

## Att 1 - Sample Project Agreement

*This agreement template is used by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for the management of the grant and other programs it administers. This example is provided for review by applicants' and their counsel as they seek grant funding managed by RCO.*

*This grant agreement will contain changes at issuance based on the specifics of each funded project. For instance, changes will occur based on the applicant, funding program, fund source, project type, rule or law changes, and other factors. Applicants that receive funding from RCO are encouraged to thoroughly review their customized grant agreement prior to final signature.*

*RCO reserves the right to make updates to this template.*

### RCO GRANT AGREEMENT

**Project Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Issuance Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **A. PARTIES OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT.**

1. This Recreation and Conservation Office Grant Agreement (Agreement) is entered into between the State of Washington {FundingAgency} Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), P.O. Box 40917, Olympia, Washington 98504-0917 and {PrimarySponsorNameAddress} {SecondarySponsorNameAddress}, and shall be binding on the agents and all persons acting by or through the parties.
2. The Sponsor's Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number is {DUNNSNumber}.
3. All Sponsors are equally and independently subject to all the conditions of this Agreement except those conditions that expressly apply only to the primary Sponsor.
4. Prior to and During the Period of Performance, Per the Applicant Resolution/Authorizations submitted by all sponsors (and on file with the RCO), the identified Authorized Representative(s)/Agent(s) have full authority to legally bind the Sponsor(s) regarding all matters related to the project, including but not limited to, full authority to: (1) sign a grant application for grant assistance, (2) enter into this project agreement on behalf of the Sponsor(s) including indemnification, as provided therein, (3) enter any amendments thereto on behalf of Sponsor(s), and (4) make any decisions and submissions required with respect to the project. Agreements and amendments must be signed by the Authorized Representative/Agent(s) of all Sponsors, unless otherwise allowed in the AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENT Section.
  - a. During the Period of Performance, in order for a Sponsor to change its Authorized Representative/Agent as identified on the original signed Applicant Resolution/Authorization the Sponsor must provide the RCO a new Applicant

Resolution/Authorization signed by its governing body. Unless a new Applicant Resolution/Authorization has been provided, the RCO shall proceed on the basis that the person who is listed as the Authorized Representative in the last Resolution/Authorization that RCO has received is the person with authority to bind the Sponsor to the Agreement (including any amendments thereto) and decisions related to implementation of the Agreement.

- b. Amendments After the Period of Performance. RCO reserves the right to request and Sponsor has the obligation to provide, authorizations and documents that demonstrate any signatory to an amendment has the authority to legally bind the Sponsor as described in the above Sections A and J.
5. For the purposes of this Agreement, as well as for grant management purposes with RCO, only the primary Sponsor may act as a fiscal agent to obtain reimbursements (See PROJECT REIMBURSEMENTS Section).

**B. PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT.**

This Agreement sets out the terms and conditions by which a grant is made from the {AccountName} of the State of Washington. The grant is administered by the RCO.

**C. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT.**

{ProjectDescription}

**D. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE.**

1. The period of performance begins on {StartDate} (project start date) and ends on {EndDate} (project end date). No allowable cost incurred before or after this period is eligible for reimbursement unless specifically provided for by written amendment or addendum to this Agreement, or specifically provided for by applicable RCWs, WACs, and any applicable RCO manuals as of the effective date of this Agreement.
2. The RCO reserves the right to summarily dismiss any request to amend this Agreement if not made at least 60 days before the project end date.

**E. STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCORPORATED.**

The RCO Standard Terms and Conditions of the Agreement are hereby incorporated by reference as part of this Agreement.

**F. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS.**

*(This is a custom section based on project, program, and sponsor type. See [attached spreadsheet of those that may apply.](#))*

**G. PROJECT FUNDING.**

The total grant award provided for this project shall not exceed {RCOAmount}. The RCO shall not pay any amount beyond that approved for grant funding of the project and within the percentage as identified below. The Sponsor shall be responsible for all total project costs that exceed this amount. The minimum matching share provided by the Sponsor shall be as indicated below:

{FundingTable}

#### **H. FEDERAL FUND INFORMATION.**

*(This section only appears if there is federal funding nexus)*

{FederalFundingInfo}

This funding is not research and development (R&D).

If the Sponsor's total federal expenditures are \$750,000 or more during the Sponsor's fiscal-year, the Sponsor is required to have a federal single audit conducted for that year in compliance with 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Sub Part F—Audit Requirements, Section 500 (2013). The Sponsor must provide a copy of the final audit report to RCO within nine months of the end of the Sponsor's fiscal year, unless a longer period is agreed to in advance by the federal agency identified in this section.

Sponsor shall comply with the federal "Omni-circular" (2 C.F.R. Part 200).

RCO may suspend all reimbursements if the Sponsor fails to timely provide a single federal audit; further the RCO reserves the right to suspend any and all RCO Agreement(s) with the Sponsor if such noncompliance is not promptly cured.

#### **I. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS INTERPRETED IN LIGHT OF RELATED DOCUMENTS.**

All rights and obligations of the parties under this Agreement are further specified in and shall be interpreted in light of the Sponsor's application and the project summary and eligible scope activities under which the Agreement has been approved and/or amended as well as documents produced in the course of administering the Agreement, including the eligible scope activities, the milestones report, progress reports, and the final report. Provided, to the extent that information contained in such documents is irreconcilably in conflict with this Agreement, it shall not be used to vary the terms of the Agreement, unless the terms in the Agreement are shown to be subject to an unintended error or omission. This "Agreement" as used here and elsewhere in this document, unless otherwise specifically stated, has the meaning set forth in the definitions of the Standard Terms and Conditions.

The following Exhibits are attached as part of this Agreement:

*(This is a custom section listing things like "Expanded Scope of Work," "Milestones," and "Eligible Scope Items," which become part of this agreement.)*

If an exhibit is referenced in this Agreement as an exhibit or attached to this Agreement, regardless whether it is on this list, it shall still be considered part of this Agreement.

#### **J. AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENT.**

1. Except as provided herein, no amendment (including without limitation, deletions) of this Agreement will be effective unless set forth in writing signed by all parties. Exception: extensions of the Period of Performance and minor scope adjustments need only be signed by

RCO's director or designee and consented to in writing (including email) by the Sponsor's Authorized Representative/Agent or Sponsor's designated point of contact for the implementation of the Agreement (who may be a person other than the Authorized Agent/Representative), unless otherwise provided for in an amendment. This exception does not apply to a federal government Sponsor or a Sponsor that requests and enters into a formal amendment for extensions or minor scope adjustments.

2. It is the responsibility of a Sponsor to ensure that any person who signs an amendment on its behalf is duly authorized to do so.
3. Unless otherwise expressly stated in an amendment, any amendment to this Agreement shall be deemed to include all current federal, state, and local government laws and rules, and policies applicable and active and published in the applicable RCO manuals or on the RCO website in effect as of the effective date of the amendment, without limitation to the subject matter of the amendment. Provided, any update in law, rule, policy or a manual that is incorporated as a result of an amendment shall apply only prospectively and shall not require that an act previously done in compliance with existing requirements be redone. However, any such amendment, unless expressly stated, shall not extend or reduce the long-term obligation term.

**K. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATUTES, RULES, AND POLICIES.**

1. This Agreement is governed by, and the sponsor shall comply with, all applicable state and federal laws and regulations, applicable RCO manuals as identified below, Exhibits, and any applicable federal program and accounting rules effective as of the date of this Agreement or as of the effective date of an amendment, unless otherwise provided in the amendment. Provided, any update in law, rule, policy or a manual that is incorporated as a result of an amendment shall apply only prospectively and shall not require that an act previously done in compliance with existing requirements be redone unless otherwise expressly stated in the amendment.
2. For the purpose of this Agreement, {WAC...} shall apply as terms of this Agreement.
3. For the purpose of this Agreement, the following RCO manuals are deemed applicable and shall apply as terms of this Agreement:

*{CustomApplicableManuals}*

Provided, where a manual refers to a funding board's responsibility and/or authority but the funding board is not involved with the grant or successor to an entity that was involved, the RCO director shall have that responsibility and/or authority if such responsibilities and/or authority falls within the RCO's statutory responsibilities and/or authority or within a lawful delegation by the board to the RCO.

**L. SPECIAL CONDITIONS.**

*{CustomSpecialConditionsAsMayApply}*

**M. AGREEMENT CONTACTS.**

The parties will provide all written communications and notices under this Agreement to either or both the mail address and/or the email address listed below:

{CustomProjectContacts}

These addresses and contacts shall be effective until receipt by one party from the other of a written notice of any change. Unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement, decisions relating to the Agreement must be made by the Authorized Representative/Agent, who may or may not be the Project Contact for purposes of notices and communications.

**N. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.**

This Agreement, with all amendments and attachments, constitutes the entire Agreement of the parties. No other understandings, oral or otherwise, regarding this Agreement shall exist or bind any of the parties.

**O. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1. Unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement, this Agreement, for project {ProjectNumber}, shall not be effective and binding until the date signed by both the sponsor and the RCO's authorized representative, whichever is later (Effective Date). Reimbursements for eligible and allowable costs incurred within the period of performance identified in the PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE Section are allowed only when this Agreement is fully executed and an original is received by RCO.
2. The Sponsor has read, fully understands, and agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions as set forth in this Agreement and the STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE RCO GRANT AGREEMENT. The signators listed below represent and warrant their authority to bind the parties to this Agreement.

