

**ATC GRANT AGREEMENT**  
**South Mountain Partnership Mini-Grant Program**  
Agreement #2022-XXXX

**GRANTEE:** XXX  
**PROJECT:** XXXX

This GRANT AGREEMENT is entered into by the APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY (“ATC”) acting through the DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES (“DCNR”) Environmental Stewardship Fund Program, and GRANTEE NAME HERE. (GRANTEE) recipients that have applied through the South Mountain Partnership Mini-Grant Program. Language within the agreement referring to the State of Pennsylvania is entitled “COMMONWEALTH”. This grant agreement is binding as a contract.

The GRANTEE has filed an application with ATC for a grant, the application is eligible for funding under the Environmental Stewardship Fund as part of the grant agreement awarded to ATC. The application has been selected by the DCNR, ATC, and the South Mountain Partnership Mini-Grant Review Committee for funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above and intending to be legally bound, the parties agree for themselves and their successors and assignees, as follows:

This document will serve as a Contract between GRANTEE and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC), P.O. Box 807, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia 25425-0807.

This Grant Agreement is made up of the following components:

1. Deliverables, Scope of Work and Grant Schedule
2. Grant Budget
3. General Provisions #1 through #17
4. Appendix – DCNR grant terms and conditions

**SCOPE OF WORK, DELIVERABLES, and GRANT SCHEDULE**

Under the general supervision of the TITLE, the GRANTEE is responsible for providing the following services:

**SCOPE OF WORK AND SCHEDULE**

**GRANTEE (APPLICANT):**

**PROJECT TYPE/TITLE:**

**ATC AGREEMENT #**

**FUNDING SOURCE: *Environmental Stewardship Fund Program***

**PROJECT SCOPE:**

**GRANT AGREEMENT PERIOD:**

Beginning Date: January 1, 2023

Ending Date: Dec 31, 2023

DELIVERABLES

PROJECT BUDGET

**PROJECT BUDGET:**

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$x

Grant Amount: \$x

Local Match: \$x

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GENERAL PROVISIONS:

1. **Payment to the GRANTEE:** ATC will make 90% of payment to the GRANTEE within 30 days of the initial invoicing, and 10% within 30 days of completion of all tasks. Payment and invoicing details are available in the Agreement Letter. ATC will retain 10% of the funds available under this GRANT AGREEMENT until the following have occurred: the project activities have been concluded; the project has been inspected and approved by ATC; the GRANTEE has submitted the final payment application and documentation required by ATC and ATC has approved such application and documentation. ATC will pay invoices net 30 days. If agreed-upon deliverables have not been completed by the conclusion of the contract period, unspent funds must be returned to ATC.
2. **Agreement Amount:** The value of this award is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. **Reporting and Closeout:** The GRANTEE shall submit to ATC an application for final payment or a final report, as instructed by ATC, along with documentation required by ATC. The submission shall be made within 30 days of either completion of project activities or the end date of this GRANT AGREEMENT, whichever occurs first, or at such later time as determined by ATC. The application, or final report, and documentation shall be on forms or in a format as required by ATC and shall state whether the project activities have been completed and whether all costs have been paid.
4. ATC will determine any overpayment or underpayment amount and any additional documentation or audit that may be necessary and will provide the GRANTEE with this determination.

- 5. Award Agreement Amendments:** All amendments to this Contract will be made in writing and agreed to by the signing parties. Amendments are needed for any scope or budget changes. (A) Changes by letter: Any one or more of the following changes may be accomplished by means of a letter from ATC approving a written or electronic request or application by the GRANTEE: change in title of grant project, change in amount of grant funds, change in amount of the match, change in the GRANT AGREEMENT period, and change within the Project Scope. (B) Formal amendment: Any change in the GRANT AGREEMENT that is not addressed by a letter amendment shall be accomplished by a formal amendment. A formal amendment is not binding unless and until it is fully executed. Therefore, any costs incurred by the GRANTEE prior to the full execution of the amendment are incurred at the GRANTEE'S risk. (C) A change to or amendment of this GRANT AGREEMENT is not binding on either party unless and until the provisions of the appropriate paragraph (a) or (b) are carried out. Any cost incurred by the GRANTEE prior to the performance of such provisions is incurred at the GRANTEE'S risk
- 6. Compliance with Applicable Laws and Regulations:** GRANTEE shall be responsible for compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and ordinances. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to authorize GRANTEE to perform any act in contravention of any and all federal, state and local laws, regulations and ordinances.
- 7. Hold Harmless Clause:** GRANTEE will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the ATC, DCNR, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the officers, employees, and volunteers of these organizations from all claims for injury, death, or loss or damage of personal property of any type resulting from the work performed under this Contract or any amendment thereto.
- 8. Relationship of the Parties:** GRANTEE understands that he/she/they is/are not an employee of ATC and is not entitled to benefits or rights ATC provides to its employees. ATC has no obligation to provide workers compensation, FICA, FUTA, income tax withholding.
- 9. Insurance:** GRANTEE shall maintain such insurance as will protect ATC, DCNR, and GRANTEE against all claims made against them under the Worker's Compensation laws, and from all other claims for personal injury, including death, which may arise from operations under this Contract, whether such operations be by GRANTEE, a sub-contractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by or supervised by either of them. **GRANTEE shall provide to ATC a Certificate of Insurance prior to initiation of work under this Contract.** Additional entities who need to be named as additional insured are listed below.
- a. PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- 10. Termination:** This Contract may be terminated by ATC upon 10 days written notice or amended or supplemented by mutual consent of the signing parties, except that in the event of a termination for cause or breach (default), such termination may be effective immediately or upon GRANTEE's failure to cure such breach after a reasonable cure period granted by ATC in its reasonable discretion. **The GRANTEE shall refund to ATC any overpayment of grant funds, as determined by ATC. Occurrences that could result in an overpayment include but are not limited to the following:**
- a. The GRANTEE fails to carry out project activities.
  - b. Grant funds were used for ineligible costs.

- c. The ratio of grant funds to local match exceeds that agreed upon by GRANTEE and ATC.
  - d. The GRANT AGREEMENT is terminated.
- 11. Legal Action:** In the event legal action is required to be taken by ATC to enforce any requirement hereunder which is not fulfilled by GRANTEE or for breach of this Agreement, ATC shall be entitled to any rights, remedies and/or damages available to ATC at law or in equity, including without limitation termination of this Agreement in accordance with Provision # 10; preliminary and permanent injunctive relief in order to prevent or restrain any such breach without the necessity of proving damages or irreparable harm or posting bond; and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by ATC in connection with said legal actions.
- 12. Other Contract Provisions:** GRANTEE shall comply with the following GRANT AGREEMENT provisions, as applicable See Appendix for complete list.
- 13. Execution of Agreement in Parts:** This GRANT AGREEMENT may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this GRANT AGREEMENT by any electronic means that reproduces an image of the actual executed signature page shall be equally as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart.
- 14. Closeout:** The GRANTEE shall submit to ATC an application for final payment or a final report, as instructed by ATC, along with documentation required by ATC. The submission shall be made within 30 days of either completion of project activities or the end date of this GRANT AGREEMENT, whichever occurs first, or at such later time as determined by ATC. The application, or final report, and documentation shall be on forms or in a format as required by ATC and shall state whether the project activities have been completed and whether all costs have been paid. ATC will determine any overpayment or underpayment amount and any additional documentation or audit that may be necessary and will provide the GRANTEE with this determination.
- 15. Acknowledgement of Assistance:**
- a. **Sign:** The GRANTEE shall erect and maintain on the project site (properties and facilities, including any portion of them, acquired, rehabilitated, or developed under this GRANT AGREEMENT), a permanent sign acknowledging assistance from the South Mountain Partnership, DCNR, and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. If no project site is available, the GRANTEE will include the same acknowledgement information on the project deliverable. It will state the following: "This project was financed in part by a grant from the Community Conservation Partnerships Program, Environmental Stewardship Fund, under the administration of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation. The grant was awarded through the South Mountain Partnership, with management oversight of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. We are a partner of the South Mountain Partnership, an alliance of organizations working to preserve and enhance the cultural and natural assets of the South Mountain Landscape in Central Pennsylvania. To learn more about the Partnership, please visit [www.southmountainpartnership.org](http://www.southmountainpartnership.org)." All signs and acknowledgements will include the South Mountain Partnership, DCNR, and ATC

logos. Logos, style guide, and details are available at <https://southmountainpartnership.org/mini-grants/resources>.

