# SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT

This Agreement between the Minnesota Department of Transportation ("MnDOT") and the Grantee named below is made pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 174.40 and pursuant to pursuant to Minn. Laws 2020, 5th Special Session, Chapter 3- H.F. 1. The provisions in that section and the Exhibits attached hereto and incorporated by reference constitute this Agreement and the persons signing below agree to fully comply with all of the requirements of this Agreement. This Agreement will be effective on the date State obtains all required signatures under Minnesota Statutes §16C.05, subdivision 2.

1. Public Entity (Grantee) name, address and contact person:

City of Edina 4801 W. 50<sup>th</sup> Street Edina, MN 55424

Contact Person/Title: Chad A. Millner, Engineering Director

#### 2. Project(s):

Name of Project & Project Number (See Exhibit C for location)	Amount of SRTS Funds	Amount of Required Matching Funds	Completion Date
Claremore Drive Shared-Use Path and Sidewalks SAP 120-591-003	\$273,182.00	\$153,896.00	December 31, 2027

- 3. Total Amount of SRTS Grant for all projects under this Agreement: \$273,182.00
- 4. The following Exhibits for each project are attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Agreement:

Exhibit A	Completed Sources and Uses of Funds Schedule
LAIIIUII A	Completed Sources and Oses of Funds Schedule
Exhibit B	Project Schedule
Exhibit C	Bond Financed Property Certification
Exhibit D	Grant Application
Exhibit E	Grantee Resolution Approving Grant Agreement
Exhibit F	General Terms and Conditions

MnDOT Agreement No. 1054368 SP or SAP No. 120-591-003

6.	Any modification of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties.
	(The remaining portion of this page was intentionally left blank.)

Additional requirements, if any:

5.

NONE

# **PUBLIC ENTITY (GRANTEE)**

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Approval and Certifying Encumbrance

By:	By:
<u> </u>	State Aid Programs Manager
Title: Engineering Director, Chad Millner	Date:
Date: September 5, 2023	
	Office of Contract Management
By:	
Title: City Manager, Scott Neal	By:Contract Administrator
Date: September 5, 2023	Date:

#### **EXHIBIT A**

#### SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS SCHEDULE

#### **SOURCES OF FUNDS USES OF FUNDS Entity Supplying Funds Expenses** Amount Amount **State Funds: Items Paid for with SRTS** SRTS Grant (Acct 350) \$273,182.00 **Grant Funds:** Claremore Sidewalks and \$273,182.00 related work for installation Other: \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ Subtotal Subtotal \$273,182.00 \$273,182.00 **Public Entity Funds:** Items paid for with Non-**SRTS Grant Funds:** Matching Funds Local Match \$153,896.00 \$153,896.00 Shared-Use Path and related work for installation Other: \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$153,896.00 153,896.00 Subtotal Subtotal **TOTAL FUNDS** \$427,078.00 = TOTAL PROJECT\$427,078.00

**COSTS** 

## **EXHIBIT B**

#### PROJECT SCHEDULE

Award Date September 5, 2023 Construction Start Date September 11, 2023 Construction Substantial Complete Date October 27, 2023 Contract Final Completion Date: December 31, 2027

#### **EXHIBIT C**

#### BOND FINANCED PROPERTY CERTIFICATION

#### State of Minnesota General Obligation Bond Financed Property

The undersigned states that it has a fee simple, leasehold and/or easement interest in the real property located in the County(ies) of Hennepin, State of Minnesota that is generally described or illustrated graphically in **Attachment 1** attached hereto and all improvements thereon (the "Restricted Property") and acknowledges that the Restricted Property is or may become State bond-financed property. To the extent that the Restricted Property is or becomes State bond-financed property, the undersigned acknowledges that:

- A. The Restricted Property is State bond-financed property under Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695, is subject to the requirements imposed by that statute, and cannot be sold, mortgaged, encumbered or otherwise disposed of without the approval of the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget; and
- B. The Restricted Property is subject to the provisions of the Safe Routes to School Program Grant Agreement between the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the undersigned dated September 5, 2023; and
- C. The Restricted Property shall continue to be deemed State bond-financed property for 37.5 years or until the Restricted Property is sold with the written approval of the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget.

Date: September 5, 2023

City of Edina, a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota
By:
Name: Chad Millner
Title: Engineering Director
By:
Name: Scott Neal
Title: City Manager

## Attachment 1 to Exhibit C

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF RESTRICTED PROPERTY

Project is located within City street right-of-way or City park land.



