

Annex 3

Index on Censorship: policy on acceptance of funds (January 2015)

Responsibility for the acceptance of funds rests with the trustees, who have delegated decisions to the chief executive. Cases of doubt will be referred to the trustees.

Index on Censorship cannot accept donations:

1. Where the acceptance of such funds would lower the standing of the organisation in the eyes of its current supporters or members of the general public.
2. From individuals, organisations and corporations whose goals, objectives and activities are contradictory and inimical to the registered charitable objects of the charity.
3. From individuals, organisations and corporations whose monies are associated with criminal enterprises and activities.
4. Where the acceptance of such funds would cost the organisation more than the intended donation or where the donation has conditions attached which are unduly onerous or costly.
5. Where the organisation has first to spend its own money and the assets of the organisation would therefore be under undue or inappropriate risk.
6. Where the donor requires part of the donation to be given to a third party or returned at a future date e.g. money laundering. N.B. Loans made under a written contract may be acceptable.
7. From any organisation that engages in activities which would directly damage the interests of the charity or limit Index on Censorship's ability to carry out its stated objectives.

For all donors, there is a risk of over-dependence on a single source of whichever type. The below outlines our policy on the amount of funding we will accept by donor type.

(i) Trusts and Foundations

Index may accept up to 15% of the organisation's annual turnover from a single trust or foundation, provided it meets the above criteria. Any potential grant that amounts to more than 15% of turnover would be referred to the chair of trustees.

(ii) Governments and International

Index may accept up to 10% of the organisation's annual turnover from a government-funded body or multinational organisation, provided it meets the above criteria. Any potential grant that amounts to more than 10% of turnover would be referred to the chair of trustees.

(iii) Corporate Donors

Index may accept up to 10% of the organisation's annual turnover from a single corporate donor, provided it meets the above criteria. Any potential grant that amounts to more than 10% of turnover would be referred to the chair of trustees.

Grants should be considered cumulatively – i.e. the CEO and board must consider the total donation being offered by an institution over the course of a year rather than the individual grants.