- b. **Publication and Websites:** Any product of the grant, including publications and project related websites, will include a statement that it was produced with financial assistance from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the South Mountain Partnership. Any publications or websites will contain the following: "This project was financed in part by a grant from the Community Conservation Partnerships Program, Environmental Stewardship Fund, under the administration of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation. The grant was awarded through the South Mountain Partnership, with management oversight by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. We are a partner of the South Mountain Partnership, an alliance of organizations working to preserve and enhance the cultural and natural assets of the South Mountain Landscape in Central Pennsylvania. To learn more about the South Mountain Partnership, please visit [www.southmountainpartnership.org](http://www.southmountainpartnership.org)" All publications and project related websites will include the South Mountain Partnership, DCNR, and ATC logos. Logos, style guide, and details are available at <https://southmountainpartnership.org/mini-grants/resources>. The GRANTEE'S responsibilities under this article with respect to the site or other product of this grant continue beyond the grant agreement period.

**16. MAINTENANCE AND OPEN USE RESPONSIBILITIES**

The GRANTEE shall insure that, throughout its natural life, the site is

- (1) Maintained properly and in accordance with applicable state and local requirements,
- (2) Kept in reasonable repair so as to prevent undue deterioration and dangerous conditions and to encourage public use, and
- (3) Kept open and accessible to the public at reasonable hours and times of the year consistent with the nature and intended use of the site.

The term "site" means the properties and facilities, including any portion of them, designed, engineered, planned, acquired, rehabilitated, or developed under this GRANT AGREEMENT.

The GRANTEE'S responsibilities under this article with respect to the site continue beyond the grant agreement period.

- 17. **Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Terms and Conditions:** Implementation of this grant must comply with DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program Terms and Conditions which are included in this agreement as an appendix. The GRANTEE is responsible for reviewing the Terms and Conditions. The GRANTEE's signature in this Agreement is an acknowledgment that they have read and understand these Terms and Conditions.

For Grantee:

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Signature

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For Appalachian Trail Conservancy:

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Signature

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Date

Date

**GRANTEE Contact for Operations of this Agreement:**

NAME, TITLE

Email

Phone

**ATC Contact for Operations of this Agreement:**

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**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**GRANT AGREEMENT  
Community Conservation Partnerships Program  
Environmental Stewardship Fund**

This GRANT AGREEMENT is entered into by the COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ("COMMONWEALTH"), acting through the DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES ("DEPARTMENT"), and APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY ("GRANTEE"). References to the DEPARTMENT include the COMMONWEALTH.

**WHEREAS,**

The Environmental Stewardship and Watershed Protection Act, as amended, 27 Pa.C.S. §§ 6101-6119, ("Act") establishes a special fund in the State Treasury known as the Environmental Stewardship Fund ("Fund"), consisting of appropriations from the General Assembly as well as funds from other sources;

Under the Act, a portion of the money appropriated to the Fund has been allocated to the DEPARTMENT;

The Act directs the DEPARTMENT to use money it receives from the Fund to provide grants to eligible entities for the purposes stated in the Act;

The GRANTEE is an entity that is eligible for a grant under the Act; and

The GRANTEE has applied to the DEPARTMENT for a grant, the application is eligible for funding under the Act, and the application has been selected by the DEPARTMENT for funding.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the above and intending to be legally bound, the parties agree, for themselves and their successors and assignees, as follows:

**ARTICLE I**  
**GRANT AMOUNT; PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

Subject to the availability of funds, the DEPARTMENT makes available to the GRANTEE a grant in the amount stated in Appendix A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, or such portion of that amount as may be required by the GRANTEE and authorized by the DEPARTMENT. The GRANTEE shall use the grant money and the match, if any, specified in Appendix A to carry out the project activities.

"Project activities" for purposes of this GRANT AGREEMENT mean activities that have been authorized by the DEPARTMENT to be performed under this GRANT AGREEMENT. Such activities include those contained in (1) the GRANTEE'S grant application as approved by the DEPARTMENT and (2) the Project Scope, which is stated in Appendix A, both subject to any subsequent modifications authorized by the DEPARTMENT in accordance with this GRANT AGREEMENT. The GRANTEE'S grant application, the original of which is in the possession of the DEPARTMENT and a copy of which is in the possession of the GRANTEE, is incorporated herein.

**ARTICLE II**  
**EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT; GRANT AGREEMENT PERIOD**

This GRANT AGREEMENT is not binding on the DEPARTMENT until it has been properly executed by all required signatories for the COMMONWEALTH. Any cost incurred by the GRANTEE prior to such execution is incurred at the GRANTEE'S risk.

Costs for project activities incurred during the GRANT AGREEMENT period will be covered by this GRANT AGREEMENT. The dates of the GRANT AGREEMENT period are included in Appendix A. Costs incurred before the GRANT AGREEMENT period that are related to the performance of the GRANT AGREEMENT, such as costs for applications, appraisals, surveys, planning, drawings and specifications, may be eligible for funding at the discretion of the DEPARTMENT. Approval of these costs by the DEPARTMENT must be in writing. If an audit is required, and the cost of the audit is incurred after the GRANT AGREEMENT period, the cost may be eligible for funding at the discretion of the DEPARTMENT. Any other cost incurred after the GRANT AGREEMENT period is not eligible for funding.



### **ARTICLE III**

#### **COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATUTES, REGULATIONS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

Compliance with statutes, regulations, and other requirements: The GRANTEE shall comply with all applicable federal and state statutes and regulations and local ordinances; any correspondence and instructions that may be provided by the DEPARTMENT; all conditions and requirements in Appendix A; and all terms and conditions in this GRANT AGREEMENT. If the DEPARTMENT has provided a program manual, such manual, including any addenda, is incorporated herein by reference, and the GRANTEE shall comply with its provisions.

Contractor Responsibility and Offset Provisions: The GRANTEE shall comply with the provisions in Appendix B, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Contractor Integrity Provisions: The GRANTEE shall comply with the provisions in Appendix C, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause: The GRANTEE shall comply with the provisions in Appendix D, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Right-to-Know Law: The GRANTEE shall comply with the provisions in Appendix E (Right-to-Know Law) as applicable.

Pennsylvania Electronic Payment Program (PEPP): The GRANTEE shall comply with the provisions in Appendix F (Pennsylvania Electronic Payment Program).

Americans With Disabilities Act: The GRANTEE shall comply with the provisions in Appendix G, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Universal Accessibility Act; Rehabilitation Act, Architectural Barriers Act of 1968: In its performance under this GRANT AGREEMENT, the GRANTEE shall comply with applicable requirements of the following acts, as amended: Universal Accessibility Act, 71 P.S. 1455.1 et seq.; Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794; and the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 4151 et seq.

Federal funding: If any portion of the grant awarded to the GRANTEE is federal money, the GRANTEE, in addition to complying with the provisions of this article, shall also comply with the requirements in Appendix H attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Post-completion responsibilities: The GRANTEE'S responsibilities under federal, state, and local statutes, regulations, and ordinances with respect to the site or other product of this grant continue beyond the GRANT AGREEMENT period. The term "site" means the properties and facilities, including any portion of them, acquired, rehabilitated, or developed under this GRANT AGREEMENT.

## **ARTICLE IV PAYMENTS**

The DEPARTMENT will issue payments to the GRANTEE in accordance with the provisions in Appendix A.

