

An Auspicing relationship is a collaborative relationship. The parties involved need to be able to work together, trust each other and communicate well.

Ensure as Auspicor and Auspicee that you

- Work together
- Have common goals and understanding of the project aims and
- a good base from which to resolve any disputes or communication problems that may arise during the project.

The Auspicee (grant applicant) transfers a degree of ownership and control over the project to the Auspicor, with the financial management of the auspiced grant controlled by the Auspicor/incorporated group. The Auspicee will need to comply with any conditions of the Auspicing arrangement put forward by the Auspicing body as negotiated, which can include administrative obligations such as keeping records, accounts, and invoices for acquittals.

The grant recipient is typically responsible for (but not limited to):

- negotiating the level of service the administering body will provide
- overall management and direction of the project
- advising the grant provider of any proposed changes to the purpose of the funding or artistic or other personnel, the timing of the project or major changes to the budget during the project
- providing the administering body (Auspisor) with the necessary information to allow them to complete an accurate financial statement at the end of the project
- completing and submitting a grant report that meets grant guidelines, at the end of the project
- making sure that the financial report is completed by the administering body and is submitted to the grant provider, along with the grant report, as part of the formal funding acquittal procedures.

Common responsibilities of the auspice organisation typically include:

Being an Auspicor brings responsibilities with it.

Auspicing organisations provide different levels of support. Some are set up and receive funding specifically to support auspiced projects. Others provide the minimum level of support.

Generally, at a minimum, Auspicing organisations may need to:

- take in grant funding and negotiate the funding agreement with grant provider
- receiving and distributing grant funds under the grant agreement either provide the funding to the Auspicee or arrange for payments to be made as and when required
- provide administrative, operational, and regulatory support to the Auspicee,
- all legal and financial responsibility of the grant on your organisation's behalf
- provide information required for grant acquittals
 - providing an itemised financial statement at the end of the project, which clearly shows how the grant was spent
 - submitting accountability and evaluation reports and financial acquittals on your organisation's behalf
- ensuring, to the best of their ability, that the grant is used for the purpose for which it was provided and ensuring all grant activities or events are completed
- provide tax deductible receipts (if appropriate)

Sometimes Auspicing organisations provide access to insurance or premises, and sometimes they require the Auspicee to seek their own insurance and provide evidence of this.

Under the Community Recovery Grant Guidelines

Grant Provider – Towong Shire Council

Auspisor – Auspice provider/incorporated group/administrative body

Auspicee – Grant Application

References: https://www.nfplaw.org.au/sites/default/files/media/Auspicing_Guide_CTH.pdf

<https://www.vic.gov.au/multicultural-grants-auspice-arrangements>