# **EXHIBIT D**

# **GRANT APPLICATION**

Attach the grant application for the project

Form Name: Submission Time: Browser: IP Address: Unique ID: Location: Minnesota State Safe Routes to School Program: Infrastructure Solicitation Application January 14, 2022 4:43 pm Chrome 97.0.4692.71 / Windows

156.142.185.16 913278862

## Minnesota State Safe Routes to School Program: Infrastructure Solicitation Application

# I. Project Information (i)

# A. Applicant Information

Name	Andrew Scipioni
Email	ascipioni@edinamn.gov
Phone	(952) 826-0440
Agency name	City of Edina
Agency type	State Aid City
Address	7450 Metro Boulevard Edina, MN 55439
County	Hennepin
MnDOT district	Metro District
School district(s)	273

# **B. Sponsoring Agency Information**

# C. Project Funding

SRTS Program Request	275000
Federal funding amount	0
State funding amount (other than SRTS)	0
Local county funding amount	0
Local city/town/tribal funding amount	0
Other funding amount	0
Total Project Funding	275000

#### D. Brief Project Description

Enter a brief description or title of your project. Example: "Shared use path along CSAH 12 and curb extensions at intersection of CSAH 12 and Main St"

Sidewalk along Claremore Drive between Oaklawn Avenue and Wooddale Avenue, shared-use path between West 72nd Street and Cornelia Elementary School, and crossing improvements at the intersections of West 72nd Street and Cornelia Drive/Oaklawn Avenue.

Will any proposed infrastructure improvements be constructed on the right-of-way or property of a township, city, county, or tribe other than the applicant or project sponsor?

Yes

If yes, list the township, city, county, or tribe in which construction is proposed by this project.

Edina

#### E. Type of Work

Select the type of work on which the requested funds would be used

Construction of non-federally funded project

#### F. School Information

School name	Cornelia Elementary School
School location	7000 Cornelia Drive, Edina, MN
Grades available	K-5
Number of students enrolled	600
Are all improvements in this project located within one (1) mile of at least one of the listed schools?	Yes

#### G. Eligibility Check

All items construction eligible for SRTS Yes funds must have an effective useful life of 10 years. Will all SRTS-eligible items in this proposed project have at least a 10-year expected life?

Will the proposed project be able to enter construction in either calendar year 2022 or 2023?

Yes

#### H. Project Evaluation

If awarded funds, will the school(s) commit to following up with evaluations, such as the Student Travel Tally and Parent Opinion Survey?

No

#### II. Project Safety & Improvements (50 points)

#### I. Full Project Description

Curbs & Medians	Curb Extensions (Concrete) Median (Concrete)
Signage & Striping	New Crosswalk Striping
Sidewalks & Trails	New Sidewalks
	ADA Ramps
	Trails & Shared Use Paths
Provide a full project description including the locations and uses of	This project includes three elements. The first is a 5' concrete sidewalk with 5' boulevard on the north side of Claremore Drive between Wooddale

Provide a full project description including the locations and uses of each improvement identified above. Include any project maps or design exhibits. These exhibits may be uploaded with your application.

This project includes three elements. The first is a 5' concrete sidewalk with 5' boulevard on the north side of Claremore Drive between Wooddale Avenue and Oaklawn Avenue. The second is a 10' bituminous shared-use path between West 72nd Street and Cornelia Elementary School. Both of these facilities will include new ADA curb ramps. The third element is crossing improvements at the intersections of West 72nd Street and Oaklawn Avenue and West 72nd Street and Cornelia Drive. The crossing improvements at Oaklawn Avenue will include a new concrete median and crosswalk striping. The crossing improvements at Cornelia Drive will include new ADA curb ramps, concrete curb extensions, and crosswalk striping.

#### J. Safety Concerns

Does the school(s) or school district have a no walking and/or bicycling to school policy?

No

Does the school(s) provide hazard busing?

Yes

Does the school(s) district have plans relocate or repurpose the school facilities within the next 10 years?

No

Does the school(s) or school district promote any activities or policies to encourage students walking and bicycling?	Yes
If yes, please briefly describe these activities or policies:	Edina Public Schools established a Wellness Policy in 2008 that addresses physical activity, parent education, and aligns with the goals of the SRTS program. A number of SRTS activities have occurred at individual school sites, including participation in International Walk to School Day, National Bike to School Day, and hosting bike rodeos.
Have safety risks or hazards been identified that prevent students from walking or biking to school?	Yes
Do students still walk or bike to school even though safety risks or hazards have been identified near the school(s) or on routes students take to school?	Yes
Percentage of students who walk or bike to school	15
Percentage of students who take the bus to school	7
List and describe the safety risks or hazards that have been identified, including the locations of these risks. Applicants may reference any student or parent survey data, crash data, SRTS plan, or other relevant sources. Upload any referenced sources when submitting this application.	Parent survey data from the 2013 Active Routes to School Plan indicates that chief safety risks or hazards include a lack of sidewalks and paths near the schools, safety concerns for students crossing busy streets, and a desire for more police enforcement near schools.
Identify which risks are present and how they affect priority populations.	To the south and west of Cornelia Elementary School, there is a lack of pedestrian and bicycle facilities for students to use to comfortably walk, bike or roll to school. Within that neighborhood, more than 25% of the population identifies as non-white, among one of the highest percentages in Edina. Compared to other areas of the City, this neighborhood has received less investment in terms of both multimodal facilities and pedestrian safety measures. Additionally, this neighborhood is not very well connected to the rest of the city; access in and out of the neighborhood is provided by only two main roads, resulting in more concentrated traffic volumes on a few local connector streets, including Claremore Drive/West 72nd Street where these improvements are performed.