The GRANTEE shall charge to the project account all project costs approved by the DEPARTMENT. All such costs, including services contributed by the GRANTEE or others, shall be supported by properly executed vouchers, invoices, cancelled checks and other records detailing the nature and propriety of the charge.

Payments under this GRANT AGREEMENT will be subject to the performance of all terms and conditions of this GRANT AGREEMENT.

The DEPARTMENT may deny or adjust payment for any expenditure that is not in accordance with the terms of this GRANT AGREEMENT.

The DEPARTMENT will not be liable for any expenditure by the GRANTEE that is not for project activities or that is for costs exceeding the amount stated in this GRANT AGREEMENT.

## **ARTICLE V FISCAL DUTIES OF GRANTEE**

(a) Deposit and accounting of grant funds: The GRANTEE shall deposit any advance payments of grant funds in an account in a bank or other financial institution insured by the FDIC or FSLIC until such time as they are expended. They shall be separately identified in the GRANTEE'S accounting as funds received under this GRANT AGREEMENT.

(b) Interest: Appendix A states whether the account into which advance grant funds are deposited pursuant to (a) shall be interest-bearing or non-interest bearing. For grants in which interest bearing accounts are required, Appendix A contains provisions on the use and disposition of interest earned on grant funds.

(c) Use of grant funds: The GRANTEE shall use the grant funds and the match in the amounts stated in Appendix A, or as much of these monies as necessary, to carry out project activities.

(d) Refund of grant funds: The GRANTEE shall refund to the DEPARTMENT any overpayment of grant funds, as determined by the DEPARTMENT. Occurrences that could result in an overpayment include but are not limited to the following:

(1) The GRANTEE has unused grant funds after completing the project activities.

(2) The GRANTEE fails to carry out project activities.

(3) Grant funds were used for ineligible costs.

(4) The ratio of grant funds to match exceeds that permitted under the applicable grant legislation.

(5) The GRANT AGREEMENT is terminated pursuant to Article XIV (termination of grant agreement). If the termination is for convenience, the GRANTEE is not required to refund any funds for which the GRANTEE is eligible and which the GRANTEE is legally or contractually obligated to pay as of the date of its receipt of the written notice of termination required under Article XIV.

This provision does not limit the DEPARTMENT in exercising any other rights and remedies it may have under this GRANT AGREEMENT or under law or equity.

**ARTICLE VI  
ASSIGNMENT**

The GRANTEE may not assign this GRANT AGREEMENT without the prior written approval of the DEPARTMENT.

The GRANTEE may not assign any claim for funds due or to become due under this GRANT AGREEMENT as collateral without the prior written approval of the DEPARTMENT. If such approval is granted, both the GRANTEE and the assignee shall promptly notify the DEPARTMENT in writing of the actual assignment and the intended collateral use. Approval of an assignment does not establish any legal relationship between the DEPARTMENT and the assignee, or any other third party. The DEPARTMENT assumes no liability for any act or omission committed pursuant to such an assignment.

**ARTICLE VII  
RECORDS; AUDITS**

The GRANTEE, at its principal office or place of business, shall maintain, using accepted procedures, complete and accurate records of costs, expenses and activities under this GRANT AGREEMENT. The DEPARTMENT may, at reasonable times, inspect, examine, copy and audit such records.

The records shall be maintained for three years from the date of final payment or, if an audit is subsequently performed, three years from the date of that audit. However, if such audit results in findings, the GRANTEE shall maintain all required records until the findings are resolved. The GRANTEE shall give full and free access to all such records to the DEPARTMENT.

The DEPARTMENT may perform, or require the GRANTEE to perform, a financial and/or performance audit. Any audit that the GRANTEE is required to perform shall be performed by a certified public accountant in accordance with procedures and standards specified by the DEPARTMENT.

**ARTICLE VIII  
FIDELITY BOND**

(a) The GRANTEE shall procure fidelity bonding for anyone authorized to sign checks, certify vouchers, or handle or control funds, checks, securities or property. If a check-signing machine is used which is not operated under the direct supervision of the authorized signer or counter signer, the machine operator shall be bonded in the same amount as the check-signer. The bond shall be adequate to insure the security of all funds received under this GRANT AGREEMENT.

(b) The DEPARTMENT may waive the fidelity bond requirement if the GRANTEE maintains an insurance policy or self-insurance that is adequate to protect the funds received under this GRANT AGREEMENT.

**ARTICLE IX  
AMENDMENTS**

(a) Letter amendment; formal amendment: The GRANT AGREEMENT may be amended only in the following ways:

(1) Letter amendment: Any one or more of the following changes may be accomplished by means of a letter amendment: change in title of grant project, change in amount of grant funds, change in amount of the match, change in the GRANT AGREEMENT period, and change within the Project Scope in Appendix A. A letter amendment may not be used for any other type of change. A letter amendment is accomplished by means of a letter from the DEPARTMENT approving a written or electronic request or application by the GRANTEE. A letter amendment is not binding unless and until the provisions of this subparagraph are carried out. Therefore, any costs incurred by the GRANTEE prior to the performance of such provisions are incurred at the GRANTEE'S risk.

(2) Formal amendment: Any change in the GRANT AGREEMENT that is not addressed by a letter amendment shall be accomplished by a formal amendment. A formal amendment is not binding unless and until it is fully executed. Therefore, any costs incurred by the GRANTEE prior to the full execution of the amendment are incurred at the GRANTEE'S risk.

(b) Provisional extension: If the GRANTEE submits an electronic or written request for an extension of the GRANT AGREEMENT period, the GRANT AGREEMENT period will be automatically extended provisionally pending the DEPARTMENT'S decision on the request. In order for the provisional extension to occur, the request must be received by the DEPARTMENT on or before the end date of the GRANT AGREEMENT period in Appendix A.

Any costs incurred during a provisional extension of the GRANT AGREEMENT period are incurred at the GRANTEE'S risk; they will be ineligible for funding if the request for extension is subsequently denied.

If the request for extension is approved, an amendment extending the GRANT AGREEMENT period will be entered into in accordance with paragraph (a) and the extension will be retroactive to the first day of the provisional extension.

**ARTICLE X  
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR; SUBCONTRACTS**

Independent contractor: The rights and duties granted to and assumed by the GRANTEE under this GRANT AGREEMENT are those of an independent contractor only. Nothing contained in this GRANT AGREEMENT shall be construed to create an employment or agency relationship between the DEPARTMENT and the GRANTEE.

Subcontracts: The GRANTEE shall not subcontract with any person or entity to perform any or all of the project activities without the express written consent of the DEPARTMENT. A conflict of interest under Article XVI (conflicts of interest), as determined by the DEPARTMENT, is a ground for withholding consent.

**ARTICLE XI  
PROGRESS REPORTS; INSPECTIONS**

The GRANTEE shall furnish such progress reports as may be specified in Appendix A, or if not specified in Appendix A, as the DEPARTMENT may from time to time require. Such reports shall be in such form and contain such items as the DEPARTMENT requires.

The DEPARTMENT may make reasonable inspections and monitor the GRANTEE'S performance under this GRANT AGREEMENT.

**ARTICLE XII**  
**CLOSEOUT OF GRANT AGREEMENT**

The GRANTEE shall submit to the DEPARTMENT an application for final payment or a final report, as instructed by the DEPARTMENT, along with documentation required by the DEPARTMENT. The submission shall be made within 60 days of either completion of project activities or the end date of this GRANT AGREEMENT, whichever occurs first, or at such later time as determined by the DEPARTMENT. The application, or final report, and documentation shall be on forms or in a format as required by the DEPARTMENT and shall state whether the project activities have been completed and whether all costs have been paid.

The DEPARTMENT will determine any overpayment or underpayment amount and any additional documentation or audit that may be necessary and will provide the GRANTEE with this determination.