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Signatures:

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Sponsor/Date

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Recreation and Conservation Office/Date

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## **STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE RCO GRANT AGREEMENT**

Last Updated: February 12, 2020

### **1. CITATIONS, HEADINGS AND DEFINITIONS.**

- A)** Any citations referencing specific documents refer to the current version on the effective date of this Agreement or the effective date of any amendment thereto.
- B)** Headings used in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not be considered a substantive part of this Agreement.
- C)** Definitions. As used throughout this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meaning set forth below:

acquisition project – A project that purchases or receives a donation of a right to or in real property including, but not limited to, fee simple land acquisition, conservation easement, access/trail/recreational easements, covenants, leases, water rights, and mineral rights.

Agreement, terms of the Agreement, or project agreement – The document entitled “RCO GRANT AGREEMENT” accepted by all parties to the present project and transaction, including without limitation the Standard Terms and Conditions of the RCO Grant Agreement, all exhibits, attachments, addendums, amendments, and applicable manuals, and any intergovernmental agreements, and/or other documents that are incorporated into the Agreement subject to any limitations on their effect under this Agreement.

applicable manual(s), manual -- A manual designated in this Agreement to apply as terms of this Agreement, subject (if applicable) to substitution of the “RCO director” for the term “board” in those manuals where the project is not approved by or funded by the referenced board, or a predecessor to the board.

applicable WAC(s) -- Designated chapters or provisions of the Washington Administrative Code that apply by their terms to the type of grant in question or are deemed under this Agreement to apply as terms of the Agreement, subject to substitution of the “RCO director” for the term “board” or “agency” in those cases where the RCO has contracted to or been delegated to administer the grant program in question.

applicant – Any party, prior to becoming a Sponsor, who meets the qualifying standards/eligibility requirements for the grant application or request for funds in question.

application – The documents and other materials that an applicant submits to the RCO to support the applicant’s request for grant funds; this includes materials required for the “Application” in the RCO’s automated project information system, and other documents as noted on the application checklist including but not limited to legal opinions, maps, plans, evaluation presentations and scripts.



archeological, cultural, and historic resources - Archeological sites and artifacts, and traditional areas or items of religious, ceremonial and/or social (significance to) (uses of) tribes affected by or interested in the project. This also refers to built environments and places with historical significance for the nation, state, or local area.

authorized representative/agent – A Sponsor’s agent (employee, political appointee, elected person, etc.) authorized to be the signatory of this Agreement and any amendments requiring a Sponsor’s signature. This person has the signature authority to bind the Sponsor to this Agreement, grant, and project.

C.F.R. – Code of Federal Regulations

completed project or project completion - The status of a project when all of the following have occurred:

1. The grant funded project has been inspected by the RCO and the RCO has determined that all scopes of work to implement the project have been completed satisfactorily,
2. A final project report is submitted to and accepted by RCO,
3. Any needed amendments to the Agreement have been entered by the Sponsor and RCO and have been delivered to the RCO
4. A final reimbursement request has been paid by RCO.
5. Property rights (including RCO’s as may apply) have been recorded (as may apply)

contractor – An entity that receives a contract from a Sponsor related to performance of work or another obligation under this Agreement.

compliance period, or long-term compliance period – The term of years, beginning on the end date of the agreement, when long-term obligations exist for the Sponsor. The start date and end date of the compliance period may also be prescribed by RCO per the Agreement.

conversion – A conversion occurs 1) when facilities acquired, developed, renovated or restored within the project area are changed to a use other than that for which funds were approved, without obtaining prior written formal RCO or board approval, 2) when property interests are conveyed to a third party not otherwise eligible to receive grants in the program from which funding was approved without obtaining prior written formal RCO or board approval, or 3) when obligations to operate and maintain the funded property are not complied with after reasonable opportunity to cure.

development project – A project that results in the construction of, or work resulting in, new elements, including but not limited to structures, facilities, and/or materials to enhance outdoor recreation resources. A development project may also involve activities that redevelop or renovate an existing facility, and these may occur exclusively in the project or in combination with new construction. For projects in the Boating Facilities Program, the term “development project” includes all of the above and may also include those activities that are defined as maintenance in 50 C.F.R 86.

director or Director – The chief executive officer of the Recreation and Conservation Office or that person’s designee.

education project – A project that provides information, education, and outreach programs and/or services for the benefit of outdoor recreationists. This project may involve limited amounts of capital construction or installation of tangible property.

education and enforcement project – A project that provides information, education, and outreach programs or services; encourages responsible recreational behavior, and may provide law enforcement for the benefit of outdoor recreationists. This project may involve limited amounts of capital construction or installation of tangible property, and equipment purchases.

effective date – The date when the signatures of all parties to this agreement are present in the agreement.

enhancement project – A project that (i) supports hatchery reform to improve hatchery effectiveness to minimize impacts to wild fish populations, (ii) ensures compatibility between hatchery production and salmon recovery programs, or (iii) supports sustainable fisheries (WAC 420.04.010).

equipment – Tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful service life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established by the Sponsor or \$5,000 (2 C.F.R. § 200.33 (2013)).

funding board or board – The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, or the Washington State Salmon Recovery Funding Board. Or both as may apply.

Funding Entity – the entity that approves the project that is the subject to this Agreement.

grant program – The source of the grant funds received. May be an account in the state treasury, or a grant category within a larger grant program, or a federal source.

indirect cost – Costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefitting more than one cost objective, and not readily assignable to the cost objectives specifically benefitted, without effort disproportionate to the results achieved (2 C.F.R. § 200.56 (2013)).

compliance period, or long-term compliance period – The term of years, beginning on the end date of the agreement, when long-term obligations exist for the Sponsor. The start date and end date of the compliance period may also be prescribed by RCO per the Agreement.

long-term obligations – Sponsor's obligations after the project end date, as specified in the Agreement and manuals and other exhibits as may apply.

landowner agreement – An agreement that is required between a Sponsor and landowner for projects located on land not owned or otherwise controlled by the Sponsor.

maintenance project – A project that maintains existing areas and facilities through repairs and upkeep for the benefit of outdoor recreation.

maintenance and operation project – A project that maintains and operates existing areas and facilities through repairs, upkeep, and routine services for the benefit of outdoor recreationists.

match or matching share – The portion of the total project cost provided by the Sponsor.

milestone – An important event with a defined date to track an activity related to implementation of a funded project and monitor significant stages of project accomplishment.

monitoring project – Means a project that tracks the effectiveness of salmon recovery restoration actions, or provides data on salmon populations or their habitat conditions.

monitoring and research project – Means a project that tracks the effectiveness of salmon recovery restoration actions, or provides data on salmon populations or their habitat conditions.

Office – Means the Recreation and Conservation Office or RCO.

notice of grant – As required by RCO or another authority, a document that has been legally recorded on the property title of the project area(s) in the county or counties where the project property is located, or with the United States Government, that describes the project area on the property, the funding sources, and agencies responsible for awarding the grant.

pass-through entity – A non-Federal entity that provides a subaward to a subrecipient to carry out part of a Federal program (2 C. F. R. § 200.74 (2013)). If this Agreement is a federal subaward, RCO is the pass-through entity.

period of performance – The period beginning on the project start date and ending on the project end date.

planning project - A project that results in one or more of the following: 1) a study, a plan, assessment, project design, inventory, construction plans and specifications, and permits; or 2) a project that provides money to facilitate the work of an organization engaged in planning and coordination, or resource stewardship.

pre-agreement cost – A project cost incurred before the period of performance.

primary Sponsor – The Sponsor who is not a secondary Sponsor and who is specifically identified in the Agreement as the entity to which RCO grants funds to and authorizes and requires to administer the grant. Administration includes but is not limited to acting as the fiscal agent for the grant (e.g. requesting and accepting reimbursements, submitting reports). Primary Sponsor includes its officers, employees, agents and successors.

project – The undertaking that is funded by this Agreement either in whole or in part with funds administered by RCO.

project area - A geographic area that delineates a grant assisted site which is subject to project agreement requirements.

project area (for projects where WAC 420 is applied) - The area consistent with the geographic limits of the scope of work of the project and subject to project agreement requirements. For restoration projects, the project area must include the physical limits of the project's final site plans or final design plans. For acquisition projects, the project area must include the area described by the legal description of the properties acquired for or committed to the project (WAC 420.04.010).

completed project or project completion - The status of a project when all of the following have occurred:

1. The grant funded project has been inspected by the RCO and the RCO has determined that all scopes of work to implement the project have been completed satisfactorily,
2. A final project report is submitted to and accepted by RCO,
3. Any needed amendments to the Agreement have been entered by the Sponsor and RCO and have been delivered to the RCO
4. A final reimbursement request has been paid by RCO.
5. Property rights (including RCO's as may apply) have been recorded (as may apply)

project cost – The total allowable costs incurred under this Agreement and all required match share and voluntary committed matching share, including third-party contributions (see also 2 C.F.R. § 200.83 (2013) for federally funded projects).

project end date – The specific date identified in the Agreement on which the period of performance ends, as may be changed by amendment. This date is not the end date for any long-term obligations.

project start date – The specific date identified in the Agreement on which the period of performance starts.

RCFB – Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

RCO – Recreation and Conservation Office – The state agency that administers the grant that is the subject of this Agreement. RCO includes the director and staff.

RCW – Revised Code of Washington

Recreational Trails Program (RTP) – A Federal Highways Administration grant program.

reimbursement – RCO's payment of funds to the Sponsor for eligible and allowable costs that have already been paid by the Sponsor per the terms of the Agreement.

renovation project – A project intended to improve an existing site or structure in order to increase its useful service life beyond current expectations or functions. This does not include maintenance activities to maintain the facility for its originally expected useful service life.

research project – Means a project that studies salmon and the effectiveness of recovery restoration efforts on the population or habitat condition.

restoration project – A project intended to bring a site back to its historic function as part of a natural ecosystem, or one intended to improve the ecological or habitat functionality or capacity of (or part of) a site, landscape, marine environment, or watershed.

restoration and enhancement project – A project intended to bring a site back to its historic function as part of a natural ecosystem or that improves the ecological functionality of a site or a larger ecosystem which improvement may include benefiting (or exclusively benefit) fish stocks.

secondary Sponsor – One of two or more Sponsors who is not a primary Sponsor. Only the primary Sponsor may be the fiscal agent for the project.

