

ZonMw General Terms and Conditions for Grant Applications

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Scheme introduced by the Board of the Dutch Organisation for Knowledge and Innovation in health, healthcare and well-being (*Zorgonderzoek Nederland*) adopting the ZonMw General Terms and Conditions for Grant Applications (*Algemene subsidiebepalingen ZonMw*)

The Board of the Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development,

Having regard to Articles 3, 9 and 11 of the Dutch Health Care Research Organisation Act;

Decides to adopt the following ZonMw General Terms and Conditions for Grant Applications:

This Scheme contains rules on grant decisions taken by or on behalf of the Board of ZonMw.

ZonMw grant decisions are subject to the following laws and regulations:

- the General Administrative Law Act (Awb);
- the applicable Grant Award Instructions; and
- the applicable Dutch Code of Conduct on Scientific Integrity (*Gedragscode Wetenschappelijke Integriteit*), the applicable Biosecurity Code of Conduct (*Gedragscode Biosecurity*), the applicable Animal Testing Transparency Code (*Code Openheid Dierproeven*) and the other applicable codes of conduct listed on ZonMw's website at www.zonmw.nl.

This Scheme may not apply in cases where ZonMw executes funding instruments that are financed in whole or in part by another commissioning body. This applies when it has been agreed with that other party and the call for grant applications states which rules do apply.

Chapter 1. General provisions

Article 1.1 Definitions

The following terms have the following meanings in these General Terms and Conditions for Grant Applications and in the accompanying Explanatory Notes, namely:

activity/activities: an activity or activities performed by a grant recipient to achieve the objectives of ZonMw, with a view to which the grant can be provided;

applicant: a Dutch legal entity or, in the case of a personal grant, a natural person who applies for and receives the grant as referred to in Article 1.3;

General Administrative Law Act: *Algemene wet bestuursrecht (Awb)*;

Board: the board of ZonMw;

co-funding: contribution from a private or public party – in kind or in cash – to a project funded by ZonMw;

ad hoc grant: a non-statutory grant in one-off cases, as referred to in Article 4:23, paragraph 3 (d) of the General Administrative Law Act;

the Netherlands: the Kingdom of the Netherlands consisting of the Netherlands (including Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba) and Aruba, Curaçao and St Maarten;

coordinator: the natural or legal person that takes part in a collaborative partnership and is designated as coordinator by that partnership;

programme: a coherent body of projects, experiments, research and development in the field of health, prevention and care aimed at dealing with practical issues, as referred to in the Dutch Health Care Research Organisation Act;

project: an activity or coherent body of activities that is restricted in terms of time and resources and intended to achieve one or more specific final results, relates to the policy and practical applications as referred in the Dutch Health Care Research Organisation Act, and is implemented by one or more grant recipients.

project manager: a person who is in the employ of the grant recipient or principal grant recipient and who represents the project and is responsible for its substantive and financial progress. If there is an external project manager, their engagement for the duration of the project is recorded in an agreement with the grant recipient or principal grant recipient.

publications: publications are the means by which a grant recipient disseminates the results of the funded project and ensures they can be found for the purposes of further research, policy development and innovation.

The following are examples of the forms publications may take:

- a. an academic or other article, book or advisory report, a website or other forms of communication;
- b. a citation in another publication or in a metadata catalogue or with a product, through a persistent identifier and/or a detailed description specifying its location (metadata).

results: all the outcomes, materials, processes, findings or inventions that are generated in the context of a project, such as:

- a. products developed within the project, for example a publication, protocol, methodology, infrastructure, training, website, knowledge agenda, evaluation report, policy or other guideline and so forth;

- b. data and other resources employed in the performance of the activities, for example research software, (biological) materials, audio and video recordings, methodologies, protocols, instruments, services, infrastructures and so forth

collaborative partnership: a group without legal personality in which two or more applicants work together to perform eligible activities. A collaborative partnership consists of at least two applicants that are legally and financially independent of each other. Each participant in a collaborative partnership is deemed to be an applicant. All participants are responsible for the grant in respect their own part of the activities.

collaboration agreement: a written agreement between the participants in a collaborative partnership. The agreement must in any event set out the tasks, responsibilities and financial contributions of each participant and specify which participant in the collaborative partnership will act as coordinator.