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**SUSPENSION OF PROJECT**

Upon written notice and at any time during the term of this GRANT AGREEMENT, the DEPARTMENT may suspend payments and/or request suspension of all or any part of the project activities. Such notice may be given if, in the opinion of the DEPARTMENT any of the following has occurred: (1) the GRANTEE has failed to submit a required report or may have violated a law or regulation or may have engaged in misuse of funds, mismanagement, malfeasance, or criminal activity; (2) an inspection or audit has resulted in unsatisfactory findings; (3) an act of God, strike, disaster, or other circumstance beyond the GRANTEE'S control prevents adequate performance of project activities; (4) the GRANTEE has failed to comply with any condition of another agreement or contract with the DEPARTMENT; (5) the GRANTEE has violated any term or condition of this GRANT AGREEMENT.

During a suspension, the GRANTEE may not expend any grant funds (or interest, as applicable) and the provisions of Article V (fiscal duties of grantee) continue to apply.

The DEPARTMENT may rescind a suspension if it determines that such rescission is appropriate.

**ARTICLE XIV**  
**TERMINATION OF GRANT AGREEMENT**

Termination for cause: The DEPARTMENT may terminate this GRANT AGREEMENT by giving written notice to the GRANTEE if, in the opinion of the DEPARTMENT, any of the following has occurred: (1) for any reason the GRANTEE fails to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this GRANT AGREEMENT; (2) for any reason the GRANTEE breaches any of the conditions of this GRANT AGREEMENT; or (3) there is a violation of an applicable law or regulation, misuse of funds, mismanagement, criminal activity or malfeasance in the performance of this GRANT AGREEMENT. The notice of termination will be effective upon receipt.

Termination for convenience: The DEPARTMENT may terminate this GRANT AGREEMENT at any time by giving written notice to the GRANTEE. The notice shall be sent at least 15 days before the effective date specified in the notice. The 15-day period may be waived by mutual agreement of the GRANTEE and the DEPARTMENT.

Upon termination, all project records shall be made available if requested by the DEPARTMENT and any overpayment of grant funds and interest (as applicable) shall be refunded to the DEPARTMENT as required under Article V (fiscal duties of grantee).

Termination of this GRANT AGREEMENT under this article will not limit the DEPARTMENT in exercising any other rights and remedies it may have under law or equity.

**ARTICLE XV  
HOLD HARMLESS**

The GRANTEE shall hold the COMMONWEALTH harmless from and indemnify the COMMONWEALTH against any and all claims, demands and actions based upon or arising out of any activities performed by the GRANTEE and its employees and agents under this GRANT AGREEMENT and shall, at the request of the COMMONWEALTH, defend any and all actions brought against the COMMONWEALTH based upon any such claims or demands.

The GRANTEE'S responsibilities under this article with respect to the site or other product of this grant continue beyond the GRANT AGREEMENT period. The term "site" means properties and facilities, including any portion of them, designed, engineered, planned, acquired, rehabilitated, or developed under this GRANT AGREEMENT.

**ARTICLE XVI  
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

The GRANTEE represents that it has no direct or indirect interest that would conflict with the performance of activities under this GRANT AGREEMENT and agrees that no such interest shall be acquired. In addition, the GRANTEE agrees that it will not enter into a subcontract for the performance of project activities that creates a conflict of interest between the GRANTEE and the subcontractor. As used in this article, the terms GRANTEE and subcontractor include their directors, officers, members, agents or employees.

Grant funds may not be used to benefit, either directly pursuant to this GRANT AGREEMENT or indirectly pursuant to a subcontract or any other means, any elected state official or employee of the DEPARTMENT, any family member of such official or employee, or any entity owned or controlled by such official, employee, or family member. "Family member" means parent, spouse, child, or sibling.

**ARTICLE XVII**  
**RIGHTS IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY; COPYRIGHT; DISCLOSURE, USE**

(a) Work created under the Grant Agreement-license to Department: For any copyrightable work created under the GRANT AGREEMENT, the GRANTEE, on behalf of itself and any employees, subcontractors, and other persons who create the work, agrees to grant to the DEPARTMENT, and upon creation of the work, expressly and automatically grants to the DEPARTMENT, a perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable license to possess, use, display, reproduce and distribute the work and to create, possess, use, display, reproduce and distribute derivative works. The grant of license to the DEPARTMENT is binding on successors and assigns of the GRANTEE and any employees, subcontractors, and other persons who create the work.

(b) Other work-license to Department: For materials, documents, and data delivered pursuant to the GRANT AGREEMENT that incorporate pre-existing intellectual property not created under the GRANT AGREEMENT, the GRANTEE grants to the DEPARTMENT a perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable license to possess, use, display, reproduce and distribute derivative works. The GRANTEE warrants that it has all the rights and permissions necessary to grant this license to the DEPARTMENT.

(c) Other intellectual property: For property developed under the GRANT AGREEMENT that is patentable or that can be subject to trademark or trade secret protection, the DEPARTMENT shall have the discretion to determine the rights and responsibilities of the parties to the extent permitted by federal law with respect to registration, ownership, and agreements to license, assign, or transfer rights.

(d) Proprietary rights; right of privacy: In the performance of project activities, there shall be no violation of the right of privacy or infringement upon the copyright or any other proprietary right of any person or entity.

(e) Disclosure and use; acknowledgment: The DEPARTMENT shall have the right to access, possess and use any information or data produced under the GRANT AGREEMENT and any information or data used in the development of the intellectual property produced under this GRANT AGREEMENT. In the disclosure, release, distribution, display, or use of any intellectual property produced under the GRANT AGREEMENT, acknowledgement of assistance shall be included in accordance with Article XVIII (acknowledgment of assistance).

(f) Effectuation and implementation of this article: For intellectual property produced under the GRANT AGREEMENT by the GRANTEE or by any employee, subcontractor, or other person, the GRANTEE is responsible for the implementation and effectuation of this article.

(g) Definition of "intellectual property": The term "intellectual property" means the type of property to which copyright, trademark, trade secret, or patent laws apply. It also includes any data or information.

(h) Post-completion responsibilities: The rights and responsibilities under this article with respect to intellectual property developed under this GRANT AGREEMENT continue beyond the grant agreement period.

**ARTICLE XVIII**  
**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ASSISTANCE**

Sign: The GRANTEE shall erect and maintain on the project site a permanent sign acknowledging assistance from the DEPARTMENT. The sign will state that the project is a site provided by the GRANTEE with financial assistance from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. It will also identify the source of funding as well as the bureau or office of the DEPARTMENT that issued the grant, as stated in Appendix A. The term "site" means the properties and facilities, including any portion of them, acquired, rehabilitated, or developed under this GRANT AGREEMENT.

Publication: Any product of the grant, including a publication, will include a statement that it was produced with financial assistance from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. It will also identify the grant that was the source of funding as well as the bureau or office of the DEPARTMENT that issued the grant, as stated in Appendix A.

The GRANTEE'S responsibilities under this article with respect to the site or other product of this grant continue beyond the grant agreement period.

**ARTICLE XIX  
MAINTENANCE AND OPEN USE RESPONSIBILITIES**

The GRANTEE shall insure that, throughout its useful life, the site is (1) maintained properly and in accordance with applicable state and local requirements, (2) kept in reasonable repair so as to prevent undue deterioration and dangerous conditions and to encourage public use, and (3) kept open and accessible to the public at reasonable hours and times of the year consistent with the nature and intended use of the site.

The term "site" means the properties and facilities, including any portion of them, designed, engineered, planned, acquired, rehabilitated, or developed under this GRANT AGREEMENT.

The GRANTEE'S responsibilities under this article with respect to the site continue beyond the grant agreement period.

**ARTICLE XX  
NONDISCRIMINATION REGARDING ACCESS/RESIDENCY**

The GRANTEE shall insure that no person will be denied access to or use of the site on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, income, national origin, age, or sex.

