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## FOREIGN EXPERIENCE OF GRANT-MAKING AS SUPPORT FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Science is a source of economic growth for each country, and the state should take measures for supporting scientific and technological activities. In the system of scientific funding, financial incentives provided by individuals or legal entities to scientists by the State to encourage them to engage in scientific research and to provide material support for specific basic or applied research are essential. Special place in the system of financial motivation for scientific activity belongs to grants.

Studying the concept of "grant" as a form of financial support for scientific and technical activities and researching leading scientists in the field, it was concluded that the reason for the lack of unity in the views of scientists on the definition of "grant" is its relatively recent origin and different approach to this issue in different countries.

With the purpose of detailed studying of a theme features of grant-making as a form of support for scientific researches in the advanced European countries, etc. are considered. With the purpose of detailed studying of a theme features of grant-making as a form of support for scientific researches in the advanced European countries are considered. The specific features of grants in the United States of America were studied in detail.

It was determined that grants as a form of research funding were finally formed in the United States in 1950, when the U.S. Congress created a large government grant fund - the National Science Foundation (NSF). At the current stage in the U.S. budget funding of grants reaches about 70% of all grants awarded in the world.

The following features of the grant system in the U.S. are determined: 1) grants are an important source of funding for scientific and technical activities in the country, have a significant impact on the professional and scientific reputation of scientific institutions and scientists who receive them; 2) the country has established two parallel grant systems - public (grants are provided from public and federal funds) and private (grants are provided from private funds); 3) government grants turned out to be the optimal regulator of scientific progress, as grant funds ensure the most efficient use of budget funds due to the principles of competitiveness; 4) the main government grant fund in the U.S. is the National Science Foundation (NSF), which provides 24% of funding for all basic research in the country; 5) The grant-making mechanism includes the following steps: a) identifying grants; b) preparing the grant application; c) selecting applications; d) awarding grants; and 6) seeking and receiving grants through fundraising companies specializing in grant-making support.

The model of public grant financing through the state grant fund, which is widespread all over the world, was taken as a basis in Ukraine. The legal basis for awarding grants in Ukraine is defined.

A recent study had concluded that the experience of foreign developed countries proves that the provision of grants as a form of support for scientific research creates favorable conditions for the scientific and technological development of the country and the effective functioning of scientific institutions. Support for the infrastructure of scientific institutions includes basic funding, and grant funding for specific work carried out by the organization is complementary. Grant funding creates a multidimensional system of funding for scientific institutions that provides basic stable funding and flexibility in the implementation of specific research.

**Key words:** grant, grant financing, state support, scientific research, scientific projects, foreign experience, grant-making.

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