Sponsor – A Sponsor is an organization that is listed in and has signed this Agreement.

Sponsor Authorized Representative/Agent – A Sponsor’s agent (employee, political appointee, elected person, etc.) authorized to be the signatory of this Agreement and any amendments requiring a Sponsor signature. This person has the signature authority to bind the Sponsor to this Agreement, grant, and project.

SRFB – Salmon Recovery Funding Board

State. The funding board and RCO are included within the term State, as are all other agencies, departments, boards, councils, committees, divisions, bureaus, offices, societies, or other entities of Washington state government.

subaward – Funds allocated to the RCO from another organization, for which RCO makes available to or assigns to another organization via this Agreement. Also, a subaward may be an award provided by a pass-through entity to a subrecipient for the subrecipient to carry out part of any award received by the pass-through entity. It does not include payments to a contractor or payments to an individual that is a beneficiary of a federal or other program. A subaward may be provided through any form of legal agreement, including an agreement that the pass-through entity considers a contract. Also see 2 C.F.R. § 200.92 (2013). For federal subawards, a subaward is for the purpose of carrying out a portion of a Federal award and creates a federal assistance relationship with the subrecipient (2 C.F.R. § 200.330 (2013)). If this Agreement is a federal subaward, the subaward amount is the grant program amount in the PROJECT FUNDING Section.

subrecipient – Subrecipient means an entity that receives a subaward. For non-federal entities receiving federal funds, a subrecipient is an entity that receives a subaward from a pass-through entity to carry out part of a federal program; but does not include an individual that is a beneficiary of such program. A subrecipient may also be a recipient of other federal awards directly from a federal awarding agency (2 C.F.R. § 200.93 (2013)). If this Agreement is a federal subaward, the Sponsor is the subrecipient.

tribal consultation – Outreach, and consultation with one or more federally recognized tribes (or a partnership or coalition or consortium of such tribes, or a private tribal enterprise) whose rights will or may be significantly affected by the proposed project. This includes sharing with potentially-affected tribes the scope of work in the grant and potential impacts to natural areas, natural resources, and the built environment by the project. It also includes responding to any tribal request from such tribes and considering tribal recommendations for project implementation which may include not proceeding with parts of the project, altering the project concept and design, or relocating the project or not implementing the project, all of which RCO shall have the final approval of.

useful service life – Period during which a built asset, equipment, or fixture is expected to be useable for the purpose it was acquired, installed, developed, and/or renovated, or restored per this Agreement.

WAC – Washington Administrative Code.

## **2. PERFORMANCE BY THE SPONSOR.**

- a. The Sponsor shall undertake the project as described in this Agreement, and in accordance with the Sponsor's proposed goals and objectives described in the application or documents submitted with the application, all as finally approved by the RCO (to include any RCO approved changes or amendments thereto). All submitted documents are incorporated by this reference as if fully set forth herein.
- b. Timely completion of the project and submission of required documents, including progress and final reports, is important. Failure to meet critical milestones or complete the project, as set out in this Agreement, is a material breach of the Agreement.

**3. ASSIGNMENT.**

Neither this Agreement, nor any claim arising under this Agreement, shall be transferred or assigned by the Sponsor without prior written approval of the RCO.

**4. RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROJECT.**

- a. While RCO administers the grant that is the subject of this Agreement, the project itself remains the sole responsibility of the Sponsor. The RCO and Funding Entity (if different from the RCO) undertakes no responsibilities to the Sponsor, or to any third party, other than as is expressly set out in this Agreement.
- b. The responsibility for the implementation of the project is solely that of the Sponsor, as is the responsibility for any claim or suit of any nature by any third party related in any way to the project. When a project has more than one Sponsor, any and all Sponsors are equally responsible for the project and all post-completion stewardship responsibilities and long-term obligations unless otherwise stated in this Agreement.
- c. The RCO, its employees, assigns, consultants and contractors, and members of any funding board or advisory committee or other RCO grant review individual or body, have no responsibility for reviewing, approving, overseeing or supervising design, construction, or safety of the project and leaves such review, approval, oversight and supervision exclusively to the Sponsor and others with expertise or authority. In this respect, the RCO, its employees, assigns, consultants and contractors, and any funding board or advisory committee or other RCO grant review individual or body will act only to confirm at a general, lay person, and nontechnical level, solely for the purpose of project eligibility and payment and not for safety or suitability, that the project apparently is proceeding or has been completed as per the Agreement.

**5. INDEMNIFICATION.**

- a. The Sponsor shall defend, indemnify, and hold the State and its officers and employees harmless from all claims, demands, or suits at law or equity arising in whole or in part from the actual or alleged acts, errors, omissions or negligence in connection with this Agreement (including without limitation all work or activities thereunder), or the breach of any obligation under this Agreement by the Sponsor or the Sponsor's agents, employees,

contractors, subcontractors, or vendors, of any tier, or any other persons for whom the Sponsor may be legally liable.

- b. Provided that nothing herein shall require a Sponsor to defend or indemnify the State against and hold harmless the State from claims, demands or suits based solely upon the negligence of the State, its employees and/or agents for whom the State is vicariously liable.
- c. Provided further that if the claims or suits are caused by or result from the concurrent negligence of (a) the Sponsor or the Sponsor's agents or employees, and (b) the State, or its employees or agents the indemnity obligation shall be valid and enforceable only to the extent of the Sponsor's negligence or its agents, or employees.
- d. As part of its obligations provided above, the Sponsor specifically assumes potential liability for actions brought by the Sponsor's own employees or its agents against the State and, solely for the purpose of this indemnification and defense, the Sponsor specifically waives any immunity under the state industrial insurance law, RCW Title 51. Sponsor's waiver of immunity under this provision extends only to claims against Sponsor by Indemnitee RCO, and does not include, or extend to, any claims by Sponsor's employees directly against Sponsor.
- e. Sponsor shall ensure that any agreement relating to this project involving any contractors, subcontractors and/or vendors of any tier shall require that the contracting entity indemnify, defend, waive RCW 51 immunity, and otherwise protect the State as provided herein as if it were the Sponsor. This shall not apply to a contractor or subcontractor is solely donating its services to the project without compensation or other substantial consideration.
- f. The Sponsor shall also defend, indemnify, and hold the State and its officers and employees harmless from all claims, demands, or suits at law or equity arising in whole or in part from the alleged patent or copyright infringement or other allegedly improper appropriation or use of trade secrets, patents, proprietary information, know-how, copyright rights or inventions by the Sponsor or the Sponsor's agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors or vendors, of any tier, or any other persons for whom the Sponsor may be legally liable, in performance of the work under this Agreement or arising out of any use in connection with the Agreement of methods, processes, designs, information or other items furnished or communicated to the State, its agents, officers and employees pursuant to the Agreement. Provided, this indemnity shall not apply to any alleged patent or copyright infringement or other allegedly improper appropriation or use of trade secrets, patents, proprietary information, know-how, copyright rights or inventions resulting from the State's, its agents', officers' and employees' failure to comply with specific written instructions regarding use provided to the State, its agents, officers and employees by the Sponsor, its agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors or vendors, of any tier, or any other persons for whom the Sponsor may be legally liable.

- g. The funding board and RCO are included within the term State, as are all other agencies, departments, boards, councils, committees, divisions, bureaus, offices, societies, or other entities of state government.

**6. INDEPENDENT CAPACITY OF THE SPONSOR.**

- a. The Sponsor and its employees or agents performing under this Agreement are not officers, employees or agents of the RCO or Funding Entity. The Sponsor will not hold itself out as nor claim to be an officer, employee or agent of the RCO or the Funding Entity, or of the state of Washington, nor will the Sponsor make any claim of right, privilege or benefit which would accrue to an employee under RCW 41.06.
- b. The Sponsor is responsible for withholding and/or paying employment taxes, insurance, or deductions of any kind required by federal, state, and/or local laws.

**7. CONFLICT OF INTEREST.**

- a. Notwithstanding any determination by the Executive Ethics Board or other tribunal, RCO may, in its sole discretion, by written notice to the Sponsor terminate this Agreement if it is found after due notice and examination by RCO that there is a violation of the Ethics in Public Service Act, RCW 42.52; or any similar statute involving the Sponsor in the procurement of, or performance under, this Agreement.
- b. In the event this Agreement is terminated as provided herein, RCO shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against the Sponsor as it could pursue in the event of a breach of the Agreement by the Sponsor. The rights and remedies of RCO provided for in this clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or this Agreement.

**8. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW.**

- a. In implementing the Agreement, the Sponsor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws (including without limitation all applicable ordinances, codes, rules, and regulations). Such compliance includes, without any limitation as to other applicable laws, the following laws:
  - i. Nondiscrimination Laws. The Sponsor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local nondiscrimination laws and/or policies, including but not limited to: the Americans with Disabilities Act; Civil Rights Act; and the Age Discrimination Employment Act (if applicable). In the event of the Sponsor's noncompliance or refusal to comply with any nondiscrimination law or policy, the Agreement may be rescinded, cancelled, or terminated in whole or in part, and the Sponsor may be declared ineligible for further grant awards from the RCO or Funding Entity. The Sponsor is responsible for any and all costs or liability arising from the Sponsor's failure to so comply with applicable law. Except where a nondiscrimination clause required by a federal funding agency is used, the Sponsor shall insert the following nondiscrimination clause in each contract for



construction of this project: "During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees to comply with all federal and state nondiscrimination laws, regulations and policies."