The GRANTEE shall not discriminate in making the site, as well as reservation, membership, or permit systems for use of the site, available to all persons, except as to fees. Reasonable differences in admission, user or other fees are permitted on the basis of residency if the GRANTEE is a municipality, or on the basis of membership or other specific relationship with the GRANTEE if the GRANTEE is other than a municipality. Specifically, fees charged to non-residents or non-members for access to or use of the site may not exceed twice that charged to residents or members. Where no fee is charged for residents or members but a fee is charged to non-residents or non-members, the fee may not exceed that charged at comparable sites or facilities.

The GRANTEE shall not discriminate in making any publications, databases, software, or other products or services developed under this GRANT AGREEMENT available to the public. Specifically, prices or fees charged to non-residents or non-members may not exceed fair market value.

The term "municipality" means any county, city, borough, incorporated town, township, home rule municipality or any official agency created by the foregoing units of government under the laws of the COMMONWEALTH.

The term "site" means the properties and facilities, including any portion of them, designed, engineered, planned, acquired, rehabilitated, or developed under this GRANT AGREEMENT.

The GRANTEE'S responsibilities under this article with respect to the site continue beyond the grant agreement period.



**ARTICLE XXI**  
**OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL; NON-CONVERSION OF USE**

Ownership and control: Ownership, control, or interest in the site shall not be transferred from or by the GRANTEE without prior written approval of the DEPARTMENT. If the DEPARTMENT attaches conditions to its approval, they shall be complied with by the GRANTEE.

Non-conversion: The site shall not be converted to any use or purposes other than for project activities as defined in Article I (grant amount; project activities) without prior written approval of the DEPARTMENT. If the project activities under this GRANT AGREEMENT include the development of a plan for the site, the site shall not be converted to any uses or purposes that are inconsistent with the authorizing legislation under which the DEPARTMENT awarded this grant.

Real property: For any real property or interest in real property acquired pursuant to this GRANT AGREEMENT or donated as a match for the grant, the instrument of conveyance, such as the deed, easement agreement, or declaration of taking, shall include the language specified in Appendix A and shall be promptly recorded in the recorder of deeds office of the applicable county or counties.

Definition of "site": The term "site" means the properties and facilities, including any portion of them, designed, engineered, planned, acquired, rehabilitated, or developed under this GRANT AGREEMENT.

Continuing responsibility: The GRANTEE'S responsibilities under this article with respect to the site continue beyond the grant agreement period.

Remedy: If a provision of this article is violated, the GRANTEE shall do one or both of the following as may be determined and required by the DEPARTMENT: (1) repay to the DEPARTMENT the amount paid under this GRANT AGREEMENT plus 10% annual interest compounded four times annually from the date(s) the grant payment(s) were received until repayment is completed; and (2) replace the disposed or converted property with other property that is determined by the DEPARTMENT to be equivalent to the original property.

**ARTICLE XXII**  
**REMEDIES**

For violations by the GRANTEE of any provisions of this GRANT AGREEMENT other than those in Article XXI (ownership and control; non-conversion of use), the GRANTEE shall do the following as directed by the DEPARTMENT: (1) take corrective action at the sole expense of the GRANTEE, or (2) refund money paid by the DEPARTMENT under this GRANT AGREEMENT. The money to be refunded shall not include any funds for which the DEPARTMENT determines the GRANTEE is eligible under this GRANT AGREEMENT.

The exercise of any remedy specified in this GRANT AGREEMENT does not limit the DEPARTMENT in exercising any other rights and remedies it may have under law or equity.

No delay, discontinuance, failure, or abandonment by the DEPARTMENT in exercising a right or power under this GRANT AGREEMENT, or any partial exercise of a right or power or any conduct or custom in refraining from exercising a right or power, shall preclude or otherwise affect any of the DEPARTMENT'S rights or powers of enforcement. The rights and powers of the DEPARTMENT are cumulative and concurrent.

All rights and remedies of the DEPARTMENT at law, in equity or otherwise shall expressly survive any expiration, termination or cancellation of this GRANT AGREEMENT, whether for breach or in accordance with its terms.

**ARTICLE XXIII  
LOCAL PROJECT COORDINATOR**

The GRANTEE shall designate a local project coordinator who will be the authorized representative of the GRANTEE to deal with the DEPARTMENT in all matters relating to the GRANT AGREEMENT and the grant project. The local project coordinator will be the person identified in the grant application submitted by the GRANTEE unless changed by written notification from the GRANTEE.

**ARTICLE XXIV  
SEVERABILITY**

If any portion of this GRANT AGREEMENT is rendered void, invalid or unenforceable by any court of law, such a determination will not render void, invalid or unenforceable any other portion of this GRANT AGREEMENT.

**ARTICLE XXV  
CONSTRUCTION**

This GRANT AGREEMENT will be interpreted under the laws of the COMMONWEALTH, or under federal law where applicable. All terms and conditions of this GRANT AGREEMENT are intended to be covenants as well as conditions. The titles of the articles and paragraphs are inserted for convenience and do not control or affect the meaning or construction of any terms or provisions of this GRANT AGREEMENT.

**ARTICLE XXVI  
ENTIRE AGREEMENT; NO RIGHTS IN THIRD PARTIES**

Subject to the provisions in Article III (compliance with applicable statutes, regulations and other requirements) and Article IX (amendments), this GRANT AGREEMENT constitutes the complete agreement of the parties.

No provision of this GRANT AGREEMENT may be construed to create rights in third parties not party to this GRANT AGREEMENT. This GRANT AGREEMENT defines specific duties and responsibilities between the DEPARTMENT and the GRANTEE and will not provide any basis for claims of any other individual or entity.

**ARTICLE XXVII  
SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

This article is normally left blank. However, if the project requires any special language to cover a specific/special condition, it is included in this article.



**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
BUREAU OF RECREATION AND CONSERVATION  
COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM**

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## APPENDIX A

### **Payment** (referenced in Article IV of grant agreement)

Upon receipt of a written request from the GRANTEE, the DEPARTMENT may issue an advance payment to the GRANTEE. The advance payment will not exceed 50% of the approved grant amount.

Subsequent payments will be made to coincide, to the extent feasible, with the expenditure of cash by the GRANTEE. The GRANTEE must request such payments in writing based on the GRANTEE'S estimate of funds needed to meet current disbursements. The DEPARTMENT may set a minimum payment amount for each request for payment. The DEPARTMENT will withhold a percentage of grant funds for final payment in accordance with the paragraph below.

The DEPARTMENT will retain 10% of the funds available under this GRANT AGREEMENT until the following have occurred: the project activities have been concluded; the project has been inspected and approved by the DEPARTMENT; the GRANTEE has submitted the final payment application and documentation required by the DEPARTMENT under Article XII (closeout of grant agreement); and the DEPARTMENT has approved such application and documentation.

### **Interest** (referenced in Article V (b) of grant agreement)

Grant funds shall be deposited pursuant to Article V (a) in an interest-bearing account and maintained in the account until expended. The following provisions apply regarding interest:

- (1) Interest shall be maintained and separately identified in the account until used or paid to the DEPARTMENT in accordance with (2), (3), or (4) below. Interest earned and interest expended shall be reported as part of the closeout documentation required under Article XII (closeout of grant agreement).
- (2) Subject to the approval of the DEPARTMENT, the GRANTEE may use interest to carry out project activities.
- (3) Interest not used for project activities shall be paid to the DEPARTMENT.
- (4) If grant funds are required to be refunded to the DEPARTMENT under Article V (d), XIV, or XXII, interest shall also be paid. The amount of interest will be the amount actually earned or, as determined by the DEPARTMENT, the amount that would have been earned if the grant funds had been maintained in an interest-bearing account as required above.

### **Acknowledgement of assistance** (referenced in Article XVIII of grant agreement)

The sign, publication, or other product of the grant will acknowledge financial assistance from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, and will identify the type of grant that was the source of funding as the Environmental Stewardship Fund.

