
General Obligation Bond Proceeds

Grant Agreement - Construction Grant

for the

R004-23-2C, City of Duluth

Project

under the

Regional Trails Grant

Program

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General Obligation Bond Proceeds

Grant Agreement – Construction Grant for the R004-23-2C, City of Duluth Project under the Regional Trails Grant Program

THIS AGREEMENT shall be effective on the date the state obtains all required signatures, and is between City of Duluth, a statutory city (the “Public Entity”), and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (the “State Entity”).

RECITALS

A. The State Entity has created and is operating a Regional Trails Grant Program (the “State Program”) under the authority granted by Minn. Stat. §85.019 and all rules related to such legislation (the “State Program Enabling Legislation”).

B. Under the State Program, the State Entity is authorized to provide grants that are funded with proceeds of state general obligation bonds authorized to be issued under Article XI, § 5(a) of the Minnesota Constitution.

C. Under the State Program the recipients of a grant must use such funds to perform those functions delineated in the State Program Enabling Legislation.

D. The Public Entity submitted, if applicable, a grant application to the State Entity in which the Public Entity requests a grant from the State Program the proceeds of which will be used for the purposes delineated in such grant application.

E. The Public Entity has applied to and been selected by the State Entity for a receipt of a grant from the State Program in an amount of \$300,000 (the “Program Grant”), the proceeds must be used by the Public Entity to perform those functions and activities imposed by the State Entity under the State Program and, if applicable, delineated in that certain grant application (the “Grant Application”) incorporated by reference, that the Public Entity submitted to the State Entity.

F. Under the provisions contained in MN Statutes 412.491, the Public Entity has been given the authority to perform those functions and activities required of it under the State Program and, if applicable, delineated in the Grant.

G. The Public Entity’s receipt and use of the Program Grant to acquire an ownership interest in and/or improve real property (the “Real Property”) and, if applicable, structures situated thereon (the “Facility”) will cause the Public Entity’s ownership interest in all of such real property and structures to become “state bond financed property”, as such term is used in Minn. Stat. § 16A.695 (the “G.O. Compliance Legislation”) and in that certain “Fourth Order Amending Order of the Commissioner of Finance Relating to Use and Sale of State Bond Financed Property” executed by the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget and dated July

30, 2012, as amended (the “Commissioner’s Order”), even though such funds may only be a portion of the funds being used to acquire such ownership interest and/or improve such real property and structures and that such funds may be used to only acquire such ownership interest and/or improve a part of such real property and structures.

H. The Public Entity and the State Entity desire to set forth herein the provisions relating to the granting and disbursement of the proceeds of the Program Grant to the Public Entity and the operation of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility.

IN CONSIDERATION of the grant described and other provisions in this Agreement, the parties to this Agreement agree as follows.

Article I DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01 **Defined Terms.** As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings set out respectively after each such term (the meanings to be equally applicable to both the singular and plural forms of the terms defined), unless the context specifically indicates otherwise:

“Advance(s)” – means an advance made or to be made by the State Entity to the Public Entity and disbursed in accordance with the provisions contained in Article VI hereof.

“Agreement” - means this General Obligation Bond Proceeds Grant Agreement - Construction Grant for the R004-23-2C, Cross City Trail (CCT) Segment 6 Project under the Regional Trail Grant Program, as such exists on its original date and any amendments, modifications or restatements thereof.

“Approved Debt” – means public or private debt of the Public Entity that is consented to and approved, in writing, by the Commissioner of MMB, the proceeds of which were or will be used to acquire an ownership interest in or improve the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, other than the debt on the G.O. Bonds. Approved Debt includes, but is not limited to, all debt delineated in **Attachment III** to this Agreement; provided, however, the Commissioner of MMB is not bound by any amounts delineated in such attachment unless he/she has consented, in writing, to such amounts.

“Architect”, if any - means Cliff Knettel, Senior Parks Planner, which will administer the Construction Contract Documents on behalf of the Public Entity.

“Code” - means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and all treasury regulations, revenue procedures and revenue rulings issued pursuant thereto.

“Commissioner of MMB” - means the commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget, and any designated representatives thereof.

“Commissioner’s Order” - means the “Fourth Order Amending Order of the Commissioner of Finance Relating to Use and Sale of State Bond Financed Property” executed by the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget and dated July 30, 2012, as amended.

“Completion Date” – means June 30, 2028, the date of projected completion of the Project.

“Contractor” - means any person engaged to work on or to furnish materials and supplies for the Construction Items including, if applicable, a general contractor.

“Construction Contract Documents” - means the document or documents, in form and substance acceptable to the State Entity, including but not limited to any construction plans and specifications and any exhibits, amendments, change orders, modifications thereof or supplements thereto, which collectively form the contract between the Public Entity and the Contractor or Contractors for the completion of the Construction Items on or before the Completion Date for either a fixed price or a guaranteed maximum price.

“Construction Items” – means the work to be performed under the Construction Contract Documents.

“Counterparty” - means any entity with which the Public Entity contracts under a Use Contract. *This definition is only needed and only applies if the Public Entity enters into an agreement with another party under which such other party will operate the Real Property, and if applicable, Facility. For all other circumstances this definition is not needed and should be ignored and treated as if it were left blank, and any reference to this term in this Agreement shall be ignored and treated as if the reference did not exist.*

“Declaration” - means a declaration, or declarations, in the form contained in **Attachment I** to this Agreement and all amendments thereto, indicating that the Public Entity’s ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility is bond financed property within the meaning of the G.O. Compliance Legislation and is subject to certain restrictions imposed thereby.

“Draw Requisition” - means a draw requisition that the Public Entity, or its designee, submits to the State Entity when an Advance is requested, as referred to in Section 6.02.

“Event of Default” - means one or more of those events delineated in Section 2.07.

“Facility”, if applicable, - means Cross City Trail (CCT) Segment 6, which is located, or will be constructed and located, on the Real Property and all equipment that is a part thereof that was purchased with the proceeds of the Program Grant.

“Fair Market Value” – means either (i) the price that would be paid by a willing and qualified buyer to a willing and qualified seller as determined by an appraisal that assumes that all liens and encumbrances on the property being sold that negatively affect the value of such property, will be paid and released, or (ii) the price bid by a purchaser under a public bid procedure after reasonable public notice, with the proviso that all liens and encumbrances on the property being sold that negatively affect the value of such property, will be paid and released at the time of acquisition by the purchaser.

“G.O. Bonds” - means that portion of the state general obligation bonds issued under the authority granted in Article XI, § 5(a) of the Minnesota Constitution the proceeds of which are used to fund the Program Grant and any bonds issued to refund or replace such bonds.

“G.O. Compliance Legislation” - means Minn. Stat. § 16A.695, as it may be amended, modified or replaced from time to time unless such amendment, modification or replacement imposes an unconstitutional impairment of a contract right.

“Grant Application” – means that certain grant application incorporated by reference that the Public Entity submitted to the State Entity.

“Initial Acquisition and Betterment Costs” – means the cost to acquire the Public Entity’s ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility if the Public Entity does not already possess the required ownership interest, and the costs of betterments of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility; provided, however, the Commissioner of MMB is not bound by any specific amount of such alleged costs unless he/she has consented, in writing, to such amount.

“Inspecting Engineer”, if any - means the State Entity's construction inspector, or its designated consulting engineer.

“Leased/Easement Premises” - means the real estate and structures, if any, that are leased to the Public Entity under a Real Property/Facility Lease or granted to the Public Entity under an easement. *This definition is only needed and only applies if the Public Entity’s ownership interest in the Real Property, the Facility, if applicable, or both is by way of a leasehold interest under a Real Property/Facility Lease or by way of an easement. For all other circumstances this definition is not needed and should be ignored and treated as if it were left blank, and any reference to this term in this Agreement shall be ignored and treated as if the reference did not exist.*

“Lessor/Grantor” – means the fee owner/lessor or grantor of the Leased/Easement Premises. *This definition is only needed and only applies if the Public Entity’s ownership interest in the Real Property, the Facility, if applicable, or both, is by way of a leasehold interest under a Real Property/Facility Lease or by way of an easement. For all other circumstances this definition is not needed and should be ignored and treated as if it were left blank, and any reference to this term in this Agreement shall be ignored and treated as if the reference did not exist.*

“Outstanding Balance of the Program Grant” – means the portion of the Program Grant that has been disbursed to or on behalf of the Public Entity minus any portions thereof previously paid back to the Commissioner of MMB.

“Ownership Value”, if any – means the value, if any, of the Public Entity’s ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility that existed concurrent with the Public Entity’s execution of this Agreement. Such value shall be established by way of an appraisal or by such other manner as may be acceptable to the State Entity and the Commissioner of MMB. The parties hereto agree and acknowledge that such value is Not Applicable; provided, however, the Commissioner of MMB is not bound by any inserted dollar amount unless he/she has consented, in writing, to such amount. If no dollar amount is inserted and the blank “Not Applicable” is not checked, a rebuttable presumption that the Ownership Value is \$0.00 shall be created. *(The blank “Not Applicable” should only be selected and checked when a portion of the funds delineated in **Attachment III** attached hereto are to be used to acquire the Public Entity’s ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, and in such event the value of such ownership interest should be shown in **Attachment III** and not in this definition for Ownership Value).*

“Program Grant” - means a grant of monies from the State Entity to the Public Entity in the amount identified as the “Program Grant” in Recital E to this Agreement, as the amount thereof may be modified under the provisions contained herein.

“Project” - means the Public Entity’s acquisition, if applicable, of the ownership interests in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility denoted in Section 2.02 along with the performance of activities denoted in Section 2.03. *(If the Public Entity is not using any portion of the Program Grant to acquire the ownership interest denoted in Section 2.02, then this definition for Project shall not include the acquisition of such ownership interest, and the value of such ownership interest shall not be included in **Attachment III** hereto and instead shall be included in the definition for Ownership Value under this Section.)*

“Public Entity” - means the entity identified as the “Public Entity” in the lead-in paragraph of this Agreement.

“Real Property” - means the real property located in the County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, legally described in **Attachment II** to this Agreement.

“Real Property/Facility Lease” - means a long-term lease of the Real Property, the Facility, if applicable, or both by the Public Entity as lessee thereunder. *This definition is only needed and only applies if the Public Entity’s ownership interest in the Real Property, the Facility, if applicable, or both is a leasehold interest under a lease. For all other circumstances this definition is not needed and should be ignored and treated as if it were left blank, and any reference to this term in this Agreement shall be ignored and treated as if the reference did not exist.*

“State Entity” - means the entity identified as the “State Entity” in the lead-in paragraph of this Agreement.

“State Program” – means the program delineated in the State Program Enabling Legislation.

“State Program Enabling Legislation” – means the legislation contained in the Minnesota statute(s) delineated in Recital A and all rules related to such legislation.

“Subsequent Betterment Costs” – means the costs of betterments of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility that occur subsequent to the date of this Agreement, are not part of the Project, would qualify as a public improvement of a capital nature (as such term is used in Minn. Constitution Art. XI, §5(a) of the Minnesota Constitution), and the cost of which has been established by way of written documentation that is acceptable to and approved, in writing, by the State Entity and the Commissioner of MMB.

“Use Contract” - means a lease, management contract or other similar contract between the Public Entity and any other entity that involves or relates to any part of the Real Property and/or, if applicable, Facility. *This definition is only needed and only applies if the Public Entity enters into an agreement with another party under which such other party will operate the Real Property and/or, if applicable, Facility. For all other circumstances this definition is not needed and should be ignored and treated as if it were left blank, and any reference to this term in this Agreement shall be ignored and treated as if the reference did not exist.*

“Useful Life of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility” – means the term set forth in Section 2.05.X, which was derived as follows: (i) 30 years for Real Property that has no structure situated thereon or if any structures situated thereon will be removed, and no new structures will be constructed thereon, (ii)

the remaining useful life of the Facility as of the effective date of this Agreement for Facilities that are situated on the Real Property as of the date of this Agreement, that will remain on the Real Property, and that will not be bettered, or (iii) the useful life of the Facility after the completion of the construction or betterments for Facilities that are to be constructed or bettered.

Article II GRANT

Section 2.01 Grant of Monies. The State Entity shall make and issue the Program Grant to the Public Entity and disburse the proceeds in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. The Program Grant is not intended to be a loan even though the portion thereof that is disbursed may need to be returned to the State Entity or the Commissioner of MMB under certain circumstances.

Section 2.02 Public Ownership. The Public Entity acknowledges and agrees that the Program Grant is being funded with the proceeds of G.O. Bonds, and as a result thereof all of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility must be owned by one or more public entities. Such ownership may be in the form of fee ownership, a Real Property/Facility Lease, or an easement. In order to establish that this public ownership requirement is satisfied, the Public Entity represents and warrants to the State Entity that it has, or will acquire, the following ownership interests in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, and, in addition, that it possess, or will possess, all easements necessary for the operation, maintenance and management of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility in the manner specified in Section 2.04:

(Check the appropriate box for the Real Property and, if applicable, for the Facility.)

Ownership Interest in the Real Property.

- ☐ Fee simple ownership of the Real Property.
- ☐ A Real Property/Facility Lease for the Real Property that complies with the requirements contained in Section 2.06.
(If the term of the Real Property/Facility Lease is for a term authorized by a Minnesota statute, rule or session law, then insert the citation: _____.)
- ☒ An easement for the Real Property that complies with the requirements contained in Section 2.06.
(If the term of the easement is for a term authorized by a Minnesota statute, rule or session law, then insert the citation: _____.)

Ownership Interest in, if applicable, the Facility.

- ☒ Fee simple ownership of the Facility.
- ☐ A Real Property/Facility Lease for the Facility that complies with all of the

requirements contained in Section 2.06.

(If the term of the Real Property/Facility Lease is for a term authorized by a Minnesota statute, rule or session law, then insert the citation: _____.)

☐ Not applicable because there is no Facility.

Section 2.03 Use of Grant Proceeds. The Public Entity shall use the Program Grant solely to reimburse itself for expenditures it has already made, or will make, in the performance of the following activities, and may not use the Program Grant for any other purpose.

(Check all appropriate boxes.)

☐ Acquisition of fee simple title to the Real Property.

☐ Acquisition of a leasehold interest in the Real Property.

☐ Acquisition of an easement for the Real Property.

☐ Improvement of the Real Property.

☐ Acquisition of fee simple title to the Facility.