# K. Project Improvements

Explain how the improvements that were identified in Section I (Full Project Description) would mitigate the risks and hazards identified in Section J (Safety Concerns)

The proposed sidewalk and shared-use path will provide students and parents a safe, comfortable facility separated from motor vehicle traffic to walk, bike or roll to and from school. The proposed shared-use path will provide a shortcut for students to Cornelia Elementary School, avoiding the safety concerns (real or received) that students and parents have about walking along West 72nd Street and Cornelia Drive. The new ADA curb ramps will ensure that these facilities are accessible to all users. The proposed intersection improvements will result in shorter crossing distances for pedestrians and reduce the speeds of vehicles traveling near the school.

#### III. Local Safe Routes to School Program (25 points)

#### L. Safe Routes to School Plan

Does the school(s) have a Safe Routes to School plan?

Yes

If yes, in which year did the local governing agency adopt the plans?

2014

If yes, provide link to the most recent plan

https://www.edinamn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1152/Active-Routes-to-Sc hool-Comprehensive-Plan-PDF

Are the improvements in this project identified in a Safe Routes to School Plan?

Yes

If yes, provide the page number(s) on which the project is identified.

27, 29

#### M. Implementing the 6E Strategies

Evaluation	Baseline Student Travel Tally Parent Opinion survey
Equity	None / not applicable
Engagement / Enforcement	Adult crossing guards
	Dynamic Speed Signs
Education	None / not applicable
Encouragement	Bike Rodeo
	Walk to School Day
	Bike to School Day

Lnc	$\dots$	rina
	jinee	HILL
	,	

Engineering study Filled in sidewalk gaps

Improved route crossings (crosswalk marking/signs)

# N. Project Team Information

Check the boxes below for the project team member roles. When submitting your application, upload a list of project Additional School Staff team members, their organizations (school, city, county, parent/caregiver, etc.) and their roles.

City/Township Staff Public Works Staff

## **IV. Equity Score**

#### O. Student Transportation Equity for Priority Populations

#### V. Attachments

Upload Attachment Here	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/12059307221
Upload Attachment Here	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/12059307222
Upload Attachment Here	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/12059307223
Upload Attachment Here	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/12059307224
Upload Attachment Here	https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/12059307225

# **EXHIBIT E**

# GRANTEE RESOLUTION APPROVING GRANT AGREEMENT



# RESOLUTION NO. 2023-55 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT GRANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS SAP 120-591-003

**WHEREAS,** City of Edina has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Safe Routes to Schools Account; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this project is available; and

**WHEREAS,** the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$273,182.00 by reason of the lowest responsible bid;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that City of Edina does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.40, and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Safe Routes to Schools Account any amount appropriated for the project but not required. The proper city officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

Adopted this 5 day of September, 2023.	
Attest:	
Sharon Allison, City Clerk	James B. Hovland, Mayor
STATE OF MINNESOTA) COUNTY OF HENNEPIN) SS CITY OF EDINA )	
I, the undersigned duly appointed and acting City Cle	ATE OF CITY CLERK  rk for the City of Edina do hereby certify that the attached and City Council at its Regular Meeting of September 5, 2023, and a
WITNESS my hand and seal of said City this day	of, 2023.
	City Clerk

#### **EXHIBIT F**

# GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS (SRTS) GRANTS

#### Article I DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01 **Defined Terms.** 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 MnDOT to the Public Entity and disbursed in accordance with the provisions contained in Article VI hereof.

"Agreement" - means the Safe Routes to Schools Grant Agreement between the Public Entity and the Minnesota Department of Transportation to which this Exhibit is attached.

"Certification" - means the certification, in the form attached as **Exhibit C**, in which the Public Entity acknowledges that its interest in the Real Property is bond financed property within the meaning of Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695 and is subject to certain restrictions imposed thereby.

"Code" - means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and all treasury regulations, revenue procedures and revenue rulings issued pursuant thereto.

"Commissioner" - means the Commissioner of Minnesota Management & Budget.

"Commissioner's Order" - means the "Fourth Order Amending Order of the Commissioner of Minnesota Management & Budget Relating to Use and Sale of State Bond Financed Property" dated July 30, 2012, as it may be amended or supplemented.

"Completion Date" - means the projected date for completion of the Project as indicated in the Agreement.

"Construction Contract Documents" - means the document or documents, in form and substance acceptable to MnDOT, 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(s) 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.

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

"Draw Requisition" - means a draw requisition that the Public Entity, or its designee, submits to MnDOT when an Advance is requested, as referred to in Section 4.02.

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

"Grant Application" - means the grant application that the Public Entity submitted to MnDOT which is attached as **Exhibit D**.

"SRTS Grant" - means a grant from MnDOT to the Public Entity under the SRTS in the amount specified in the Agreement, as such amount may be modified under the provisions hereof.

"SRTS" - means the Safe Routes to School Program pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 174.40 and rules relating thereto.

"MnDOT" - means the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

"Outstanding Balance of the SRTS Grant" - means the portion of the SRTS Grant that has been disbursed to the Public Entity minus any amounts returned to the Commissioner.

"Project" - means the Project identified in the Agreement to be totally or partially funded with a SRTS grant.

"Public Entity" - means the grantee of the SRTS Grant and identified as the Public Entity in the Agreement.