- ii. Secular Use of Funds. No funds awarded under this grant may be used to pay for any religious activities, worship, or instruction, or for lands and facilities for religious activities, worship, or instruction. Religious activities, worship, or instruction may be a minor use of the grant supported recreation and conservation land or facility.
  - iii. Wages and Job Safety. The Sponsor agrees to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies of the United States and the State of Washington or other jurisdiction which affect wages and job safety. The Sponsor agrees when state prevailing wage laws (RCW 39.12) are applicable, to comply with such laws, to pay the prevailing rate of wage to all workers, laborers, or mechanics employed in the performance of any part of this contract, and to file a statement of intent to pay prevailing wage with the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries as required by RCW 39.12.40. The Sponsor also agrees to comply with the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries.
    - Pursuant to RCW 39.12.040(1)(a), all contractors and subcontractors shall submit to Sponsor a statement of intent to pay prevailing wages if the need to pay prevailing wages is required by law. If a contractor or subcontractor intends to pay other than prevailing wages, it must provide the Sponsor with an affirmative statement of the contractor's or subcontractor's intent. Unless required by law, the Sponsor is not required to investigate a statement regarding prevailing wage provided by a contractor or subcontractor.
  - iv. Exception, Service Organizations of Trail and Environmental Projects (RCW 79A.35.130). If allowed by state and federal law and rules, participants in conservation corps programs offered by a nonprofit organization affiliated with a national service organization established under the authority of the national and community service trust act of 1993, P.L. 103-82, are exempt from provisions related to rates of compensation while performing environmental and trail maintenance work provided: (1) The nonprofit organization must be registered as a nonprofit corporation pursuant to RCW 24.03; (2) The nonprofit organization's management and administrative headquarters must be located in Washington; (3) Participants in the program must spend at least fifteen percent of their time in the program on education and training activities; and (4) Participants in the program must receive a stipend or living allowance as authorized by federal or state law. Participants are exempt from provisions related to rates of compensation only for environmental and trail maintenance work conducted pursuant to the conservation corps program.
- b. Restrictions on Grant Use. No part of any funds provided under this grant shall be used, other than for normal and recognized executive-legislative relationships, for publicity or

propaganda purposes, or for the preparation, distribution, or use of any kit, pamphlet, booklet, publication, radio, television, or video presentation designed to support or defeat legislation pending before the U.S. Congress or any state legislature. No part of any funds provided under this grant shall be used to pay the salary or expenses of any Sponsor, or agent acting for such Sponsor, related to any activity designed to influence legislation or appropriations pending before the U.S. Congress or any state legislature.

- c. No part of any funds provided under this grant shall be used to pay the salary or expenses of any Sponsor, or agent acting for such Sponsor, related to any activity designed to influence legislation or appropriations pending before the U.S. Congress or any state legislature.
- d. Debarment and Certification. By signing the Agreement with RCO, the Sponsor certifies that neither it nor its principals nor any other lower tier participant are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by Washington State Labor and Industries. Further, the Sponsor agrees not to enter into any arrangements or contracts related to this Agreement with any party that is on Washington State Department of Labor and Industries' "Debarred Contractor List."
- e. Requirements for RTP Subawards.
  - i. The subrecipient (Sponsor) shall follow such policies and procedures prescribed by and allowed by the State, as well as federal law and federal rules issued by the Federal Highways Administration and 2 CFR 200.
  - ii. Sponsor may be required to pay prevailing wage rates as required by the Davis Bacon Act as amended.

## **9. ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES RESPONSIBILITIES**

RCO shall administratively review, and Sponsor shall assist RCO in such review, For all funded projects, including land acquisitions for the purpose of capital construction or renovation, not undergoing Section 106 review under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, RCO shall review and, if it deems appropriate, confer with the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation, tribes, and with any other party/parties that have an interest in, or responsibility for, Project review and protection of archeological, cultural, and historical resources, to determine potential impacts to archeological, cultural and historic resources and plans for protection of such resources. The Sponsor shall cooperate in all such reviews.

1. Plans. Sponsor shall comply with all plans RCO or another state or federal agency may develop for the protection of archeological, cultural, and historical resources in the project area, and adjacent areas that may be impacted by the project. This subsection also applies to those projects where a categorical exclusion (subsection 5) may apply.

2. Authorities. At a minimum, review, management, and protection of archeological, cultural, and historic resources, and tribal consultation, shall be performed in the project area and adjacent areas impacted by the project for compliance with the following authorities (as may apply and as in effect at the time of the review):
  - i. Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation policies and procedures and rule,
  - ii. Sponsor, RCO, and landowners' plans, policies and procedures, directives, laws and rules,
  - iii. State Environmental Policy Act,
  - iv. National Environmental Policy Act,
  - v. National Historic Preservation Act of 1966,
  - vi. Governor's Executive Order 05-05,
3. Scope of Archeological, Cultural, and Historic Resources Review. RCO recognizes that the project area may include multiple parcels with multiple landowners, and additional parties with property rights in the project area. The Sponsor shall apply this section independently to each separately owned property, provided that reviews undertaken must include impacts to individual parcels and cumulative impacts.
4. Compliance. At all times, the Sponsor shall take reasonable action to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects to archeological, cultural, and historic resources in the project area, and adjacent areas that may be impacted by the project, and comply with any RCO direction for such avoidance, minimization, and mitigation, and reporting and notification thereof.
5. Categorical Exemption. If the Sponsor has reviewed the activities in this grant for impacts to archeological, cultural, and historical resources, and the same for any planned projects in any land acquired with this grant, and determined the project is categorically exempt from further archaeological, historical and cultural resources review, as well as tribal consultation, Sponsor shall notify the RCO in writing prior to beginning the project describing 1) the specific statutory or regulatory exemptions that apply, and 2) their applicability to the specific project. Alternatively, the RCO may determine the project is covered by a categorical exemption, in whole or in part, and notify the Sponsor of such determination.

However, any categorical exemption must meet the standards of and be consistent and allowable by ALL of the following:

1. the project area landowner(s) legal documents and governing documents (if applicable),
2. Sponsor's own policies and procedures and rules,
3. All applicable laws,
4. RCO applicable policies, manuals and/or other guidance, and
5. Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation's rules and policies.

Alternatively, the RCO may assign a categorical exemption to the project based on its own review.

Regardless of the applicability of any categorical exemption, the RCO reserves the right at any time to require Sponsor to comply with any and all of the provisions of this section.

6. Project Areas Reviewed by a Permitting Authority. For those project areas where a permitting authority for the project conducts an archeological, cultural, and historical resources review and tribal consultation under section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act, NEPA, SEPA, or Governor's Executive Order 05-05, such review and consultation shall substitute for the land owner's, provided that such substitution is allowed only if (a)the permitting authority and landowner are not the same, and (b)the RCO determines that the review and consultation performed by the permitting authority meets RCO standards. When a permitting authority conducts such reviews and tribal consultation, all other subsections herein shall still apply to the Sponsor(s).
7. Project Areas on Sponsor-Owned Property. Unless a categorical exemption applies as stated above, the Sponsor shall perform and be bound by the following:
  - a. Project Review. For project areas not reviewed by a permitting authority (see above), prior to implementing in the project area any ground disturbance, altering or demolishing structures or other property appurtenances, removing or altering vegetation, geologic elements, or waterways, or impacting wildlife, in and adjacent to the project area, areas where project mitigation shall occur, or any other areas that may be affected by project implementation, the Sponsor shall review the project for its potential and actual impacts, including any planned projects on lands acquired as part of the project, to any and all archaeological, cultural and historical resources in and adjacent to the project area, in areas where project mitigation shall occur, or other areas that may be affected by project implementation. In this review, Sponsor shall follow its policies and procedures, plans, guidance, rules, and directives, as well as act in compliance with Governor's Executive Order 05-05, the National Historic Preservation Act, the State Environmental Policy Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and any local laws as may apply. If another governmental agency is responsible in whole or in part for this review the Sponsor shall assist with such review.
  - b. Tribal Consultation. For project areas not reviewed by a permitting authority (see above), prior to implementing in the project area any ground disturbance, altering or demolishing structures or other property appurtenances, removing or altering vegetation, geologic elements, or waterways, or impacting wildlife, in and adjacent to the project area, areas where project mitigation shall occur, or any other areas that may be affected by project implementation, Sponsor shall conduct tribal consultation with any interested or affected tribes as defined above. .
  - c. Reporting to RCO and Approval of Project Activities. Sponsor shall provide RCO evidence (which RCO shall prescribe) that it has conducted project review and tribal consultation as described and receive written approval of such review and consultation from RCO prior to Sponsor implementing in the project area any ground disturbance, altering or demolishing structures or other property appurtenances, removing or altering vegetation, geologic elements, or waterways, or impacting wildlife, in and adjacent to the project area, areas

where project mitigation shall occur, or any other areas that may be affected by project implementation.

