

# DPGA Secretariat Financing Code of Conduct

## Introduction to the Code of Conduct

The Digital Public Goods Alliance Secretariat depends on agreements with a limited number of funders for financing of its operations.

The DPGA Financing Code of Conduct has been developed to ensure that the DPGA Secretariat can be sustainably financed to work with neutrality and integrity to advance the DPGA's mission, strategic objectives, and targets. All funders of the DPGA have read and agreed to operate in alignment with this Code of Conduct.

## DPGA Financing Code of Conduct Objectives

- Ensure that the activities of the DPGA Secretariat are pursued solely in support of the DPGA's mission, strategic objectives, and targets and not compromised by potential or perceived conflicts of interest related to funding arrangements.
- Ensure that arrangements and relationships between the DPGA Secretariat and funders are transparent and open to public scrutiny.

## DPGA funding categories

In line with these objectives, only the following categories of funding will be accepted by the DPGA Secretariat:

- Core or softly earmarked grant funding or in-kind support (i.e. developer or designer time), provided without mandatory allocation or restriction to specific activities or projects in broad support of the DPGA's strategic goals and objectives.
- Grant funding or in-kind support (i.e. developer or designer time) to support specific projects or initiatives in direct response to needs defined by the Secretariat as part of achieving DPGA strategic objectives and targets.

## Guidelines for interactions between the DPGA Secretariat and DPGA funders

The following guidelines have been developed to support the Secretariat and funders in their interactions on financing arrangements:

- Starting in H2, 2024, the DPGA Secretariat will provide public updates on financing agreements on our website.
- Where funders sit on the DPGA Governance Board, they have the same voting and influence rights as other board members.
- Where funders do not sit on the DPGA Governance Board, they will be invited to contribute as non-voting participants in one DPGA Governance Board meeting per year.