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Dr. John Justin McMurtry
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Re: Submission of manuscript entitled “Funding nonprofit radio technology initiatives in Canada”

Dear Dr. McMurtry,

I am pleased to submit the enclosed article, “Funding nonprofit radio technology initiatives in Canada,” for possible publication in *Canadian Journal of Nonprofit and Social Economy Research*. I believe it is the kind of research that might interest your readers, since you have previously published articles dealing with grants, funding and nonprofit organisations. Jean-Simon Demers and I are co-authors of this 7445 (including bibliography and notes) word manuscript which has not been published before in any form and is not under review by any other journal or publisher.

In this article, we argue that the Community Radio Fund of Canada’s grants are not a long-term solution for funding technological projects for the community radio sector. While investigating this topic, we found that grants offer a disincentive to stations to increase their revenues, but encourage continuous spending beyond their means. Based on a thematic analysis of financial statements from 63 stations, we were able to examine the financial situation of stations while taking a particular look at their behaviours with regards to grant spending over three years. It is the first empirical study of its kind in our country as financial statements are normally held by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission and not made available to the public.

We hope you will enjoy reading this manuscript and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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