- d. Changes to Project. RCO reserves the right to request Sponsor change its scope of work and project outcomes to avoid, mitigate, or minimize impacts to archeological, cultural, and historic resources.
- e. Termination. RCO retains the right at any time to terminate a project due to anticipated or actual impacts to archaeology and cultural resources.
- f. Monitoring. RCO may require on-site monitoring for impacts to archeology, cultural, and historic resources during any demolition, construction, land clearing, restoration, or repair work, and may direct that work stop to minimize, mitigate, or avoid impacts to archaeology, cultural, and historical resource impacts or concerns.
- g. Inadvertent Discovery Plan. The Sponsor shall request, review, and be bound by the RCO Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP), and keep the IDP at the project site, make the IDP readily available to anyone working at the project site, discuss the IDP with staff and contractors working at the project site, and Implement the IDP when cultural resources or human remains are found at the project site.
- h. Discovery. If any archeological or historic resources are found while conducting work under this Agreement, the Sponsor shall immediately stop work and notify the property owner, RCO, the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation at (360) 586-3064, and any affected Tribe, and stop any activity that may cause further disturbance to the archeological or historic resources until such time as the reviewing authority with jurisdiction over the found object(s) and areas notifies Sponsor and RCO that work can resume.
- i. Human Remains. If any human remains are found while conducting work under this Agreement, Sponsor shall immediately stop work and notify the local Law Enforcement Agency or Medical Examiner/Coroner's Office, and then RCO, all in the most expeditious manner, and stop any activity that may cause disturbance to the remains. Sponsor shall secure the area of the find will and protect the remains from further disturbance until the RCO provides a new notice to proceed on the project. Any human remains discovered shall not be touched, moved, or further disturbed unless directed by RCO or the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP). The county medical examiner/coroner will assume jurisdiction over the human skeletal remains and make a determination of whether those remains are forensic or non-forensic. If the county medical examiner/coroner determines the remains are non-forensic, then they will report that finding to the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) who will then take jurisdiction over the remains. The DAHP will notify any appropriate cemeteries and all affected tribes of the find. The State Physical Anthropologist will make a determination of whether the remains are Indian or Non-Indian and report that finding to any appropriate cemeteries and the affected tribes. The DAHP will then handle all consultation with

the affected parties as to the future preservation, excavation, and disposition of the remains and the resumption of work.

8. Project Areas on State or Federal Property Not Owned By Sponsor.

Categorical Exemption. For project area(s) owned by a state or federal agency, and not under review via a permitting nexus (see above), the state or federal agency landowner performing archeological, cultural, and historic resources review and tribal consultation shall make the determination that the project, in whole or in part, is covered by a categorical exemption, and may notify and report such to the Sponsor, or to RCO on behalf of Sponsor.

Project Review and Tribal Consolation. If the project is not categorical exception to archeological, cultural, and historical resources review and tribal consultation, and the project area is located on property owned by the State of Washington or a federal agency, Sponsor shall:

- a. Follow its own policies and procedures, rules, and any applicable laws, for the review, protection, and management of archaeological, cultural, and historic resources, and tribal consultation and other consultations as may apply.
- b. Assist the land owner and other applicable agencies, and the RCO, with its/their review of archaeological, cultural and historic resources, and tribal consultation for the project area.
  - i. RCO may consult directly with the landowner to complete land owner project review and tribal consultation.
- c. Provide RCO evidence that the landowner has 1) conducted archeological, cultural and historic resources review and tribal consultation according to its policies and procedures and applicable laws, and 2) provided Sponsor with permission to begin project implementation in the project area owned by the state or federal agency.
- d. Changes to Project. RCO reserves the right to request Sponsor change its scope of work and project outcomes to avoid, mitigate, or minimize impacts to archeological, cultural, and historic resources.
- e. Termination. RCO retains the right at any time to terminate a project due to anticipated or actual impacts to archaeology and cultural resources.
- f. Monitoring. RCO or the federal or state landowner may require on-site monitoring for impacts to archeology and cultural resources during any demolition, construction, land clearing, restoration, or repair work, and may direct that work stop to minimize, mitigate, or avoid impacts to archaeology and cultural resource impacts or concerns.
- g. Inadvertent Discovery Plan. The Sponsor shall request, review, and be bound by the RCO Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP), and keep the IDP at the project site, make the IDP readily available to anyone working at the project site, discuss the IDP with staff and contractors

working at the project site, and Implement the IDP when cultural resources or human remains are found at the project site.

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- 9. Costs. Costs associated with Sponsor's responsibilities under this section of the Agreement are eligible for reimbursement under this Agreement. Costs that exceed the budget grant amount shall be the responsibility of the Sponsor.

## **10. RECORDS.**

- a. Digital Records. If requested by RCO, the Sponsor must provide a digital file(s) of the project property and funded project site in a format specified by the RCO.
- b. Maintenance and Retention. The Sponsor shall maintain books, records, documents, data and other evidence relating to this Agreement and performance of the services described herein, including but not limited to accounting procedures and practices which sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of any nature expended in the performance of this Agreement. Sponsor shall retain such records for a period of nine years from the date RCO deems the project complete, as defined in the PROJECT REIMBURSEMENTS Section. If any litigation, claim or audit is started before the expiration of the nine (9) year period, the records

shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.

- c. In order to satisfy 15 CFR 24.42(b) & (c) and 2 CFR 200.333, for projects that contain Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Funds or are used as match to Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Funds the sponsor shall retain records for a period of nine years from the date RCO deems the project complete as defined in the PROJECT REIMBURSEMENTS Section.
- d. Access to Records and Data. At no additional cost, the records relating to the Agreement, including materials generated under the Agreement, shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection, review or audit by RCO, personnel duly authorized by RCO, the Office of the State Auditor, and federal and state officials so authorized by law, regulation or agreement. This includes access to all information that supports the costs submitted for payment under the grant and all findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Sponsor's reports, including computer models and methodology for those models.
- e. Public Records. Sponsor acknowledges that the RCO is subject to RCW 42.56 and that this Agreement and any records Sponsor submits or has submitted to the State shall be a public record as defined in RCW 42.56. RCO administers public records requests per WAC 286-06 and 420-04 (which ever applies). Additionally, the Sponsor agrees to disclose any information in regards to the expenditure of that funding as if the project sponsor were subject to the requirements of chapter 42.56 RCW. By submitting any record to the State, Sponsor understands that the State may be requested to disclose or copy that record under the state public records law, currently codified at RCW 42.56. The Sponsor warrants that it possesses such legal rights as are necessary to permit the State to disclose and copy such document to respond to a request under state public records laws. The Sponsor hereby agrees to release the State from any claims arising out of allowing such review or copying pursuant to a public records act request, and to indemnify against any claims arising from allowing such review or copying and pay the reasonable cost of state's defense of such claims.

## **11. PROJECT FUNDING.**

- a. Authority. This Agreement and funding is made available to Sponsor through the RCO.
- b. Additional Amounts. The RCO or Funding Entity shall not be obligated to pay any amount beyond the dollar amount as identified in this Agreement, unless an additional amount has been approved in advance by the RCO director and incorporated by written amendment into this Agreement .
- c. Before the Agreement. No expenditure made, or obligation incurred, by the Sponsor before the project start date shall be eligible for grant funds, in whole or in part, unless specifically provided for by the RCO director, such as a waiver of retroactivity or program specific eligible pre-Agreement costs. For reimbursements of such costs, this Agreement must be fully executed and an original received by RCO. The dollar amounts identified in this Agreement may be reduced as necessary to exclude any such expenditure from reimbursement.



- d. Requirements for Federal Subawards. Pre-Agreement costs before the federal award date in the FEDERAL FUND INFORMATION Section are ineligible unless approved by the federal award agency (2 C.F.R § 200.458 (2013)).
- e. After the Period of Performance. No expenditure made, or obligation incurred, following the period of performance shall be eligible, in whole or in part, for grant funds hereunder. In addition to any remedy the RCO or Funding Entity may have under this Agreement, the grant amounts identified in this Agreement shall be reduced to exclude any such expenditure from participation.

## **12. PROJECT REIMBURSEMENTS.**

- a. Reimbursement Basis. This Agreement is administered on a reimbursement basis per WAC 286-13 and/or 420-12, whichever has been designated to apply. Only the primary Sponsor may request reimbursement for eligible and allowable costs incurred during the period of performance. The primary Sponsor may only request reimbursement after (1) this Agreement has been fully executed and (2) the Sponsor has remitted payment to its vendors. RCO will authorize disbursement of project funds only on a reimbursable basis at the percentage as defined in the PROJECT FUNDING Section. Reimbursement shall not be approved for any expenditure not incurred by the Sponsor or for a donation used as part of its matching share. RCO does not reimburse for donations. All reimbursement requests must include proper documentation of expenditures as required by RCO.
- b. Reimbursement Request Frequency. The primary Sponsor is required to submit a reimbursement request to RCO, at a minimum for each project at least once a year for reimbursable activities occurring between July 1 and June 30 or as identified in the milestones. Sponsors must refer to the most recent applicable RCO manuals and this Agreement regarding reimbursement requirements.
- c. Compliance and Payment. The obligation of RCO to pay any amount(s) under this Agreement is expressly conditioned on strict compliance with the terms of this Agreement and other agreements between RCO and the Sponsor.
- d. Conditions for Payment of Retainage. RCO reserves the right to withhold disbursement of the total amount of the grant to the Sponsor until the following has occurred:
  - i. RCO has accepted the project as a completed project, which acceptance shall not be unreasonably withheld.
  - ii. On-site signs are in place (if applicable); Any other required documents and media are complete and submitted to RCO; Grant related fiscal transactions are complete, and
  - iii. RCO has accepted a final boundary map of the project area for which the Agreement terms will apply in the future.

