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<p>Main objectives: To maintain the smooth functioning of R & D activities in Universities and Research Institutions in order to establish a sustainable and viable research culture in the country.</p> <p>Specific objectives: To maintain the infrastructure facilities available for R & D for socio-economic development of the country.</p> <p>Corporate Plan Reference: 1.1.5</p> <p>Objective: (1.1) : To drive Promote and Support RD & Initiatives of the National Research and Innovation System (NIRS)</p>		
<p>Rationale : Purchasing of spare parts for research equipment has become a major problem for universities and R & D institutions due to financial constraints. In order to overcome this problem NSF initiated the Research spare parts grants scheme to enable the researchers to purchase the necessary spare parts to repair/maintain the equipments.</p> <p>The scheme strengthens the facilities available for R & D activities leading towards the socio economic development of the country.</p>		
<p>Programme consideration :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance the functioning of research equipment in Universities and Research & Development institutions. • Sustain and strengthen the infrastructure facilities available for scientific research. • Support NSF funded on-going research projects. • Consider funding many spare parts based on the need of the project/ programme. 		
<p>Programme guidelines :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications are entertained throughout the year, and the details are available on the NSF Web www.nsf.ac.lk. • Applicants for the Research Spare Part Grants must be citizens of, and residing in Sri Lanka and registered with the STMIS database of the NSF. • Spare Parts exceeding Rs. 500,000/= can be entertained in exceptional cases, but need to be strongly justified by the Head of the Institution. 		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed application form(s) together with three (03) valid quotations from local suppliers should be sent to the NSF. • The applications that conform to the NSF guidelines and selection criteria are tabulated. • The scheduled applications are evaluated against the current criteria and the applications that comply with the criteria are recommended for funding by the Board Sub-Committee. • Recommended applications will be forwarded to the Board of Management for approval. • Once the Board approval is granted the Award Letter and the Contractual Agreement are sent to the applicant. • Once the Agreement is formalized the NSF will send a copy of the formalized agreement to the Grantee's Institution. • The recipient institution will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.) required to process, finalize and fix the Spare Part within four (04) months from the date of release of funds. b.) required to follow its own purchasing procedure and financial regulations as is being practiced currently c.) required to submit a copy of the Goods Received Note (GRN) to the NSF and certified by the Head of the Institution, within a month (01) from the date of the Spare Part being received by the Institution. In the event of non-compliance with this requirement, the Institution/ Faculty will not be eligible to receive grants under this scheme, for a period of five years from the date of award of this Spare Parts grant. 	
<p>Outputs: Enhance the infrastructure facilities available for research in Universities and R & D institutions for conducting research.</p>	
<p>Target groups /Beneficiaries Local Universities, R & D Institutions and Researchers in Science & Technology.</p>	
<p>Possible Collaborators/Partners - None</p>	
<p>Remarks</p>	
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