# FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF VIKAS SANSTHAN

#### 1. GENERAL PURPOSE

The purpose of these policies is to establish guidelines for developing financial goals and objectives, making financial decisions, reporting the financial status of the Agency, and managing the Agency's funds.

#### 2. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of the governing board to formulate financial policies and review operations and activities on a periodic basis.

The Board delegates this oversight responsibility to the secretary of the Board and the Finance Committee of which the secretary is the Chair. Board has been decided to the director as CEO of the Vikas Sansthan. The Secretary acts as the primary fiscal agent, implementing all financial policies and procedures. The Secretary with oversight of The governing board is responsible for the coordination of the followings: Annual budget presentation, management of the Endowment and other fund investments, selection of the outsite auditors, and approving revenue and expenditure objectives with the Board approved long-term plans. And the governing board also take the responsibility of work of finance committee. So secretary is the head of finance department and take the responsibility with the support of accountant. So head of the finance department is secretary in Vikas Sansthan. The Head of Finance with oversight by the Finance Committee has the day-to-day operations responsibility for Vikas Sansthan's funds, ensuring the accuracy of the accounting records, internal controls, financial objectives and policies, financial statements preparation, and bank reconciliation review and approval.

The Accountant is directly supervised by the Head of Finance and is responsible for the preparation of the Chart of Accounts, Reporting Formats, Accounts Payable Processing, Payroll input and payroll processing, Cash Receipts input, Journal Entries for General Ledger, as well as Bank Reconciliations.

#### 3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Members of the governing board are prohibited from activities that might present conflicts of interest. The power of membership may not be used to personally benefit the member at the organisation's expense. Loans to members are prohibited.

4. BUDGETING PROCESS (The entire Board must approve the budget)

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Secretary shall be responsible for presenting to the governing board an annual operating budget draft sixty (60) days prior to the end of the fiscal year.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Vikas Sansthan's financial statements shall be prepared on an accrual basic in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP")

The presentation of the Financial Statements shall follow the recommendation of the Financial Accounting Standards, "Financial Statements of Not-For-Profit Organizations" Under GAAP, net assets and revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor- imposed restrictions. Accordingly, the net assets of the agency and changes shall be classified as unrestricted, temporarily restricted and permanently restricted.

Separate from Unrestricted Funds, resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and maintained for each fund. Several funds are in place for this purpose including but not limited to: Endowment Fund, Restricted Funds, Cash Management Fund, Property and Equipment Fund, etc.

The statements shall be presented to the governing board, senior management officer like Director.

## **CASH FUND**

A cash fund of one- quarter to one-third of the Agency's annual operating expenses shall be maintained. When the fund balance falls below this minimum, the governing board shall develop a plan and budget for rebuilding it.

#### 5. AUDIT

The Vikas Sansthan will have an audit of its financial statements annually, within 6 months of the end of each the fiscal year. The audit shall be completed by a firm of Independent Certified Public Accountants. The Agency president and the secretary shall have direct responsibility in overseeing the implementation of the Annual Financial Audit.

The Agency president and the secretary shall recommend to the governing board for approval, the selection of a perform the annual audit. In addition, the governing board shall assist when necessary in the audit preparation, and report the final results to the governing board. A representative of the audit firm shall be invited to attend the annual presentation to the governing board, and shall be required to make a presentation to the Board if the audit report is other than unqualified, or if the auditor's report material weaknesses in internal controls or reportable conditions.

The secretary or the Auditor shall prepare and it shall be reviewed by the, the Agency's president, and the governing board.

#### 6. REVENUE AND INCOME PROCEDURES

The Agency president and the secretary develops and proposes revenue goals and objectives and submits them to the governing board to Board discussion and approval.

All contributions shall be recorded in accordance with GAAP, with specific attention to standards. Contributions are recorded as pledged or received and must be credited to the appropriate revenue lines as presented in the annual budget and coded with the appropriate account number as designated in the Agency's Chart of Accounts.

## 7. RECORDING RECEIPTS

The following procedures cash received through the mail or given to a staff person shall be in place: Mail should be opened by a staff person that is not involved in the accounting function. All checks shall be endorsed with the Agency's official stamp. All cash and checks received through the mail shall be forwarded to the designated staff in the Fund Development Department, or other staff not involved in the accounting function. This person records all checks and cash by date, name of organisation or individual, designation, and amount.

After recording checks, or cash, they are forwarded to the accountant who record it for accounting purposes. An individual deposit ticket shall be prepared with triplicate copies, bearing a different designation of each account. That record shall include date of deposit, name of sender, amount, and designation. A copy of the bank deposit slip is retained in chronological order with copies of the deposited checks. All cash and checks shall be deposited the same business day if possible, and no later than the next business day into the Agency's Bank Account.

The same procedures followed for cash receipts shall be followed when mony are received by employees as contributions for special events.