- iv. A Notice of Grant for any property rights acquired or donated (if applicable) have been filed with the county lands records office (or United State Government) and a stamped copy received by RCO, and any property rights owned to RCO have been likewise recorded.
- e. Requirements for Federal Subawards: Match. The Sponsor's matching share must comply with 2 C.F.R. § 200.306 (2013). Any shared costs or matching funds and all contributions, including cash and third-party in-kind contributions, can be accepted as part of the Sponsor's matching share when such contributions meet all of the following criteria:
  - i. Are verifiable from the non-Federal entity's (Sponsor's) records;
  - ii. Are not included as contributions for any other Federal award;
  - iii. Are necessary and reasonable for accomplishment of project or program objectives;
  - iv. Are allowable under 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E—Cost Principles (2013);
  - v. Are not paid by the Federal Government under another Federal award, except where the Federal statute authorizing a program specifically provides that Federal funds made available for such program can be applied to matching or cost sharing requirements of other Federal programs;
  - vi. Are provided for in the approved budget when required by the Federal awarding agency identified in the FEDERAL FUND INFORMATION Section of this Agreement; and
  - vii. Conform to other provisions of 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart D—Post Federal Award Requirements (2013), as applicable.
- f. Requirements for Federal Subawards: Close out. Per 2 C.F.R § 200.343 (2013), the non-Federal entity (Sponsor) must:
  - i. Submit, no later than 90 calendar days after the end date of the period of performance, all financial, performance, and other reports as required by the terms and conditions of the Federal award. The Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity (RCO) may approve extensions when requested by the Sponsor.
  - ii. Liquidate all obligations incurred under the Federal award not later than 90 calendar days after the end date of the period of performance as specified in the terms and conditions of the Federal award.
  - iii. Refund any balances of unobligated cash that the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity (RCO) paid in advance or paid and that are not authorized to be retained by the non-Federal entity (Sponsor) for use in other projects. See OMB Circular A-129 and see 2 C.F.R § 200.345 Collection of amounts due (2013), for requirements regarding unreturned amounts that become delinquent debts.
  - iv. Account for any real and personal property acquired with Federal funds or received from the Federal Government in accordance with 2 C.F.R §§ 200.310 Insurance coverage through 200.316 Property trust relationship and 200.329 Reporting on real property (2013).

### **13. ADVANCE PAYMENTS.**

Advance payments of or in anticipation of goods or services are not allowed unless approved by the RCO director and are consistent with legal requirements and Manual 8: Reimbursements.

### **14. RECOVERY OF PAYMENTS.**

- a. Recovery for Noncompliance. In the event that the Sponsor fails to expend funds under this Agreement in accordance with state and federal laws, and/or the provisions of the Agreement, or meet its percentage of the project total, RCO reserves the right to recover grant award funds in the amount equivalent to the extent of noncompliance in addition to any other remedies available at law or in equity.
- b. Return of Overpayments. The Sponsor shall reimburse RCO for any overpayment or erroneous payments made under the Agreement. Repayment by the Sponsor of such funds under this recovery provision shall occur within 30 days of demand by RCO. Interest shall accrue at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the time the Sponsor received such overpayment. Unless the overpayment is due to an error of RCO, the payment shall be due and owing on the date that the Sponsor receives the overpayment from the RCO. If the payment is due to an error of RCO, it shall be due and owing 30 days after demand by RCO for refund.
- c. Requirements for Federal Subawards. RCO, acting as a pass-through entity, may impose any of the remedies as authorized in 2 C.F.R §§ 200.207 Specific conditions and/or 200.338 Remedies for noncompliance (2013).

### **15. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES.**

The Sponsor warrants that no person or selling agent has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Agreement on an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established agents maintained by the Sponsor for the purpose of securing business. RCO shall have the right, in the event of breach of this clause by the Sponsor, to terminate this Agreement without liability or, in its discretion, to deduct from the Agreement grant amount or consideration or recover by other means the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

### **16. INCOME (AND FEES) AND USE OF INCOME.**

See WAC 286-13-110 for additional requirements for projects funded from the RCFB.

Income.

- a. Farm and Forest Account (Farmland and Forestland Preservation Grants). Excepted from this section is income generated and fees paid on/for properties which received funds from the Farm and Forest Account (RCW 79A.15.130).
- b. Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Projects. Excepted from this section are safety classes (firearm and/or hunter) for which a facility/range fee must not be charged (RCW 79A.25.210).

- c. Compatible source. The source of any income generated in a funded project or project area must be compatible with the funding source and the Agreement and any applicable manuals, RCWs, and WACs.
- d. Use of Income. Subject to any limitations contained in applicable state or federal law and applicable rules and policies, income or fees generated at a project work site (including entrance, utility corridor permit, cattle grazing, timber harvesting, farming, rent, franchise fees, ecosystem services, etc.) during or after the reimbursement period cited in the Agreement, must be used to offset:
  - i. The Sponsor's matching resources;
  - ii. The project's total cost;
  - iii. The expense of operation, maintenance, stewardship, monitoring, and/or repair of the facility or program assisted by the grant funding;
  - iv. The expense of operation, maintenance, stewardship, monitoring, and/or repair of other similar units in the Sponsor's system;
  - v. Capital expenses for similar acquisition and/or development and renovation; and/or
  - vi. Other purposes explicitly approved by RCO.
- e. Fees. User and/or other fees may be charged in connection with land acquired or facilities developed, maintained, renovated, or restored and shall be consistent with the:
  - i. Grant program laws, rules, and applicable manuals;
  - ii. Value of any service(s) furnished;
  - iii. Value of any opportunities furnished; and
  - iv. Prevailing range of public fees in the state for the activity involved.
- f. Requirements for Federal Subawards. Sponsors must also comply with 2 C.F.R. § 200.307 Program income (2013).

## **17. PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS.**

- a. Procurement Requirements. If the Sponsor has, or is required to have, a procurement process that follows applicable state and/or federal law or procurement rules and principles, it must be followed, documented, and retained. If no such process exists the Sponsor must follow these minimum procedures:
  - i. Publish a notice to the public requesting bids/proposals for the project;
  - ii. Specify in the notice the date for submittal of bids/proposals;
  - iii. Specify in the notice the general procedure and criteria for selection; and
  - iv. Sponsor must contract or hire from within its bid pool. If bids are unacceptable the process needs to be repeated until a suitable bid is selected.
  - v. Comply with the same legal standards regarding unlawful discrimination based upon race, gender, ethnicity, sex, or sex-orientation that are applicable to state agencies in selecting a bidder or proposer. Alternatively, Sponsor may choose a bid from a bidding

cooperative if authorized to do so. This procedure creates no rights for the benefit of third parties, including any proposers, and may not be enforced or subject to review of any kind or manner by any entity other than the RCO. Sponsors may be required to certify to the RCO that they have followed any applicable state and/or federal procedures or the above minimum procedure where state or federal procedures do not apply.

b. Requirements for Federal Subawards.

- i. For all Federal subawards, non-Federal entities (Sponsors) must follow 2 C.F.R §§ 200.318 General procurement standards through 200.326 Contract Provisions (2013).
- ii. For RTP subawards, Sponsors shall follow such policies and procedures allowed by the State when procuring property and services under a Federal award (2 C.F.R § 1201.317 (2013)).

**18. TREATMENT OF EQUIPMENT AND ASSETS.**

- a. Equipment shall be used and managed only for the purpose of this Agreement , unless otherwise provided herein or in the applicable manuals, or approved by RCO in writing.
- b. Discontinued Use. Equipment obtained under this Agreement shall remain in the possession of the Sponsor for the duration of the project, or RULES of applicable grant assisted program. When the Sponsor discontinues use of the equipment for the purpose for which it was funded, RCO may require the Sponsor to deliver the equipment to RCO, or to dispose of the equipment according to RCO published policies.
- c. Loss or Damage. The Sponsor shall be responsible for any loss or damage to equipment.
- d. Requirements for Federal Subawards. Procedures for managing equipment (including replacement equipment), whether acquired in whole or in part under a Federal award or match for the award, until disposition takes place will, at a minimum, meet the following requirements (2 C.F.R § 200.313 (2013)):
  - i. Property records must be maintained that include a description of the property, a serial number or other identification number, the source of funding for the property (including the Federal Award Identification Number), who holds title, the acquisition date, and cost of the property, percentage of Federal participation in the project costs for the Federal award under which the property was acquired, the location, use and condition of the property, and any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and sale price of the property.
  - ii. A physical inventory of the property must be taken and the results reconciled with the property records at least once every two years.
  - iii. A control system must be developed to ensure adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft of the property. Any loss, damage, or theft must be investigated.
  - iv. Adequate maintenance procedures must be developed to keep the property in good condition.

- v. If the non-Federal entity is authorized or required to sell the property, proper sales procedures must be established to ensure the highest possible return.
- e. Requirements for RTP Subawards.
  - i. The subrecipient (Sponsor) shall follow such policies and procedures prescribed by and allowed by the State, as well as federal law and federal rules issued by the Federal Highways Administration and 2 CFR 200.

#### **19. RIGHT OF INSPECTION.**

The Sponsor shall provide right of access to the project to RCO, or any of its officers, or to any other authorized agent or official of the state of Washington or the federal government, at all reasonable times, in order to monitor and evaluate performance, long-term obligations, compliance, and/or quality assurance under this Agreement. If a landowner agreement or other form of control and tenure limits access to the project area, it must include (or be amended to include) the RCO's right to inspect and access lands acquired or developed with this funding assistance.

#### **20. STEWARDSHIP AND MONITORING.**

Sponsor agrees to perform monitoring and stewardship functions as stated in the applicable WACs and manuals, this Agreement, or as otherwise directed by RCO consistent with the existing laws and applicable manuals. Sponsor further agrees to utilize, where applicable and financially feasible, any monitoring protocols recommended by the RCO; provided that RCO does not represent that any monitoring it may recommend will be adequate to reasonably assure project performance or safety. It is the sole responsibility of the Sponsor to perform such additional monitoring as may be adequate for such purposes.

#### **21. PREFERENCES FOR RESIDENTS.**

Sponsors shall not express a preference for users of grant assisted projects on the basis of residence (including preferential reservation, membership, and/or permit systems) except that reasonable differences in admission and other fees may be maintained on the basis of residence. Fees for nonresidents must not exceed twice the fee imposed on residents. Where there is no fee for residents, but a fee is charged to nonresidents, the nonresident fee shall not exceed the amount that would be imposed on residents at comparable state or local public facilities.

