

## **PRI GRANTS POLICY**

**Approved by the PRI Board on 7 December 2018.**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. This policy document details the PRI Association's policy for accepting grants.
- 1.2. Grants are defined as cash or in-kind support given in relation to a specific project or projects that are consistent with the objectives of the PRI Association. Grants exclude sponsorship and unrestricted funding, for example sponsorship of PRI in Person.
- 1.3. Specifically, the policy document covers: the
  - 1.3.1. objectives of the PRI Association
  - 1.3.2. sources of PRI funding;
  - 1.3.3. project development and project proposal;
  - 1.3.4. authority of the Executive and PRI Board;
  - 1.3.5. reporting;
  - 1.3.6. escalation measures; and
  - 1.3.7. review.

### **2. PRINCIPLES FOR RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT (PRI) ASSOCIATION**

- 2.1. The objectives of the PRI Association are to
  - 2.1.1. promote the PRI Initiative, by advancing the Principles for Responsible Investment; and
  - 2.1.2. promote the consideration of environmental, social and governance issues
    - 2.1.2.1. in the management and ownership of investments;
    - 2.1.2.2. relating to investment policies and practices by investment managers and owners and other interested parties including consumers, non-governmental organisations, regulators and governments; and
    - 2.1.2.3. promote the PRI's Mission,
  - 2.1.3 and thereby to promote sustainable global commerce and a sustainable financial system.

### **3. PRI FUNDING**

- 3.1. The PRI is funded primarily via an annual membership fee payable by all signatories. Additional funding comes from grants from governments, foundations and other organisations. Corporate sponsorship and in-kind support are sought for standalone events and projects such as the annual conference and major publications / projects. The PRI's audited financial statements are available in each year's Annual Report.

### **4. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**

- 4.1. The Executive will consider and solicit grant funding towards PRI projects that:
  - 4.1.1. are consistent with the objectives of the PRI Association and
  - 4.1.2. are aligned with the current strategy set by the Board

4.2. All grants must be in accordance with relevant national laws and regulations.

## **5. PROJECT PROPOSAL**

- 5.1. When developing a project proposal for grant funding, the Executive will typically consider, but not be limited by, the following factors:
- 5.1.1. The potential for establishing and agreeing appropriate measures of success;
  - 5.1.2. Any restrictions on the potential project that might impact the success of the project;
  - 5.1.3. The PRI's capacity to successfully complete the proposed project;
  - 5.1.4. Financial, legal and reputational implications of a failure to complete the project;
  - 5.1.5. Expectations of the grantor both during the project and after completion, ensuring that these are aligned with PRI objectives and within agreed parameters of the project;
  - 5.1.6. Implications for the PRI's governance, accountability, reputation and operations;
  - 5.1.7. Risks and implications to the PRI Association's capacity to further its objectives.

## **6. AUTHORITY**

- 6.1. The CEO has the authority to approve, with the agreement of the Chief Financial Officer, the acceptance of an individual grant that is less than the value of £500,000 for one financial year.
- 6.2. The acceptance of grants equal to or above the value of £500,000 require the approval of the Board.
- 6.3. If required urgent grant requests (above the threshold) can be proposed by via email to the board, with the approval of the PRI Board Chair.
- 6.4. Any grants with significant risks identified should be discussed and approved by the Board.

## **7. REPORTING**

- 7.1. The Board will be informed of all grants to the PRI Association and receive regular updates on the grant projects / initiatives via the management report.
- 7.2. Grants made to the PRI, above £10,000, will be disclosed on the PRI website.

## **8. DISPUTES AND ESCALATION**

- 8.1. Any dispute in relation to the grant process may be escalated to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee of the PRI Board, for final consideration and decision by the PRI Board.

## **9. REVIEW**

- 9.1 The PRI Grant Policy will be reviewed annually by the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee of the PRI Board, for approval by the PRI Board.