state aid: Pursuant to Article 107, paragraph 1, of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU): *'[...] any aid granted by a Member State or through State resources in any form whatsoever which distorts or threatens to distort competition by favouring certain undertakings or the production of certain goods shall, in so far as it affects trade between Member States, be incompatible with the internal market.'*

grant application: a written request to ZonMw to give a decision which in any event contains a substantive description of the project and a project budget;

call for grant applications: further rules as referred to in Article 1.2, paragraph 4, which relate to the provision of grants;

grant applicant: every party that is involved in a grant application involving a request for the award of a grant/financial resources of ZonMw;

grant ceiling: the maximum amount available for the provision of grants awarded pursuant to a call for grant applications;

grant determination: a decision of ZonMw determining the amount of grant to which the recipient is finally entitled;

grant approval: a decision of ZonMw specifying the amount to which the grant recipient is provisionally entitled and the obligations to which that recipient is subject, provided that the funded activity or activities is/are actually performed;

grant provision: the grant award or, if the amount of the grant is determined directly, the grant determination;

Dutch Health Care Research Organisation Act: *Wet op de organisatie ZorgOnderzoek Nederland*;

ZonMw: the Organisation for Health Research/Medical Sciences.

Article 1.2 Basis and scope

1. These General Terms and Conditions for Grant Applications are applicable to all grants provided by ZonMw, with the exception of grants as referred to in Article 4:23, paragraph 3, of the General Administrative Law Act (grants for which no statutory basis is required).
2. ZonMw may provide a grant for activities that are in keeping with the policy in the fields specified in the Dutch Health Care Research Organisation Act.

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3. Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 2, the grant must be provided in accordance with the maximum aid percentages or amounts based on the state aid exemption applied to the grant, in order to ensure that the funding does not constitute unlawful state aid.
 4. In a call for grant applications, ZonMw will specify, among other things, the activities eligible for a grant and the conditions on which a grant may be provided.
 5. These further rules set out in a call for grant applications must in any event relate to the following subjects:
 - a. the objective(s) of the grant instrument;
 - b. the applicants;
 - c. a collaborative partnership and its coordinator;
 - d. type of grant;
 - e. (maximum) amount and calculation of the grant;
 - f. advance funding;
 - g. grant ceiling;
 - h. application time limit;
 - i. manner of submission of the application and the accompanying information and documents;
 - j. manner of grant allocation;
 - k. substantive assessment terms and conditions, with rules on prioritisation and, where applicable, further prioritisation;
 - l. grounds for refusal;
 - m. eligible and non-eligible costs;
 - n. obligations of the grant recipient;
 - o. (ex officio) grant determination;
 - p. evaluation.
 6. In special cases, ZonMw may derogate from these ZonMw General Terms and Conditions for Grant Applications when issuing a call for grant applications or making a decision on an application.
 7. ZonMw may provide that these General Terms and Conditions for Grant Applications are wholly or partly applicable in relation to grants as referred to in Article 4:23, paragraph 3 (d), of the General Administrative Law Act. In such a case, the application of this paragraph must be stated in the grant award decision.

Article 1.3 Applicant

Grants may be applied for by:

- a. a Dutch legal entity;
- b. an undertaking carried on in the form of a sole proprietorship, a professional partnership, a limited partnership or a general partnership, provided that the amount of the grant is € 50,000 or less and this has been specified in the call for grant applications;



- c. a natural person where the type of grant is personal.

Article 1.4 Provision of grants to recipients in the Caribbean part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Title 4.2 of the General Administrative Law Act applies *mutatis mutandis* to the provision of grants to recipients in the Caribbean part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Article 1.5 Types of grant

ZonMw provides grants of the following types:

- a. project grants;
- b. ad hoc grants.

Article 1.6 Eligible costs

1. The only costs eligible for a grant are those that ZonMw can reasonably consider necessary for, and are directly related to, the performance of the eligible activity, and that are permitted under the terms of the applicable state aid exemption instrument.
2. ZonMw calculates the personnel costs by reference to the salary tables or rates applicable to the grant recipient concerned. If this is not applicable, ZonMw calculates the personnel costs by reference to the applicable collective agreement (CAO) or salary scheme.
3. The costs eligible for a grant are specified in the call for grant applications. Further conditions relevant to the budget and the costs eligible for a grant may be set in the call for grant applications.

Article 1.7 Non-eligible costs

The following costs are not eligible for a grant, unless provided otherwise in the call for grant applications:

- a. the value-added tax (VAT) charged to the grant applicant which can be reclaimed by them or may be repaid or refunded to them in any way;
- b. the costs of drafting the application;
- c. costs incurred before the submission of a grant application;
- d. costs funded in some other way;
- e. fines, financial penalties and related costs.



Article 1.8 Grant ceiling

1. ZonMw determines a grant ceiling for each call for grant applications, subject to the maximum amounts specified in the General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER).
2. When determining a grant ceiling, ZonMw indicates how the available amount is to be allocated.
3. ZonMw may subdivide the amount subject to the grant ceiling by allocating it to different activities and categories of applicant.
4. Notice of the determination of grant ceilings must be given as quickly as possible through the central government website at www.overheid.nl and ZonMw's website at www.zonmw.nl.

