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Lydia Brazon, Interim Executive Director  
Alex Steinberg, Pacifica National Board Chair  
The Pacifica Foundation  
3729 Cahuenga Boulevard West  
Los Angeles, CA 91604

Subject: Pacifica Foundation's Removal from the Radio Community Service Grant (CSG) Program

Dear Ms. Brazon and Mr. Steinberg,

This letter serves to inform you that Pacifica Foundation (Licensee) is no longer eligible for CPB's Radio Community Service Grant (CSG) program effective May 31, 2020 (Termination Date). Licensee does not comply with the Radio CSG General Provisions and Eligibility Criteria (General Provisions) and has not completed the corrective actions detailed in CPB's Management Determination and Required Actions letter dated March 28, 2013, in response to the Office of Inspector General audit report number ASR1202-1208, published September 21, 2012. Because neither the Licensee nor KPFA-FM, KPFK-FM, KPFT-FM, WBAI-FM, or WPFW-FM (collectively Stations) has met or taken adequate steps to comply with the CSG eligibility requirements, CPB removed the Licensee and all of its Stations from the CSG program.

**Music Licensing Agreements**

As of the Termination Date, Licensee and Stations are no longer covered by the music licensing agreements that CPB negotiates and pays for on behalf of public media. Licensee and Stations will need to make other arrangements for the reporting of music use and payment of statutory license fees under the rules established by the U.S. Copyright Office.

**Return of CSG Overpayment**

As communicated in CPB's Management Determination and Required Actions letter dated March 28, 2013, Licensee is required to return \$137,506 in CSG overpayments. Please mail a check in the amount of \$137,506 made payable to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to the address below no later than 30 days from the date of this letter:

Nick Stromann, Vice President  
Corporation for Public Broadcasting  
401 Ninth Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20004

**Pacifica kicked out of CPB grant program.**

**Pacifica also lost their free access to CPB's music license, and had to make costly arrangements to continue to play licensed music on the air.**

**Pacifica has since paid the \$137,000 overdue bill, but will still have to re-apply to CPB's grant program. Currently the grant program is not open to new applicants.**

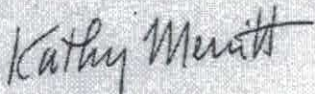
**Future Radio CSG Program Eligibility**

To be considered for re-entry to the CSG program, the Radio CSG program must be open to new applicants, Licensee and Stations must demonstrate full compliance with the General Provisions at the time of application, and Licensee and Stations must fulfill all requirements outlined in the March 28, 2013 letter. All eligibility determinations will be made by CPB at its sole discretion.

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Questions regarding Radio CSG grantee requirements should be directed to CPB's Office of Grants Administration at [CSG@cpb.org](mailto:CSG@cpb.org).

Sincerely,



Kathy Merritt  
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Katherine Arno  
Vice President, Community Service Grants and Station Initiatives

CC: VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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