☐ Acquisition of a leasehold interest in the Facility.

☒ Construction of the Facility.

☐ Renovation of the Facility.

☐ _____ «14»
(Describe other or additional purposes.)

Section 2.04 Operation of the Real Property and Facility. The Real Property and, if applicable, Facility must be used by the Public Entity or the Public Entity must cause such Real Property and, if applicable, Facility to be used for those purposes required by the State Program and in accordance with the information contained in the Grant Application, or for such other purposes and uses as the Minnesota legislature may from time to time designate, and for no other purposes or uses.

The Public Entity may enter into Use Contracts with Counterparties for the operation of all or any portion of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility; provided that all such Use Contracts must have been approved, in writing, by the Commissioner of MMB and fully comply with all of the provisions contained in Sections 3.01, 3.02 and 3.03.

The Public Entity must, whether it is operating the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility or has contracted with a Counterparty under a Use Contract to operate all or any portion of the Real Property and, if applicable,

Facility, annually determine that the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility is being used for the purpose required by this Agreement, and shall annually supply a statement, sworn to before a notary public, to such effect to the State Entity and the Commissioner of MMB.

For those programs, if any, that the Public Entity will directly operate on all or any portion of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, the Public Entity covenants with and represents and warrants to the State Entity that: (i) it has the ability and a plan to fund such programs, (ii) it has demonstrated such ability by way of a plan that it submitted to the State Entity, and (iii) it will annually adopt, by resolution, a budget for the operation of such programs that clearly shows that forecast program revenues along with other funds available for the operation of such program will be equal to or greater than forecast program expenses for each fiscal year, and will supply to the State Entity and the Commissioner of MMB certified copies of such resolution and budget.

For those programs, if any, that will be operated on all or any portion of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility by a Counterparty under a Use Contract, the Public Entity covenants with and represents and warrants to the State Entity that: (i) it will not enter into such Use Contract unless the Counterparty has demonstrated that it has the ability and a plan to fund such program, (ii) it will require the Counterparty to provide an initial program budget and annual program budgets that clearly show that forecast program revenues along with other funds available for the operation of such program (from all sources) will be equal to or greater than forecast program expenses for each fiscal year, (iii) it will promptly review all submitted program budgets to determine if such budget clearly and accurately shows that the forecast program revenues along with other funds available for the operation of such program (from all sources) will be equal to or greater than forecast program expenses for each fiscal year, (iv) it will reject any program budget that it believes does not accurately reflect forecast program revenues or expenses or does not show that forecast program revenues along with other funds available for the operation of such program (from all sources) will be equal to or greater than forecast program expenses, and require the Counterparty to prepare and submit a revised program budget, and (v) upon receipt of a program budget that it believes accurately reflects forecast program revenues and expenses and that shows that forecast program revenues along with other funds available for the operation of such program (from all sources) will be equal to or greater than forecast program expenses, it will approve such budget by resolution and supply to the State Entity and the Commissioner of MMB certified copies of such resolution and budget.

Section 2.05 Public Entity Representations and Warranties. The Public Entity further covenants with, and represents and warrants to the State Entity as follows:

- A. It has legal authority to enter into, execute, and deliver this Agreement, the Declaration, and all documents referred to herein, and it has taken all actions necessary to its execution and delivery of such documents.
- B. It has legal authority to use the Program Grant for the purpose or purposes described in the State Program Enabling Legislation.
- C. It has legal authority to operate the State Program and the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility for the purposes required by the State Program and for the functions and activities proposed in the Grant Application.
- D. This Agreement, the Declaration, and all other documents referred to herein are the legal, valid and binding obligations of the Public Entity enforceable against the Public Entity in accordance with their respective terms.

E. It will comply with all of the terms, conditions, provisions, covenants, requirements, and warranties in this Agreement, the Declaration, and all other documents referred to herein.

F. It will comply with all of the provisions and requirements contained in and imposed by the G.O. Compliance Legislation, the Commissioner's Order, and the State Program.

G. It has made no material false statement or misstatement of fact in connection with its receipt of the Program Grant, and all of the information it has submitted or will submit to the State Entity or Commissioner of MMB relating to the Program Grant or the disbursement of any of the Program Grant is and will be true and correct.

H. It is not in violation of any provisions of its charter or of the laws of the State of Minnesota, and there are no actions, suits, or proceedings pending, or to its knowledge threatened, before any judicial body or governmental authority against or affecting it relating to the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, or its ownership interest therein, and it is not in default with respect to any order, writ, injunction, decree, or demand of any court or any governmental authority which would impair its ability to enter into this Agreement, the Declaration, or any document referred to herein, or to perform any of the acts required of it in such documents.

I. Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Declaration, or any document referred to herein nor compliance with any of the terms, conditions, requirements, or provisions contained in any of such documents is prevented by, is a breach of, or will result in a breach of, any term, condition, or provision of any agreement or document to which it is now a party or by which it is bound.

J. The contemplated use of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility will not violate any applicable zoning or use statute, ordinance, building code, rule or regulation, or any covenant or agreement of record relating thereto.

K. The Project will be completed in full compliance with all applicable laws, statutes, rules, ordinances, and regulations issued by any federal, state, or local political subdivisions having jurisdiction over the Project.

L. All applicable licenses, permits and bonds required for the performance and completion of the Project have been, or will be, obtained.

M. All applicable licenses, permits and bonds required for the operation of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility in the manner specified in Section 2.04 have been, or will be, obtained.

N. It will operate, maintain, and manage the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility or cause the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, to be operated, maintained and managed in compliance with all applicable laws, statutes, rules, ordinances, and regulations issued by any federal, state, or local political subdivisions having jurisdiction over the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility.

O. It will fully enforce the terms and conditions contained in any Use Contract.

P. It has complied with the matching funds requirement, if any, contained in Section 7.23.

Q. It will not, without the prior written consent of the State Entity and the Commissioner of MMB, allow any voluntary lien or encumbrance or involuntary lien or encumbrance that can be satisfied by the payment of monies and which is not being actively contested to be created or exist against the Public Entity's ownership interest in the Real Property or, if applicable, Facility, or the Counterparty's interest in the Use Contract, whether such lien or encumbrance is superior or subordinate to the Declaration. Provided, however, the State Entity and the Commissioner of MMB will consent to any such lien or encumbrance that secures the repayment of a loan the repayment of which will not impair or burden the funds needed to operate the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility in the manner specified in Section 2.04, and for which the entire amount is used (i) to acquire additional real estate that is needed to so operate the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility in accordance with the requirements imposed under Section 2.04 and will be included in and as part of the Public Entity's ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, and/or (ii) to pay for capital improvements that are needed to so operate the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility in accordance with the requirements imposed under Section 2.04.

R. It reasonably expects to possess the ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility described Section 2.02 for the entire Useful Life of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, and it does not expect to sell such ownership interest.

S. It does not reasonably expect to receive payments under a Use Contract in excess of the amount the Public Entity needs and is authorized to use to pay the operating expenses of the portion of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility that is the subject of the Use Contract or to pay the principal, interest, redemption premiums, and other expenses on any Approved Debt.

T. It will supply, or cause to be supplied, whatever funds are needed above and beyond the amount of the Program Grant to complete and fully pay for the Project.

U. The Construction Items will be completed substantially in accordance with the Construction Contract Documents by the Completion Date, and all such items along with, if applicable, the Facility will be situated entirely on the Real Property.

V. It will require the Contractor or Contractors to comply with all rules, regulations, ordinances, and laws bearing on its performance under the Construction Contract Documents.

W. It has or will promptly record a fully executed Declaration with the appropriate governmental office and deliver a copy thereof to the State Entity and to Minnesota Management and Budget (attention: Capital Projects Manager) that contains all of the recording information.

X. The Useful Life of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility is 25 years.

Y. It shall furnish such satisfactory evidence regarding the representations and warranties described herein as may be required and requested by either the State Entity or the Commissioner of MMB.

Section 2.06 Ownership by Leasehold or Easement. *This Section shall only apply if the Public Entity's ownership interest in the Real Property, the Facility, if applicable, or both is by way of a Real Property/Facility Lease or an easement. For all other circumstances this Section is not needed and should be ignored and treated*

as if it were left blank, and any reference to this Section in this Agreement shall be ignored and treated as if the reference did not exist.

A. A Real Property/Facility Lease or easement must comply with the following provisions.

1. It must be in form and contents acceptable to the Commissioner of MMB, and specifically state that it may not be modified, restated, amended, changed in any way, or prematurely terminated or cancelled without the prior written consent and authorization by the Commissioner of MMB.

2. It must be for a term that is equal to or greater than 125% of the Useful Life of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, or such other period of time specifically authorized by a Minnesota statute, rule or session law.

3. Any payments to be made under it by the Public Entity, whether designated as rent or in any other manner, must be by way of a single lump sum payment that is due and payable on the date that it is first made and entered into.

4. It must not contain any requirements or obligations of the Public Entity that if not complied with could result in a termination thereof.

5. It must contain a provision that provides sufficient authority to allow the Public Entity to operate the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility in accordance with the requirements imposed under Section 2.04.

6. It must not contain any provisions that would limit or impair the Public Entity's operation of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility in accordance with the requirements imposed under Section 2.04.

7. It must contain a provision that prohibits the Lessor/Grantor from creating or allowing, without the prior written consent of the State Entity and the Commissioner of MMB, any voluntary lien or encumbrance or involuntary lien or encumbrance that can be satisfied by the payment of monies and which is not being actively contested against the Leased/Easement Premises or the Lessor's/Grantor's interest in the Real Property/Facility Lease or easement, whether such lien or encumbrance is superior or subordinate to the Declaration. Provided, however, the State Entity and the Commissioner of MMB will consent to any such lien or encumbrance if the holder of such lien or encumbrance executes and files of record a document under which such holder subordinates such lien or encumbrance to the Real Property/Facility Lease or easement and agrees that upon foreclosure of such lien or encumbrance to be bound by and comply with all of the terms, conditions and covenants contained in the Real Property/Facility Lease or easement as if such holder had been an original Lessor/Grantor under the Real Property/Facility Lease or easement.

8. It must acknowledge the existence of this Agreement and contain a provision that the terms, conditions and provisions contained in this Agreement shall control over any inconsistent or contrary terms, conditions and provisions contained in the Real Property/Facility Lease or easement.

9. It must provide that any use restrictions contained therein only apply as long as the Public Entity is the lessee under the Real Property/Facility Lease or grantee under the easement, and that such

use restrictions will terminate and not apply to any successor lessee or grantee who purchases the Public Entity's ownership interest in the Real Property/Facility Lease or easement. Provided, however, it may contain a provisions that limits the construction of any new structures on the Real Property or modifications of any existing structures on the Real Property without the written consent of Lessor/Grantor, which will apply to any such successor lessee or grantee.

10. It must allow for a transfer thereof in the event that the lessee under the Real Property/Lease or grantee under the easement makes the necessary determination to sell its interest therein, and allow such interest to be transferred to the purchaser of such interest.

11. It must contain a provision that prohibits and prevents the sale of the underlying fee interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility without first obtaining the written consent of the Commissioner of MMB.

12 The Public Entity must be the lessee under the Real Property/Lease or grantee under the easement.

B. The provisions contained in this Section are not intended to and shall not prevent the Public Entity from including additional provisions in the Real Property/Facility Lease or easement that are not inconsistent with or contrary to the requirements contained in this Section.

C. The expiration of the term of a Real Property/Facility Lease or easement shall not be an event that requires the Public Entity to reimburse the State Entity for any portion of the Program Grant, and upon such expiration the Public Entity's ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility shall no longer be subject to this Agreement.

D. The Public Entity shall fully and completely comply with all of the terms, conditions and provisions contained in a Real Property/Facility Lease or easement, and shall obtain and file, in the Office of the County Recorder or the Registrar of Titles, whichever is applicable, the Real Property/Facility Lease or easement or a short form or memorandum thereof.

Section 2.07 Event(s) of Default. The following events shall, unless waived in writing by the State Entity and the Commissioner of MMB, constitute an Event of Default under this Agreement upon either the State Entity or the Commissioner of MMB giving the Public Entity 30 days written notice of such event and the Public Entity's failure to cure such event during such 30 day time period for those Events of Default that can be cured within 30 days or within whatever time period is needed to cure those Events of Default that cannot be cured within 30 days as long as the Public Entity is using its best efforts to cure and is making reasonable progress in curing such Events of Default, however, in no event shall the time period to cure any Event of Default exceed 6 months unless otherwise consented to, in writing, by the State Entity and the Commissioner of MMB.

A. If any representation, covenant, or warranty made by the Public Entity in this Agreement, in any Draw Requisition, in any other document furnished pursuant to this Agreement, or in order to induce the State Entity to disburse any of the Program Grant, shall prove to have been untrue or incorrect in any material respect or materially misleading as of the time such representation, covenant, or warranty was made.

B. If the Public Entity fails to fully comply with any provision, term, condition, covenant, or warranty contained in this Agreement, the Declaration, or any other document referred to herein.

C. If the Public Entity fails to fully comply with any provision, term, condition, covenant or warranty contained in the G.O. Compliance Legislation, the Commissioner's Order, or the State Program Enabling Legislation.

D. If the Public Entity fails to complete the Project, or cause the Project to be completed, by the Completion Date.

E. If the Public Entity fails to provide and expend the full amount of the matching funds, if any, required under Section 7.23 for the Project.

F. If the Public Entity fails to record the Declaration and deliver copies thereof as set forth in Section 2.05.W.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any of the above delineated events that cannot be cured shall, unless waived in writing by the State Entity and the Commissioner of MMB, constitute an Event of Default under this Agreement immediately upon either the State Entity or the Commissioner of MMB giving the Public Entity written notice of such event.

Section 2.08 **Remedies.** Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default and at any time thereafter until such Event of Default is cured to the satisfaction of the State Entity, the State Entity or the Commissioner of MMB may enforce any or all of the following remedies.

A. The State Entity may refrain from disbursing the Program Grant; provided, however, the State Entity may make such disbursements after the occurrence of an Event of Default without thereby waiving its rights and remedies hereunder.

B. If the Event of Default involves a failure to comply with any of the provisions contained herein other than the provisions contained in Sections 4.01 or 4.02, then the Commissioner of MMB, as a third party beneficiary of this Agreement, may demand that the Outstanding Balance of the Program Grant be returned to it, and upon such demand the Public Entity shall return such amount to the Commissioner of MMB.