Article 1.9 Manner of allocation

1. ZonMw may allocate grants in the following ways, as specified in the call for grant applications:
 - a. in the order in which the grant applications are received;
 - b. through a tender system, under which all grant applications are submitted by a specified deadline and those eligible for a grant are ranked by their position within the priority matrix, based on an assessment of their quality and relevance;
 - c. on a proportional basis;
 - d. in a different manner as specified by ZonMw in the call for grant applications.
2. If the amount available for funding under the grant ceiling is allocated on the basis of the order in which the grant applications are received:
 - a. where the grant application has been supplemented pursuant to Article 4.5 of the General Administrative Law Act, the day on which the fully supplemented grant application is received serves as the date of receipt; and
 - b. where the grant ceiling has been reached, ZonMw determines the relative ranking of grant applications received on the same day by means of the date of the application.
3. If application of a tender system results in grant applications being given the same ranking in the priorities matrix included in the call for grant applications, those applications will subsequently be ranked by reference to the further method of allocation specified in the call for grant applications ('further prioritisation').
4. If application of a system of allocation on a proportional basis or some other method results in grant applications being given the same ranking, those applications will subsequently be ranked by reference to the further method of allocation specified in the call for grant applications.



Article 1.10 General grounds for refusal

Without prejudice to Article 4:25, paragraph 2, and Article 4:35 of the General Administrative Law Act, ZonMw may refuse to provide a grant if:

- a. the applicant can perform the activities even without the requested grant;
- b. the applicant has not demonstrated convincingly that the funds necessary to achieve the desired results, including the requested grant, are available;
- c. the activities would involve repeating research and innovation already performed, as referred to in the Dutch Health Care Research Organisation Act;
- d. in the cases specified in the call for grant applications.

Article 1.11 Budget reservation

Grants are awarded on condition that sufficient financial resources are made available by the relevant ZonMw client.

Chapter 2: Grant applications

Article 2.1 Grant application form

Applications for the award of a grant must be submitted using the standard digital form provided by ZonMw for that purpose, which has been posted on its funding portal.

Article 2.2 Grant application before start of funding period

1. ZonMw may provide that it must receive grant applications by a date or within a period set by it.
2. An application for the award of a grant must in any event be submitted before the start of the period for which funding is requested, unless provided otherwise in the call for grant applications.

Article 2.3 Grant applications

1. Grant applications must be drawn up in Dutch, unless provided otherwise in the call for grant applications.
2. Unless provided otherwise in the call for grant applications, each application for the award of a grant must in any event consist of:
 - a. a work plan;
 - b. a budget;
 - c. the amount of the requested grant;
 - d. in the case of projects where the requested grant exceeds € 25,000: a summary of the project proposal for publication on ZonMw's website;
 - e. in the case of projects where the requested grant exceeds € 125,000: the above and a budget overview;
 - f. in the case of projects where the requested funding exceeds € 125,000 but does not exceed € 500,000: all of the above and either a letter of commitment, a draft collaboration agreement or a collaboration agreement, in so far as that is provided for in the call for grant applications and there is a collaborative partnership;
 - g. in the case of projects where the requested funding exceeds € 500,000: all of the above and either a letter of commitment, a draft collaboration agreement or a collaboration agreement, in so far as that is provided for in the call for grant applications and there is a collaborative partnership;
 - h. the Chamber of Commerce registration number of all parties involved in the application who wish to obtain a grant or to take part in the performance of the activities at their own expense.
3. Without prejudice to paragraph 2, the following must be submitted with the application:

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- a. the applicable declaration(s) concerning state aid, in accordance with a format determined by ZonMw, in so far as the funding constitutes state aid;
 - b. a declaration concerning co-funding in the form of a letter of commitment, in so far as co-funding is to be provided.
 4. Without prejudice to paragraph 2, a summary of the project proposal for publication on ZonMw's website must be submitted if the requested funding ranges from € 25,000 to € 125,000 inclusive.
 5. Without prejudice to paragraph 2, the following must be submitted if the requested funding ranges from € 125,000 to € 500,000 inclusive:
 - a. a summary of the budget;
 - b. a summary of the project proposal for publication on ZonMw's website;
 - c. a letter of commitment, in so far as there is a collaborative partnership.
 6. Without prejudice to paragraph 2, the following must be submitted if the requested funding ranges from € 125,000 to € 500,000 inclusive:
 - a. a summary of the budget;
 - b. a summary of the project proposal for publication on ZonMw's website;
 - c. either a letter of commitment, a draft collaboration agreement or a collaboration agreement, in so far as that is provided for in the call for grant applications and there is a collaborative partnership.

