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From: Sarah Lendon
Sent: 15 June 2010 2:48 PM
To: Debbie Muirhead; Steve Taylor; Melissa Davies
Cc: Petra Kavunenko
Subject: FW: Australian Development Research Awards Funding Agreement #49920 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Debbie, Steve, Melissa,
 FYI – the response from Tony Fry. I am not responding but wanted to let you know in case any issues arise.
 Cheers,
 Sarah

From: Tony Fry [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 June 2010 11:52 AM
To: Sarah Lendon
Subject: RE: Australian Development Research Awards Funding Agreement #49920 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Sarah,
 I have just returned from Timor, hence to delay in my reply.

I am sorry but I do not believe your ruling is in line with the position as stated when the funding was given. Equally, giving no support to phase two of the project is, in my view, counter to Australia's interests in East Timor.

Regards,
 Tony Fry.

From: Sarah Lendon [REDACTED]
To: Tony Fry [REDACTED]
Cc: Petra Kavunenko [REDACTED]
Date: 02/06/2010 11:26 PM
Subject: RE: Australian Development Research Awards Funding Agreement #49920 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Tony,

Australian Development Research Awards Funding Agreement #49920 – Education, Creative Industries, Development and Timor Leste: An Institutional Case Study

Thank you for your email of 16 May regarding your submission for additional funding. While we understand your concern that AusAID is not prepared to fund Phase 2 of your project, we are not in a position to reconsider this decision. From the documentation we have on Phase 2, it goes beyond the scope of the Australian Development Research Awards which is “to support high quality research that informs policy development and/or increases the stock of knowledge around development problems”. The Phase 1 research can be used to inform the Government of East Timor or other

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relevant groups for their use in implementation.

Best regards,

Sarah

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From: Tony Fry s.47F
Sent: 24 May 2010 12:30 PM
To: Sarah Lendon
Cc: Petra Kavunenko
Subject: RE: Australian Development Research Awards Funding Agreement #49920 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Sarah,
Any progress re below?

Best,

Tony Fry

-----Sarah Lendon s.47F wrote: -----

To: Tony Fry s.47F
From: Sarah Lendon s.47F
Date: 05/17/2010 10:28AM
cc: Peter Heyward s.47F, Petra Kavunenko
s.47F, Ali Gillies s.47F

Subject: RE: Australian Development Research Awards Funding Agreement #49920 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Tony,
Thank you for your email. I am looking into this and will be in touch shortly.
Best regards,
Sarah

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From: Tony Fry s.47F

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Sent: 16 May 2010 3:11 PM

To: Sarah Lendon

Cc: Peter Heyward

Subject: Re: Australian Development Research Awards Funding Agreement #49920 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Sarah Lendon,

I am extremely disappointed with that additional funding has not been granted to the Griffith University project Education, Creative Industries, Development and Timor Leste: An Institutional Case Study. What is distressing about the AusAID decision is that does not seem to be based on any real understanding of the project - I base this remark on the comment from the email below - 'The project is providing a valuable service in preserving the cultural history of East Timor'. THIS IS NOT WHAT THE PROJECT IS ABOUT. Gaining a data-base of object of cultural history is a means toward the project's primary end. The project is actually about gaining the knowledge and cultural resources to establish a design-based creative industry in East Timor, and in so doing creating employment for young people and making a contribution to the nation's economic and cultural development. This is absolutely clear from the original application, this is what AusAid in East Timor understand we are doing, and it is what the Timorese Government understand what we are doing, so why does it not register with your office?

There seems to be no grasp of just how cost effective the investment in this type of project is or of the implications of not supporting the development curriculum as a communication to the Government of East Timor (unless AusAid for some reason does not want the project to be realised). As for the initial funding arrangement re the comment in the email below that funding was just approved 'only to Phase 1' - this was on the basis that the project had no local partner. It now has this and a MoU exists (as pointed out in the report documents). This I was told would provide the grounds to review the situation, you do not appear to have taken this fact into account.

For the reasons I have just stated I request that you further review my request or any variation thereof.

Regards,

Tony Fry

s.47F

“approval for funding applies only to Phase 1

-----Petra Kavunenکو wrote: -----

To: Tony Fry s.47F

From: Petra Kavunenکو s.47F

Date: 05/14/2010 05:28PM

cc: Sarah Lendon s.47F

Subject: Australian Development Research Awards Funding Agreement #49920 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Dr Fry

Australian Development Research Awards Funding Agreement #49920 – Education, Creative Industries, Development and Timor Leste: An Institutional Case Study

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I apologise for the delay in providing a formal response to your first annual progress report on the above study and to your submission for additional funding for phase 2 (curriculum development).

1. AusAID has reviewed and accepts the progress report. The achievements of Year 1 appear in line with the original project proposal. The project is providing a valuable service in preserving the cultural history of East Timor. We would be interested in seeing a copy of your October 2009 paper. Please forward an invoice to enable us to process the second tranche of funding for this project (AUD87,622).

2. With regard to your submission on Phase 2 on curriculum development, AusAID has, after additional consultation, decided not to approve funding for this work. I refer you to AusAID's letter of 4 February 2009 advising you that "approval for funding applies only to Phase 1 and there is no commitment by AusAID to support Phase 2 of the proposal".

If you would like to discuss these issues further please contact me or my director, Sarah Lendon.

Regards,

Petra

Petra Kavunenko

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