C. If the Event of Default involves a failure to comply with the provisions contained in Sections 4.01 or 4.02, then the Commissioner of MMB, as a third party beneficiary of this Agreement, may demand that the Public Entity pay the amounts that would have been paid if there had been full and complete compliance with such provisions, and upon such demand the Public Entity shall pay such amount to the Commissioner of MMB.

D. Either the State Entity or the Commissioner of MMB, as a third party beneficiary of this Agreement, may enforce any additional remedies they may have in law or equity.

The rights and remedies herein specified are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies that the State Entity or the Commissioner of MMB would otherwise possess.

If the Public Entity does not repay the amounts required to be paid under this Section or under any other provision contained in this Agreement within 30 days of demand by the Commissioner of MMB, or any amount ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days of entry of judgment against the Public Entity and in favor of the State Entity and/or the Commissioner of MMB, then such amount may, unless precluded by law, be taken from or off-set against any aids or other monies that the Public Entity is entitled to receive from the State of Minnesota.

Section 2.09 Notification of Event of Default. The Public Entity shall furnish to the State Entity and the Commissioner of MMB, as soon as possible and in any event within 7 days after it has obtained knowledge of the occurrence of each Event of Default or each event which with the giving of notice or lapse of time or both would constitute an Event of Default, a statement setting forth details of each Event of Default or event which with the giving of notice or upon the lapse of time or both would constitute an Event of Default and the action which the Public Entity proposes to take with respect thereto.

Section 2.10 Survival of Event of Default. This Agreement shall survive any and all Events of Default and remain in full force and effect even upon the payment of any amounts due under this Agreement, and shall only terminate in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 2.12 and at the end of its term in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 2.11.

Section 2.11 Term of Grant Agreement. This Agreement shall, unless earlier terminated in accordance with any of the provisions contained herein, remain in full force and effect for the time period starting on the effective date hereof and ending on the date that corresponds to the date established by adding a time period equal to 125% of Useful Life of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility to the date on which the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility is first used for the operation of the State Program after such effective date. If there are no uncured Events of Default as of such date this Agreement shall terminate and no longer be of any force or effect, and the Commissioner of MMB shall execute whatever documents are needed to release the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility from the effect of this Agreement and the Declaration.

Section 2.12 Modification and/or Early Termination of Grant. If the Project is not started on or before the date that is 5 years from the effective date of this Agreement or all of the Program Grant has not been disbursed as of the date that is 4 years from the date on which the Project is started, or such later dates to which the Public Entity and the State Entity may agree in writing, then the State Entity's obligation to fund the Program Grant shall terminate. In such event, (i) if none of the Program Grant has been disbursed by such dates then the State Entity's obligation to fund any portion of the Program Grant shall terminate and this Agreement shall terminate and no longer be of any force or effect, and (ii) if some but not all of the Program Grant has been disbursed by such dates then the State Entity shall have no further obligation to provide any additional funding for the Program Grant and this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect but shall be modified and amended to reflect the amount of the Program Grant that was actually disbursed as of such date. This provision shall not, in any way, affect the Public Entity's obligation to complete the Project by the Completion Date.

This Agreement shall also terminate and no longer be of any force or effect upon the Public Entity's sale of its ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 4.01 and transmittal of all or a portion of the proceeds of such sale to the Commissioner of MMB in compliance with the provisions contained in Section 4.02, or upon the termination of Public Entity's ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility if such ownership interest is by way of an easement or under a Real Property/Facility Lease. Upon such termination the State Entity shall execute, or have executed,

and deliver to the Public Entity such documents as are required to release the Public Entity's ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, from the effect of this Agreement and the Declaration.

Section. 2.13 **Excess Funds.** If the full amount of the Program Grant and any matching funds referred to in Section 7.23 are not needed to complete the Project, then, unless language in the State Program Enabling Legislation indicates otherwise, the Program Grant shall be reduced by the amount not needed.

Article III USE CONTRACTS

This Article III and its contents is only needed and only applies if the Public Entity enters into an agreement with another party under which such other party will operate any portion of the Real Property, and if applicable, Facility. For all other circumstances this Article III and its contents are not needed and should be ignored and treated as if it were left blank, and any reference to this Article III, its contents, and the term Use Contract in this Agreement shall be ignored and treated as if the references did not exist.

Section 3.01 **General Provisions.** If the Public Entity has statutory authority to enter into a Use Contract, then it may enter into Use Contracts for various portions of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility; provided that each and every Use Contract that the Public Entity enters into must comply with the following requirements:

- A. The purpose for which it was entered into must be to operate the State Program in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility.
- B. It must contain a provision setting forth the statutory authority under which the Public Entity is entering into such contract, and must comply with the substantive and procedural provisions of such statute.
- C. It must contain a provision stating that it is being entered into in order for the Counterparty to operate the State Program and must describe such program.
- D. It must contain a provision that will provide for oversight by the Public Entity. Such oversight may be accomplished by way of a provision that will require the Counterparty to provide to the Public Entity: (i) an initial program evaluation report for the first fiscal year that the Counterparty will operate the State Program, (ii) program budgets for each succeeding fiscal year showing that forecast program revenues and additional revenues available for the operation of the State Program (from all sources) by the Counterparty will equal or exceed expenses for such operation for each succeeding fiscal year, and (iii) a mechanism under which the Public Entity will annually determine that the Counterparty is using the portion of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility that is the subject of the Use Contract to operate the State Program.
- E. It must allow for termination by the Public Entity in the event of a default thereunder by the Counterparty, or in the event that the State Program is terminated or changed in a manner that precludes the operation of such program in the portion of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility that is the subject of the Use Contract.
- F. It must terminate upon the termination of the statutory authority under which the Public Entity is operating the State Program.

G. It must require the Counterparty to pay all costs of operation and maintenance of that portion of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility that is the subject of the Use Contract, unless the Public Entity is authorized by law to pay such costs and agrees to pay such costs.

H. If the Public Entity pays monies to a Counterparty under a Use Contract, such Use Contract must meet the requirements of Rev. Proc. 97-13, 1997-1 CB 632, so that such Use Contract does not result in “private business use” under Section 141(b) of the Code.

I. It must be approved, in writing, by the Commissioner of MMB, and any Use Contract that is not approved, in writing, by the Commissioner of MMB shall be null and void and of no force or effect.

J. It must contain a provision requiring that each and every party thereto shall, upon direction by the Commissioner of MMB, take such actions and furnish such documents to the Commissioner of MMB as the Commissioner of MMB determines to be necessary to ensure that the interest to be paid on the G.O. Bonds is exempt from federal income taxation.

K. It must contain a provision that prohibits the Counterparty from creating or allowing, without the prior written consent of the State Entity and the Commissioner of MMB, any voluntary lien or encumbrance or involuntary lien or encumbrance that can be satisfied by the payment of monies and which is not being actively contested against the Real Property or, if applicable, Facility, the Public Entity’s ownership interest in the Real Property or, if applicable, Facility, or the Counterparty’s interest in the Use Contract, whether such lien or encumbrance is superior or subordinate to the Declaration. Provided, however, the State Entity and the Commissioner of MMB will consent, in writing, to any such lien or encumbrance that secures the repayment of a loan the repayment of which will not impair or burden the funds needed to operate the portion of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility that is the subject of the Use Contract in the manner specified in Section 2.04 and for which the entire amount is used (i) to acquire additional real estate that is needed to so operate the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility in accordance with the requirements imposed under Section 2.04 and will be included in and as part of the Public Entity’s ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, and/or (ii) to pay for capital improvements that are needed to so operate the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility in accordance with the requirements imposed under Section 2.04.

L. If the amount of the Program Grant exceeds \$200,000.00, then it must contain a provision requiring the Counterparty to list any vacant or new positions it may have with state workforce centers as required by Minn. Stat. § 116L.66, as it may be amended, modified or replaced from time to time, for the term of the Use Contract.

M. It must contain a provision that clearly states that the Public Entity is not required to renew the Use Contract beyond the original term thereof and that the Public Entity may, at its sole option and discretion, allow the Use Contract to expire at the end of its original term and thereafter directly operate the governmental program in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility or contract with some other entity to operate the governmental program in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility.

Section 3.02 Initial Term and Renewal. The initial term for a Use Contract may not exceed the lesser of (i) 50% of the Useful Life of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility for the portion of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility that is the subject of the Use Contract, or (ii) the shortest term of the Public Entity’s ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility.

A Use Contract may allow for renewals beyond its initial term on the conditions that (a) the term of any renewal may not exceed the initial term, (b) the Public Entity must make a determination that renewal will continue to carry out the State Program and that the Counterparty is suited and able to perform the functions contained in Use Contract that is to be renewed, (c) the Use Contract may not include any provisions that would require, either directly or indirectly, the Public Entity to either make the determination referred to in this Section or to renew the Use Contract with the Counterparty after the expiration of the initial term or any renewal term, and (d) no such renewal may occur prior to the date that is 6 months prior to the date on which the Use Contract is scheduled to terminate. Provided, however, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein the Public Entity's voluntary agreement to reimburse the Counterparty for any investment that the Counterparty provided for the acquisition or betterment of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility that is the subject of the Use Contract if the Public Entity does not renew a Use Contract if requested by the Counterparty is not deemed to be a provision that directly or indirectly requires the Public Entity to renew such Use Contract.

Section 3.03 Reimbursement of Counterparty. A Use Contract may but need not contain, at the sole option and discretion of the Public Entity, a provision that requires the Public Entity to reimburse the Counterparty for any investment that the Counterparty provided for the acquisition or betterment of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility that is the subject of the Use Contract if the Public Entity does not renew a Use Contract if requested by the Counterparty. If agreed to by the Public Entity, such reimbursement shall be on terms and conditions agreed to by the Public Entity and the Counterparty.

Section 3.04 Receipt of Monies Under a Use Contract. The Public Entity does not anticipate the receipt of any funds under a Use Contract; provided, however, if the Public Entity does receive any monies under a Use Contract in excess of the amount the Public Entity needs and is authorized to use to pay the operating expenses of the portion of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility that is the subject of a Use Contract, and to pay the principal, interest, redemption premiums, and other expenses on Approved Debt, then a portion of such excess monies must be paid by the Public Entity to the Commissioner of MMB. The portion of such excess monies that the Public Entity must and shall pay to the Commissioner of MMB shall be determined by the Commissioner of MMB, and absent circumstances which would indicate otherwise such portion shall be determined by multiplying such excess monies by a fraction the numerator of which is the Program Grant and the denominator of which is sum of the Program Grant and the Approved Debt.

Article IV SALE

Section 4.01 Sale. The Public Entity shall not sell any part of its ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility unless all of the following provisions have been complied with fully.

A. The Public Entity determines, by official action, that such ownership interest is no longer usable or needed for the operation of the State Program, which such determination may be based on a determination that the portion of the Real Property or, if applicable, Facility to which such ownership interest applies is no longer suitable or financially feasible for such purpose.

B. The sale is made as authorized by law.

C. The sale is for Fair Market Value.

D. The written consent of the Commissioner of MMB has been obtained.

The acquisition of the Public Entity's ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility at a foreclosure sale, by acceptance of a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure, or enforcement of a security interest in personal property used in the operation thereof, by a lender that has provided monies for the acquisition of the Public Entity's ownership interest in or betterment of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility shall not be considered a sale for the purposes of this Agreement if after such acquisition the lender operates such portion of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility in a manner which is not inconsistent with the requirements imposed under Section 2.04 and the lender uses its best efforts to sell such acquired interest to a third party for Fair Market Value. The lender's ultimate sale or disposition of the acquired interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility shall be deemed to be a sale for the purposes of this Agreement, and the proceeds thereof shall be disbursed in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 4.02.

The Public Entity may participate in any public auction of its ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility and bid thereon; provided that the Public Entity agrees that if it is the successful purchaser it will not use any part of the Real Property or, if applicable, Facility for the State Program.

Section 4.02 Proceeds of a Sale. Upon the sale of the Public Entity's ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility the proceeds thereof after the deduction of all costs directly associated and incurred in conjunction with such sale and such other costs that are approved, in writing by the Commissioner of MMB, but not including the repayment of any debt associated with the Public Entity's ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, shall be disbursed in the following manner and order.

A. The first distribution shall be to the Commissioner of MMB in an amount equal to the Outstanding Balance of the Program Grant, and if the amount of such net proceeds shall be less than the amount of the Outstanding Balance of the Program Grant then all of such net proceeds shall be distributed to the Commissioner of MMB.

B. The remaining portion, after the distribution specified in Section 4.02.A, shall be distributed to (i) pay in full any outstanding Approved Debt, (ii) reimburse the Public Entity for its Ownership Value, and (iii) to pay interested public and private entities, other than any such entity that has already received the full amount of its contribution (such as the State Entity under Section 4.02.A and the holders of Approved Debt paid under this Section 4.02.B), the amount of money that such entity contributed to the Initial Acquisition and Betterment Costs and the Subsequent Betterment Costs. If such remaining portion is not sufficient to reimburse interested public and private entities for the full amount that such entities contributed to the acquisition or betterment of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, then the amount available shall be distributed as such entities may agree in writing, and if such entities cannot agree by an appropriately issued court order.

C. The remaining portion, after the distributions specified in Sections 4.02.A and B, shall be divided and distributed to the State Entity, the Public Entity, and any other public and private entity that contributed funds to the Initial Acquisition and Betterment Costs and the Subsequent Betterment Costs, other than lenders who supplied any of such funds, in proportion to the contributions that the State Entity, the Public Entity, and such other public and private entities made to the acquisition and betterment of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility as such amounts are part of the Ownership Value, Initial Acquisition and Betterment Costs, and Subsequent Betterment Costs.

The distribution to the State Entity shall be made to the Commissioner of MMB, and the Public Entity may direct its distribution to be made to any other entity including, but not limited to, a Counterparty.

All amounts to be disbursed under this Section 4.02 must be consented to, in writing, by the Commissioner of MMB, and no such disbursements shall be made without such consent.

The Public Entity shall not be required to pay or reimburse the State Entity or the Commissioner of MMB for any funds above and beyond the full net proceeds of such sale, even if such net proceeds are less than the amount of the Outstanding Balance of the Program Grant.