"Real Property" - means the real property identified in the Agreement on which the Project is located.

#### Article II GRANT

Section 2.01 **Grant of Monies.** MnDOT shall make the SRTS Grant to the Public Entity, and disburse the proceeds in accordance with the terms and conditions herein.

Section 2.02 Public **Ownership,** The Public Entity acknowledges and agrees that the SRTS Grant is being funded with the proceeds of G.O. Bonds, and as a result all of the Real Property must be owned by one or more public entities. The Public Entity represents and warrants to MnDOT that it has one or more of the following ownership interests in the Real Property: (i) fee simple ownership, (ii) an easement that is for a term that extends beyond the date that is 37.5 years from the Agreement effective date, or such shorter term as authorized by statute, and which cannot be modified or terminated early without the prior written consent of MnDOT and the Commissioner; and/or (iii) a prescriptive easement for a term that extends beyond the date that is 37.5 years from the Agreement effective date.

Section 2.03 **Use of Grant Proceeds.** The Public Entity shall use the SRTS Grant solely to reimburse itself for expenditures it has already made, or will make, to pay the costs of one of the following applicable activities: (i) acquisition of land or permanent easements, (ii) predesign, design, preliminary and final engineering and environmental studies authorized under Minn. Stat. Sec. 174.40, subdiv. 1b, or (iii) construction and reconstruction of publicly owned infrastructure in this state with a useful life of at least 10 years that provides nonmotorized transportation to and from a school.

Section 2.04 **Operation of the Real Property.** The Real Property must be used by the Public Entity in conjunction with or for nonmotorized transportation. The Public Entity shall have no intention on the effective date of the Agreement to use the Real Property as a trunk highway or any part of a trunk highway. The Public

Entity must annually determine that the Real Property is being used for the purposes specified in this Section and, upon written request by either MnDOT or the Commissioner, shall supply a notarized statement to that effect.

Section 2.05 **Sale or Lease of Real Property.** The Public Entity shall not (i) sell or transfer any part of its ownership interest in the Real Property, or (ii) lease out or enter into any contract that would allow another entity to use or operate the Real Property without the written consent of both MnDOT and the Commissioner. The sale or transfer of any part of the Public Entity's ownership interest in the Real Property, or any lease or contract that would allow another entity to use or operate the Real Property, must comply with the requirements imposed by Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695 and the Commissioner's Order regarding such sale or lease.

Section 2.06 Public **Entity's Representations and Warranties.** The Public Entity represents and warrants to MnDOT that:

- A. It has legal authority to execute, deliver and perform the Agreement and all documents referred to therein, and it has taken all actions necessary to its execution and delivery of such documents.
- B. It has the ability and a plan to fund the operation of the Real Property for the purposes specified in Section 2.04, and will include in its annual budget all funds necessary for the operation of the Real Property for such purposes.
- C. The Agreement and all other documents referred to therein are the legal, valid and binding obligations of the Public Entity enforceable against the Public Entity in accordance with their respective terms.
- D. It will comply with all of the provisions of Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695, the Commissioner's Order and the SRTS. It has legal authority to use the G.O. Grant for the purpose or purposes described in this Agreement.
- E. All of the information it has submitted or will submit to MnDOT or the Commissioner relating to the SRTS Grant or the disbursement of the SRTS Grant is and will be true and correct.
- F. 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 or proceedings pending, or to its knowledge threatened, before any judicial body or governmental authority against or affecting it relating to the Real Property, 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 the Agreement or any document referred to herein, or to perform any of the acts required of it in such documents.
- G. Neither the execution and delivery of the Agreement or any document referred to herein nor compliance with any of the provisions or requirements of any of such documents is prevented by, is a breach of, or will result in a breach of, any provision of any agreement or document to which it is now a party or by which it is bound.
- H. The contemplated use of the Real Property will not violate any applicable zoning or use statute, ordinance, building code, rule or regulation, or any covenant or agreement of record relating thereto.

- I. The Project will be completed and the Real Property will be operated in full compliance with all applicable laws, rules, ordinances, and regulations of any federal, state, or local political subdivision having jurisdiction over the Project and the Real Property.
- J. All applicable licenses, permits and bonds required for the performance and completion of the Project and for the operation of the Real Property as specified in Section 2.04 have been, or will be, obtained.
- K. It reasonably expects to possess its ownership interest in the Real Property described in Section 2.02 for at least 37.5 years, and it does not expect to sell such ownership interest.
- L. It does not expect to lease out or enter into any contract that would allow another entity to use or operate the Real Property.
- M. It will supply whatever funds are needed in addition to the SRTS Grant to complete and fully pay for the Project.
- N. The Construction Items will be completed substantially in accordance with the Construction Contract Documents by the Completion Date and all such items will be situated entirely on the Real Property.
- O. 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.
- P. It shall furnish such satisfactory evidence regarding the representations and warranties described herein as may be required and requested by either MnDOT or the Commissioner.
- Q. It has made no material false statement or misstatement of fact in connection with its receipt of the G.O. Grant, and all the information it has submitted or will submit to the State Entity or Commissioner of MMB relating to the G.O. Grant or the disbursement of any of the G.O. Grant is and will be true and correct.