Article 2.4 Budget

1. The budget must provide an overview of the estimated costs and revenues of the applicant(s) for each activity separately, in so far as they relate to the period for which a grant is requested.
2. Each budget item must be accompanied by separate explanatory notes.
3. The budget submitted with the application must be balanced.

Article 2.5 Notice of other applications

In so far as the applicant has also applied for a grant or other funding from a third party for the same budgeted costs, it must give notice of this in the grant application, including the current status of that other grant or funding application.

Article 2.6 Overview of financial position

All applicants must submit a full and recent overview of their financial position at the request of ZonMw.

Chapter 3. Grant award

Article 3.1 Application of grants

ZonMw provides only the following grants:

- a. if the amount of the grant is € 25,000 or less:
 - 1° a grant directly determined by ZonMw, without a prior award decision, at such amount as it may specify at that time; or
 - 2° a grant determined by ZonMw ex officio, up to the maximum amount specified by it when awarding the grant;
- b. if the grant exceeds € 25,000 but does not exceed € 125,000 and the activities to be funded consist of measurable performance units: a grant that is determined as an amount for each completed performance unit, at a rate set by ZonMw when awarding the grant, for not more than the maximum number of performance units specified by ZonMw when awarding the grant;
- c. if the grant exceeds € 25,000 but does not exceed € 125,000 and the activities to be funded do not consist of measurable performance units:
 - 1° if, in the opinion of ZonMw, there is sufficient certainty about the costs and revenues: a grant that requires submission of an activity report showing that the activities eligible for funding have been performed in accordance with the obligations attached to the grant;
 - 2° if, in the opinion of ZonMw, there is insufficient certainty about the costs and revenues: a grant that requires submission of a statement of the actual costs and revenues showing that the activities eligible for funding have been performed in accordance with the obligations attached to the grant;
- d. if the grant exceeds € 125,000 and the activities to be funded do not consist of measurable performance units: a grant that requires evidence that the activities eligible for funding have been performed in accordance with the obligations attached to the grant as well as submission of a statement reporting on and accounting for the costs and revenues associated with the funded activities.

Article 3.2 Award of grants

1. The decision to award a grant must in any event specify:
 - a. the activities or performance units for which the grant is awarded;
 - b. the legal person(s) or undertaking(s) or, in the case of a personal grant, the natural person to whom the grant is provided;
 - c. the amount of the grant or the manner in which this amount is determined for each recipient;
 - d. the dates on which reports must be submitted and what they must contain;
 - e. the accountability procedure;
 - f. the period for which the grant is awarded;
 - g. how it can be shown that the activities have been performed or the performance units have been completed;
 - h. the latest date by which the activities must have been completed; and

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- i. the procedure for ensuring that funding does not constitute unlawful state aid and the reporting obligations necessary to ensure such prevention both during performance of the activity and when the amount of the grant is finally determined.
 2. If the estimated costs of the eligible activities are specified in the grant award decision, these must be equal to the sum of the third party contributions, the estimated own contribution and the grant amount awarded in that decision.

Article 3.3 Time limits for decisions on grant awards

1. ZonMw makes a decision within 13 weeks of the end of the period in which applications can be submitted.
2. The time limit is 22 weeks if:
 - a. there is co-funding of a programme approved by the Council of the European Union, the European Parliament and the Council jointly, or by the European Commission;
 - b. ZonMw seeks advice on the application; or
 - c. ZonMw institutes a further assessment of the application.
3. The time limit is 40 weeks if the decision on whether to grant the award depends in part on the advice of an international assessment committee or on an international peer review conducted by foreign experts.
4. ZonMw decides on an application for an ad hoc grant within the term applicable to that application as specified in paragraphs 1, 2 or 3, after receipt of the complete application.
5. ZonMw may defer its decision until a date to be determined by it, provided that it states its reasons for doing so.

Article 3.4 Suspensive grant conditions

1. The grant is provided subject to the following suspensive conditions:
 - a. if the eligible costs are funded in part by a contribution from one or more third parties, the grant recipient must provide, within a time limit specified in the decision, written proof of receipt of that contribution as indicated in the application;
 - b. if applicable, the grant recipient must, within a term specified in the decision, obtain the required consents, recognitions and permits for the intended activity. The provisions on advance funding will take effect only once ZonMw has received a copy of these consents, recognitions and permits from the grant recipient. In exceptional cases, ZonMw may provide advance funding earlier;
 - c. if the grant recipient is required to draw up a data management plan or output management plan, this must in any event cover the following subjects:



- a. how data and resources are made findable;
- b. how data and resources are made reusable;
- c. how data are made accessible, subject to compliance by the grant recipient with the applicable legislation and regulations, such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the European Health Data Space (EHDS).

