Thinking Differently about Matching Funds

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Outline

• What are they?
• Where you need them
• Opportunity or barrier?
• Internal resources
• External partners
• Matching Funds
  – Cash or in-kind financial support brought to the project from sources other than the sponsor to whom you apply for funding
    • Cash = money will need to change hands for an item/service to be provided
    • In-kind = items/services provided at no cost to the project for which payment would normally be required
• SSHRC Opportunities with this Requirement
  – Partnership Grants
    • Minimum 35%, not from Tri-Agency programs
  – Partnerships Development Grants
    • No set amount, but must demonstrate partner contributions in proposal
  – Connections Grants
    • Minimum 50%, not from Tri-Agency programs
• Glass half full?
  – Reconceptualise your research
  – Extend contacts, new partners
  – Advanced planning
  – Demonstrate commitment of team, evidence of good planning

• Or half empty?
  – Advanced planning
  – Preclude some applications or require modification
• Internal Resources
  – Department contributions
    • Yours and other related/interested units
  – Faculty contributions
  – GETS
    • PG and PDG
  – VPRIO Conference and Travel Fund
    • Connections Grants
• External Contributions
  – Formal and informal partners
  – Community groups
  – Private Clubs, Non-profits
  – Industry contributions
  – Government programs
What else is there?

- Facilities
- Services
- Equipment use
- Expert consultation
• Discussants
  – James Blatz (Associate Vice President (Partnerships))
  – Vanessa Warne (Associate Professor, English Film & Theatre)
  – Andrew Woolford (Professor, Department of Sociology)