**Ownership and control, non-conversion of use** (referenced in Article XXI of grant agreement)

For a fee simple interest in real property acquired, or donated as a match, pursuant to this GRANT AGREEMENT, the declaration of taking or deed will include the following restriction:

[This provision revised 11/15/2010.] This property, or interest in property, was either acquired with or donated as a match for funds provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources ("Department"). The source of the funds is the Environmental Stewardship and Watershed Protection Act, the act of December 15, 1999, P.L. 949, No. 68, as amended (27 Pa.C.S.A. ?? 6101 et seq.) ('Act'). This property, or any portion of it, may not be converted to purposes other than those authorized under the Act for property acquired with Department funds. No change of use and no transfer of ownership, control, or interest in this property may occur, and no encumbrance may be placed on this property, without the written consent of the Department or its successor. The restriction in this paragraph applies to both the surface and subsurface of the property. This restriction has the effect of a covenant running in perpetuity with the land and is binding upon the owner(s) of the property and upon all subsequent owners, successors, and assigns. This restriction is enforceable by the Department and its successors.

For an easement acquired, or donated as a match, pursuant to this GRANT AGREEMENT, the instrument of conveyance will include the following restriction:

[This provision revised 11/15/2010.] This conservation easement was either acquired with, or donated as a match for, funds provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources ("Department") under the Environmental Stewardship and Watershed Protection Act, the act of December 15, 1999, P.L. 949, No. 68, as amended (27 Pa.C.S.A. ?? 6101 et seq.) ('Act'). This easement is a conservation servitude over the property in perpetuity and as such is binding on all current and subsequent easement holders and their personal representatives, successors and assigns. The Department and its successors have the following rights with respect to this easement: a) the right to compel transfer of Holder's rights and duties under this easement to another Qualified Organization should Holder fail to uphold and enforce in perpetuity the restrictions applicable to the State Program Area or to other portions of the Property to the extent that Holder's failure to enforce the easement materially adversely affects the State Program Area; b) a right of prior approval of any amendment of this easement to determine whether the amendment permits uses of the State Program Area not permitted under the State Program or permits uses of other portions of the Property in a manner that would materially adversely affect the State Program Area; c) a right of prior approval of any transfer of Holder's rights and duties under this easement with respect to the State Program Area; and d) the right to exercise the Holder's rights and duties under this easement if Holder fails to uphold and enforce the provisions applicable to the State Program Area or to other portions of the Property to the extent that Holder's failure to enforce the easement materially adversely affects the State Program Area.

**Environmental Stewardship Fund Provisions**

The GRANTEE shall use no Environmental Stewardship Fund monies for any purpose which, directly or indirectly, precludes access to or use of any forested land for the practice of sustainable forestry and commercial production of timber or other forest products. This provision does not apply to funds used by counties and municipalities for the purchase or improvement of park land to be used for public recreation.

If this is an agreement to provide a grant to an "authorized organization" (as defined in the Environmental Stewardship and Watershed Protection Act) for acquisition of land, the GRANTEE shall obtain approval of all counties in which the land is situated before the grant money is used for such acquisition.

**APPENDIX B**  
**CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY AND OFFSET PROVISIONS**

For the purpose of these provisions, the term Contractor is defined as any person, including, but not limited to, a bidder, offeror, loan recipient, grantee or lessor, who has furnished or performed or seeks to furnish or perform, goods, supplies, services, leased space, construction or other activity, under a contract, grant, lease, purchase order or reimbursement agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth). The term Contractor includes a permittee, licensee, or any agency, political subdivision, instrumentality, public authority, or other public entity in the Commonwealth.

**Contractor Responsibility Provisions**

1. The Contractor certifies, in writing, for itself and its subcontractors required to be disclosed or approved by the Commonwealth, that as of the date of its execution of this Bid/Contract, that neither the Contractor, nor any such subcontractors, are under suspension or debarment by the Commonwealth or any governmental entity, instrumentality, or authority and, if the Contractor cannot so certify, then it agrees to submit, along with its Bid/Contract, a written explanation of why such certification cannot be made.
2. The Contractor also certifies, in writing, that as of the date of its execution of this Bid/Contract it has no tax liabilities or other Commonwealth obligations, or has filed a timely administrative or judicial appeal if such liabilities or obligations exist, or is subject to a duly approved deferred payment plan if such liabilities exist.
3. The Contractor's obligations pursuant to these provisions are ongoing from and after the effective date of the Contract through the termination date thereof. Accordingly, the Contractor shall have an obligation to inform the Commonwealth if, at any time during the term of the Contract, it becomes delinquent in the payment of taxes, or other Commonwealth obligations, or if it or, to the best knowledge of the Contractor, any of its subcontractors are suspended or debarred by the Commonwealth, the federal government, or any other state or governmental entity. Such notification shall be made within 15 days of the date of suspension or debarment.
4. The failure of the Contractor to notify the Commonwealth of its suspension or debarment by the Commonwealth, any other state, or the federal government shall constitute an event of default of the Contract with the Commonwealth.
5. The Contractor agrees to reimburse the Commonwealth for the reasonable costs of investigation incurred by the Office of State Inspector General for investigations of the Contractor's compliance with the terms of this or any other agreement between the Contractor and the Commonwealth that results in the suspension or debarment of the contractor. Such costs shall include, but shall not be limited to, salaries of investigators, including overtime; travel and lodging expenses; and expert witness and documentary fees. The Contractor shall not be responsible for investigative costs for investigations that do not result in the Contractor's suspension or debarment.
6. The Contractor may search the current list of suspended and debarred Commonwealth contractors by visiting the eMarketplace website at <http://www.emarketplace.state.pa.us> and clicking the Debarment List tab.

**Offset Provision**

The Contractor agrees that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Commonwealth) may set off the amount of any state tax liability or other obligation of the Contractor or its subsidiaries to the Commonwealth against any payments due the contractor under any contract with the Commonwealth.

Based on Management Directive 215.09 amended (12/1/2020)

**APPENDIX C**  
**CONTRACTOR INTEGRITY PROVISIONS**

**For the purpose of these provisions, the term Contractor is defined to include GRANTEE and the term Contract is defined to include GRANT AGREEMENT.**

It is essential that those who seek to contract with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ("Commonwealth") observe high standards of honesty and integrity. They must conduct themselves in a manner that fosters public confidence in the integrity of the Commonwealth contracting and procurement process.

1. **DEFINITIONS.** For purposes of these Contractor Integrity Provisions, the following terms shall have the meanings found in this Section:

a. **"Affiliate"** means two or more entities where (a) a parent entity owns more than fifty percent of the voting stock of each of the entities; or (b) a common shareholder or group of shareholders owns more than fifty percent of the voting stock of each of the entities; or (c) the entities have a common proprietor or general partner.

b. **"Consent"** means written permission signed by a duly authorized officer or employee of the Commonwealth, provided that where the material facts have been disclosed, in writing, by prequalification, bid, proposal, or contractual terms, the Commonwealth shall be deemed to have consented by virtue of the execution of this contract.

c. **"Contractor"** means the individual or entity, that has entered into this contract with the Commonwealth.

d. **"Contractor Related Parties"** means any affiliates of the Contractor and the Contractor's executive officers, Pennsylvania officers and directors, or owners of 5 percent or more interest in the Contractor.

e. **"Financial Interest"** means either:

(1) Ownership of more than a five percent interest in any business; or

(2) Holding a position as an officer, director, trustee, partner, employee, or holding any position of management.

f. **"Gratuity"** means tendering, giving, or providing anything of more than nominal monetary value including, but not limited to, cash, travel, entertainment, gifts, meals, lodging, loans, subscriptions, advances, deposits of money, services, employment, or contracts of any kind. The exceptions set forth in the Governor's Code of Conduct, Executive Order 1980-18, the 4 Pa. Code §7.153(b), shall apply.

g. **"Non-bid Basis"** means a contract awarded or executed by the Commonwealth with Contractor without seeking bids or proposals from any other potential bidder or offeror.