Article V

COMPLIANCE WITH G.O. COMPLIANCE LEGISLATION AND THE COMMISSIONER'S ORDER

Section 5.01 State Bond Financed Property. The Public Entity and the State Entity acknowledge and agree that the Public Entity's ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility is, or when acquired by the Public Entity will be, "state bond financed property", as such term is used in the G.O. Compliance Legislation and the Commissioner's Order, and, therefore, the provisions contained in such statute and order apply, or will apply, to the Public Entity's ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility and any Use Contracts relating thereto.

Section 5.02 Preservation of Tax Exempt Status. In order to preserve the tax-exempt status of the G.O. Bonds, the Public Entity agrees as follows:

A. It will not use the Real Property or, if applicable, Facility, or use or invest the Program Grant or any other sums treated as "bond proceeds" under Section 148 of the Code including "investment proceeds," "invested sinking funds," and "replacement proceeds," in such a manner as to cause the G.O. Bonds to be classified as "arbitrage bonds" under Section 148 of the Code.

B. It will deposit into and hold all of the Program Grant that it receives under this Agreement in a segregated non-interest bearing account until such funds are used for payments for the Project in accordance with the provisions contained herein.

C. It will, upon written request, provide the Commissioner of MMB all information required to satisfy the informational requirements set forth in the Code including, but not limited to, Sections 103 and 148 thereof, with respect to the GO Bonds.

D. It will, upon the occurrence of any act or omission by the Public Entity or any Counterparty that could cause the interest on the GO Bonds to no longer be tax exempt and upon direction from the Commissioner of MMB, take such actions and furnish such documents as the Commissioner of MMB determines to be necessary to ensure that the interest to be paid on the G.O. Bonds is exempt from federal taxation, which such action may include either: (i) compliance with proceedings intended to classify the G.O. Bonds as a "qualified bond" within the meaning of Section 141(e) of the Code, (ii) changing the nature or terms of the Use Contract so that it complies with Revenue Procedure 97-13, as amended by Rev. Proc 2016-44 and Rev. Proc. 2017-13, with Revenue Procedure 97-13, as amended by Rev. Proc 2016-44 and Rev. Proc. 2017-13, or (iii) changing the nature of the use of the Real Property or, if applicable, Facility so

that none of the net proceeds of the G.O. Bonds will be used, directly or indirectly, in an “unrelated trade or business” or for any “private business use” (within the meaning of Sections 141(b) and 145(a) of the Code), or (iv) compliance with other Code provisions, regulations, or revenue procedures which amend or supersede the foregoing.

E. It will not otherwise use any of the Program Grant, including earnings thereon, if any, or take or permit to or cause to be taken any action that would adversely affect the exemption from federal income taxation of the interest on the G.O. Bonds, nor omit to take any action necessary to maintain such tax exempt status, and if it should take, permit, omit to take, or cause to be taken, as appropriate, any such action, it shall take all lawful actions necessary to rescind or correct such actions or omissions promptly upon having knowledge thereof..

Section 5.03 Changes to G.O. Compliance Legislation or the Commissioner’s Order. In the event that the G.O. Compliance Legislation or the Commissioner’s Order is amended in a manner that reduces any requirement imposed against the Public Entity, or if the Public Entity’s ownership interest in the Real Property or, if applicable, Facility is exempt from the G.O. Compliance Legislation and the Commissioner’s Order, then upon written request by the Public Entity the State Entity shall enter into and execute an amendment to this Agreement to implement herein such amendment to or exempt the Public Entity’s ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility from the G.O. Compliance Legislation or the Commissioner’s Order.

Article VI DISBURSEMENT OF GRANT PROCEEDS

Section 6.01 The Advances. The State Entity agrees, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, to make Advances from the Program Grant to the Public Entity from time to time in an aggregate total amount not to exceed the amount of the Program Grant. If the amount of Program Grant that the State Entity cumulatively disburses hereunder to the Public Entity is less than the amount of the Program Grant delineated in Section 1.01, then the State Entity and the Public Entity shall enter into and execute whatever documents the State Entity may request in order to amend or modify this Agreement to reduce the amount of the Program Grant to the amount actually disbursed. Provided, however, in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 2.11, the State Entity’s obligation to make Advances shall terminate as of the dates specified in such Section even if the entire Program Grant has not been disbursed by such dates.

Advances shall only be for expenses that (i) are for those items of a capital nature for the Project, (ii) accrued no earlier than the effective date of the legislation that appropriated the funds that are used to fund the Program Grant, or (iii) have otherwise been consented to, in writing, by the State Entity and the Commissioner of MMB.

It is the intent of the parties hereto that the rate of disbursement of the Advances shall not exceed the rate of completion of the Project or the rate of disbursement of the matching funds required, if any, under Section 7.23. Therefore, the cumulative amount of all Advances disbursed by the State Entity at any point in time shall not exceed the portion of the Project that has been completed and the percentage of the matching funds required, if any, under Section 7.23 that have been disbursed as of such point in time. This requirement is expressed by way of the following two formulas:

Formula #1

$$\text{Cumulative Advances} \leq (\text{Program Grant}) \times (\text{percentage of matching funds, if any, required under Section 7.23 that have been disbursed})$$

Formula #2

$$\text{Cumulative Advances} \leq (\text{Program Grant}) \times (\text{percentage of Project completed})$$

Section 6.02 Draw Requisitions. Whenever the Public Entity desires a disbursement of a portion of the Program Grant, which shall be no more often than once each calendar month, the Public Entity shall submit to the State Entity a Draw Requisition duly executed on behalf of the Public Entity or its designee. Each Draw Requisition shall be submitted on or between the 1st day and the 15th day of the month in which an Advance is requested, and shall be submitted at least 7 calendar days before the date the Advance is desired. Each Draw Requisition with respect to construction items shall be limited to amounts equal to: (i) the total value of the classes of the work by percentage of completion as approved by the Public Entity and the State Entity, plus (ii) the value of materials and equipment not incorporated in the Project but delivered and suitably stored on or off the Real Property in a manner acceptable to the State Entity, less (iii) any applicable retainage, and less (iv) all prior Advances.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no Advances for materials stored on or off the Real Property will be made by the State Entity unless the Public Entity shall advise the State Entity, in writing, of its intention to so store materials prior to their delivery and the State Entity has not objected thereto.

At the time of submission of each Draw Requisition, other than the final Draw Requisition, the Public Entity shall submit to the State Entity such supporting evidence as may be requested by the State Entity to substantiate all payments which are to be made out of the relevant Draw Requisition or to substantiate all payments then made with respect to the Project.

At the time of submission of the final Draw Requisition which shall not be submitted before completion of the Project, including all landscape requirements and off-site utilities and streets needed for access to the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility and correction of material defects in workmanship or materials (other than the completion of punch list items) as provided in the Construction Contract Documents, the Public Entity shall submit to the State Entity: (i) such supporting evidence as may be requested by the State Entity to substantiate all payments which are to be made out of the final Draw Requisition or to substantiate all payments then made with respect to the Project, and (ii) satisfactory evidence that all work requiring inspection by municipal or other governmental authorities having jurisdiction has been duly inspected and approved by such authorities, and that all requisite certificates of occupancy and other approvals have been issued.

If on the date an Advance is desired the Public Entity has complied with all requirements of this Agreement and the State Entity approves the relevant Draw Requisition and receives a current construction report from the Inspecting Engineer recommending payment, then the State Entity shall disburse the amount of the requested Advance to the Public Entity.

Section 6.03 Additional Funds. If the State Entity shall at any time in good faith determine that the sum of the undisbursed amount of the Program Grant plus the amount of all other funds committed to the Project is less than the amount required to pay all costs and expenses of any kind which reasonably may be anticipated in connection with the Project, then the State Entity may send written notice thereof to the Public Entity specifying the amount which must be supplied in order to provide sufficient funds to complete the Project. The Public Entity

agrees that it will, within 10 calendar days of receipt of any such notice, supply or have some other entity supply the amount of funds specified in the State Entity's notice.

Section 6.04 Conditions Precedent to Any Advance. The obligation of the State Entity to make any Advance hereunder (including the initial Advance) shall be subject to the following conditions precedent:

A. The State Entity shall have received a Draw Requisition for such Advance specifying the amount of funds being requested, which such amount when added to all prior requests for an Advance shall not exceed the amount of the Program Grant delineated in Section 1.01.

B. The State Entity shall have either received a duly executed Declaration that has been duly recorded in the appropriate governmental office, with all of the recording information displayed thereon, or evidence that such Declaration will promptly be recorded and delivered to the State Entity.

C. The State Entity shall have received evidence, in form and substance acceptable to the State Entity, that (i) the Public Entity has legal authority to and has taken all actions necessary to enter into this Agreement and the Declaration, and (ii) this Agreement and the Declaration are binding on and enforceable against the Public Entity.

D. The State Entity shall have received evidence, in form and substance acceptable to the State Entity, that the Public Entity has sufficient funds to fully and completely pay for the Project and all other expenses that may occur in conjunction therewith.

E. The State Entity shall have received evidence, in form and substance acceptable to the State Entity, that the Public Entity is in compliance with the matching funds requirements, if any, contained in Section 7.23.

F. The State Entity shall have received evidence, in form and substance acceptable to the State Entity, showing that the Public Entity possesses the ownership interest delineated in Section 2.02.

G. The State Entity shall have received evidence, in form and substance acceptable to the State Entity, that the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, and the contemplated use thereof are permitted by and will comply with all applicable use or other restrictions and requirements imposed by applicable zoning ordinances or regulations, and, if required by law, have been duly approved by the applicable municipal or governmental authorities having jurisdiction thereover.

H. The State Entity shall have received evidence, in form and substance acceptable to the State Entity, that that all applicable and required building permits, other permits, bonds and licenses necessary for the Project have been paid for, issued, and obtained, other than those permits, bonds and licenses which may not lawfully be obtained until a future date or those permits, bonds and licenses which in the ordinary course of business would normally not be obtained until a later date.

I. The State Entity shall have received evidence, in form and substance acceptable to the State Entity, that that all applicable and required permits, bonds and licenses necessary for the operation of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility in the manner specified in Section 2.04 have been paid for, issued, and obtained, other than those permits, bonds and licenses which may not lawfully be obtained until a future

date or those permits, bonds and licenses which in the ordinary course of business would normally not be obtained until a later date.

J. The State Entity shall have received evidence, in form and substance acceptable to the State Entity, that the Project will be completed in a manner that will allow the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility to be operated in the manner specified in Section 2.04.

K. The State Entity shall have received evidence, in form and substance acceptable to the State Entity, that the Public Entity has the ability and a plan to fund the operation of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility in the manner specified in Section 2.04.

L. The State Entity shall have received evidence, in form and substance acceptable to the State Entity, that the insurance requirements under Section 7.01 have been satisfied.

M. The State Entity shall have received evidence, in form and substance acceptable to the State Entity, of compliance with the provisions and requirements specified in Section 7.10 and all additional applicable provisions and requirements, if any, contained in Minn. Stat. § 16B.335, as it may be amended, modified or replaced from time to time. Such evidence shall include, but not be limited to, evidence that: (i) the predesign package referred to in Section 7.10.B has, if required, been reviewed by and received a favorable recommendation from the Commissioner of Administration for the State of Minnesota, (ii) the program plan and cost estimates referred to in Section 7.10.C have, if required, received a recommendation by the Chairs of the Minnesota State Senate Finance Committee and Minnesota House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, and (iii) the Chair and Ranking Minority Member of the Minnesota House of Representatives Capital Investment Committee and the Chair and Ranking Minority Member of the Minnesota Senate Capital Investment Committee have, if required, been notified pursuant to Section 7.10.G.

N. No Event of Default under this Agreement or event which would constitute an Event of Default but for the requirement that notice be given or that a period of grace or time elapse shall have occurred and be continuing.

O. The State Entity shall have received evidence, in form and substance acceptable to the State Entity, that the Contractor will complete the Construction Items substantially in conformance with the Construction Contract Documents and pay all amounts lawfully owing to all laborers and materialmen who worked on the Construction Items or supplied materials therefor, other than amounts being contested in good faith. Such evidence may be in the form of payment and performance bonds in amounts equal to or greater than the amount of the fixed price or guaranteed maximum price contained in the Construction Contract Documents that name the State Entity and the Public Entity dual obligees thereunder, or such other evidence as may be acceptable to the Public Entity and the State Entity.

P. No determination shall have been made by the State Entity that the amount of funds committed to the Project is less than the amount required to pay all costs and expenses of any kind that may reasonably be anticipated in connection with the Project, or if such a determination has been made and notice thereof sent to the Public Entity under Section 6.03, then the Public Entity has supplied, or has caused some other entity to supply, the necessary funds in accordance with such section or has provided evidence acceptable to the State Entity that sufficient funds are available.

Q. The Public Entity has supplied to the State Entity all other items that the State Entity may reasonably require.

Section 6.05 Construction Inspections. The Public Entity and the Architect, if any, shall be responsible for making their own inspections and observations of the Construction Items, and shall determine to their own satisfaction that the work done or materials supplied by the Contractors to whom payment is to be made out of each Advance has been properly done or supplied in accordance with the Construction Contract Documents. If any work done or materials supplied by a Contractor are not satisfactory to the Public Entity or the Architect, if any, or if a Contractor is not in material compliance with the Construction Contract Documents in any respect, then the Public Entity shall immediately notify the State Entity, in writing. The State Entity and the Inspecting Engineer, if any, may conduct such inspections of the Construction Items as either may deem necessary for the protection of the State Entity's interest, and that any inspections which may be made of the Project by the State Entity or the Inspecting Engineer, if any, are made and all certificates issued by the Inspecting Engineer, if any, will be issued solely for the benefit and protection of the State Entity, and the Public Entity will not rely thereon.

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Section 7.01 Insurance. The Public Entity shall, upon acquisition of the ownership interest delineated in Section 2.02, insure the Facility, if such exists, in an amount equal to the full insurable value thereof (i) by self insuring under a program of self insurance legally adopted, maintained and adequately funded by the Public Entity, or (ii) by way of builders risk insurance and fire and extended coverage insurance with a deductible in an amount acceptable to the State Entity under which the State Entity and the Public Entity are named as loss payees. If damages which are covered by such required insurance occur, then the Public Entity shall, at its sole option and discretion, either: (y) use or cause the insurance proceeds to be used to fully or partially repair such damage and to provide or cause to be provided whatever additional funds that may be needed to fully or partially repair such damage, or (z) sell its ownership interest in the damaged Facility and portion of the Real Property associated therewith in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 4.01.