Gifts received electronically, such as stock transfer or on-line contributions should be properly recorded by a staff person in the Fund department, and by the Accountant. Transaction should be periodically rechecked by the secretary.

The Accountant shall make the appropriate entries in the General Ledger books. The Accountant shall reconcile all logs of incoming cash/checks with the deposit slips, and with the record of receipts maintained by the Organization.

## 8. RECEIPTS TO DONORS

The President of Fund Development shall ensure that all donors and contributors shall receive proper acknowledgement of their contributions.

## **EXPENDITURES PROCEDURES**

All expenditures shall be approved by the secretary . All expenditures shall be coded by account number using the Agency's Chart of Accounts.

The Accountant maintains standard accounting records containing all aspect of the Agency's financial operations. They include but are not limited to: A general ledger, a check register, and a payroll register.

Invoices shall be approved by either the secretary. Following the review and approval, check payment vouchers shall be prepared and the invoices shall be distributed to the Agency's Accountant for check payment preparation. Upon payment of a bill, a copy of the check or duplicate of stub shall be stapled onto the bill and payment date and check number shall be printed on the invoice. The paid invoices shall be field alphabetically according to organisation / individual name and shall be kept on a fiscal year basic on file.

## 9. SIGNATURE POLICY

The Agency president and the secretary (two signatures) shall unless otherwise decided by the Board, sign all checks, drafts, or orders for payment of money, contracts, and commitments for services issued in the name of Agency. In the absence of either individual, the signature of the Chair of the Board must be obtained.

10. <u>COMPENSATION AND PAYROLL</u> (Important point: Ensure Board approval of CEO salary and salary ranges.)

Payroll is executed periodically. Pay checks or direct deposits will be provided to each employee by the Accountant.

Monthly payroll expenses shall be verified by the accountant against payroll reports and direct deposit reports and reconciled with checking account reports.

The compensation of the Agency's president shall be determined by the governing board or their designees and Secretary's compensation is based on a board-approved process that considers comparable data and secretary 's performance. The salaries of all other employees shall be determined by the secretary or executive Director. Compensation ranges for all staff positions shall be approved by the Agency's director. No employee of the Agency may be compensated outside of the approved range, without the approval of the governing boards

# 11. LOCAL TRAVEL AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS

Employees must abide by the Agency's Travel and Expense policy. Travel and expense reports for mileage, meals, hotel, supplies, etc., will be maintained by each employee and them submitted to the approval and payment on a weekly basic by the Accountant.

Mileage to and from the employee's residence to the place of work will not be paid by the Agency. Reimbursements will be based on the travel rate established by the secretary approval through the budgeting process. All parking and other expenditure receipts must be attached to the expense voucher as a condition for payment.

## 12. PURCHASING

Any expenditure in excess of an amount determined by the governing board for the purchase of a single item should have bids from three (3) supplies if possible. These bids are reviewed by the Head of Finance and the bid award must be specifically approved in advance by the Agency's president and the secretary .

Purchase of less than the approved amount may be made at the discretion of the Agency's Agency CEO or Head of Finance without competitive bids. However, for fixed assets, reasonable diligence should be exercised to comparatively shop for available shop for available sources.

Any purchase made by a Board members on behalf of the Agency will require prior approval by the president or executive director.

13. <u>LEASES AND OTHER CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS</u> (Important point: these Procedures do not include procedures for building ownership. If the Agency owns a building, then a separate section should be written.)

The Agency conducts a major part of its operations from leased facilities. Leases and other contractual agreements are negotiated by the secretary and executed with the approval of the Agency president. New leases in excess of an amount determined by the governing board require the approval of the governing board.

The Agency secretary and president are authorized to develop and enter into contractual agreements with vendors, bankers, and third parties for the purpose of ensuring the Agency's general operations. The governing board committee shall review such agreements and make recommendations when necessary.

# 14. NOTES, LOANS, ETC.

All notes, loans and other indebtedness to be contracted in the name of Agency (except open accounts and all other routine banking transactions), shall require the signature of Agency

secretary, unless otherwise specified by the Board or established in the present management policies and procedures. All indebtedness must be approved by the Agency's secretary.

## 15. DEEDS, CONVEYANCES, ETC.

The Agency president and the secretary shall execute all Deeds, Conveyances, Mortgages, Leases, Contracts and other instruments in the name of the Agency.

## 16. BANK ACCOUNTS AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

The secretary shall maintain and oversee Bank and Investment accounts, and ensure the Agency's day-to-day financial operations. Several accounts may be maintained by the Agency as follows:

- 1. Checking Account
- 2. Certificates of Deposit

These accounts may be changed as the Agency's financial conditions and requirements change.