Section 2.07 **Event(s) of Default.** The following events shall, unless waived in writing by MnDOT and the Commissioner, constitute an Event of Default under the Agreement upon either MnDOT or the Commissioner 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 six (6) months unless otherwise consented to, in writing, by MnDOT and the Commissioner.

- A. If any representation, covenant, or warranty made by the Public Entity herein or in any other document furnished pursuant to the Agreement, or to induce MnDOT to disburse the SRTS 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, covenant, or warranty contained herein.

- C. If the Public Entity fails to fully comply with any provision, covenant or warranty contained in Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695, the Commissioner's Order, or Minn. Stat. Sec. 174.40 and all rules related thereto.
- D. If the Public Entity fails to use the proceeds of the SRTS Grant for the purposes set forth in Section 2.03, the Grant Application, and in accordance with the SRTS.
- E. If the Public Entity fails to operate the Real Property for the purposes specified in Section 2.04.
- F. If the Public Entity fails to complete the Project by the Completion Date.
- G. If the Public Entity sells or transfers any portion of its ownership interest in the Real Property without first obtaining the written consent of both MnDOT and the Commissioner.
- H. If the Public Entity fails to provide any additional funds needed to fully pay for the Project.
- I. If the Public Entity fails to supply the funds needed to operate the Real Property in the manner specified in Section 2.04.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any of the above events that cannot be cured shall, unless waived in writing by MnDOT and the Commissioner, constitute an Event of Default under the Agreement immediately upon either MnDOT or the Commissioner 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 MnDOT, MnDOT or the Commissioner may enforce any or all of the following remedies.

- A. MnDOT may refrain from disbursing the SRTS Grant; provided, however, MnDOT may make such disbursements after the occurrence of an Event of Default without waiving its rights and remedies hereunder.
- B. If the Event of Default involves a sale of the Public Entity's interest in the Real Property in violation of Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695 or the Commissioner's Order, the Commissioner, as a third party beneficiary of the Agreement, may require that the Public Entity pay the amounts that would have been paid if there had been compliance with such provisions. For other Events of Default, the Commissioner may require that the Outstanding Balance of the SRTS Grant be returned to it.
- C. Either MnDOT or the Commissioner, as a third party beneficiary of the Agreement, may enforce any additional remedies it may have in law or equity.

The rights and remedies specified herein are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies that MnDOT or the Commissioner 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 herein within 30 days of demand by the Commissioner, 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 MnDOT and/or the Commissioner, then such amount may, unless precluded by law, be offset 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 MnDOT and the Commissioner, as soon as possible and in any event within seven (7) days after it has obtained knowledge of

the occurrence of each Event of Default, a statement setting forth details of each Event of Default and the action which the Public Entity proposes to take with respect thereto.

Section 2.10 **Effect of Event of Default.** The Agreement shall survive Events of Default and remain in full force and effect, even upon full disbursement of the SRTS Grant, and shall only be terminated under the circumstances set forth in Section 2.11.

#### Section 2.11 Termination of Agreement and Modification of SRTS Grant.

- A. If the Project is not started within five (5) years after the effective date of the Agreement or the SRTS Grant has not been disbursed within four (4) years after the date the Project was started, MnDOT's obligation to fund the SRTS Grant shall terminate. In such event, (i) if none of the SRTS Grant has been disbursed by such date, MnDOT shall have no obligation to fund the SRTS Grant and the Agreement will terminate, and (ii) if some but not all of the SRTS Grant has been disbursed by such date, MnDOT shall have no further obligation to provide any additional funding for the SRTS Grant and the Agreement shall remain in force but shall be modified to reflect the amount of the SRTS Grant that was actually disbursed and the Public Entity is still obligated to complete the Project by the Completion Date.
- B. The Agreement shall terminate upon the Public Entity's sale of its interest in the Real Property and transmittal of the required portion of the proceeds of the sale to the Commissioner in compliance with Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695 and the Commissioner's Order, or upon the termination of the Public Entity's ownership interest in the Real Property if such ownership interest is an easement.

Section 2.12 Excess **Funds.** If the full amount of the G.O. Grant and any matching funds referred to in Section 5.13 are not needed to complete the Project, then, unless language in the G.O. Bonding Legislation indicates otherwise, the G.O. Grant shall be reduced by the amount not needed.

#### Article III COMPLIANCE WITH MINNESOTA STATUTE, SEC. 16A.695 AND THE COMMISSIONER'S ORDER

Section 3.01 **State Bond Financed Property**. The Public Entity acknowledges that its interest in the Real Property is, or when acquired by it will be, "state bond financed property", as such term is used in Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695 and the Commissioner's Order and, therefore, the provisions contained in such statute and order apply, or will apply, to its interest in the Real Property, even if the SRTS Grant will only pay for a portion of the Project.

Section 3.02 **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 use or invest the SRTS 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 Code Section 148.
- B. It will deposit and hold the SRTS Grant in a segregated non-interest-bearing account until such funds are used for payments for the Project.
- C. It will, upon written request, provide the Commissioner all information required to satisfy the informational requirements set forth in the Code, including Sections 103 and 148, with respect to the G.O. Bonds.