2. ZonMw may set additional conditions in the grant award decision.

Article 3.5 Penalties

ZonMw may revoke the grant award or amend it to the detriment of the grant recipient in the cases referred to in Article 4:48 of the General Administrative Law Act.



Chapter 4: Obligations of the grant recipient

Article 4.1 Use of the grant

Each individual grant recipient must ensure that:

- a. the activities are performed in such a way that the grant is used efficiently for the purposes for which it has been awarded; and
- b. the resources required for the performance of the funded activities are managed responsibly.

Article 4.2 Starting date

1. The project should have started no later than six months after the grant has been awarded.
2. In special cases, this period may be extended for a maximum of three months. In such a case, the grant recipient must, within the time limit referred to in paragraph 1, have convincingly demonstrated that circumstances exist which make it impossible to start within six months.
3. ZonMw may provide in the call that the project should start sooner after the award of the grant.

Article 4.3 Duty to keep records

1. The grant recipient's records must be kept in such a way that it is possible to verify the following from them:
 - a. the rights and obligations relevant for the grant determination as well as the completed performance units; or
 - b. the rights and obligations and the payments and receipts relevant for the grant determination as well as the costs and revenues.
2. The records must be kept in a manner that is clear, verifiable and efficient and enables verification of obligations based on the applicable state aid exemption.
3. The records and related documents must be retained for ten years after the grant determination.

Article 4.4 Cooperating with inquiries

The grant recipient must cooperate, for example by providing the requisite information, data and documents, where inquiries are conducted by or on behalf of ZonMw with a view to obtaining for ZonMw information relevant for:

- a. making a decision on whether to provide a grant; or
- b. developing ZonMw's policy.



Article 4.5 Progress report

1. If a grant is awarded for longer than 12 months, ZonMw may require the grant recipient to submit a progress report on the funded activities, including the financial position, once every 12 months.
2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, ZonMw may provide in the call for grant applications or in the grant award decision that the grant recipient can be requested to submit an interim report on the progress of the project more frequently than once every 12 months, regardless of the term or amount of the grant.
3. The grant recipient may be invited to give a presentation on the progress of the project.
4. ZonMw may pay a working visit in order to obtain more information about the progress of the project.
5. ZonMw may give the grant recipient additional substantive and/or financial instructions based on its assessment of the progress report.
6. The grant recipient must keep its records in such a way that ZonMw can always obtain information on the extent to which the grant recipient complies with the obligations attached to the provision of the grant.
7. The progress report must be submitted using the standard digital form provided by ZonMw for that purpose, which has been posted on ZonMw's funding portal.

Article 4.6 Final reporting

1. The final report must provide a clear explanation of the results that have been achieved and the nature, duration and scope of the activities for which the grant was awarded. The results achieved and activities performed must also be compared in the report with the activities proposed in the grant application. Together with the final substantive report, the project manager must provide ZonMw with financial accounts that enable it to check that no unlawful state aid has been provided.
2. The final report must be submitted using the standard digital form made available by ZonMw, which has been published on its funding portal.

Article 4.7 Duty to give notice

1. The grant recipient has a duty to give immediate written notice to ZonMw if:
 - a. it has become reasonable to assume that the activities for which the grant has been provided will not be performed or not be performed in time or in their entirety;
 - b. it has become reasonable to assume that the deliverable for which the grant has been provided will not be completed or not be completed in time or in its entirety;



- c. there has been an alteration to the articles of association of the legal entity that forms the grant recipient;
 - d. it has become reasonable to assume that the grant obligations will not be performed or not be performed in time or in their entirety; or
 - e. other circumstances have arisen or will arise that may be relevant to a decision on the alteration or revocation of the grant or the grant determination.
- 2. The notice must be accompanied by explanatory notes, together with relevant documents.
 - 3. ZonMw will acknowledge receipt of the notice within eight weeks.
 - 4. ZonMw may decide not to alter the grant award decision if:
 - a. the grant award terms and conditions would no longer be met as a result of the alteration;
 - b. the eligible activities would change to a significant extent.