If the Public Entity elects to only partially repair such damage, then the portion of the insurance proceeds not used for such repair shall be applied in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 4.02 as if the Public Entity's ownership interest in the Real Property and Facility had been sold, and such amounts shall be credited against the amounts due and owing under Section 4.02 upon the ultimate sale of the Public Entity's ownership interest in the Real Property and Facility. If the Public Entity elects to sell its ownership interest in the damaged Facility and portion of the Real Property associated therewith, then such sale must occur within a reasonable time period from the date the damage occurred and the cumulative sum of the insurance proceeds plus the proceeds of such sale must be applied in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 4.02, with the insurance proceeds being so applied within a reasonable time period from the date they are received by the Public Entity.

The State Entity agrees to and will assign or pay over to the Public Entity all insurance proceeds it receives so that the Public Entity can comply with the requirements that this Section imposes thereon as to the use of such insurance proceeds.

If the Public Entity elects to maintain general comprehensive liability insurance regarding the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, then the Public Entity shall have the State Entity named as an additional named insured therein.

The Public Entity may require a Counterparty to provide and maintain any or all of the insurance required under this Section; provided that the Public Entity continues to be responsible for the providing of such insurance in the event that the Counterparty fails to provide or maintain such insurance.

At the written request of either the State Entity or the Commissioner of MMB, the Public Entity shall promptly furnish to the requesting entity all written notices and all paid premium receipts received by the Public Entity regarding the required insurance, or certificates of insurance evidencing the existence of such required insurance.

If the Public Entity fails to provide and maintain the insurance required under this Section, then the State Entity may, at its sole option and discretion, obtain and maintain insurance of an equivalent nature and any funds expended by the State Entity to obtain or maintain such insurance shall be due and payable on demand by the State Entity and bear interest from the date of advancement by the State Entity at a rate equal to the lesser of the maximum interest rate allowed by law or 18% per annum based upon a 365-day year. Provided, however, nothing contained herein, including but not limited to this Section, shall require the State Entity to obtain or maintain such insurance, and the State Entity's decision to not obtain or maintain such insurance shall not lessen the Public Entity's duty to obtain and maintain such insurance.

Section 7.02 Condemnation. If after the Public Entity has acquired the ownership interest delineated in Section 2.02 all or any portion of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility is condemned to an extent that the Public Entity can no longer comply with the provisions contained in Section 2.04, then the Public Entity shall, at its sole option and discretion, either: (i) use or cause the condemnation proceeds to be used to acquire an interest in additional real property needed for the Public Entity to continue to comply with the provisions contained in Section 2.04 and, if applicable, to fully or partially restore the Facility and to provide or cause to be provided whatever additional funds that may be needed for such purposes, or (ii) sell the remaining portion of its ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 4.01. Any condemnation proceeds which are not used to acquire an interest in additional real property or to restore, if applicable, the Facility shall be applied in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 4.02 as if the Public Entity's ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility had been sold, and such amounts shall be credited against the amounts due and owing under Section 4.02 upon the ultimate sale of the Public Entity's ownership interest in the remaining Real Property and, if applicable, Facility. If the Public Entity elects to sell its ownership interest in the portion of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility that remains after the condemnation, then such sale must occur within a reasonable time period from the date the condemnation occurred and the cumulative sum of the condemnation proceeds plus the proceeds of such sale must be applied in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 4.02, with the condemnation proceeds being so applied within a reasonable time period from the date they are received by the Public Entity.

As recipient of any of condemnation awards or proceeds referred to herein, the State Entity agrees to and will disclaim, assign or pay over to the Public Entity all of such condemnation awards or proceeds it receives so that the Public Entity can comply with the requirements that this Section imposes upon the Public Entity as to the use of such condemnation awards or proceeds.

Section 7.03 Use, Maintenance, Repair and Alterations. The Public Entity shall (i) keep the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, in good condition and repair, subject to reasonable and ordinary wear and tear, (ii) complete promptly and in good and workmanlike manner any building or other improvement which may be constructed on the Real Property and promptly restore in like manner any portion of the Facility, if applicable,

which may be damaged or destroyed thereon and pay when due all claims for labor performed and materials furnished therefor, (iii) comply with all laws, ordinances, regulations, requirements, covenants, conditions and restrictions now or hereafter affecting the Real Property or, if applicable, Facility, or any part thereof, or requiring any alterations or improvements thereto, (iv) keep and maintain abutting grounds, sidewalks, roads, parking and landscape areas in good and neat order and repair, (v) comply with the provisions of any Real Property/Facility Lease if the Public Entity's ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, is a leasehold interest, (vi) comply with the provisions of any easement if its ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility is by way of such easement, and (vii) comply with the provisions of any condominium documents and any applicable reciprocal easement or operating agreements if the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, is part of a condominium regime or is subject to a reciprocal easement or use contract.

The Public Entity shall not, without the written consent of the State Entity and the Commissioner of MMB, (a) permit or suffer the use of any of the Real Property or, if applicable, Facility, for any purpose other than the purposes specified in Section 2.04, (b) remove, demolish or substantially alter any of the Real Property or, if applicable, Facility, except such alterations as may be required by laws, ordinances or regulations or such other alterations as may improve such Real Property or, if applicable, Facility by increasing the value thereof or improving its ability to be used to operate the State Program thereon or therein, (c) do any act or thing which would unduly impair or depreciate the value of the Real Property or, if applicable, Facility, (d) abandon the Real Property or, if applicable, Facility, (e) commit or permit any waste or deterioration of the Real Property or, if applicable, Facility, (f) remove any fixtures or personal property from the Real Property or, if applicable, Facility, that was paid for with the proceeds of the Program Grant unless the same are immediately replaced with like property of at least equal value and utility, or (g) commit, suffer or permit any act to be done in or upon the Real Property or, if applicable, Facility, in violation of any law, ordinance or regulation.

If the Public Entity fails to maintain the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility in accordance with the provisions contained in this Section, then the State Entity may perform whatever acts and expend whatever funds that are necessary to so maintain the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility and the Public Entity irrevocably authorizes and empowers the State Entity to enter upon the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, to perform such acts as may be necessary to so maintain the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility. Any actions taken or funds expended by the State Entity hereunder shall be at its sole option and discretion, and nothing contained herein, including but not limited to this Section, shall require the State Entity to take any action, incur any expense, or expend any funds, and the State Entity shall not be responsible for or liable to the Public Entity or any other entity for any such acts that are undertaken and performed in good faith and not in a negligent manner. Any funds expended by the State Entity to perform such acts as may be necessary to so maintain the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility shall be due and payable on demand by the State Entity and bear interest from the date of advancement by the State Entity at a rate equal to the lesser of the maximum interest rate allowed by law or 18% per annum based upon a 365 day year.

Section 7.04 Records Keeping and Reporting. The Public Entity shall maintain or cause to be maintained books, records, documents and other evidence pertaining to the costs or expenses associated with the Project and operation of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility needed to comply with the requirements contained in this Agreement, the G.O. Compliance Legislation, the Commissioner's Order, and the State Program Enabling Legislation, and upon request shall allow or cause the entity which is maintaining such items to allow the State Entity, auditors for the State Entity, the Legislative Auditor for the State of Minnesota, or the State Auditor for the State of Minnesota, to inspect, audit, copy, or abstract, all of such items. The Public Entity shall use or cause the entity which is maintaining such items to use generally accepted accounting principles in the maintenance of such items, and shall retain or cause to be retained (i) all of such items that relate to the Project

for a period of 6 years from the date that the Project is fully completed and placed into operation, and (ii) all of such items that relate to the operation of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility for a period of 6 years from the date such operation is initiated.

Section 7.05 Inspections by State Entity. Upon reasonable request by the State Entity and without interfering with the normal use of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, the Public Entity shall allow, and will require any entity to whom it leases, subleases, or enters into a Use Contract for any portion of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility to allow the State Entity to inspect the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility.

Section 7.06 Data Practices. The Public Entity agrees with respect to any data that it possesses regarding the Program Grant, the Project, or the operation of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, to comply with all of the provisions and restrictions contained in the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act contained in Chapter 13 of the Minnesota Statutes that exists as of the date of this Agreement and as such may subsequently be amended, modified or replaced from time to time.

Section 7.07 Non-Discrimination. The Public Entity agrees to not engage in discriminatory employment practices regarding the Project, or operation or management of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, and it shall, with respect to such activities, fully comply with all of the provisions contained in Chapters 363A and 181 of the Minnesota Statutes that exist as of the date of this Agreement and as such may subsequently be amended, modified or replaced from time to time.

Section 7.08 Worker's Compensation. The Public Entity agrees to comply with all of the provisions relating to worker's compensation contained in Minn. Stat. §§ 176.181, subd. 2 and 176.182, as they may be amended, modified or replaced from time to time, with respect to the Project and the operation or management of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility.

Section 7.09 Antitrust Claims. The Public Entity hereby assigns to the State Entity and the Commissioner of MMB all claims it may have for overcharges as to goods or services provided with respect to the Project, and operation or management of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility that arise under the antitrust laws of the State of Minnesota or of the United States of America.

Section 7.10 Review of Plans and Cost Estimates. The Public Entity agrees to comply with all applicable provisions and requirements, if any, contained in Minn. Stat. § 16B.335, as it may be amended, modified or replaced from time to time, for the Project, and in accordance therewith the Public Entity agrees to comply with the following provisions and requirements if such provisions and requirements are applicable.

A. The Public Entity shall provide all information that the State Entity may request in order for the State Entity to determine that the Project will comply with the provisions and requirements contained in Minn. Stat. § 16B.335, as it may be amended, modified or replaced from time to time.

B. Prior to its proceeding with design activities for the Project the Public Entity shall prepare a predesign package and submit it to the Commissioner of Administration for the State of Minnesota for review and comment. The predesign package must be sufficient to define the purpose, scope, cost, and projected schedule for the Project, and must demonstrate that the Project has been analyzed according to appropriate space and needs standards. Any substantial changes to such predesign package must be submitted to the Commissioner of Administration for the State of Minnesota for review and comment.

C. If the Project includes the construction of a new building, substantial addition to an existing building, a substantial change to the interior configuration of an existing building, or the acquisition of an interest in land, then the Public Entity shall not prepare final plans and specifications until it has prepared a program plan and cost estimates for all elements necessary to complete the Project and presented them to the Chairs of the Minnesota State Senate Finance Committee and Minnesota House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee and the chairs have made their recommendations, and it has notified the Chair and Ranking Minority Member of the Minnesota House of Representatives Capital Investment Committee and the Chair and Ranking Minority Member of the Minnesota State Senate Capital Investment Committee. The program plan and cost estimates must note any significant changes in the work to be performed on the Project, or in its costs, which have arisen since the appropriation from the legislature for the Project was enacted or which differ from any previous predesign submittal.

D. The Public Entity must notify the Chairs and Ranking Minority Members of the Minnesota State Senate Finance and Capital Investment Committees, and the Minnesota House of Representatives Capital Investment and Ways and Means Committees of any significant changes to the program plan and cost estimates referred to in Section 7.10.C.

E. The program plan and cost estimates referred to in Section 7.10.C must ensure that the Project will comply with all applicable energy conservation standards contained in law, including Minn. Stat. §§ 216C.19 to 216C.20, as they may be amended, modified or replaced from time to time, and all rules adopted thereunder.

F. If any of the Program Grant is to be used for the construction or remodeling of the Facility, then both the predesign package referred to in Section 7.10.B and the program plan and cost estimates referred to in Section 7.10.C must include provisions for cost-effective information technology investments that will enable the occupant of the Facility to reduce its need for office space, provide more of its services electronically, and decentralize its operations.

G. If the Project does not involve the construction of a new building, substantial addition to an existing building, substantial change to the interior configuration of an existing building, or the acquisition of an interest in land, then prior to beginning work on the Project the Public Entity shall just notify the Chairs and Ranking Minority Members of the Minnesota State Senate Finance and Capital Investment Committees, and the Minnesota House of Representatives Capital Investment and Ways and Means Committees that the work to be performed is ready to begin.

H. The Project must be: (i) substantially completed in accordance with the program plan and cost estimates referred to in Section 7.10.C, (ii) completed in accordance with the time schedule contained in the program plan referred to in Section 7.10.C, and (iii) completed within the budgets contained in the cost estimates referred to in Section 7.10.C.

Provided, however, the provisions and requirements contained in this Section only apply to public lands or buildings or other public improvements of a capital nature, and shall not apply to the demolition or decommissioning of state assets, hazardous material projects, utility infrastructure projects, environmental testing, parking lots, parking structures, park and ride facilities, bus rapid transit stations, light rail lines, passenger rail projects, exterior lighting, fencing, highway rest areas, truck stations, storage facilities not consisting primarily of offices or heated work areas, roads, bridges, trails, pathways, campgrounds, athletic fields, dams, floodwater

retention systems, water access sites, harbors, sewer separation projects, water and wastewater facilities, port development projects for which the Commissioner of Transportation for the State of Minnesota has entered into an assistance agreement under Minn. Stat. § 457A.04, as it may be amended, modified or replaced from time to time, ice centers, local government projects with a construction cost of less than \$1,500,000.00, or any other capital project with a construction cost of less than \$750,000.00.

Section 7.11 Prevailing Wages. The Public Entity agrees to comply with all of the applicable provisions contained in Chapter 177 of the Minnesota Statutes, and specifically those provisions contained in Minn. Stat. §§ 177.41 through 177.435, as they may be amended, modified or replaced from time to time with respect to the Project and the operation of the State Program on or in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility. By agreeing to this provision, the Public Entity is not acknowledging or agreeing that the cited provisions apply to the Project or the operation of the State Program on or in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility.

Section 7.12 Liability. The Public Entity and the State Entity agree that they will, subject to any indemnifications provided herein, be responsible for their own acts and the results thereof to the extent authorized by law, and they shall not be responsible for the acts of the other party and the results thereof. The liability of the State Entity and the Commissioner of MMB is governed by the provisions contained in Minn. Stat. § 3.736, as it may be amended, modified or replaced from time to time. If the Public Entity is a “municipality” as such term is used in Chapter 466 of the Minnesota Statutes that exists as of the date of this Agreement and as such may subsequently be amended, modified or replaced from time to time, then the liability of the Public Entity, including but not limited to the indemnification provided under Section 7.13, is governed by the provisions contained in such Chapter 466.