#### **22. ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND SIGNS.**

- a. Publications. The Sponsor shall include language which acknowledges the funding contribution of the applicable grant program to this project in any release or other publication developed or modified for, or referring to, the project during the project period and in the future.
- b. Signs.
  - i. During the period of performance through the period of long-term obligation, the Sponsor shall post openly visible signs or other appropriate media at entrances and other locations on the project area that acknowledge the applicable grant program's funding contribution, unless waived by the director; and

- ii. During the period of long-term obligations, the Sponsor shall post openly visible signs or other appropriate media at entrances and other locations to notify the public of the availability of the site for reasonable public access.
- c. Ceremonies. The Sponsor shall notify RCO no later than two weeks before a dedication ceremony for this project. The Sponsor shall verbally acknowledge the applicable grant program's funding contribution at all dedication ceremonies and in all advertisements and mailings thereof, and any and all of its related digital media publications.
- d. Federally Funded Projects. When issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations, and other documents describing a project funded in whole or in part with federal money provided for in this grant, Sponsors shall clearly state:
  - i. The fund source;
  - ii. The percentage of the total costs of the project that is financed with federal money;
  - iii. The dollar amount of federal funds for the project; and
  - iv. The percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project that is financed by nongovernmental sources.

**23. PROVISIONS APPLYING TO DEVELOPMENT, MAINTENANCE, RENOVATION, AND RESTORATION PROJECTS.**

- a. The following provisions shall be in force:
  - i. Operations and Maintenance. Properties, structures, and facilities developed, maintained, or operated with the assistance of money granted per this Agreement and within the project area shall be built, operated, and maintained according to applicable regulations, laws, building codes, and health and public safety standards to assure a reasonably safe condition and to prevent premature deterioration. It is the Sponsor's sole responsibility to ensure the same are operated and maintained in a safe and operable condition. The RCO does not conduct safety inspections or employ or train staff for that purpose.
  - ii. Document Review and Approval. Prior to commencing construction or finalizing the design, the Sponsor agrees to submit one copy of all construction and restoration plans and specifications to RCO for review solely for compliance with the scope of work to be identified in the Agreement. RCO does not review for, and disclaims any responsibility to review for safety, suitability, engineering, compliance with code, or any matters other than the scope so identified. Although RCO staff may provide tentative guidance to a Sponsor on matters related to site accessibility by persons with a disability, it is the Sponsor's responsibility to confirm that all legal requirements for accessibility are met even if the RCO guidance would not meet such requirements.
- b. Change orders that impact the amount of funding or changes to the scope of the project as described to and approved by the RCO must receive prior written approval of the RCO.

- c. Control and Tenure. The Sponsor must provide documentation that shows appropriate tenure and term (such as long-term lease, perpetual or long-term easement, or perpetual or long-term fee simple ownership, or landowner agreement or interagency agreement for the land proposed for construction, renovation, or restoration. The documentation must meet current RCO requirements identified in this Agreement as of the effective date of this Agreement unless otherwise provided in any applicable manual, RCW, WAC, or as approved by the RCO.
- d. Use of Best Management Practices. Sponsors are encouraged to use best management practices including those developed as part of the Washington State Aquatic Habitat Guidelines (AHG) Program. AHG documents include “Integrated Streambank Protection Guidelines”, 2002; “Land Use Planning for Salmon, Steelhead and Trout: A land use planner’s guide to salmonid habitat protection and recovery”, 2009”, “Protecting Nearshore Habitat and Functions in Puget Sound”, 2010; “Stream Habitat Restoration Guidelines”, 2012; “Water Crossing Design Guidelines”, 2013; and “Marine Shoreline Design Guidelines”, 2014. These documents, along with new and updated guidance documents, and other information are available on the AHG Web site. Sponsors are also encouraged to use best management practices developed by the Washington Invasive Species Council (WISC) described in “Reducing Accidental Introductions of Invasive Species” which is available on the WISC Web site.
- e. At no time shall the Sponsor design, construct, or operate this grant funded project in a way that unreasonably puts the public, itself, or others at risk of injury or property damage. The Sponsor agrees and acknowledges that the Sponsor is solely responsible for safety and risk associated with the project, that RCO does not have expertise, capacity, or a mission to review, monitor, or inspect for safety and risk, that no expectation exists that RCO will do so, and that RCO is in no way responsible for any risks associated with the project.

#### **24. PROVISIONS APPLYING TO ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

- a. The following provisions shall be in force:
  - i. Evidence of Land Value. Before disbursement of funds by RCO as provided under this Agreement, the Sponsor agrees to supply documentation acceptable to RCO that the cost of the property rights acquired has been established according to all applicable manuals and RCWs or WACs.
  - ii. Evidence of Title. The Sponsor agrees to provide documentation that shows the type of ownership interest for the property that has been acquired. This shall be done before any payment of financial assistance.
  - iii. Legal Description of Real Property Rights Acquired. The legal description of any real property rights purchased with funding assistance provided through this Agreement (and protected by a recorded conveyance of rights to the State of Washington) shall be delivered to RCO before final payment.
  - iv. Conveyance of Rights to the State of Washington. When real property rights (both fee simple and lesser interests) are acquired, the Sponsor agrees to execute an appropriate document (provided or approved by RCO) conveying certain rights and responsibilities to RCO or the Funding Entity on behalf of the State of Washington or another agency of the



- state, or federal agency, or other organization. These documents include a Deed of Right, Assignment of Rights, Easements and/or Leases as described below. The Sponsor agrees to use document language provided by RCO, to record the executed document in the County where the real property lies, and to provide a copy of the recorded document to RCO. The document required will vary depending on the project type, the real property rights being acquired and whether or not those rights are being acquired in perpetuity.
- v. Deed of Right. The Deed of Right as described in RCO Manual #3 conveys to the people of the state of Washington the right to preserve, protect, access, and/or use the property for public purposes consistent with the funding source and project agreement. Sponsors shall use this document when acquiring real property rights that include the underlying land. This document may also be applicable for those easements where the Sponsor has acquired a perpetual easement for public purposes.
  - vi. Assignment of Rights. The Assignment of Rights as described in RCO Manual #3 document transfers certain rights to RCO and the state such as public access, access for compliance, and enforcement. Sponsors shall use this document when an easement or lease is being acquired under this Agreement. The Assignment of Rights requires the signature of the underlying landowner and must be incorporated by reference in the easement document.
  - vii. Easements and Leases. The Sponsor may incorporate required language from the Deed of Right or Assignment of Rights directly into the easement or lease document, thereby eliminating the requirement for a separate document. Language will depend on the situation; Sponsor must obtain RCO approval on the draft language prior to executing the easement or lease.
  - viii. Real Property Acquisition and Relocation Assistance. In the event that housing and relocation costs and procedures are required by local, state, tribal, or federal law, or rule; the Sponsor agrees to provide such housing and relocation assistance as a condition of the Agreement and receiving grant funds.
- b. Buildings and Structures. In general, grant funds are to be used for outdoor recreation, conservation, or salmon recovery. Sponsors agree to remove or demolish ineligible structures. Sponsor must consult with RCO regarding treatment of such structures and compliance with COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW SECTION, Archeological and Cultural Resources paragraph.
- c. Hazardous Substances.
- i. Certification. The Sponsor shall inspect, investigate, and conduct an environmental audit of the proposed acquisition site for the presence of hazardous substances, as defined in RCW 70.105D.020(13), and certify:
  - ii. No hazardous substances were found on the site, or
  - iii. Any hazardous substances found have been treated and/or disposed of in compliance with applicable state and federal laws, and the site deemed "clean."
  - iv. Responsibility. Nothing in this provision alters the Sponsor's duties and liabilities regarding hazardous substances as set forth in RCW 70.105D.
  - v. Hold Harmless. The Sponsor will defend, protect and hold harmless the State and any and all of its employees and/or agents, from and against any and all liability, cost (including but not limited to all costs of defense and attorneys' fees) and any and all loss

of any nature from any and all claims or suits resulting from the presence of, or the release or threatened release of, hazardous substances on the property the Sponsor is acquiring, except to the extent, if any, that the State, its officers and agents caused or contributed to the release. The Funding Entity and RCO are included within the term State, as are all other agencies, departments, boards, councils, committees, divisions, bureaus, offices, societies, or other entities of state government.

- d. Requirements for Federal Subawards. The non-federal entity (Sponsor) must submit reports the federal funding agency, through RCO, at least annually on the status of real property in which the federal government retains an interest, unless the federal interest in the real property extends 15 years or longer. In those instances where the federal interest attached is for a period of 15 years or more, the federal awarding agency or the pass-through entity (RCO), at its option, may require the Sponsor to report at various multi-year frequencies (e.g., every two years or every three years, not to exceed a five-year reporting period; or a federal awarding agency or RCO may require annual reporting for the first three years of a federal award and thereafter require reporting every five years) (2 C.F.R § 200.329 (2013)).
- e. Developing and Restoring Purchased Property. If the Sponsor intends to develop or restore the property acquired it shall do so within the timeline and deadline provided by the funding program or board policies that apply to the grant funded project, or as provided for in this Agreement.

