

**Grant Agreement
Between
The Partnership for Transparency Fund
And
Consumer Unity & Trust Society**

1. The Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS) has requested financial support of the Partnership for Transparency Fund (PTF) to implement a program for corruption awareness and prevention in Rajasthan, India by advocating exercise of citizens' rights provided in the Rights to Information (RTI) Act. The program will be called **'Combating Corruption in Rajasthan State, India, by Applying RTI Act as a Tool'** and will commence on **1 March, 2007**
2. CUTS has submitted the attached Project Proposal dated 5 February, 2007, which includes background information on CUTS, an operational plan for the project, and a detailed breakdown of costs.
3. On the basis of this information, PTF has approved a grant of US\$24,400 (United States dollars twenty-four thousand four hundred) to be disbursed in three tranches each for the purposes spelled out in the attached document. The tranches will be disbursed as follows:
 - First tranche of \$10,980 (United States dollars ten thousand nine hundred eighty) to be disbursed on signature of this Grant Agreement.
 - Second tranche of \$10,980 (United States dollars ten thousand nine hundred eighty) to be disbursed once the first tranche has been used and the Block Level Consultations (BLCs) have been satisfactorily completed.
 - Third tranche of \$ 2,440 (United States dollars two thousand four hundred forty) to be disbursed on receipt from CUTS of a satisfactory project completion report that describes and assesses the project achievements including some assessment of impact.
 - CUTS will use \$2,440 (United States dollars two thousand four hundred forty) from its own sources to complete the project after which it will be compensated once the third tranche has been disbursed.

The uses of the PTF funds will be for the budget items listed in the attached Project Proposal.

4. The PTF Grant will be made available to CUTS on the following conditions:
 - (a) The grant will be used only for the purposes described in the attached Project Proposal. Any material changes in the use of project funds or project design shall be made only with the agreement of the PTF.
 - (b) Any funds remaining at the end of the project shall be returned by CUTS to the PTF.
 - (c) CUTS shall keep a record of all expenditures incurred under the project and will provide PTF a full certified accounting of these expenditures, with relevant documentation, on completion of the project, or no later than May 2008. These expenditures will also be subject to the regular auditing requirements of CUTS and CUTS will furnish the PTF with a copy of the relevant audit if so requested.
 - (d) CUTS will make brief quarterly reports on the implementation of the project accompanied by a statement of expenditure showing the use of PTF funds and, on project completion, a full detailed final report summarising the implementation of the project and its outcome and assessing the impact of the project on reducing corruption in the Rajasthan, India, its likely sustainability and the lessons learned,

together with a certified final itemised statement of expenditure. The latter report will be sent within two months of the completion of the Project, together with a copy of any other reports prepared under the Project.

(e) Following project completion, the PTF may make its own independent ex post evaluation of the implementation, outcome and impact of the project. CUTS will furnish the person appointed to undertake this task all possible assistance and access to all relevant documents.

(f) CUTS will post this agreement, the Project Proposal, the final project report, and the statement of expenditures on the CUTS Website.

5. CUTS will be responsible for securing all necessary government approvals of the grant, if any, and any necessary government filings. CUTS will be responsible for paying any tax liability arising from the grant.

6. PTF will disburse the first tranche of \$10,980 (United States dollars ten thousand nine hundred eighty) on the signature of this Grant Agreement; the second tranche will be disbursed once a certified statement of expenditure is received by PTF showing the itemised use made of the first tranche funds accompanied by a brief report on progress made in the implementation of the project.

7. CUTS on its part commits to provide counterpart funding of \$2,440 (United States dollars two thousand four hundred forty) to make up the balance of \$26,840 (United States dollars twenty-six thousand eight hundred forty) estimated total cost of the project, and any additional balances needed to complete the project.

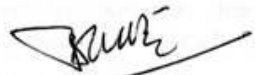
8. The signed copy of this Grant Agreement and the request for the subsequent tranche releases may be faxed to the Secretary of the PTF at 1-202-522-2653. The original copy of the Grant Agreement should be mailed to Daniel Ritchie, Secretary, PTF, at 4355 Klinge Street NW, Washington DC 20016, USA.

Dated: 2007.02.19

For
The Partnership for Transparency Fund

Daniel Ritchie
Secretary

Agreed:

1. 
Pradeep S. Mehta
Secretary General

2. 
Ajit Singh
Secretary



Date: 2007.02.19

Attachment – Project Proposal and Budget dated 5 February 2007