Section 7.13 Indemnification by the Public Entity. The Public Entity shall bear all loss, expense (including attorneys’ fees), and damage in connection with the Project and operation of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State Entity, the Commissioner of MMB, and the State of Minnesota, their agents, servants and employees from all claims, demands and judgments made or recovered against the State Entity, the Commissioner of MMB, and the State of Minnesota, their agents, servants and employees, because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, or because of damages to property of the State Entity, the Commissioner of MMB, or the State of Minnesota, or others (including loss of use) from any cause whatsoever, arising out of, incidental to, or in connection with the Project or operation of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility, whether or not due to any act of omission or commission, including negligence of the Public Entity or any contractor or his or their employees, servants or agents, and whether or not due to any act of omission or commission (excluding, however, negligence or breach of statutory duty) of the State Entity, the Commissioner of MMB, or the State of Minnesota, their employees, servants or agents.

The Public Entity further agrees to indemnify, save, and hold the State Entity, the Commissioner of MMB, and the State of Minnesota, their agents and employees, harmless from all claims arising out of, resulting from, or in any manner attributable to any violation by the Public Entity, its officers, employees, or agents, or by any Counterparty, its officers, employees, or agents, of any provision of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, including legal fees and disbursements paid or incurred to enforce the provisions contained in Section 7.06.

The Public Entity’s liability hereunder shall not be limited to the extent of insurance carried by or provided by the Public Entity, or subject to any exclusions from coverage in any insurance policy.

Section 7.14 Relationship of the Parties. Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended or should be construed in any manner as creating or establishing the relationship of co-partners or a joint venture between the

Public Entity, the State Entity, or the Commissioner of MMB, nor shall the Public Entity be considered or deemed to be an agent, representative, or employee of the State Entity, the Commissioner of MMB, or the State of Minnesota in the performance of this Agreement, the Project, or operation of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility.

The Public Entity represents that it has already or will secure or cause to be secured all personnel required for the performance of this Agreement and the Project, and the operation and maintenance of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility. All personnel of the Public Entity or other persons while engaging in the performance of this Agreement, the Project, or the operation and maintenance of the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility shall not have any contractual relationship with the State Entity, the Commissioner of MMB, or the State of Minnesota, and shall not be considered employees of any of such entities. In addition, all claims that may arise on behalf of said personnel or other persons out of employment or alleged employment including, but not limited to, claims under the Workers' Compensation Act of the State of Minnesota, claims of discrimination against the Public Entity, its officers, agents, contractors, or employees shall in no way be the responsibility of the State Entity, the Commissioner of MMB, or the State of Minnesota. Such personnel or other persons shall not require nor be entitled to any compensation, rights or benefits of any kind whatsoever from the State Entity, the Commissioner of MMB, or the State of Minnesota including, but not limited to, tenure rights, medical and hospital care, sick and vacation leave, disability benefits, severance pay and retirement benefits.

Section 7.15 Notices. In addition to any notice required under applicable law to be given in another manner, any notices required hereunder must be in writing and shall be sufficient if personally served or sent by prepaid, registered, or certified mail (return receipt requested), to the business address of the party to whom it is directed. Such business address shall be that address specified below or such different address as may hereafter be specified, by either party by written notice to the other:

To the Public Entity at:

City of Duluth
411 West 1st Street
Duluth, MN 55802
Attention: Cliff Knettel, Senior Parks Planner

To the State Entity at:

Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails
500 Lafayette Road, Box 52
St. Paul, MN 55155
Attention: Ryan Bloomberg, Grants Specialist

To the Commissioner of MMB at:

Minnesota Department of Management and Budget
400 Centennial Office Bldg.
658 Cedar St.
St. Paul, MN 55155
Attention: Commissioner

Section 7.16 **Binding Effect and Assignment or Modification.** This Agreement and the Declaration shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Public Entity and the State Entity, and their respective successors and assigns. Provided, however, that neither the Public Entity nor the State Entity may assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement or the Declaration without the prior written consent of the other party. No change or modification of the terms or provisions of this Agreement or the Declaration shall be binding on either the Public Entity or the State Entity unless such change or modification is in writing and signed by an authorized official of the party against which such change or modification is to be imposed.

Section 7.17 **Waiver.** Neither the failure by the Public Entity, the State Entity, or the Commissioner of MMB, as a third party beneficiary of this Agreement, in any one or more instances to insist upon the complete and total observance or performance of any term or provision hereof, nor the failure of the Public Entity, the State Entity, or the Commissioner of MMB, as a third party beneficiary of this Agreement, to exercise any right, privilege, or remedy conferred hereunder or afforded by law shall be construed as waiving any breach of such term, provision, or the right to exercise such right, privilege, or remedy thereafter. In addition, no delay on the part of the Public Entity, the State Entity, or the Commissioner of MMB, as a third party beneficiary of this Agreement, in exercising any right or remedy hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right or remedy preclude other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right or remedy.

Section 7.18 **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, the Declaration, and the documents, if any, referred to and incorporated herein by reference embody the entire agreement between the Public Entity and the State Entity, and there are no other agreements, either oral or written, between the Public Entity and the State Entity on the subject matter hereof.

Section 7.19 **Choice of Law and Venue.** All matters relating to the validity, construction, performance, or enforcement of this Agreement or the Declaration shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota. All legal actions initiated with respect to or arising from any provision contained in this Agreement shall be initiated, filed and venued in the State of Minnesota District Court located in the City of St. Paul, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota.

Section 7.20 **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is finally judged by any court to be invalid, then the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect and they shall be interpreted, performed, and enforced as if the invalid provision did not appear herein.

Section 7.21 **Time of Essence.** Time is of the essence with respect to all of the matters contained in this Agreement.

Section 7.22 **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original, but such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

Section 7.23 **Matching Funds.** The Public Entity must obtain and supply the following matching funds, if any, for the Project:

The Grantee agrees to provide a nonstate cash match of a least \$150,000.

Any matching funds which are intended to meet the above requirements must either be in the form of (i) cash monies, (ii) legally binding commitments for money, or (iii) equivalent funds or contributions, including equity, which have been or will be used to pay for the Project. The Public Entity shall supply to the Commissioner of MMB whatever documentation the Commissioner of MMB may request to substantiate the availability and source of any matching funds, and the source and terms relating to all matching funds must be consented to, in writing, by the Commissioner of MMB.

Section 7.24 **Source and Use of Funds.** The Public Entity represents to the State Entity and the Commissioner of MMB that **Attachment III** is intended to be and is a source and use of funds statement showing the total cost of the Project and all of the funds that are available for the completion of the Project, and that the information contained in such **Attachment III** correctly and accurately delineates the following information.

A. The total cost of the Project detailing all of the major elements that make up such total cost and how much of such total cost is attributed to each such major element.

B. The source of all funds needed to complete the Project broken down among the following categories:

- (i) State funds including the Program Grant, identifying the source and amount of such funds.
- (ii) Matching funds, identifying the source and amount of such funds.
- (iii) Other funds supplied by the Public Entity, identifying the source and amount of such funds.
- (iv) Loans, identifying each such loan, the entity providing the loan, the amount of each such loan, the terms and conditions of each such loan, and all collateral pledged for repayment of each such loan.
- (v) Other funds, identifying the source and amount of such funds.

C. Such other financial information that is needed to correctly reflect the total funds available for the completion of the Project, the source of such funds and the expected use of such funds.

Previously paid project expenses that are to be reimbursed and paid from proceeds of the G.O. Grant may only be included as a source of funds and included in **Attachment III** if such items have been approved, in writing, by the Commissioner of MMB.

If any of the funds included under the source of funds have conditions precedent to the release of such funds, then the Public Entity must provide to the State Entity and the Commissioner of MMB a detailed description of such conditions and what is being done to satisfy such conditions.

The Public Entity shall also supply whatever other information and documentation that the State Entity or the Commissioner of MMB may request to support or explain any of the information contained in **Attachment III**.

The value of the Public Entity's ownership interest in the Real Property and, if applicable, Facility should only be shown in **Attachment III** if such ownership interest is being acquired and paid for with funds shown in such **Attachment III**, and for all other circumstances such value should be shown in the definition for Ownership Value in Section 1.01 and not included in such **Attachment III**.

The funds shown in **Attachment III** and to be supplied for the Project may, subject to any limitations contained in the State Program Enabling Legislation, be provided by either the Public Entity or a Counterparty under a Use Contract.

Section 7.25 **Project Completion Schedule.** The Public Entity represents to the State Entity and the Commissioner of MMB that **Attachment IV** correctly and accurately delineates the projected schedule for the completion of the Project.

Section 7.26 **Third-Party Beneficiary.** The State Program will benefit the State of Minnesota and the provisions and requirements contained herein are for the benefit of both the State Entity and the State of Minnesota. Therefore, the State of Minnesota, by and through its Commissioner of MMB, is and shall be a third-party beneficiary of this Agreement.

Section 7.27 **Public Entity Tasks.** Any tasks that this Agreement imposes upon the Public Entity may be performed by such other entity as the Public Entity may select or designate, provided that the failure of such other entity to perform said tasks shall be deemed to be a failure to perform by the Public Entity.

Section 7.28 **State Entity and Commissioner Required Acts and Approvals.** The State Entity and the Commissioner of MMB shall not (i) perform any act herein required or authorized by it in an unreasonable manner, (ii) unreasonably refuse to perform any act that it is required to perform hereunder, or (iii) unreasonably refuse to provide or withhold any approval that is required of it herein.

Section 7.29 **Applicability to Real Property and Facility.** This Agreement applies to the Public Entity's ownership interest in the Real Property and if a Facility exists to the Facility. The term "if applicable" appearing in conjunction with the term "Facility" is meant to indicate that this Agreement will apply to a Facility if one exists, and if no Facility exists then this Agreement will only apply to the Public Entity's ownership interest in the Real Property.

Section 7.30 **E-Verification.** The Public Entity agrees and acknowledges that it is aware of Minn. Stat. § 16C.075 regarding e-verification of employment of all newly hired employees to confirm that such employees are legally entitled to work in the United States, and that it will, if and when applicable, fully comply with such statute and impose a similar requirement in any Use Contract to which it is a party.

Section 7.31 **Additional Requirements.** The Public Entity and the State Entity agree to comply with the following additional requirements. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the following additional requirements and any other provisions or requirement contained in this Agreement, the following additional requirements contained in this Section shall control.

Grantee's Duties

The Grantee, who is not a state employee, will:

Comply with required grants management policies and procedures set forth through [Minn.Stat. §16B.97](#), Subd. 4 (a) (1) and comply with Attachment A, Project Budget, which is incorporated and made a part of this contract.

The Grantee agrees to complete the project in accordance with the approved budget to the extent practicable and within the project period specified in the grant contract. Any material change in the

scope of the project, budget or completion date shall require prior written approval by the State.

Non-Discrimination Requirements

No person in the United States must, on the ground of race, color, national origin, handicap, age, religion, or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under, any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. Including but not limited to:

- a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.) and DOC implementing regulations published at 15 C.F.R. Part 8 prohibiting discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin under programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.) prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex under Federally assisted education programs or activities.
- b) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794), and DOC implementing regulations published at 15 C.F.R. Part 8b prohibiting discrimination on the basis of handicap under any program or activity receiving or benefiting from Federal assistance.
- c) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), and DOC implementing regulations published at 15 C.F.R. Part 20 prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance.
- d) Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 which prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in services, programs, and activities of public entities.
- e) Any other applicable non-discrimination law(s).

Americans with Disabilities Act and Final Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas

The Grantee shall construct, operate, and maintain all facilities and programs in compliance with all state and federal accessibility laws, regulations, and guidelines including the [Final Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas](#). Information on compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act is available at [U.S. Access Board](#).

The Grantee will also ensure compliance with other applicable state requirements for accessibility, including but not limited to, accommodations for hard-of-hearing in state-funded capital projects that include space for public gatherings of more than 15 people. See [Minn. Stat. 16C.054](#) for more information.

Reporting

The Grantee shall submit a progress report, in a form prescribed by the State, by January 1 of each year during the term of this grant contract. A final report must be submitted with the request for final reimbursement. Prior to receiving final reimbursement, confirmation is required that all required inspections of the completed work by municipal or governmental authorities having jurisdiction have been completed and that all required certificates of occupancy or similar approvals have been issued.

Inspections

The State's authorized representatives shall be allowed, at any time, to conduct periodic site visits and inspections to ensure work progress in accordance with this grant contract, including a final inspection upon project completion. Following closure of the project, the State's authorized representatives shall be allowed to conduct post-completion inspections of the site to ensure that the site is being properly operated and maintained and that no conversion of use has occurred.

Resource Management and Protection

The Grantee shall protect, manage, and maintain, or cause to maintain, the property acquired and/or developed pursuant to this grant contract. Properties shall be kept reasonably safe for public use, if applicable. All state and federal accessibility laws, regulations and standards shall be adhered to. Vegetation management and similar safeguards and supervision shall be provided to the extent feasible. Buildings, roads, trails and other structures and improvements, if any, shall be kept in reasonable repair throughout their estimated lifetime to prevent undue deterioration.

The Grantee shall keep the facility open to the general public at reasonable hours and at times of the year consistent with the purpose and type of use of the property and appropriate management and protection of natural resources.

Invasive Species Prevention

Grantees and subcontractors must follow Minnesota DNR's Operational Order 113, which requires preventing or limiting the introduction, establishment and spread of invasive species during activities on public waters and DNR-administered lands. This applies to all activities performed on all lands under this grant agreement and is not limited to lands under DNR control or public waters. Duties are listed under the sections Invasives Species Prevention and Site Planning and Management (p. 3-5) of Operational Order 113 which may be found at http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/assistance/grants/habitat/heritage/oporder_113.pdf.

Pollinator Best Management Practices

Habitat restorations and enhancements conducted on DNR lands and prairie restorations on state lands or on any lands using state funds are subject to pollinator best management practices and habitat restoration guidelines pursuant to [Minn. Stat. 84.973](#). Practices and guidelines ensure an appropriate diversity of native species to provide habitat for pollinators through the growing season. Current specific practices and guidelines to be followed for contract and grant work can be found here: [Link to December 2014 version](#).

