



Job Description

SPANNA (The Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad) is the global charity for the working animals of the world. Since our foundation in 1923, we have worked where they work, to support the welfare of working animals, including horses, donkeys, mules, oxen, dogs and camels. Find out more at www.spanna.org

Vision Our vision is a world where every working animal lives a healthy and valued life.

Mission Our mission is to transform the welfare of working animals in a world where animals, people and the environment are respected and thrive.

Job title:	Grants Finance Officer
Reports to:	Grants Compliance Manager
Location:	UK based, hybrid working with regular attendance (approximately 1-2 days per month, or more if preferred) in our London office
Terms:	Full-time (34.5 hour per week), permanent
Salary	c.£34,000 per annum subject to skills and experience
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 26 days annual leave, plus bank holidays; further leave accrues after two years of service to a maximum of 30 days.• Generous company pension scheme with 10 per cent employer contribution if employee contributes a minimum of five per cent.• Healthcare cash plan with Mediacash, including access to virtual GP appointments.• Enhanced employee assistance programme.• Group income protection and life insurance scheme.• Volunteer day programme.

Purpose of the role

SPANA is investing in its Grants and Compliance function to strengthen financial oversight and accountability across its global partnerships. The Grants and Compliance team plays a critical role in safeguarding resources, supporting partners and ensuring compliance with donor requirements and SPANA's internal policies. The team works closely with colleagues across departments and with partner organisations to deliver impactful programmes for the welfare of working animals worldwide.

Reporting to the Grants Compliance Manager, the Grants Finance Officer is a key role within this function. The position ensures robust financial management of grants and partner funding by reviewing financial reports, conducting compliance checks and supporting partners with capacity building. The role also maintains accurate grant records, assists with due diligence and contributes to risk assessments and audit processes. By providing clear financial support and guidance, the Grants Finance Officer helps SPANA and its partners meet donor expectations and strengthen accountability, ultimately enabling better programme delivery and impact.

Key responsibilities

Area 1: Grant partner financial oversight

- Review partner financial reports and supporting documentation for accuracy, completeness and compliance with donor and organisational requirements.
- Conduct cost eligibility checks on partner budgets and expenditures.
- Follow up on financial discrepancies or missing documentation with partners.
- Ensure timely review and processing of partner drawdowns, maintaining accurate records of fund transfers and acknowledgements.
- Conduct partner asset verifications in line with grant agreement provisions.
- Review partner inventory records to ensure alignment with procurement and usage.

Area 2: Capacity building and support

- Provide training and ongoing support to partners on financial management, donor compliance and reporting requirements.
- Support partners in developing budgets and financial plans aligned with project objectives and SPANA guidelines.

Area 3: Grant management and reporting

- Maintain accurate and up-to-date grant records in the accounting and grants Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems.
- Assist in conducting partner due diligence assessments and provide recommendations for improvement.
- Support the preparation and review of grant agreements and amendments.
- Prepare partner risk assessments and monitoring plans based on due diligence outcomes.
- Conduct and document sanction checks on partner organisations.
- Conduct due diligence exercises for project partners.
- Support internal audits and donor reporting processes by providing timely and accurate financial data.

Area 4: Compliance and controls

- Ensure all financial activities comply with internal controls and donor regulations.

- Contribute to the development and continuous improvement of financial procedures, tools and templates for grant management.
- Monitor partner compliance with local statutory laws, particularly in relation to remuneration and employment practices.

In addition, undertake any other duty or responsibility that may reasonably be required for this role. Travel may be required for this position to support grant partners.

Person specification

Knowledge and education

- A recognised undergraduate qualification in accounting, finance, or a related field.
- Strong understanding of donor compliance requirements and eligible cost criteria.
- A good understanding of due diligence processes and risk assessments.

Experience and skills

- Experience reviewing financial reports within the non-profit or international development sectors.
- Experience reviewing partner budgets as part of a compliance process.
- Experience working with international donors (eg, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, European Union, United States Agency for International Development, United Nations agencies).
- Proficiency in enterprise resource planning systems and Microsoft Office, with strong familiarity with Excel.
- Experience managing different priorities and a varied workload.

Personal attributes

- Excellent attention to detail and strong organisational and analytical skills.
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to work collaboratively with partners from diverse cultural backgrounds.
- A commitment to SPANA's mission to transform the welfare of working animals.

Desirable criteria

- French language skills
- Experience in capacity building or delivering financial training to partners.

Applicants must have the right to work in the UK currently and for the duration of the contract.

To apply: Send a CV and cover letter/email (totalling no more than two pages) to recruitment@spana.org. Please state where you saw the role advertised in the body of your email. If you have any questions about the role, please feel free to email us.

We recognise that candidates may choose to use AI in their application documents. We recommend that candidates ensure that their use of AI is considered and that their application documents accurately reflect their skills and experience. Applicants are advised that we do not use AI in our application review process and all applications are independently reviewed by a minimum of two members of the team. Some interview

processes will involve skills assessments which we expect candidates to complete without the use of AI.

Deadline: 23:59 GMT on Wednesday 14 January 2026

All applications will be acknowledged. Unfortunately, once a vacancy has closed, we are unable to consider further applications.

Applications without a cover letter/email explaining how you meet the requirements for the role will not be considered.