Article 4.8 Communication

- 1. The grant recipient must coordinate communication about the project with ZonMw. This applies in particular to activities of the programme of which the project is part.
- 2. To enable ZonMw to anticipate communications, the grant recipient must inform ZonMw in advance if the project results are expected to generate publicity either through active outreach to the press or in response to media inquiries. If the publicity is unexpected, the grant recipient must notify ZonMw as quickly as possible.
- 3. The grant recipient must provide ZonMw with any publications about the results of the project, such as articles and reports, using the web application made available by ZonMw and must do so even when the results become available only after the determination of the grant amount.
- 4. The grant recipient must refer to the grant from ZonMw in all communications regarding the project. ZonMw's name and the project number must be mentioned in the communication. The grant recipient should also preferably mention the programme of which the project forms part and should add the ZonMw logo, which can be downloaded at www.zonmw.nl.
- 5. To ensure careful and balanced reporting, the grant recipient must comply with the applicable codes of conduct on privacy, research and media relations.
- 6. ZonMw publishes lay summaries of all funded projects on its website for the benefit of interested members of the public. The grant recipient must twice submit a text for this purpose: once before the start of the project – within two weeks after the grant award – and once after the end of the project before the determination of the grant amount.

Article 4.9 Publication of results

1. If a funded activity results in a publication or product, the grant recipient must ensure that it includes a reference to the ZonMw grant in the manner specified in Article 4.8, paragraph 4. In addition, the grant recipient must ensure that the data and other resources used for the activities are referred to in any publication or product by means of a persistent identifier and/or a detailed description, together with their location (metadata).
2. The grant recipient must publish the results of the project. The grant recipient must also publish about projects that are terminated prematurely or do not produce the desired result. The publishing of results is a mandatory component of the project activities.
3. If the grant recipient declines to publish the project results or does not publish them in good time, ZonMw will be entitled to publish them after consulting with the grant recipient.
4. Besides arranging for the scientific dissemination of the project results, the grant recipient must publish information about the results that is tailored to a target audience.
5. ZonMw may include the results in its own communications. In such cases, ZonMw will consult with the grant recipient in good time.
6. The grant recipient agrees that ZonMw may include data from the grant application, progress reports, final reports, results, and appendices in public summaries. If the grant recipient can demonstrate that this would jeopardise its reasonable interests or those of the project or the exploitation of results, it must immediately notify ZonMw of this.
7. The grant recipient agrees that, in exceptional circumstances — such as during a crisis — results, underlying data and other resources may be made findable and available more rapidly in the interests of research and innovation aimed at developing measures and solutions to address the crisis concerned.
8. When the occasion arises, ZonMw may decide that the grant recipient should not publish the project results during an embargo period of up to three months, as determined by ZonMw, unless this would conflict with a statutory duty of publication, or for a period of up to nine months after the project has been completed where exploitation rights to the results are expected.
9. ZonMw requires publications to be freely accessible. Besides dissemination through other channels, publications must therefore be made publicly accessible via Open Access as quickly as possible. Copyrights may not prevent the possibility of publishing via Open Access.
10. The grant recipient indemnifies ZonMw against claims of third parties in respect of all loss or damage they may suffer as a consequence of activities performed and results achieved by or on behalf of the grant recipient.



Article 4.10 Reusable knowledge

1. Products, data and other resources used in the project, together with any accompanying explanatory notes (metadata), must in any event be made available in such manner as ZonMw may specify, for use in further scientific research, policy-making and innovation. The results collected in a project should therefore be documented and stored in accordance with the applicable standards and in an accessible manner. Where appropriate, products may be made available at cost price.
2. Grant recipients that are not subject to a statutory archiving obligation of at least 20 years must keep the datasets (or a copy thereof) in a domain-specific digital repository or data archive for research data — preferably a certified one — where applicable in the manner specified in the call for grant applications.

Article 4.11 Intellectual property and rights to results

1. The intellectual property rights to the project results vest in the grant recipient who produced those results or commissioned their production.
2. Where a collaborative partnership exists and the results have been achieved by the collaborating partners, the intellectual property is jointly owned and those partners must, prior to the start of the project, conclude an agreement regulating how the intellectual property rights are allocated. The allocation of ownership must be in proportion to the contributions of the collaborating partners to the results.
3. Co-funding or other third-party contributions to the project do not confer any exclusive right to use and/or apply the results, unless arranged otherwise by means of a written agreement concluded prior to the execution of the project and provided that this does not result in unlawful state aid.
4. Further conditions concerning the method by which intellectual property rights are allocated may be included by ZonMw in the call for grant applications.

Article 4.12 Reimbursement obligation in the event of capital formation

1. Article 4:41 of the General Administrative Law Act is applicable.
2. The amount of the reimbursement is determined in proportion to the extent to which the grant provided by ZonMw has contributed to the formation of assets.



Article 4.13 Duty to provide information

If all or part of the activities for which the grant has been provided are terminated or if the grant is ended, the grant recipient must provide ZonMw, at its request, with all data, documents, information, cooperation or copyright use rights which can reasonably be required in order to ensure the continuity of the activities for which the grant has been provided.