Conflict of Interest

It is the policy of the State to work to deliberately avoid actual and potential conflict of interests related to grant making at both the individual and organizational levels.

A conflict of interest (actual or potential) occurs when a person has actual or apparent duty or loyalty to more than one organization and the competing duties or loyalties may result in actions which are adverse to one or both parties. A conflict of interest exists even if no unethical, improper, or illegal act results from it.

The Grantee, by signing this contract with the State, certifies it has read and understands the Office of Grants Management [Conflict of Interest Policy 08-01](#), will maintain an adequate Conflict of Interest Policy and, throughout the term of the contract, monitor and report any actual or potential conflicts of interest to the State's Authorized Representative.

Minnesota Historical Sites Act and Minnesota Field Archaeology Act

For projects involving land acquisition and/or construction, the State Historic Preservation Office must review the project to determine if the site is a potential location for historical or archeological findings. If the State Historic Preservation Office determines that a survey is required, the survey would need to be completed, review and approved prior to any site disturbance for development projects and prior to the final reimbursement of the grant funds for acquisition projects.

Land Retention and Deed Restriction

Land Retention

All land within the project boundary must be retained and operated for outdoor recreation in perpetuity and a condition of this requirement must be recorded with the deed using language provided in the grant contract. This boundary must include all contiguous lands currently owned by the applicant and managed for public recreation and any additional land to be acquired with this grant.

No other use can be made of these lands without prior written approval of the State. The State will consider requests to convert these lands to other uses only if all practical alternatives have been evaluated and rejected on a sound basis and replacement lands of equal or greater fair market value and reasonably equivalent usefulness are acquired and dedicated to public outdoor recreation use.

Deed Restriction

The Grantee shall have the following condition recorded with the deed to all lands acquired by this contract and submit an attested copy of the deed and the condition to the State:

In order to comply with the Department of Natural Resources Trail Project Contract R004-23-2C, Cross City Trail (CCT) Segment 6, the City of Duluth does hereby impose the following restrictions on the property:

1. The property shall be permanently managed and maintained for public outdoor recreation use.
2. The Grantee shall not at any time convert any portion of the land to uses other than public outdoor recreation use without the prior written approval of the State acting through its commissioner of natural resources.

Force Majeure

Neither party shall be responsible to the other or considered in default of its obligations within this Contract to the extent that performance of any such obligation is prevented or delayed by acts of God, war, riot, disruption of government, or other catastrophes beyond the reasonable control of the party unless the act or occurrence could have been reasonably foreseen and reasonable action could have been taken to prevent the delay or failure to perform. A party relying on this provision to excuse performance must provide the other party prompt written notice of the inability to perform and take all necessary steps to bring about performance as soon as practicable.

American-Made Steel. Minnesota Laws 2014, Chapter 294, Article 2, Section 22, requires public entities receiving an appropriation of public money for a project in that act to ensure those facilities are built with American-made steel, to the extent practicable. The Public Entity shall comply with this requirement and shall furnish any documentation pursuant thereto reasonably requested by the State Entity.

IN TESTIMONY HEREOF, the Public Entity and the State Entity have executed this General Obligation Bond Proceeds Grant Agreement Construction Grant for the R004-23-2C, Cross City Trail (CCT) Segment 6, under the Regional Trails Grant Program on the day and date indicated immediately below their respective signatures.

STATE ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION

*Individual certifies that fund have been encumbered as required by
MN Statutes 16A.15 and 16B.98*

Signed: _____

Date: _____

SWIFT PO No. _____

PUBLIC ENTITY:

City of Duluth, a statutory city

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Dated: _____, _____

And: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Dated: _____, _____

STATE ENTITY:

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources,

By: _____
(With delegated authority)

Title: _____

Date: _____

Attachment I to Grant Agreement

State of Minnesota General Obligation Bond Financed DECLARATION

The undersigned has the following interest in the real property located in the County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota that is legally described in **Exhibit A** attached and all facilities situated thereon (collectively, the “Restricted Property”):

(Check the appropriate box.)

☐ a fee simple title,

☐ a lease, or

☒ an easement,

and as owner of such fee title, lease or easement, does hereby declare that such interest in the Restricted Property is hereby made subject to the following restrictions and encumbrances:

- A. The Restricted Property is bond financed property within the meaning of Minn. Stat. § 16A.695, is subject to the encumbrance created and requirements imposed by such statute, and cannot be sold, mortgaged, encumbered or otherwise disposed of without the approval of the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget, which approval must be evidenced by a written statement signed by said commissioner and attached to the deed, mortgage, encumbrance or instrument used to sell or otherwise dispose of the Restricted Property; and
- B. The Restricted Property is subject to all of the terms, conditions, provisions, and limitations contained in that R004-23-2C, Cross City Trail (CCT) Segment 6, between the City of Duluth and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, dated _____, ____.

The Restricted Property shall remain subject to this State of Minnesota General Obligation Bond Financed Declaration for 125% of the useful life of the Restricted Property or until the Restricted Property is sold with the written approval of the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget, at which time it shall be released therefrom by way of a written release in recordable form signed by both the Commissioner of Natural Resources and the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget, and such written release is recorded in the real estate records relating to the Restricted Property. This Declaration may not be terminated, amended, or in any way modified without the specific written consent of the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget.

(SIGNATURE BLOCK, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, AND STATEMENT AS TO WHOM IT WAS DRAFTED BY.)

Exhibit A to Declaration
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF RESTRICTED PROPERTY

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Attachment II to Grant Agreement
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF REAL PROPERTY

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**Attachment III to Grant Agreement
SOURCE AND USE OF FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT**

Source of Funds		Use of Funds	
Identify Source of Funds	Amount	Identify Items	Amount
State G.O. Funds		Ownership Acquisition and Other Items Paid for with Program Grant Funds	
Program Grant	\$300,000		
Other State Funds			\$
City bonds and GF	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
Subtotal	\$		
Matching Funds			
Federal	\$ 150,000	Subtotal	\$xxx,xxx
	\$		
Subtotal	\$ 450,000	Items Paid for with Non- Program Grant Funds	
Other Public Entity Funds			\$
	\$		\$
	\$		
Subtotal		Subtotal	\$ xx,xxx
Loans			
	\$		
	\$		
Subtotal	\$		
			-
Prepaid Project Expenses			
	\$		
	\$		
Subtotal	\$		
TOTAL FUNDS	\$450,000	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	\$450,000

**Attachment IV to Grant Agreement
PROJECT COMPLETION SCHEDULE**

Completion date 6/30/2028.

**Attachment V to Grant Agreement
GRANT APPLICATION**

Incorporated by reference.

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ATTACHMENT A

PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET

Recipient: City of Duluth

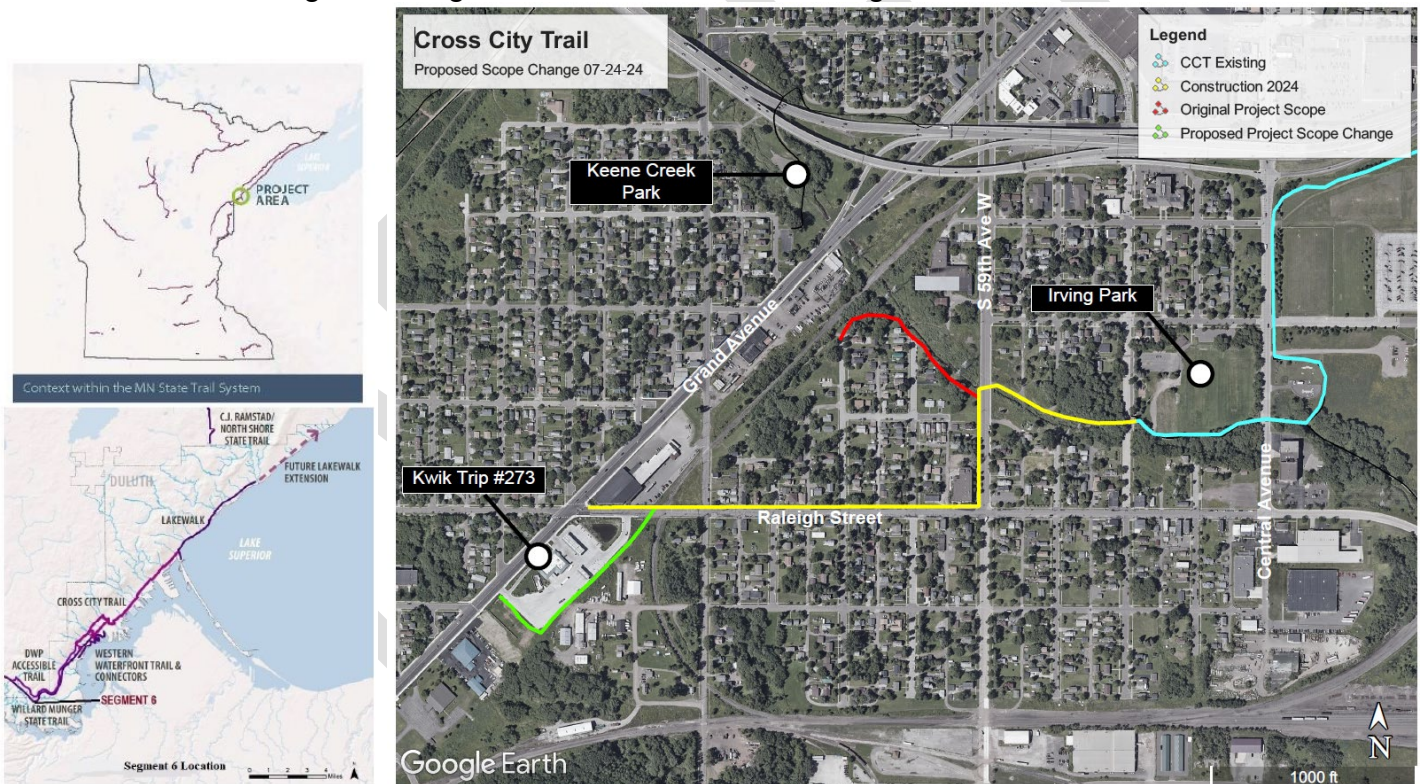
Grant/Project #: R004-23-2C

Grant Amount: \$300,000

Match: \$150,000

Total Project Cost: \$450,000

Project Scope: To continue construction of 1200 LF trail between Raleigh Street and Grand Avenue on an easement on rela perty (owned by Kwik Trip Inc.gment 6, that when complete, will connect 59th Street in the Irving Park neighborhood to the Willard Munger State Trail



Notes: The Financial Management Manual, payment request form and billing data sheet are available on our website at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/index.html>. Click on the trail program in which you are participating and look under the “For the Grantee”, click on Project Administration, see *Grant Expenditures and Requests for Reimbursement* for the manual and

ATTACHMENT B

Boundary Map





Requirements for DNR grantees

Effective date: January 31, 2026

The following policies apply to all DNR grants, except where specifically noted. These requirements are in addition to requirements in program-specific manuals. In case of any conflicts with an existing grant program manual, the stricter document will control.

Questions about these requirements should be directed to the grant specialist for your grant program. Questions may also be directed to grantsteam.dnr@state.mn.us. When sending an email to this address, please include information on your grant funding source, program, and question.

Admin's Office of Grants Management policies

Under [Minn. Statutes, section 16b.97 subd. 2](#), the Minnesota Department of Administration is required to create general grants management policies and procedures applicable to all state agencies. Admin's OGM implemented grant policies for the State of Minnesota. Please review [OGM grant policies](#) (select the Current Policies tab). Information especially relevant to grantees is summarized below. Unless otherwise noted, these policies do not apply to bonding grants and grants under [Minn. Statutes section 16A.86](#) or [section 16A.642](#).

Grants conflict of interest (OGM Policy 08-01)

All grantees must sign a conflict-of-interest disclosure form or certify they will disclose conflicts of interest when signing their grant agreements/grant award notifications. Grantees must also maintain a written standard of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of their employees or board members engaged in the selection, award, and administration of contracts. State staff may request this written standard when conducting grant monitoring activities or if otherwise relevant. These requirements apply to all grants, including bonding grants and grants under Minn. Statutes section 16A.86 and section 16A.642.

OGM Policy 08-01 states that a conflict of interest occurs "when a person has actual or apparent duty or loyalty to more than one organization and the competing duties or loyalties may result in actions which are adverse to one or both parties. A conflict of interest exists even if no unethical, improper, or illegal act results from it." Per the OGM policy, there are several types of conflicts of interest:

Actual conflict of interest

An actual conflict of interest occurs when a person's decision or action would compromise a duty to a party without taking immediate appropriate action to eliminate the conflict.

Potential conflict of interest

A potential conflict of interest may exist if a person has a relationship, affiliation, or other interest that could create an inappropriate influence if the person is called on to make a decision or recommendation that would affect one or more of those relationships, affiliations, or interest.

Individual conflict of interest

A conflict of interest that may benefit an individual employee or a grant reviewer is any situation in which their judgement, actions, or non-action could be interpreted to be influenced by something that would benefit them directly or through indirect gain to an immediate family member, business, or organization with which they are involved.

Organizational conflict of interest

A conflict of interest can also occur with an organization that is a grant applicant in a competitive grant process or grantee of a state agency. Organizational conflicts of interest occur when:

- A grantee's objectivity in carrying out the grant is impaired or compromised due to competing duties or loyalties
- A grantee, potential grantee, or grant applicant has an unfair competitive advantage through being furnished unauthorized proprietary information or source selection information that is not available to all competitors

Use of grant contract agreements and grant award notifications (OGM Policy 08-04)

All grants need a written grant contract agreement or grant award notification. State agencies cannot award a grant to a grantee that is on either the [suspension or debarment lists for the state of Minnesota](#) or the federal government. If a grantee becomes suspended or debarred, that may be cause for the State to cancel their grant.

Grant agreements/GANs must contain a provision for the grantee to clearly post on the grantee's website the names and contact information for the grantee organization's leadership and the person(s) who directly manages and oversees the grant.

A fully executed copy of the grant agreement or GAN and all relevant records must be kept on file for a minimum of six years from the end date, receipt, and approval of all final reports, OR the period of time required to satisfy all state and program retention requirements, whichever is later.

Grantees must complete work in accordance with the terms and conditions of their grant agreement/GAN. Work not covered under the grant agreement/GAN will not be reimbursed without a prior amendment request.