- D. It will, upon the occurrence of any act or omission by the Public Entity that could cause the interest on the G.O. Bonds to no longer be tax exempt and upon direction from the Commissioner, take such actions and furnish such documents as the Commissioner 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: (i) compliance with proceedings intended to classify the G.O. Bonds as a "qualified bond" within the meaning of Code Section 141(e), or (ii) changing the nature of the use of the Real Property so that none of the net proceeds of the G.O. Bonds will be deemed to be used, directly or indirectly, in an "unrelated trade or business" or for any "private business use" within the meaning of Code Sections 141(b) and 145(a).
- E. It will not otherwise use any of the SRTS Grant or take, permit or cause to be taken, or omit to take, any action that would adversely affect the exemption from federal income taxation of the interest on the G.O. Bonds, and if it should take, permit or cause to be taken, or omit to take, as appropriate, any such action, it shall take all lawful actions necessary to correct such actions or omissions promptly upon obtaining knowledge thereof.

Section 3.03 Changes to G.O. Compliance Legislation or the Commissioner's Order. If Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695 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 interest in the Real Property becomes exempted from Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695 and the Commissioner's Order, then upon written request by the Public Entity, MnDOT shall execute an amendment to the Agreement to implement such amendment or exempt the Public Entity's interest in the Real Property from Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695 and the Commissioner's Order.

# Article IV DISBURSEMENT OF GRANT PROCEEDS

Section 4.01 **The Advances.** MnDOT agrees, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, to make Advances of the SRTS Grant to the Public Entity from time to time in an aggregate total amount not to exceed the amount of the SRTS Grant. If the amount of SRTS Grant that MnDOT cumulatively disburses hereunder to the Public Entity is less than the amount of the SRTS Grant delineated in Section 1.01, then MnDOT and the Public Entity shall enter into and execute whatever documents MnDOT may request in order to amend or modify this Agreement to reduce the amount of the SRTS Grant to the amount actually disbursed. Provided, however, in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 2.11, MnDOT's obligation to make Advances shall terminate as of the dates specified in Section 2.11 even if the entire SRTS Grant has not been disbursed by such dates.

Advances shall only be for expenses that (i) are for those items of a capital nature delineated in Source and Use of Funds that is attached as **Exhibit A**, (ii) accrued no earlier than the effective date of the legislation that appropriated the funds that are used to fund the SRTS Grant, or (iii) have otherwise been consented to, in writing, by the Commissioner.

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 5.13. 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 5.13 that have been disbursed as of such point in time. This requirement is expressed by way of the following two formulas:

#### Formula #1:

Cumulative Advances \( \) (Program Grant) \( \) (percentage of matching funds, if any, required under Section 5.13 that have been disbursed)

#### Formula #2:

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

Section 4.02 **Draw Requisitions.** Whenever the Public Entity desires a disbursement of a portion of the SRTS Grant the Public Entity shall submit to MnDOT a Draw Requisition duly executed on behalf of the Public Entity or its designee. 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 MnDOT, 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 MnDOT, 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 MnDOT unless the Public Entity shall advise MnDOT, in writing, of its intention to so store materials prior to their delivery and MnDOT 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 MnDOT such supporting evidence as may be requested by MnDOT 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.

The final Draw Requisition shall not be submitted before completion of the Project, including any correction of material defects in workmanship or materials (other than the completion of punch list items). At the time of submission of the final Draw Requisition the Public Entity shall submit to MnDOT: (I) such supporting evidence as may be requested by MnDOT 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 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 MnDOT approves the relevant Draw Requisition, then MnDOT shall disburse the amount of the requested Advance to the Public Entity.

Section 4.03 Additional Funds. If MnDOT shall at any time in good faith determine that the sum of the undisbursed amount of the SRTS 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 MnDOT 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 MnDOT's notice.

Section 4.04 **Condition Precedent to Any Advance.** The obligation of MnDOT to make any Advance hereunder (including the initial Advance) shall be subject to the following conditions precedent:

A. MnDOT 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 SRTS Grant set forth in Section 1.01.

- B. 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.
- C. No determination shall have been made by MnDOT 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 4.03, 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 MnDOT that sufficient funds are available.
- 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 Public Entity has supplied to the State Entity all other items that the State Entity may reasonably require

Section 4.05 **Processing and Disbursement of Advances.** The Public Entity acknowledges and agrees as follows:

- A. Advances are not made prior to completion of work performed on the Project.
- B. All Advances are processed on a reimbursement basis.
- C. The Public Entity must first document expenditures to obtain an Advance.
- D. Reimbursement requests are made on a partial payment basis or when the Project is completed.
- E. All payments are made following the "Delegated Contract Process or State Aid Payment Request" as requested and approved by the appropriate district state aid engineer.

Section 4.06 **Construction Inspections.** The Public Entity shall be responsible for making its own inspections and observations regarding the completion of the Project, and shall determine to its own satisfaction that all work done or materials supplied have been properly done or supplied in accordance with all contracts that the Public Entity has entered into regarding the completion of the Project.

#### Article V MISCELLANEOUS

Section 5.01 **Insurance.** If the Public Entity elects to maintain general comprehensive liability insurance regarding the Real Property, then the Public Entity shall have MnDOT named as an additional named insured therein.