Article 4.14 Obligations of the grant recipient not related to the purpose of the grant

1. In the call for grant applications, ZonMw may attach obligations as referred to in Article 4:39, paragraph 1, of the General Administrative Law Act to the grant award in order to promote:
 - A. user-oriented use of knowledge;
 - B. diversity and equitable participation;
 - C. findable and reusable knowledge;
 - D. sustainability;
 - E. policy on animal testing.
2. The obligations referred to in paragraph 1 may relate only to the manner in which or the means by which the funded activity is performed.



Chapter 5. Advance funding and payment

Article 5.1 Advance funding and payment

1. ZonMw may provide either in the call for grant applications or in the grant award decision that funding can be provided ex officio in advance.
2. If a grant of € 25,000 or less:
 - a. is determined directly, the entire amount of the grant is paid as a single lump sum;
 - b. is awarded, a 100% advance is provided and paid ex officio.
3. Advances for grants of more than € 25,000 are determined and paid ex officio in accordance with the call for grant applications or with the amounts and time limits set out in the grant award decision.
4. ZonMw will continue to pay the advance funding on the basis of its receipt and approval of the progress report. If the progress is insufficient, the advance funding may be stopped, whether temporarily or otherwise. The advance funding schedule may be adjusted if this is warranted by the progress report

Article 5.2 Costs of recovery and statutory interest

In the event of the recovery of grant amounts or advances paid in error, ZonMw may oblige the grant recipient to pay the costs entailed by such recovery. ZonMw may claim the statutory interest owed on such costs.



Chapter 6. Accountability and grant determination

Section 6.1 Application for grant determination

Article 6.1 Grant determination form

An application for grant determination must be submitted using the standard digital form provided by ZonMw for that purpose, which has been posted on ZonMw's funding portal.

Article 6.2 Time limit for application for determination of grant amount

1. An application for grant determination where the amount is in excess of € 25,000 must be submitted within 22 weeks of the performance of the activities for which funding has been applied for.
2. ZonMw may waive or grant an exemption from the time limits referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2.

Section 6.2 Accountability procedure by type of grant and decision on determination of grant amount

Article 6.3 Grants of € 25,000 or less which are determined directly

1. Grants of € 25,000 or less are determined by ZonMw:
 - a. directly; or
 - b. ex officio.
2. For the purpose of determining a grant as referred to in paragraph 1 (b), the grant recipient must, at ZonMw's request and in the manner specified in the decision, demonstrate that the activities for which the grant was awarded have been carried out and that the obligations attached to the grant have been fulfilled.
3. ZonMw will decide on an application to determine a grant as referred in paragraph 1 (a) within 13 weeks.
4. ZonMw will decide ex officio on determination of the grant as referred to in paragraph 1 (b) within 22 weeks of the date on which the activities for which the grant was awarded are performed. The grant will be determined at an amount not exceeding that specified in the grant award decision.
5. Articles 2.5 and 2.6 apply *mutatis mutandis*.



Article 6.4 Grants of more than € 25,000 with measurable performance units

1. The recipient of a grant as referred to in paragraph 3.1 (b) must demonstrate in the manner specified in the grant award decision that the activities for which the grant was awarded have been performed and that the obligations attached to the grant have been fulfilled.
2. ZonMw may require the grant recipient to supply additional proof or the relevant records where it considers that the performance has not been clearly demonstrated.
3. The grant is determined as an amount for each completed performance unit, at a rate set by ZonMw when awarding the grant, for not more than the maximum number of performance units specified by ZonMw when awarding the grant.
4. ZonMw will decide on an application to determine a grant within 22 weeks.
5. ZonMw may defer its decision until a date to be determined by it, provided that it states its reasons for doing so.

Article 6.5 Grants of over € 25,000 up to and including € 125,000, with activity accountability

1. The recipient of a grant as referred to in paragraph 3.1 (c) (1) must demonstrate by reference to an activity report that the activities for which the grant was awarded have been performed and that the obligations attached to the grant have been fulfilled, unless ZonMw has no need of this.
2. If the activities for which the grant was awarded have been performed in their entirety and the obligations attached to the grant have been fulfilled, the definitive amount of the grant will be determined at the amount specified by ZonMw when awarding the grant.
3. ZonMw will decide on an application to determine a grant within 22 weeks.
4. ZonMw may defer its decision until a date to be determined by it, provided that it states its reasons for doing so.



