

Partner Contributions: Are they Matched or Leveraged?



MEOPAR, operating under the guidelines of the Strategic Science Fund (SSF)—an Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada (ISED) initiative—seeks to maximize the value of the Canadian taxpayer dollar. Under SSF, partner contributions are a key performance indicator that MEOPAR must report on. Leveraged funding is important to SSF, but matched funding is more important. To fulfill this indicator, MEOPAR asks applicants to account for these contributions and proposals will be evaluated on this metric. So, which category do your partner contributions fall into?

Start with SSF Definitions

Partner means an organization that helps MEOPAR carry out its mandate. Includes, but is not limited to Ultimate Recipients (i.e., organizations or individuals that receive MEOPAR funds to deliver specific activities or components of a project) and entities involved in the delivery of programs or projects.

Matched means new, incremental contributions (of cash or in-kind) for Eligible SSF Costs, which would not exist in the absence of a MEOPAR award (i.e. cash or in-kind that can be directly attributed to MEOPAR's SSF funding).

Examples of Partner Contributions:

- The partner agrees to waive or reduce its usual overhead rate
- Cash or in kind contributions from university, industry, NGO or philanthropic organization

Leveraged means existing investments in the  ST&I ecosystem being leveraged to further the objectives of the Ultimate Recipient. Includes cash or in-kind from federally funded entities (e.g., CFI, organizations primarily funded by the federal government) and from federal departments and agencies.

Examples of Partner Contributions:

- Funding or partnerships with government agencies or researchers (e.g. DFO, ECCC, NRCan, NRC, NSERC, DND, HC, CIRNAC, TC, or any other government agency)
- Contributions sourced from CFREF (e.g. Transforming Climate Action) or CFI funded projects (e.g. Ocean Networks Canada)

Discounted rental fees or services?

Matched when sourced from university, industry, NGO, philanthropic organization

Leveraged when sourced from government funded agencies or entities

Partner salaries + benefits:

Does the financial support come from a government funding agency (e.g. NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR),  CFREF (e.g. TCA) or CFI project (e.g. ONC), or SSF program (e.g. MITACS)?

No

Yes

It's matched

Does the financial support come direct from the partner?

It's leveraged
(Common for student funding)