Section 5.02 **Condemnation.** If, after the Public Entity has acquired the ownership interest set forth in Section 2.02, all or any portion of the Real Property is condemned to an extent that the Public Entity can no longer comply with Section 2.04, then the Public Entity shall, at its sole option, either: (i) use the condemnation proceeds to acquire an interest in additional real property needed for the Public Entity to continue to comply with Section 2.04 and to provide whatever additional funds that may be needed for such purposes, or (ii) submit a request to MnDOT and the Commissioner to allow it to sell the remaining portion of its interest in the Real

Property. Any condemnation proceeds which are not used to acquire an interest in additional real property shall be applied in accordance with Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695 and the Commissioner's Order as if the Public Entity's interest in the Real Property had been sold. If the Public Entity elects to sell its interest in the portion of the Real Property that remains after the condemnation, such sale must occur within a reasonable time period after the date the condemnation occurred and the cumulative sum of the condemnation and sale proceeds applied in accordance with Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695 and the Commissioner's Order.

If MnDOT receives any condemnation proceeds referred to herein, MnDOT agrees to or pay over to the Public Entity all of such condemnation proceeds so that the Public Entity can comply with the requirements of this Section.

Section 5.03 **Use, Maintenance, Repair and Alterations.** The Public Entity shall not, without the written consent of MnDOT and the Commissioner, (i) permit or allow the use of any of the Real Property for any purpose other than the purposes specified in Section 2.04, (ii) substantially alter any of the Real Property except such alterations as may be required by laws, ordinances or regulations, or such other alterations as may improve the Real Property by increasing its value or which improve its ability to be used for the purposes set forth in Section 2.04, (iii) take any action which would unduly impair or depreciate the value of the Real Property, (iv) abandon the Real Property, or (v) commit or permit any act to be done in or on the Real Property in violation of any law, ordinance or regulation.

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

Section 5.04 **Recordkeeping and Reporting.** The Public Entity shall maintain books and records pertaining to Project costs and expenses needed to comply with the requirements contained herein, Minn. Stat. Sec. 16A.695, the Commissioner's Order, and Minn. Stat. Sec. 174.40 and all rules related thereto, and upon request shall allow MnDOT, its auditors, 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 generally accepted accounting principles in the maintenance of such items, and shall retain all of such books and records for a period of six years after the date that the Project is fully completed and placed into operation.

Section 5.05 **Inspections by MnDOT.** The Public Entity shall allow MnDOT to inspect the Real Property upon reasonable request by MnDOT and without interfering with the normal use of the Real Property.

Section 5.06 **Liability.** The Public Entity and MnDOT agree that each will be responsible for its own acts and the results thereof to the extent authorized by law, and neither shall be responsible for the acts of the other party and the results thereof. The liability of MnDOT and the Commissioner is governed by the provisions of Minn. Stat. Sec. 3.736. If the Public Entity is a "municipality" as that term is used in Minn. Stat. Chapter 466, then the liability of the Public Entity is governed by the provisions of Chapter 466. 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 exclusion from coverage in any insurance policy.

Section 5.07 **Relationship of the Parties.** Nothing contained in the Agreement is to be construed as establishing a relationship of co-partners or joint venture among the Public Entity, MnDOT, or the Commissioner, nor shall the Public Entity be considered to be an agent, representative, or employee of MnDOT, the Commissioner, or the State of Minnesota in the performance of the Agreement or the Project.

No employee of the Public Entity or other person engaging in the performance of the Agreement or the Project shall be deemed have any contractual relationship with MnDOT, the Commissioner, or the State of Minnesota and shall not be considered an employee of any of those entities. Any claims that may arise on behalf of said employees or other persons out of employment or alleged employment, including claims under the Workers' Compensation Act of the State of Minnesota, claims of discrimination against the Public Entity or its officers, agents, contractors, or employees shall in no way be the responsibility of MnDOT, the Commissioner, or the State of Minnesota. Such employees or other persons shall not require nor be entitled to any compensation, rights or benefits of any kind whatsoever from MnDOT, the Commissioner, or the State of Minnesota, including tenure rights, medical and hospital care, sick and vacation leave, disability benefits, severance pay and retirement benefits.

Section 5.08 **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 personally served or sent by prepaid, registered, or certified mail (return receipt requested), to the address of the party specified below or to such different address as may in the future be specified by a party by written notice to the others:

To the Public Entity: At the address indicated on the first page of the Agreement.

To MnDOT at: Minnesota Department of Transportation

Office of State Aid

395 John Ireland Blvd., MS 500

Saint Paul, MN 55155

Attention: Patti Loken, State Aid Programs Engineer

To the Commissioner at: Minnesota Management & Budget

400 Centennial Office Bldg.

658 Cedar St.

St. Paul, MN 55155 Attention: Commissioner

Section 5.09 **Assignment or Modification.** Neither the Public Entity nor MnDOT may assign any of its rights or obligations under the Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.