Public questions and comments concerning fraud and waste in state grants (OGM Policy 08-05)

OGM will serve as the central point of contact for questions and comments about fraud and waste in state grants and about the violation of statewide grants policies. OGM will also respond to other public questions and concerns about state grants.

Grant payments (OGM Policy 08-08)

State agencies may not issue grant payments until the funds are encumbered, and the grant agreement is fully executed, or the GAN is completed.

Reimbursement is the State's preferred method for making grant payments. DNR grants operate on a reimbursement basis, unless the grant agreement/GAN contains explicit language specifying otherwise.

Grantee reimbursement requests must correspond to the line items in the approved grant budget. Grant managers must review each reimbursement request against the approved grant budget, grant expenditures to date, and the latest grant progress report before approving payment. If grant managers see a discrepancy or have any questions about reimbursement requests and/or related documentation, they will follow up with the grantee.

Any deviation from this policy must be approved by the agency wide grants manager prior to signing a grant agreement/GAN and must be in accordance with state laws and OGM policies.

Grants in which the payment terms are defined in statute are not covered by this policy.

DNR reimbursement procedures

- Grantees must pay for project expenses before seeking reimbursement from the grant and should only request reimbursement for paid expenses. Expenses are reviewed and those deemed eligible are then reimbursed under the terms of the agreement/GAN with the State of Minnesota.
- Grantees are not allowed to request reimbursement for invoices from a vendor that have not yet been paid by the grantee. Please also see the Proof of Payment section below.
- Grantees can expect to be reimbursed within 30 days of the DNR receiving a complete and accurate reimbursement request. If documentation to process the request is missing, or the request has discrepancies or incorrect information, the 30-day clock does not start until all necessary information has been submitted to the DNR and the request has been deemed complete and whole.
- The DNR will pay final reimbursement when the state determines that the grantee has satisfactorily fulfilled all the terms of their grant agreement/GAN, unless a grant term is altered or excluded by the DNR in writing.

Grantees should keep the following documentation on file for monitoring and audit purposes:

- Proof of payment of grant expenses (e.g. copies of cancelled checks, electronic bank statements, etc.)
- Contracting/purchasing bidding documentation
- Organization's conflict of interest policy

- Prevailing wage documentation (if applicable): project assessment form, certified payroll reports, etc.

Grant progress reports (OGM Policy 08-09)

Grantees are required to submit written progress reports at least annually until all grant funds have been expended and all the terms in the grant agreement/GAN have been met. Information requested in a grant progress report may include (but is not limited to): goals and objectives, activities, outcomes, challenges, lessons learned, and financial information. State agencies cannot make grant payments on grants with past due progress reports (unless the agency has given the grantee a written extension).

Grant monitoring (OGM Policy 08-10)

All state grants over \$50,000 are required to have at least one monitoring visit before final payment is made. All state grants over \$250,000 are required to have annual monitoring visits. In-person visits are preferred where possible, but telephone or virtual visits are also used where reasonable.

The purpose of a monitoring visit is to review and ensure progress towards the grant's goals, address any problems or issues before the end of the grant period, and build a relationship between the agency and grantee.

For state grants over \$50,000, state agencies must conduct a financial reconciliation of grantees' expenditures at least once before final payment is made. A financial reconciliation involves reconciling a grantee's request for payment for a given period with supporting documentation (e.g. purchase orders, receipts, payroll records, etc.) for that request.

If previously reimbursed costs are found to be ineligible upon further review during monitoring (or at any other point during the grant period), repayment of those costs or other corrective action may be required.

Proof of payment

The State requires proof of payment documentation to ensure that funds are being provided on a reimbursement basis. The grantee must maintain proof of payment documentation and make it available when requested by the State. Proof of payment documentation may include:

- A copy of a bank statement with photocopies of cleared checks
- An electronic bank statement
- A copy of cancelled checks or other certified financial records
- Employee original time records and payroll documentation

Cost share/required match

For grants which require cost share or match, the requirements for documenting work completed or expenses incurred as match are the same as for expenses for which grantees are requesting reimbursement. The State may disallow otherwise-eligible costs for reimbursement if the grantee cannot provide proof of the expenses being used as match.

For grants with in-kind match (i.e. non-cash donations of a good or service), grantees should provide documentation similar to a payment request.

If the in-kind match is volunteer time, grantees will need volunteer logs and to show the calculation used to convert volunteer hours to time. If the in-kind match is something other than volunteer time (e.g. use of equipment, or donated materials), grantees must perform due diligence to determine how much the in-kind match would cost. For example, if the in-kind match is a land donation, the documentation should include an appraisal. If the in-kind match is use of equipment, the documentation should demonstrate a realistic cost for the type of equipment and amount of time.

Legislatively mandated grants (OGM Policy 08-11)

State agencies must manage legislatively mandated grants with the same level of oversight (including monitoring) applied to other state grants, while respecting and maintaining the legislative intent.

Grantees for legislatively mandated grants must submit a work plan and budget. The grant agreement/GAN must be based on the legislation, the grantee's work plan and budget, and negotiations between the state agency and the grantee.

Grant amendments (OGM Policy 08-12)

During the grant period, it may be necessary to make changes to the grant contract agreement/GAN. Generally, these modifications could include changes to the grant timeframe, to the scope of work, or to the budget categories.

A formal grant contract amendment is required for any changes. Should a situation arise that requires any changes to the project, it is the grantee's responsibility to communicate immediately with the DNR grants specialist.

The purpose of grant amendments must be similar to the original purpose of the grant and the grantee duties should be within the scope of the original RFP/notice of grant opportunity/application.

If an amendment is allowed, it must be fully executed before additional costs can be incurred.

Contracting and bidding

Competitive bidding needs to follow a fair and transparent public process.

Grantees must not contract with vendors or subcontractors who are on the suspension or debarment lists for either the State of Minnesota or the federal government.

Grantees must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that targeted vendors from businesses with active certifications through the entities below are used when possible:

- [Minnesota Department of Administration's Certified Target Group, Economically Disadvantaged, and Veteran-Owned Vendor List](#)

- Metropolitan Council's Targeted Vendor list: [Minnesota Unified Certification Program](#)
- Small Business Certification Program through Hennepin County, Ramsey County, and the City of St. Paul: [Central Certification Program](#)

Grantees must maintain support documentation of the purchasing and/or bidding process utilized to contract services in their financial records, including support documentation justifying a single/sole source bid, if applicable. Grantees must retain the following documentation in the project file:

- Copies of executed subcontract agreements
- A copy of the request for proposal/request for quote, all submitted bids, and the bid tabulation (if applicable)
- Written documentation that describes the rationale for selection of each subcontractor
- Documentation of the contract/bid approval, if required by grantee internal controls (such as meeting minutes)

This documentation may be reviewed during monitoring visits or when requested by the state.

Contracting and bidding for political subdivisions of the state

In addition to the general contracting and bidding requirements above, municipalities (defined in Minn. Statutes, chapter 471.345 subd. 1 as a county, town, city, school district, or other municipal corporation or political subdivision of the state authorized by law to enter into contracts) must also follow the [Uniform Municipal Contracting Law](#).

Contracting and bidding for non-governmental organizations

In addition to the general contracting and bidding requirements at the beginning of this section, non-government organizations must follow the contracting policies/procedures below.

Contracting and bidding for Tribal governments

Tribal governments are subject to neither the Uniform Municipal Contracting Law nor the DNR contracting policies/procedures below. Tribal governments are subject to the contracting and bidding procedures of their own governance.

Contracting and bidding thresholds and process

- Services and/or materials that are expected to cost between \$10,000 and \$24,999 must be competitively awarded, based on a minimum of two verbal quotes or bids or awarded to a targeted vendor.
- Services and/or materials that are expected to cost between \$25,000 and \$99,999 must be competitively awarded based on a minimum of three verbal quotes or bids.
- Any services or materials that are expected to cost \$100,000 or more must undergo a formal notice and bidding process.
- Grantees must use an RFP/RFQ process to competitively select professional and technical services.

- The advertisement for bid processes must allow for fair competition among potential qualified bidders.

Prevailing wage

Prevailing wage ([Minn. Statutes, sections 177.41-177.45](#)) is the minimum hourly wage employers must pay certain workers who work on construction and public works projects funded by state dollars. Prevailing wage includes the employer's cost of benefits. Other prevailing wage information can be found at the [Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry](#). Prevailing wage rules apply to any grant award of \$25,000 or more that qualifies as a "project" per the following definition:

Project: demolition, erection, construction, alteration, improvement, restoration, remodeling, or repairing of a public building, structure, facility, land, or other public work, which includes any work suitable for and intended for use by the public, or for the public benefit, financed in whole or part by state funds. "Project" also includes demolition, erection, construction, alteration, improvement, restoration, remodeling, or repairing of a building, structure, facility, land, or public work when the acquisition of property, predesign, design, or demolition is financed in whole or part by state funds (Minn. Statutes, section 177.42).

If the award is \$25,000 or more and contains activities in the work/accomplishment plan that qualify as a "project" per the definition above, prevailing wage rules in Minn. Statutes, sections 177.41-177.44 apply. If you are unsure if a project is subject to prevailing wage, ask the grant specialist for a copy of DLI's Project Assessment Form. Grantees must complete the form and return it to the grant specialist. Once ready, the DNR grant specialist will submit it to DLI and copy the grantee on the e-mail.

When prevailing wage applies, all bid requests and RFPs must state that the project is subject to prevailing wage to ensure that incoming bids have factored prevailing wage rates into their submittal. A prevailing wage form should accompany these bid submittals.

Grantees must retain documentation in the project file either the prevailing wage forms, or a notice from DLI that the project is not subject to prevailing wage.

Fraud reporting

In addition to OGM policy, various state statutes govern reporting of suspected fraud or misuse of state dollars.

State workers with information indicating that public resources (including public money) may have been used for an unlawful purpose must report that information. Any other person with such information is strongly urged to report that information. The DNR takes a "no wrong door" approach for reporting suspected fraud; essentially, the DNR encourages its workforce to report suspected fraud to any DNR supervisor or member of agency leadership, who will connect the person reporting to the correct contact or procedure, as needed.

All state agencies are required to report suspected fraud cases to the [Department of Revenue](#) for tax fraud investigation, in addition to referring all allegations of suspected fraud to the [Office of the Legislative Auditor](#) and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's [Financial Crimes and Fraud section](#)

(mnfraud.bureau@state.mn.us or 651-739-3750). Grantees may report suspected fraud directly to these agencies, as well, or to their DNR grant manager or any DNR employee.

Requirements for working on state land

When working on state land, grantees must follow all applicable policies and requirements of that land. Grantees should work with the appropriate management staff for the state land to determine these requirements. Insurance is required to do work on state land, following the [requirements of Admin](#).

Audits

Under [Minn. Statutes, chapter 16B.98 subd. 8](#), the state (the grantmaking agency, state auditor, attorney general, legislative auditor, Admin, etc.) has the right to perform programmatic or financial audits of the grantee. The grantee's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices relevant to the grant are subject to state examination for a minimum of six years from the expiration or termination of the grant agreement/GAN, receipt and approval of all final reports, or the required period of time to satisfy state and program retention requirements, whichever is later. This provision is also included in grant agreements/GANs.

Records retention

Grantees must maintain a file for each project with all project agreements, correspondence, and the records pertaining to project expenses requested for reimbursement. Project records are required for monitoring/audit purposes and must be readily available for review. As with all provisions of the grant agreement/GAN, if the state finds a failure to comply, the State may take action, including immediate termination of the grant agreement/GAN with cause, refusal to disburse additional funds, and/or requiring the return of all or part of the funds already disbursed.

All records related to the project must be retained for a minimum of six years from the grant agreement/GAN end date, or the receipt and approval of all final reports, whichever is later. Some grant funds require permanent retention of the grant records, and in those cases, that requirement supersedes the six-year standard.

Data practices

- Grantees must comply with the [Minnesota Government Data Practices Act](#) as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the grantee under their grant agreement/GAN. If a grantee receives a request to release this data, the grantee must immediately notify the State. Following this notification, the State will provide instructions to the grantee concerning the release of data.
- Grantees should instruct and train their staff regarding the governing privacy and data practices provisions; maintaining data in a secure manner; and limiting access to work duties and assignments.

- Grantees must mitigate risks associated with the unauthorized access or data breach and report to the DNR any real or perceived security or privacy incident regarding any private data in accordance with MGDPA.
- Grantees are not permitted to use private data with artificial intelligence services unless it is approved through the DNR/Minnesota IT vendor security risk and compliance process. AI services are reviewed and verified through a process that includes understanding the AI's training, ownership of data and level of security.



Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form for Grantees

Conflict of Interest

A conflict of interest occurs when a person has actual or apparent duty or loyalty to more than one organization and the competing duties or loyalties may result in actions which are adverse to one or both parties. A conflict of interest exists even if no unethical, improper or illegal act results from it. There are several types of conflicts of interest.

Actual Conflict of Interest

An actual conflict of interest occurs when a person's decision or action would compromise a duty to a party without taking immediate appropriate action to eliminate the conflict.

Potential Conflict of Interest

A potential conflict of interest may exist if a person has a relationship, affiliation, or other interest that could create an inappropriate influence if the person is called on to make a decision or recommendation that would affect one or more of those relationships, affiliations, or interests.

Individual Conflict of Interest

A conflict of interest that may benefit an individual employee *or a* grant reviewer is any situation in which *their* judgment, actions or non-action could be interpreted to be influenced by something that would benefit them directly or through indirect gain to *an immediate family member*, business, or organization with which they are involved.

Organizational Conflict of Interest

A conflict of interest can also occur with an organization that is a grant applicant in a-competitive grant process or grantee of a state agency.

Organizational conflicts of interest occur when:

- A grantee's objectivity in carrying out the grant is impaired or compromised due to competing duties or loyalties
- A grantee, potential grantee or grant applicant has an unfair competitive advantage through being furnished unauthorized proprietary information or source selection information that is not available to all competitors.

This section to be completed by Grantee's Authorized Representative

I certify that we will maintain an adequate Conflict of Interest Policy, and throughout the term of our agreement will report any actual or potential conflicts of interests by individual employees or our organization as a whole to the State's Authorized Representative.

Organization Name:

Project Name:

Legal Citation:

Authorized Representative Printed Name:

Authorized Representative Signature/Date: