

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS
APPLICABLE TO AGREEMENTS FOR
THE HURRICANE RESTORATION
REIMBURSEMENT GRANT PROGRAM**

**Form 2 DEP-62ER24-1: Grant Terms and Conditions
Adopted by reference in Rule 62ER24-1, F.A.C., effective January 1, 2024**

1. Entire Agreement.

By making application to the Hurricane Restoration Reimbursement Grant Program, the Grantee consents to these terms and conditions, which shall be made part of a grant agreement. The Department may amend these terms and conditions with mutual agreement by the Grantee prior to execution. Any terms and conditions included on Grantee's forms or invoices shall be null and void.

2. Grant Administration.

- a. All written communication shall be by electronic mail, U.S. Mail, a courier delivery service, or delivered in person. Notices shall be considered delivered when reflected by an electronic mail read receipt, a courier service delivery receipt, other mail service delivery receipt, or when receipt is acknowledged by recipient. If the notice is delivered in multiple ways, the notice will be considered delivered at the earliest delivery time.
- b. All days in this Agreement are calendar days unless otherwise specified.

3. Agreement Duration.

The term of the Agreement shall begin upon signature of the last party and end upon payment by the Department or no later than September 30, 2024, whichever is sooner. Eligible expenses are those incurred after September 23, 2022, and as otherwise set forth in **Rule 62ER24-1, F.A.C.**

4. Deliverables.

The Grantee agrees to render the services or other units of deliverables as set forth in this Agreement. In order to receive reimbursement, property owners must submit, at a minimum, the items identified in **Rule 62ER24-1, F.A.C.**, as applicable, and any other documentation requested by the Department to verify the completed work and eligibility for reimbursement.

5. Performance Measures.

The Grantee affirms that work is performed according to the rule. The Department reserves the right to investigate or inspect at any time to determine whether the services or qualifications offered by Grantee meet the Agreement requirements. Notwithstanding any provisions herein to the contrary, written acceptance of a particular deliverable does not foreclose Department's remedies in the event deficiencies in the deliverable cannot be readily measured at the time of delivery.

6. Acceptance of Deliverables.

- a. Acceptance Process. All deliverables must be received and accepted in writing by Department before payment. Failure to submit acceptable deliverables, following consultation with the Department, will result in failure to receive reimbursement. All charges for reimbursement of expenses authorized by Department pursuant to the Grant Work Plan shall be submitted to Department in sufficient detail for a proper pre-audit and post-audit to be performed.

7. Financial Consequences for Nonperformance.

If application information required by statute is inaccurate, the grant agreement can be canceled. Grantee will not receive any funds until the Department has confirmed that services were performed pursuant to the applicable laws and rules.

8. Payment.

- a. Payment Process. Subject to the terms and conditions established by the Agreement, the Department agrees to pay Grantee for services rendered in accordance with section 215.422, Florida Statutes. The Grantee shall be paid for all eligible Project costs upon the completion, submittal, and approval of each deliverable identified in the application. To be eligible for reimbursement, costs must be in compliance with laws, rules, and regulations applicable to expenditures of State funds, including, but not limited to, the Reference Guide for State Expenditures, which can be accessed at the following web address: <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/AA/Manuals/documents/ReferenceGuideforStateExpenditures.pdf>.
- b. Maximum Amount of Agreement. The maximum amount of compensation under this Agreement for a single applicant/parcel/condo is \$300,000 as a match to Grantee's cost share. "Cost-share" means the Grantee (property

owner) shall provide a 100% match (that is \$1 for every \$1 of state grant) towards the eligible project, which shall be fully documented prior to reimbursement by the state. Any additional funds necessary for the completion of this Project are the responsibility of Grantee.

- c. Final Payment Request. All work must be performed, and reimbursement requests received by or before 7/1/2024.

9. Lobbying Prohibited.

No funds provided under this Grant may be used for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature, the judicial branch, or a state agency.

10. Termination.

- a. Termination for Convenience. Department may, at its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement in whole or in part by giving 30 days' written notice to Grantee. The Department shall notify Grantee of the termination for convenience with instructions as to the effective date of termination or the specific stage of work at which the Agreement is to be terminated. The Grantee must submit all invoices for work to be paid under this Agreement within thirty (30) days of the effective date of termination. The Department shall not pay any invoices received after thirty (30) days of the effective date of termination.

- b. Termination for Cause. The Department may terminate this Agreement if any of the events of default described in the Events of Default provisions below occur or in the event that Grantee fails to fulfill any of its other obligations under this Agreement. If, after termination, it is determined that Grantee was not in default, or that the default was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the termination had been issued for the convenience of Department. The rights and remedies of Department in this clause are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

11. Notice of Default.

If Grantee defaults in the performance Agreement, Department shall provide notice to Grantee and an opportunity to cure that is reasonable under the circumstances. This notice shall state the nature of the failure to perform and provide a time certain for correcting the failure.

12. Events of Default.

Provided such failure is not the fault of Department or outside the reasonable control of Grantee, the following non-exclusive list of events, acts, or omissions, shall constitute events of default:

- a. The commitment of any material misrepresentation or omission in any materials, or discovery by the Department of such, made by the Grantee in this Agreement or in its application for funding;
- b. Failure to submit any of the reports required by this Agreement or having submitted any report with incorrect, incomplete, or insufficient information;
- c. Failure to honor any term of the Agreement;
- d. Failure to abide by any statutory, regulatory, or licensing requirement, including an entry of an order revoking the certificate of authority granted to the Grantee by a state or other licensing authority;
- e. Failure to pay any and all entities, individuals, and furnishing labor or materials, or failure to make payment to any other entities as required by this Agreement;
- f. Employment of an unauthorized alien in the performance of the work, in violation of section 274 (A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act;
- g. Failure to maintain the insurance required by this Agreement;

13. Indemnification.

- a. The Grantee shall be fully liable for the actions of its agents, employees, partners, or subcontractors and shall fully indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Department and its officers, agents, and employees, from suits, actions, damages, and costs of every name and description arising from or relating to:
 - i. personal injury and damage to real or personal tangible property alleged to be caused in whole or in part by Grantee, its agents, employees, partners, or subcontractors; provided, however, that Grantee shall not indemnify for that portion of any loss or damages proximately caused by the negligent act or omission of Department;
 - ii. the Grantee's breach of this Agreement or the negligent acts or omissions of Grantee.
- b. No provision in this Agreement shall require Department to hold harmless or indemnify Grantee, insure or assume liability for Grantee's negligence, waive Department's sovereign immunity under the laws of Florida, or otherwise impose liability on Department for which it would not otherwise be responsible.

14. Limitation of Liability.

The Department's liability for any claim arising from this Agreement is limited to compensatory damages in an amount no greater than the sum of the unpaid balance of compensation due for goods or services rendered pursuant to and in compliance with the terms of the Agreement. Such liability is further limited to a cap of \$100,000.

15. Remedies.

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to make Grantee liable for force majeure events. Nothing in this Agreement, including financial consequences for nonperformance, shall limit Department's right to pursue its remedies for other types of damages under the Agreement, at law or in equity. The Department may, in addition to other remedies available to it, at law or in equity and upon notice to Grantee, retain such monies from amounts due Grantee as may be necessary to satisfy any claim for damages, penalties, costs and the like asserted by or against it.

16. Waiver.

The delay or failure by Department to exercise or enforce any of its rights under this Agreement shall not constitute or be deemed a waiver of Department's right thereafter to enforce those rights, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right.

17. Statutory Notices Relating to Unauthorized Employment and Subcontracts.

- a. The Department shall consider the employment by any Grantee of unauthorized aliens a violation of section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. If Grantee/subcontractor knowingly employs unauthorized aliens, such violation shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of this Agreement. The Grantee shall be responsible for including this provision in all subcontracts with private organizations issued as a result of this Agreement.
- b. Grantee agrees to notify the Department if any person or affiliate is found to be convicted pursuant to sections 287.133, 287.134, and 287.137 F.S.

18. Compliance with Federal, State and Local Laws.

- a. The Grantee and all its agents shall comply with all federal, state and local regulations, including, but not limited to, nondiscrimination, wages, social security, workers' compensation, licenses, and registration requirements. The Grantee shall include this provision in all subcontracts issued as a result of this Agreement.
- b. No person, on the grounds of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, or disability, shall be excluded from participation in; be denied the proceeds or benefits of; or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in performance of this Agreement.
- c. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.
- d. Any dispute concerning performance of the Agreement shall be processed as described herein. Jurisdiction for any damages arising under the terms of the Agreement will be in the courts of the State, and venue will be in the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Leon County. Except as otherwise provided by law, the parties agree to be responsible for their own attorney fees incurred in connection with disputes arising under the terms of this Agreement.
- e. The Department may unilaterally terminate the Agreement if the Grantee refuses to allow public access to public records as required by law.

19. Record Keeping and Audits.

The Grantee shall maintain books, records and documents directly pertinent to performance under this Agreement in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles (US GAAP) consistently applied. The Department, the State, or their authorized representatives shall have access to such records for audit purposes during the term of this Agreement and for five (5) years following the completion date or termination of the Agreement. In the event that any work is subcontracted, Grantee shall similarly require each subcontractor to maintain and allow access to such records for audit purposes. Upon request of Department's Inspector General, or other authorized State official, Grantee shall provide any type of information the Inspector General deems relevant to Grantee's integrity or responsibility. Such information may include, but shall not be limited to, Grantee's business or financial records, documents, or files of any type or form that refer to or relate to Agreement. The Grantee shall retain such records for the longer of: (1) three years after the expiration of the Agreement; or (2) the period required by the General Records Schedules maintained by the Florida Department of State (available at: <http://dos.myflorida.com/library-archives/records-management/general-records-schedules/>).

- a. Inspector General. The Grantee understands its duty, pursuant to section 20.055(5), F.S., to cooperate with the inspector general in any investigation, audit, inspection, review, or hearing. The Grantee will comply with this duty and ensure that its sub-grantees and/or subcontractors issued under this Agreement, if any, impose this requirement, in writing, on its sub-grantees and/or subcontractors, respectively.

20. Independent Contractor.

The Grantee is an independent contractor and is not an employee or agent of Department.

21. Survival.

The respective obligations of the parties, which by their nature would continue beyond the termination or expiration of this Agreement, including without limitation, the obligations regarding confidentiality, proprietary interests, and public records, shall survive termination, cancellation, or expiration of this Agreement.

22. Third Parties.

The Department shall not be deemed to assume any liability for the acts, failures to act or negligence of Grantee, its agents, servants, and employees, nor shall Grantee disclaim its own negligence to Department or any third party. This Agreement does not and is not intended to confer any rights or remedies upon any person other than the parties. If Department consents to a subcontract, Grantee will specifically disclose that this Agreement does not create any third- party rights. Further, no third parties shall rely upon any of the rights and obligations created under this Agreement.

23. Severability.

If a court of competent jurisdiction deems any term or condition herein void or unenforceable, the other provisions are severable to that void provision, and shall remain in full force and effect.

24. Signature in Counterparts.

This Agreement, any amendments, and/or change orders related to the Agreement, may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute the same instrument. In accordance with the Electronic Signature Act of 1996, electronic signatures may be used and shall have the same force and effect as a written signature. Each person signing this Agreement warrants that he or she is duly authorized to do so and to bind the respective party to the Agreement.