period as the Province determines appropriate.

A29.0 SURVIVAL

A29.1 Survival. The following Articles and sections, and all applicable cross-referenced sections and schedules, will continue in full force and effect for a period of seven years from the date of expiry or termination of the Agreement: Article 1.0, Article 3.0, Article A1.0 and any other applicable definitions, sections A4.2(d), A4.5, section A5.2, section A7.1 (to the extent that the Recipient has not provided the Reports or other reports as may have been requested to the satisfaction of the Province), sections A7.2, A7.3, A7.4, A7.5, A7.6, Article A8.0, Article A10.0, sections A12.2, sections A13.2, A13.3, sections A14.1, A14.2(d), (e), (f), (g) and (h), Article A16.0, Article A17.0, Article A18.0, Article A20.0, section A23.2, Article A24.0, Article A26.0, Article A27.0, Article A28.0 and Article A29.0.

- END OF GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS -

**SCHEDULE “B”
PROJECT SPECIFIC INFORMATION AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

Maximum Funds	\$<<Amount Approved>>
Expiry Date	<<Expiration date>>
Amount for the purposes of section A5.2 (Disposal) of Schedule “A”	\$1,000.00
Insurance	\$ 2,000,000
Contact information for the purposes of Notice to the Province	<p>Name: Ontario Creates</p> <p>Address: 175 Bloor Street East, South Tower, Suite 501, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 3R8</p> <p>Attention: <<Name of Consultant>></p> <p>Fax: (416) 314-6876</p> <p>Email: <<Email address of Consultant>></p>
Contact information for the purposes of Notice to the Recipient	<p>Name: <<Applicant>></p> <p>Address: <<Address1>>, <<Address2>>, <<City>>, <<Province/State>> <<Postal/Zip>></p> <p>Attention: <<Contact>></p> <p>Fax: <<Fax>></p> <p>Email: <<Contact email>></p>

Additional Provisions:

1. The following definition is hereby added to Section A1.2 of Schedule “A” to this Agreement:
 - “**Ontario Creates**” means the Ontario Media Development Corporation.
 - “**Online Application Portal (OAP)**” means the database through which an application under this Agreement must be submitted.
2. Subsection A4.1(c) of Schedule “A” to this Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:
 - (c) provide the Funds to the Recipient by cheque and the Recipient will

deposit the Funds into an account designated by the Recipient provided that the account:

- (i) resides at a Canadian financial institution; and
- (ii) is in the name of the Recipient.

3. Article A8 of Schedule “A” to this Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

A8.0 CREDIT, PUBLICITY AND DISCLOSURE

A8.1 Acknowledge Support. Unless otherwise directed by the Province, the Recipient shall, in a form approved by the Province, acknowledge the support of the Province in any publication of any kind, written or oral, relating to the Project.

A8.2 Prominent Credit. As appropriate, the Province shall receive a prominent credit on Project materials and in paid advertising, press releases, publicity and promotional material for the Project as follows or in a substantially similar form: “Made possible with the support of Ontario Creates [LOGO]” (or the French version thereof). In all material respects (including size of type and placement), such credit is not to be less prominent than credit accorded to any and all other financial participant(s) in the Project, where applicable, taking into consideration the respective size of the contribution.

A8.3 Final Approval. The Province shall have the final approval right over the credit proposed for the Province by the Recipient in accordance with section A8.2, including the right to elect that no such credit is to be provided after the date of such election. The Recipient shall provide the Province with draft materials incorporating the credit that the Recipient proposes 14 Business Days in advance of the date when final approval is required from the Province.

A8.4 Public. The Recipient agrees that the Province may make public the name and business address of the Recipient, the amount of Funds, and the purpose for which such Funds are being provided to the Recipient under the Agreement.

A8.5 Promotion. The Province reserves the right to use the Recipient’s name, Project title and key art or images to promote the Province’s involvement in the Project. While this right is to be exercised at the discretion of the Province, due consideration is to be given to the appropriate timing of such promotion as it relates to the Project.

4. The reference to the “Ontario Minister of Finance” in Section A17.4 of Schedule

- “A” to this Agreement is deleted and replaced with the “Ontario Media Development Corporation”.
5. The references to Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario in Section A17.5 of Schedule “A” to this Agreement are deleted and replaced with the Province.
 6. Section A18.1 of Schedule “A” to this Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

A18.1 **Notice in Writing and Addressed.** Notice will be in writing and will be delivered by electronic means on the Online Application Portal (OAP), email, postage-prepaid mail, personal delivery or fax, and will be addressed to the Province and the Recipient respectively as set out in Schedule “B”, or as either Party later designates to the other by Notice.

7. Article A30.0 is hereby added to Schedule “A” of the Agreement as follows:

A30.0 BUDGET REALLOCATION

A30.1 **Where No Formal Amendment Required.** Notwithstanding section 3.1 of the Agreement, the reallocation of Funds between line items within the Budget will not constitute a change to the Budget requiring a written amendment to the Agreement duly executed by the Parties, unless the reallocation of such Funds on one or more occasions represents a cumulative amount of reallocated Funds equalling over 10% of the total Funds within the Budget.

SCHEDULE "C"
PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND TIMELINES

To be completed at time of contracting.

TEMPLATE

**SCHEDULE "D"
BUDGET**

To be completed at time of contracting.

TEMPLATE

SCHEDULE "E"
PAYMENT PLAN

To be completed at time of contracting.

TEMPLATE

SCHEDULE “F” REPORTS

The Recipient will deliver interim progress report(s) via completed report template (s) that are located on the Recipient’s dashboard in the Online Application Portal (OAP).

The due dates for the reports referred to above are to be set out in Schedule “E” to this Agreement, where applicable.

TEMPLATE