## 17. CHECKING ACCOUNT

All checks, cash, money orders and credit card deposits, are reviewed by the Accountant and deposited in the appropriate Accounts. Fund raising events, foundations and corporate donations and miscellaneous contributions, shall be deposited into the Money Market Account or the investment account when necessary, by the secretary. Checks are written weekly to meet obligations, or ongoing operational expenditures.

## 18. BANK RECONCILIATIONS

Bank reconciliations shall be completed monthly by the Accountant and cross-referenced with the cash and receipts logs and the monthly Financial Statements. The Financial Statements shall be compiled by the secretary. The Statements shall be then reviewed by the Agency secretary and presented to the governing board .

All Bank Statements, and Endowment Fund Reports will be reconciled every month by the Accountant, and records will be kept in the Finance office.

## 19. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include all cash balances and highly liquid investments with a maturity of six months or less. The Agency places its temporary cash investments with highly rated financial institutions. The secretary shall closely monitors the balances of the Checking account, Money Market and Certificates of Deposit accounts.

## **INSURANCES**



Reasonable and adequate coverage will be maintained to protect the Agency's interests as well as the governing board members and the Agency's employees. The following insurance policies shall be kept on a yearly basis: Commercial Property Contents and Computer Policy, General and Professional Liability Insurance, Directors and Officers Liability Insurance, Employee's Dishonesty Bond Insurance, Employee's Life Insurance, Workers Compensation Insurance, Long-Term Disability Insurance, and Employees Health Insurance.

Insurance Policies shall be carefully reviewed by the Agency's president and secretary before renewal each year.

# 20. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment shall be stated at historical cost. Depreciation is computed over the estimated useful lives of the assets using the straight-line method. A Depreciation schedule shall be prepared and maintained by the Agency's secretary on an annual basis, taking into consideration the annual equipment inventory. A Property Removal From shall be required for the removal of the Agency's property, supplies, and/or equipment from the Agency's premises.

# 21. DONATED MATERIALS AND SERVICES

Donated materials and equipment shall be reflected in the Financial Statements at their estimated values measured on the date of receipt. Volunteers donate time to the Agency's Program services on an on-going basic. Other volunteers contribute time and services for Administrative or Fundraising activities. Such contributed services are generally not reflected in the Agency's financial statements, since there is no objective way of assessing their value.

# 22. CONFIDENTIALITY AND RECORDS SECURITY

Financial records are restricted materials with limited access. Only the president and director and secretary and Accountant (or others so authorized) shall have access to financial records (vendors' files, checks, journals, payroll, etc.).

## 23. DOCUMENT RETENTION

Financial documents are retained for a period of time in keeping with State law and the recommendations of the Indian government.

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## 24. TAX REPORTING

The Agency is exempt from income taxes the Internal Revenue Code as amended. Accordingly, no provisions for income taxes shall be reflected in the financial statements.

## **Appendix**

## **Effective Systems of Internal Control**

#### General

Internal control can be divided into two areas: accounting controls and administrative controls.

Administrative controls deals with the operations of the business, whereas the accounting controls deal with accounting for such operations. Accounting controls should be designed to achieve the five basic objectives:

#### Validation

Validation is the examination of documentation by secretary / executive director with an understanding of the accounting system, for evidence that a recorded transaction actually took place and that it occurred in accordance with the prescribed procedures. As systems grow more sophisticated, validation is a built in component whereby the transactions test themselves against predetermined exceptions.

## Accuracy

The accuracy of amounts and account classification is achieved by establishing control tasks to check calculations, extensions, and additions and account classifications. The control objective is to be certain that each transaction is recorded at the correct amount, in the appropriate, account, in the right time period.

## Completeness

Completeness of control tasks ensures that all transactions are initially recorded on a control document and accepted for processing once and once only. Completeness controls are needed to ensure proper summarization of information and proper preparation of financial reports. To ensure proper summarization of recorded transactions as well as a final check of Completeness, subsidiary ledgers and journals with control accounts need to be maintained.

#### Maintenance

The objective of the maintenance controls is to monitor accounting records after the entry of transactions to ensure that they continue to reflect accurately the operation of the business.

The control system should provide systematic responses to errors when they occur, to changed conditions, and to new type of transactions. The maintenance function should be

accomplished principally by the operation of the system itself. Control maintenance policies require procedures, decisions, documentation, and subsequent review by a responsible authorized individual. Disciplinary control tasks, such as supervision and segregation of duties, should ensure that the internal control system is operating as planned.

## **Physical Security**

It is important in the organizations that the assets are adequately protected. Physical security of assets that access to assets be limited to authorize personnel. One means to limit access to both assets and related accounting records is through the use of physical controls. Protection devices restrict unauthorized personnel form obtaining direct access to assets or indirect access through accounting records that could be used to misappropriate assets. Locked storage facilities restrict access to inventories, and fireproof vaults prevent access to petty cash vouchers. Transaction recording equipment limits access to assets limiting the number of employees involved in recording and posting transactions.