Article 6.6 Grants of over € 25,000 up to and including € 125,000, with accountability in the form of a statement of actual costs and revenues

1. The recipient of a grant as referred to in paragraph 3.1 (c) (2) must demonstrate by reference to a statement of the actual costs and revenues that the activities have been performed and that the obligations attached to the grant have been fulfilled.
2. If the activities for which the grant has been awarded have been fully performed and all obligations attached to the grant have been fulfilled, the grant will be determined at an amount equal to the total actual costs less the total actual third-party contributions and budgeted own contribution, or the actual own contribution if this exceeds the budgeted own contribution, up to a maximum of the amount stated in the grant award decision.
3. ZonMw will decide on an application to determine a grant within 22 weeks.
4. ZonMw may defer its decision until a date to be determined by it, provided that it states its reasons for doing so.

Article 6.7 Grants of over € 125,000 other than for activities consisting of measurable performance units

1. The recipient of a grant as referred to in Article 3.1 (d) must render account by means of an activity report and a financial report, unless this is not relevant to the calculation of the amount of the grant.
2. ZonMw may oblige the grant recipient to submit with the financial report a report of factual findings about its fulfilment of the obligations attached to the grant.
3. A difference between the financial report and the budget of at least 20% of an individual budget item must be explained, unless the difference with that budget item is less than € 25,000.
4. If the activities for which the grant has been awarded have been fully performed and all obligations attached to the grant have been fulfilled, the grant will be determined at an amount equal to the actual costs less the actual third-party contributions and budgeted own contribution, or the actual own contribution if this exceeds the budgeted own contribution, up to a maximum of the amount stated in the grant award decision.
5. ZonMw will decide on an application to determine a grant within 22 weeks.
6. ZonMw may defer its decision until a date to be determined by it, provided that it states its reasons for doing so.

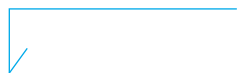


Article 6.8 Verification of lawful use of the grant

1. In the case of a grant of over € 125,000, the grant recipient is obliged to submit, together with the application for determination of the grant amount, an audit certificate prepared by an independent auditor relating to the costs and revenues included in the annual overview of projects shown in the ZonMw records to have been completed.
2. The ZonMw grant accountability audit protocols apply *mutatis mutandis* and set out further rules.
3. Where a grant exceeds € 125,000, ZonMw may require the grant recipient to submit with the audit report a report of factual findings.
4. The grant recipient must submit the audit certificate within 13 weeks of the end date of the funded project.
5. The reports/certificates referred to in this article must have been drawn up by an auditor in accordance with an approved model, taking into account an auditing protocol adopted by ZonMw and posted on its website at www.zonmw.nl.
6. If ZonMw itself is bound by an obligation to submit an audit certificate for funds it has received for the purposes of the funding instrument under which the grant recipient receives the grant, the grant recipient must provide an audit certificate. ZonMw must state this when awarding the grant.
7. ZonMw may, for up to two years after the date of determination of the grant amount (or, if applicable, the actual payment of the definitive amount), verify the lawfulness of the grant expenditure and implementation in accordance with the imposed obligations and any other conditions at the grant recipient's premises.
8. ZonMw may be assisted in carrying out the verification by third parties (or their staff) and, where necessary, request additional information concerning the project. Such information must, where applicable, be provided in the format requested by ZonMw and within the time limit set by it.
9. The grant recipient must grant access, during an on-site verification, to the place where the verification is to be conducted and must provide relevant documents in that regard.
10. The grant recipient will receive a report of the verification findings and information about any measures which ZonMw will take as a result of the verification.

Chapter 6.9 Penalties

When determining the definitive amount of the grant, ZonMw may set it lower or at nil in the cases referred to in Article 4:46 of the General Administrative Law Act. ZonMw may also revoke a decision on



determination of the grant amount or amend it to the detriment of the grant recipient in the cases referred to in Article 4:49 of the General Administrative Law Act.



Chapter 7. Final provisions

Article 7.1 Transitional law

1. ZonMw's 2013 General Terms and Conditions Governing Grants are revoked.
2. The ZonMw 2013 General Terms and Conditions Governing Grants in force on the day preceding the entry into force of this scheme will remain applicable to grant applications as referred to in those General Terms and Conditions, over which a final decision has not yet been made on the date of entry into force of this scheme.

Article 7.2 Hardship clause

The Board of ZonMw may set aside or derogate from one or more provisions of this scheme if applying them would be manifestly unfair in view of the interest they are intended to protect.

Article 7.3 Entry into force

This scheme will enter into force on the day following the date of publication of the Government Gazette in which it is published.

Article 7.4 Short title

This scheme may be cited as: The ZonMw General Terms and Conditions for Grant Applications.

The Hague, 15 December 2025

*The Board of ZonMw
on their behalf,
the Chair*