Section 5.10 **Waiver.** Neither the failure by the Public Entity, MnDOT, or the Commissioner, as a third party beneficiary of the Agreement, in one or more instances to insist upon the complete observance or performance of any provision hereof, nor the failure of the Public Entity, MnDOT, or the Commissioner to exercise any right or remedy conferred hereunder or afforded by law shall be construed as waiving any breach of such provision or the right to exercise such right or remedy thereafter. In addition, no delay by any of the Public Entity, MnDOT, or the Commissioner 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 5.11 **Choice of Law and Venue.** All matters relating to the validity, interpretation, performance, or enforcement of the Agreement shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota. All legal actions arising from any provision of the Agreement shall be initiated and venued in the State of Minnesota District Court located in St. Paul, Minnesota.

- Section 5.12 **Severability.** If any provision of the 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 5.13 **Matching Funds.** Any matching funds as shown on Page 1 of the Grant Agreement that are required to be obtained and supplied by the Public Entity 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 MnDOT whatever documentation MnDOT may request to substantiate the availability and source of any matching funds.
- Section 5.14 **Sources and Uses of Funds.** The Public Entity represents to MnDOT and the Commissioner that the Sources and Uses of Funds Schedule attached as **Exhibit A** accurately shows the total cost of the Project and all of the funds that are available for the completion of the Project. The Public Entity will supply any other information and documentation that MnDOT or the Commissioner may request to support or explain any of the information contained in the Sources and Uses of Funds Schedule. If any of the funds shown in the Sources and Uses of Funds Schedule have conditions precedent to the release of such funds, the Public Entity must provide to MnDOT a detailed description of such conditions and what is being done to satisfy such conditions.
- Section 5.15 **Project Completion Schedule.** The Public Entity represents to MnDOT and the Commissioner that the Project Completion Schedule attached as **Exhibit B** correctly and accurately sets forth the projected schedule for the completion of the Project.
- Section 5.16 **Third-Party Beneficiary.** The Governmental 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 5.17 **Public Entity Tasks**. Any tasks that the 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 5.18 **Data Practices.** The Public Entity agrees with respect to any data that it possesses regarding the G.O. Grant or the Project to comply with all of the provisions and restrictions contained in the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act contained in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, as such may subsequently be amended or replaced from time to time.
- Section 5.19 **Non-Discrimination.** The Public Entity agrees to not engage in discriminatory employment practices regarding the Project and it shall fully comply with all of the provisions contained in Minnesota Statutes Chapters 363A and 181, as such may subsequently be amended or replaced from time to time.
- Section 5.20 **Worker's Compensation.** The Public Entity agrees to comply with all of the provisions relating to worker's compensation contained in Minn. Stat. Secs. 176.181 subd. 2 and 176.182, as they may be amended or replaced from time to time with respect to the Project.
- Section 5.21 **Antitrust Claims.** The Public Entity hereby assigns to MnDOT and the Commissioner of MMB all claims it may have for over charges as to goods or services provided with respect to the Project that arise under the antitrust laws of the State of Minnesota or of the United States of America.

- Section 5.22 **Prevailing Wages.** The Public Entity agrees to comply with all of the applicable provisions contained in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 177, and specifically those provisions contained in Minn. Stat.§. 177.41 through 177.435 as they may be amended or replaced from time to time with respect to the Project. By agreeing to this provision, the Public Entity is not acknowledging or agreeing that the cited provisions apply to the Project.
- Section 5.23 **Entire Agreement.** The Agreement and all of the exhibits attached thereto embody the entire agreement between the Public Entity and MnDOT, and there are no other agreements, either oral or written, between the Public Entity and MnDOT on the subject matter hereof.
- Section 5.24 **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 order.
- Section 5.25 **Telecommunications Certification.** If federal funds are included in Exhibit A, by signing this agreement, Contractor certifies that, consistent with Section 889 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, Pub. L. 115-232 (Aug. 13, 2018), and 2 CFR 200.216, Contractor will not use funding covered by this agreement to procure or obtain, or to extend, renew, or enter into any contract to procure or obtain, any equipment, system, or service that uses "covered telecommunications equipment or services" (as that term is defined in Section 889 of the Act) as a substantial or essential component of any system or as critical technology as part of any system. Contractor will include this certification as a flow down clause in any contract related to this agreement.
- Section 5.26 Title VI/Non-discrimination Assurances. Public Entity agrees to comply with all applicable US DOT Standard Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances contained in DOT Order No. 1050.2A, Appendices particular https://edocs-Α and Ε, which can be found at: public.dot.state.mn.us/edocs public/DMResultSet/download?docId=11149035. If federal funds are included in Exhibit A, Public Entity will ensure the appendices and solicitation language within the assurances are inserted into contracts as required. MnDOT may conduct a review of the Public Entity's compliance with this provision. The Public Entity must cooperate with MnDOT throughout the review process by supplying all requested information and documentation to MnDOT, making Public Entity staff and officials available for meetings as requested, and correcting any areas of non-compliance as determined by MnDOT.
- Section 5.27 **Electronic Records and Signatures.** The parties agree to contract by electronic means. This includes using electronic signatures and converting original documents to electronic records.
- Section 5.28 **Certification.** By signing this Agreement, the Grantee certifies that it is not suspended or debarred from receiving federal or state awards.