2. In furtherance of this policy, Contractor agrees to the following:

a. Contractor shall maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity during the performance of this contract and shall take no action in violation of state or federal laws or regulations or any other applicable laws or regulations, or other requirements applicable to Contractor or that govern contracting or procurement with the Commonwealth.

b. Contractor shall establish and implement a written business integrity policy, which includes, at a minimum, the requirements of these provisions as they relate to the Contractor activity with the Commonwealth and Commonwealth employees and which is made known to all Contractor employees. Posting these Contractor Integrity Provisions conspicuously in easily-accessible and well-lighted places customarily frequented by employees and at or near where the contract services are performed shall satisfy this requirement.

c. Contractor, its affiliates, agents, employees and anyone in privity with Contractor shall not accept, agree to give, offer, confer, or agree to confer or promise to confer, directly or indirectly, any gratuity or pecuniary benefit to any person, or to influence or attempt to influence any person in violation of any federal or state law, regulation, executive order of the Governor of Pennsylvania, statement of policy, management directive or any other published standard of the Commonwealth in connection with performance of work under this contract, except as provided in this contract.

d. Contractor shall not have a financial interest in any other contractor, subcontractor, or supplier providing services, labor, or material under this contract, unless the financial interest is disclosed to the Commonwealth in writing and the Commonwealth consents to Contractor's financial interest prior to Commonwealth execution of the contract. Contractor shall disclose the financial interest to the Commonwealth at the time of bid or proposal submission, or if no bids or proposals are solicited, no later than Contractor's submission of the contract signed by Contractor.

e. Contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that within the last five (5) years Contractor or Contractor Related Parties have not:

- (1) been indicted or convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude or business honesty or integrity in any jurisdiction;
- (2) been suspended, debarred or otherwise disqualified from entering into any contract with any governmental agency;
- (3) had any business license or professional license suspended or revoked;
- (4) had any sanction or finding of fact imposed as a result of a judicial or administrative proceeding related to fraud, extortion, bribery, bid rigging, embezzlement, misrepresentation or anti-trust; and
- (5) been, and is not currently, the subject of a criminal investigation by any federal, state or local prosecuting or investigative agency and/or civil anti-trust investigation by any federal, state or local prosecuting or investigative agency.



If Contractor cannot so certify to the above, then it must submit along with its bid, proposal or contract a written explanation of why such certification cannot be made and the Commonwealth will determine whether a contract may be entered into with the Contractor. The Contractor's obligation pursuant to this certification is ongoing from and after the effective date of the contract through the termination date thereof. Accordingly, the Contractor shall have an obligation to immediately notify the Commonwealth in writing if at any time during the term of the contract it becomes aware of any event which would cause the Contractor's certification or explanation to change. Contractor acknowledges that the Commonwealth may, in its sole discretion, terminate the contract for cause if it learns that any of the certifications made herein are currently false due to intervening factual circumstances or were false or should have been known to be false when entering into the contract.

f. Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the Lobbying Disclosure Act (65 Pa.C.S. §13A01 et seq.) regardless of the method of award. If this contract was awarded on a Non-bid Basis, Contractor must also comply with the requirements of the Section 1641 of the Pennsylvania Election Code (25 P.S. §3260a).

g. When Contractor has reason to believe that any breach of ethical standards as set forth in law, the Governor's Code of Conduct, or these Contractor Integrity Provisions has occurred or may occur, including but not limited to contact by a Commonwealth officer or employee which, if acted upon, would violate such ethical standards, Contractor shall immediately notify the Commonwealth contracting officer or the Office of the State Inspector General in writing.

h. Contractor, by submission of its bid or proposal and/or execution of this contract and by the submission of any bills, invoices or requests for payment pursuant to the contract, certifies and represents that it has not violated any of these Contractor Integrity Provisions in connection with the submission of the bid or proposal, during any contract negotiations or during the term of the contract, to include any extensions thereof. Contractor shall immediately notify the Commonwealth in writing of any actions or occurrences that would result in a violation of these Contractor Integrity Provisions. Contractor agrees to reimburse the Commonwealth for the reasonable costs of investigation incurred by the Office of the State Inspector General for investigations of the Contractor's compliance with the terms of this or any other agreement between the Contractor and the Commonwealth that results in the suspension or debarment of the Contractor. Contractor shall not be responsible for investigative costs for investigations that do not result in the Contractor's suspension or debarment.

i. Contractor shall cooperate with the Office of the State Inspector General in its investigation of any alleged Commonwealth agency or employee breach of ethical standards and any alleged Contractor non-compliance with these Contractor Integrity Provisions. Contractor agrees to make identified Contractor employees available for interviews at reasonable times and places. Contractor, upon the inquiry or request of an Inspector General, shall provide, or if appropriate, make promptly available for inspection or copying, any information of any type or form deemed relevant by the Office of the State Inspector General to Contractor's integrity and compliance with these provisions. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to, Contractor's business or financial records, documents or files of any type or form that refer to or concern this contract. Contractor shall incorporate this paragraph in any agreement, contract or subcontract it enters into in the course of the performance of this contract/agreement solely for the purpose of obtaining subcontractor compliance with this provision. The incorporation of this provision in a subcontract shall not create privity of contract between the Commonwealth and any such subcontractor, and no third party beneficiaries shall be created thereby.

j. For violation of any of these Contractor Integrity Provisions, the Commonwealth may terminate this and any other contract with Contractor, claim liquidated damages in an amount equal to the value of anything received in breach of these Provisions, claim damages for all additional costs and expenses incurred in obtaining another contractor to complete performance under this contract, and debar and suspend Contractor from doing business with the Commonwealth. These rights and remedies are cumulative, and the use or non-use of any one shall not preclude the use of all or any other. These rights and remedies are in addition to those the Commonwealth may have under law, statute, regulation, or otherwise.

From Management Directive 215.8 amended (1/14/15)

**APPENDIX D**  
**NONDISCRIMINATION/SEXUAL HARASSMENT CLAUSE**

The GRANTEE agrees:

1. In the hiring of any employee(s) for the manufacture of supplies, performance of work, or any other activity required under the grant agreement or any subgrant agreement, contract, or subcontract, the Grantee, a subgrantee, a contractor, a subcontractor, or any person acting on behalf of the Grantee shall not discriminate by reason of race, gender, creed, color, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or in violation of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act (PHRA) and applicable federal laws, against any citizen of this Commonwealth who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates.
2. The Grantee, any subgrantee, contractor or any subcontractor or any person on their behalf shall not in any manner discriminate by reason of race, gender, creed, color, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or in violation of the PHRA and applicable federal laws, against or intimidate any of its employees.
3. Neither the Grantee nor any subgrantee nor any contractor nor any subcontractor nor any person on their behalf shall in any manner discriminate by reason of race, gender, creed, color, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or in violation of the PHRA and applicable federal laws, in the provision of services under the grant agreement, subgrant agreement, contract or subcontract.
4. Neither the Grantee nor any subgrantee nor any contractor nor any subcontractor nor any person on their behalf shall in any manner discriminate against employees by reason of participation in or decision to refrain from participating in labor activities protected under the Public Employee Relations Act, Pennsylvania Labor Relations Act or National Labor Relations Act, as applicable and to the extent determined by entities charged with such Acts' enforcement, and shall comply with any provision of law establishing organizations as employees' exclusive representatives.
5. The Grantee, any subgrantee, contractor or any subcontractor shall establish and maintain a written nondiscrimination and sexual harassment policy and shall inform their employees in writing of the policy. The policy must contain a provision that sexual harassment will not be tolerated and employees who practice it will be disciplined. Posting this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause conspicuously in easily-accessible and well-lighted places customarily frequented by employees and at or near where the grant services are performed shall satisfy this requirement for employees with an established work site.
6. The Grantee, any subgrantee, contractor or any subcontractor shall not discriminate by reason of race, gender, creed, color, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or in violation of the PHRA and applicable federal laws, against any subgrantee, contractor, subcontractor or supplier who is qualified to perform the work to which the grant relates.
7. The Grantee and each subgrantee, contractor and subcontractor represents that it is presently in compliance with and will maintain compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations relating to nondiscrimination and sexual harassment. The Grantee and each subgrantee, contractor and subcontractor further represents that it has filed a Standard Form 100 Employer Information Report ("EEO-1") with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC") and shall file an annual EEO-1 report with the EEOC as required for employers' subject to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, that have 100 or more employees and employers that have federal government contracts or first-tier subcontracts and have 50 or more employees. The Grantee, any subgrantee, any contractor or any subcontractor shall, upon request and within the time periods requested by the Commonwealth, furnish all necessary employment documents and records, including EEO-1 reports, and permit access to their books, records, and accounts by the granting agency and the Bureau of Diversity, Inclusion and Small Business Opportunities for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause.
8. The Grantee, any subgrantee, contractor or any subcontractor shall include the provisions of this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause in every subgrant agreement, contract or subcontract so that those provisions applicable to subgrantees, contractors or subcontractors will be binding upon each subgrantee, contractor or subcontractor.

