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### SANCTION ORDER

F.No. COVID/230/21/2020-21/ICSSR

Dated: 26-02-2021

The Registrar,  
University of Madras  
Dept. of Women Studies, University of Madras, Chennai-600005

Subject: Sanction of Research Project entitled "Coping Strategies adopted by Vulnerable Groups to Negotiate Precarity during COVID - 19 (Lockdown) in Tamilnadu –An Exploratory Study of Intersectional Factors" under Special Call for Studies Focusing on Social Science Dimensions of Covid-19 Coronavirus Pandemic to Dr. V. Bharathi Harishankar

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) considered the above Research project under Special Call for Studies Focusing on Social Science Dimensions of Covid-19 Coronavirus Pandemic submitted by Dr. V. Bharathi Harishankar, Professor and Head, dept. of women studies, University of Madras. Co-Project Directors of the study are: Dr. N.A, Arivukkarasi.
2. The study, as proposed by the researcher, is to be located at and financially administered by your affiliating institution as per the guidelines of this award.
3. The ICSSR has sanctioned a grant-in-aid of Rs. 600000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Only Only) for the above research project and the grant will be released as follows:

First instalment (25%)	:Rs. 150000/-
Second instalment (40%)	:Rs. 240000/-
Third instalment (25%)	:Rs. 150000/-
Fourth Instalment (5%)	:Rs. 30000/-
Publication cost* (5%)	:Rs. 30000/-
<b>Total</b>	<b>:Rs. 600000/-</b>
Overhead charges over and above 5% or maximum Rs.1,00,000	: Rs. 30000/-**

\* ICSSR would publish it subject to recommendation by the expert and relevant Committees for the purpose, from the overall budget, so to be retained by the ICSSR .

\*\*will be released on successful completion of project after evaluation.  
(The break-up budget approved by the ICSSR of Rs. 600000/- is enclosed).

4. The First Installment of the approved grant-in-aid will be released after receiving the grant-in-aid bill duly filled in, stamped and signed by the Project Director as well as the affiliating organization. (GIB already received).
5. In case, the study involves survey research, the finalized schedules/questionnaires (2 copies) designed to elicit information should be sent to the ICSSR as per the following schedule:
  - a) If the schedule/questionnaire for eliciting information is as per standard questionnaire, these will have to be sent to ICSSR immediately,

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- b) If the schedule /questionnaire for eliciting information are to be designed afresh keeping in view the requirements of the project, these will have to be sent to the ICSSR within a period of six months in any case.
6. The Second instalment will be released after receiving a satisfactory mid-term progress report along with a simple statement of account of the first instalment.
7. Before the release of Third instalment, soft copy of the Final Report (in both pdf and word format) along with test report of plagiarism check carried by scholar him/herself to be submitted for its acceptance. The plagiarism test should be carried by using Turnitin/iThenticate software and degree of similarity must be below 16%. ICSSR itself will also verify the plagiarism result.
- After acceptance of report by the ICSSR, Project Director would be required to submit the following:
- Two hard copies of modified Final Report free from plagiarism,
  - Ten copies of executive summary of 3000 to 4000 words
  - Final soft copy (in both pdf and word format) in pen drive.
  - At least one, preferably two or more Research Papers.
  - Soft copy of data related to Research project for the archival purpose and its dissemination.
8. The scholar shall acknowledge support of ICSSR in all publications resulting from the project output (Research Paper, Books, Articles, Reports, etc.) and should submit a copy of the same to the ICSSR during its course till completion. ICSSR will have first right to publish in original/improved/edited form of the above mentioned output of the project.
9. The Fourth instalment will be released on the receipt of:
- Satisfactory book length of the Final Report in the publishable form after incorporating all corrections, suggestions of the expert;
  - Statement of accounts with Utilization Certificate in GFR of 12A form for the entire project amount duly signed by the Finance Officer/Registrar/Principal/Director of the affiliating institution
  - A certificate of statement of assets and books purchased out of the project fund issued by the affiliating institution.
10. The University/Institution of affiliation will provide to the scholar office accommodation including furniture, library and research facilities and messengerial services. For this, the ICSSR shall pay to the University/Institution of affiliation overhead charges @ 5% of the total expenditure Incurred on the project only after successful completion of the project.
11. The Contingency Grant may be utilized for research and office assistance, books, stationary, computer cost, research assistance and the field work expenses of Project Director, Co-Project Directors and research personnel connected with the research work.
12. The overhead charges to the affiliating Institution over and above @ 5% or maximum Rs.1,00,000 will be released only after successful completion of the project after evaluation. The accounts and the Utilization Certificate will be signed by the Finance Officer/Registrar/Principal/Director In the case of accounts of the institution are audited by CAG/AG. Otherwise, they need to be signed by the Finance Officer and the Chartered Account.
13. The Project Director of the research project will be Dr. Dr. V. Bharathi Harishankar, who will be responsible for its completion within 9 months from the date of commencement of the project i.e. 1st March 2021.
14. The Project Director will abide by all conditions mentioned in guidelines, award letter, sanction order and any other order Issued from time to time.
15. In case, the Project Director does not submit the periodic / final project report as per schedule with adequate justification, the scholar may be penalized or even debarred from availing all future financial assistance from ICSSR.