9. The Granter's and each subgrantee's, contractor's and subcontractor's obligations pursuant to these provisions are ongoing from and after the effective date of the grant agreement through the termination date thereof. Accordingly, the Grantee and each subgrantee, contractor and subcontractor shall have an obligation to inform the Commonwealth if, at any time during the term of the grant agreement, it becomes aware of any actions or occurrences that would result in violation of these provisions.

10. The Commonwealth may cancel or terminate the grant agreement and all money due or to become due under the grant agreement may be forfeited for a violation of the terms and conditions of this Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment Clause. In addition, the granting agency may proceed with debarment or suspension and may place the Grantee, subgrantee, contractor, or subcontractor in the Contractor Responsibility File.

From Management Directive 215.16 amended (8/2/18)

**APPENDIX E**  
**RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW**

1. Grantee or Subgrantee understands that this Grant Agreement and records related to or arising out of the Grant Agreement are subject to requests made pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law, 65 P.S. §§ 67.101-3104, ("RTKL"). For the purpose of these provisions, the term "the Commonwealth" shall refer to the granting Commonwealth agency.
2. If the Commonwealth needs the Grantee's or Subgrantee's assistance in any matter arising out of the RTKL related to this Grant Agreement, it shall notify the Grantee or Subgrantee using the legal contact information provided in the Grant Agreement. The Grantee or Subgrantee, at any time, may designate a different contact for such purpose upon reasonable prior written notice to the Commonwealth.
3. Upon written notification from the Commonwealth that it requires Grantee's or Subgrantee's assistance in responding to a request under the RTKL for information related to this Grant Agreement that may be in Grantee's or Subgrantee's possession, constituting, or alleged to constitute, a public record in accordance with the RTKL ("Requested Information"), Grantee or Subgrantee shall:
  - a. Provide the Commonwealth, within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of written notification, access to, and copies of, any document or information in Grantee's or Subgrantee's possession arising out of this Grant Agreement that the Commonwealth reasonably believes is Requested Information and may be a public record under the RTKL; and
  - b. Provide such other assistance as the Commonwealth may reasonably request, in order to comply with the RTKL with respect to this Grant Agreement.
4. If Grantee or Subgrantee considers the Requested Information to include a request for a Trade Secret or Confidential Proprietary Information, as those terms are defined by the RTKL, or other information that Grantee or Subgrantee considers exempt from production under the RTKL, Grantee or Subgrantee must notify the Commonwealth and provide, within seven (7) calendar days of receiving the written notification, a written statement signed by a representative of Grantee or Subgrantee explaining why the requested material is exempt from public disclosure under the RTKL.
5. The Commonwealth will rely upon the written statement from Grantee or Subgrantee in denying a RTKL request for the Requested Information unless the Commonwealth determines that the Requested Information is clearly not protected from disclosure under the RTKL. Should the Commonwealth determine that the Requested Information is clearly not exempt from disclosure, Grantee or Subgrantee shall provide the Requested Information within five (5) business days of receipt of written notification of the Commonwealth's determination.
6. If Grantee or Subgrantee fails to provide the Requested Information within the time period required by these provisions, Grantee or Subgrantee shall indemnify and hold the Commonwealth harmless for any damages, penalties, costs, detriment or harm that the Commonwealth may incur as a result of Grantee's or Subgrantee's failure, including any statutory damages assessed against the Commonwealth.
7. The Commonwealth will reimburse Grantee or Subgrantee for any costs associated with complying with these provisions only to the extent allowed under the fee schedule established by the Office of Open Records or as otherwise provided by the RTKL if the fee schedule is inapplicable.

8. Grantee or Subgrantee may file a legal challenge to any Commonwealth decision to release a record to the public with the Office of Open Records, or in the Pennsylvania Courts, however, Grantee or Subgrantee shall indemnify the Commonwealth for any legal expenses incurred by the Commonwealth as a result of such a challenge and shall hold the Commonwealth harmless for any damages, penalties, costs, detriment or harm that the Commonwealth may incur as a result of Grantee's or Subgrantee's failure, including any statutory damages assessed against the Commonwealth, regardless of the outcome of such legal challenge. As between the parties, Grantee or Subgrantee agrees to waive all rights or remedies that may be available to it as a result of the Commonwealth's disclosure of Requested Information pursuant to the RTKL.

9. The Grantee's or Subgrantee's duties relating to the RTKL are continuing duties that survive the expiration of this Grant Agreement and shall continue as long as the Grantee or Subgrantee has Requested Information in its possession.

Approved by OGC, OAG, Feb. 2010: RTKL, 8-K-1580

## **APPENDIX F**

### **AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE (ACH) PAYMENTS**

1. The Commonwealth will make payments to the recipient through ACH. Within 10 days of the grant award, the grantee must submit or must have already established its ACH information in the Commonwealth's Master Database. The grantee will also be able to enroll to receive remittance information via electronic addenda and email (e-Remittance). ACH and e-Remittance information is available at <https://www.budget.pa.gov/Services/ForVendors/Pages/Direct-Deposit-and-Remittance.aspx>.

2. The recipient must submit a unique invoice number with each invoice submitted. The unique invoice number will be listed on the Commonwealth's ACH remittance advice to enable the recipient to properly apply the state agency's payment to the respective invoice or program.

3. It is the responsibility of the recipient to ensure that the ACH information contained in the Commonwealth's Master Database is accurate and complete. Failure to maintain accurate and complete information may result in delays in payments.

From Management Directive 310.40 Amended, 7/16/2021

## **APPENDIX G**

### **PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

1. Pursuant to federal regulations promulgated under the authority of the Americans With Disabilities Act, 28 C.F.R. 35.101 et seq., the GRANTEE understands and agrees that no individual with a disability shall, on the basis of the disability, be excluded from participation in this GRANT AGREEMENT or from activities provided for under this GRANT AGREEMENT. As a condition of accepting and executing this GRANT AGREEMENT, the GRANTEE agrees to comply with the "General Prohibitions Against Discrimination," 28 C.F.R 35.130, and all other regulations promulgated under Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act which are applicable to the benefits, services, programs, and activities provided by the COMMONWEALTH through contracts with outside contractors.

2. The GRANTEE shall be responsible for and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the DEPARTMENT from all losses, damages, expenses, claims, demands, suits, and actions brought by any party against the DEPARTMENT as a result of the GRANTEE'S failure to comply with the provisions of paragraph 1.

From Management Directive 215.12 amended (10/14/11)

## **APPENDIX H**

### **FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT PROVISIONS**

This grant includes no federal funding; Appendix H contains no provisions.