## **25. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS OF THE PROJECTS AND SPONSORS.**

- a. Long-Term Obligations. This section applies to completed projects only.
- b. Perpetuity. For acquisition, development, and restoration projects, or a combination thereof, unless otherwise allowed by applicable manual, policy, program rules, or this Agreement, or approved in writing by RCO. The RCO requires that the project area continue to function for the purposes for which these grant funds were approved, in perpetuity.
- c. Conversion. The Sponsor shall not at any time convert any real property (including any interest therein) or facility acquired, developed, renovated, and/ or restored pursuant to this Agreement, unless provided for in applicable statutes, rules, and policies. Conversion includes, but is not limited to, putting such property (or a portion of it) to uses other than those purposes for which funds were approved or transferring such property to another entity without prior approval via a written amendment to the Agreement. All real property or facilities acquired, developed, renovated, and/or restored with funding assistance shall remain in the same ownership and in public use/access status in perpetuity unless otherwise expressly provided in the Agreement or applicable policies or unless a transfer or change in use is approved by the RCO through an amendment. Failure to comply with these obligations is a conversion. Further, if the project is subject to operation and or maintenance obligations, the failure to comply with such obligations, without cure after a reasonable period as determined by the RCO, is a conversion. Determination of whether a conversion has occurred shall be based upon all terms of the Agreement, and all applicable state of federal laws or regulation.

- i. For acquisition projects that are expressly term-limited in the Agreement, the restriction on conversion shall apply only for the length of the term, unless otherwise provided by this Agreement and incorporated documents, WACs, or any applicable state or federal law or regulation.
- ii. When a conversion has been determined to have occurred, the Sponsor shall remedy the conversion as set forth in this Agreement (with incorporated documents) and as required by all applicable policies, manuals, WACs and laws that exist at the time the remedy is implemented or the right to the remedy is established by a court or other decision-making body, and the RCO may pursue all remedies as allowed by the Agreement or law.

**26. CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, USE, AND MAINTENANCE OF ASSISTED PROJECTS.**

- a. The following provisions shall be in force for this agreement:
  - i. Property and facility operation and maintenance. Sponsor must ensure that properties or facilities assisted with the grant funds, including undeveloped sites, are built, operated, used, and maintained:
    - a. According to applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including public health standards and building codes;
    - b. In a reasonably safe condition for the project's intended use;
    - c. Throughout its estimated useful service life so as to prevent undue deterioration;
    - d. In compliance with all federal and state nondiscrimination laws, regulations and policies.
  - ii. Open to the public. Unless otherwise specifically provided for in the Agreement, and in compliance with applicable statutes, rules, and applicable WACs and manuals, facilities must be open and accessible to the general public, and must:
    - a. Be constructed, maintained, and operated to meet or exceed the minimum requirements of the most current guidelines or rules, local or state codes, Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards, guidelines, or rules, including but not limited to: the International Building Code, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Architectural Barriers Act, as amended and updated.
    - b. Appear attractive and inviting to the public except for brief installation, construction, or maintenance periods.
    - c. Be available for appropriate use by the general public at reasonable hours and times of the year, according to the type of area or facility, unless otherwise stated in RCO manuals or, by a decision of the RCO director in writing. Sponsor shall notify the public of the availability for use by posting and updating that information on its website and by maintaining at entrances and/or other locations openly visible signs with such information.

## **27. RECORDED NOTICE OF GRANT.**

At the request of RCO, another state agency, or a federal agency, Sponsor shall record a notice of grant on property subject to this Agreement and shall submit to the RCO a recorded and registry stamped copy of such notice. The purpose of the notice of grant is to provide constructive notice of the grant and project and to ensure that the present and future use of the project area is and shall remain subject to the terms and conditions described in this Agreement. The notice of grant shall be in a format specified by RCO.

## **28. PROVISIONS RELATED TO CORPORATE (INCLUDING NONPROFIT) SPONSORS.**

- a. A corporate Sponsor, including any nonprofit Sponsor, shall:
  - i. Maintain corporate status with the state, including registering with the Washington Secretary of State's office, throughout the Sponsor's obligation to the project as identified in the Agreement.
  - ii. Notify RCO before corporate dissolution at any time during the period of performance or long-term obligations. Within 30 days of dissolution the Sponsor shall name a qualified successor that will agree in writing to assume any on-going project responsibilities, and transfer all property and assets to the successor. A qualified successor is any party eligible to apply for funds in the subject grant program and capable of complying with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. RCO will process an amendment transferring the Sponsor's obligation to the qualified successor if requirements are met.
  - iii. Maintain sites or facilities open to the public and may not limit access to members.

## **29. PROVISIONS FOR FEDERAL SUBAWARDS.**

The following provisions shall be in force for this agreement:

- a. Sub-Recipient (Sponsor) must comply with the cost principles of 2 C.F.R. Part 200 Subpart E (2013). Unless otherwise indicated, the cost principles apply to the use of funds provided under this Agreement to include match and any in-kind matching donations. The applicability of the cost principles depends on the type of organization incurring the costs.
- b. Binding Official. Per 2 CFR 200.415, Sponsor certifies through its actions or those of authorized staff, at the time of a request for reimbursement, the following: "To the best of my knowledge and belief that the report is true, complete, and accurate, and the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the Federal award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims or otherwise. (U.S. Code Title 18, Section 1001 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812)."
- c. Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 C.F.R. Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, Equal Employment Opportunity (30 Fed. Reg. 12319,

12935, 3 C.F.R. Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity, and implementing regulations at 41 C.F.R. Part 60 (Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor). See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix II, paragraph C.

- d. Federally Assisted Construction Contract. The regulation at 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3 defines a “federally assisted construction contract” as any agreement or modification thereof between any applicant and a person for construction work which is paid for in whole or in part with funds obtained from the Government or borrowed on the credit of the Government pursuant to any Federal program involving a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or undertaken pursuant to any Federal program involving such grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee, or any application or modification thereof approved by the Government for a grant, contract, loan, insurance, or guarantee under which the applicant itself participates in the construction work.
- e. Construction Work. The regulation at 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3 defines “construction work” as the construction, rehabilitation, alteration, conversion, extension, demolition or repair of buildings, highways, or other changes or improvements to real property, including facilities providing utility services. The term also includes the supervision, inspection, and other onsite functions incidental to the actual construction.
- f. Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-federal entities (Sponsors) must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. § 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-federal entity (Sponsor) must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity (Sponsor) must report all suspected or reported violations to the federal awarding agency identified in the Federal Fund Information Section. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U. S. C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R Part 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient (Sponsor) must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity (Sponsor) must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency identified in Section H: FEDERAL FUND INFORMATION.

- g. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-federal entity (Sponsor) in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.
- h. Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 C.F.R § 401.2(a) and the recipient or subrecipient (Sponsor) wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient (Sponsor) must comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R Part 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.
- i. Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as Amended. Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency identified in Section H: FEDERAL FUND INFORMATION and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- j. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352). By signing this Agreement, the Sponsor certifies (per the certification requirements of 31 U.S.C.) that none of the funds that the Sponsor has (directly or indirectly) received or will receive for this project from the United States or any agency thereof, have been used or shall be used to engage in the lobbying of the Federal Government or in litigation against the United States. Such lobbying includes any influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this project. Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying

with non-federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier-to-tier up to the non-federal award.

- k. Procurement of Recovered Materials. A non-federal entity (Sponsor) that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.
- l. Required Insurance. The non-federal entity (Sponsor) must, at a minimum, provide the equivalent insurance coverage for real property and equipment acquired or improved with federal funds as provided to property owned by the non-federal entity. Federally-owned property need not be insured unless required by the terms and conditions of the Federal award (2 C.F.R § 200.310 (2013)).
- m. Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689). The Sponsor must not award a contract to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines at 2 C.F.R § 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 C.F.R part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 C.F.R part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.
- n. Conflict of Interest. Sponsor agrees to abide by the conflict of interest policy and requirements of the federal funding agency established pursuant to 2 C.F.R 200.

### **30. PROVISIONS FOR BOATING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS.**

Use of Sport Fish Restoration Logo. Per 50 CFR 86 Sec 75 and 76, the user of the logo must indemnify and defend the United States and hold it harmless from any claims, suits, losses, and damages from; any allegedly unauthorized use of any patent, process, idea, method, or device by the user in connection with its use of the logo, or any other alleged action of the user; and any claims, suits, losses, and damages arising from alleged defects in the articles or services associated with the logo. No one may use any part of the logo in any other manner unless the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's Assistant Director for Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration or Regional Director approves in writing.

### **31. PROVISIONS FOR FIREARMS AND ARCHERY RANGE RECREATION PROJECTS.**

The following provisions shall be in force for this agreement:

- a. **Liability Insurance.** The Sponsor of a firearms or archery range recreation project shall procure an endorsement, or other addition, to liability insurance it carries, or shall procure a new policy of liability insurance, in a total coverage amount the Sponsor deems adequate to ensure it will have resources to pay successful claims of people who may be killed or injured, or suffer damage to property, while present at the range facility to which this grant is related, or by reason of being in the vicinity of that facility; provided that the coverage shall be at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the death of, or injury to, each person.
- b. **Insurance Endorsement.** The liability insurance policy, including any endorsement or addition, shall name Washington State, the funding board, and RCO as additional insured and shall be in a form approved by the funding board or director.
- c. **Length of Insurance.** The policy, endorsement or other addition, or a similar liability insurance policy meeting the requirements of this section, shall be kept in force throughout the Sponsor's obligation to the project as identified in this Agreement.
- d. **Notice of Cancellation.** The policy, as modified by any endorsement or other addition, shall provide that the issuing company shall give written notice to RCO not less than thirty (30) calendar days in advance of any cancellation of the policy by the insurer, and within ten (10) calendar days following any termination of the policy by the Sponsor.
- e. **Government Agencies.** The requirement of Subsection a through d above shall not apply if the Sponsor is a federal, state, or municipal government which has established an adequate program of self-insurance or a policy of self-insurance with respect to claims arising from its facilities or activities generally, including such facilities as firearms or archery ranges, when the applicant declares and describes that program or policy to the RCO.
- f. **Sole Duty of the Sponsor.** By this requirement, the funding board and RCO does undertake to review, approve, or monitor the safety of the design, construction, or operation of the project and does not assume any duty to any individual person with respect to death, injury, or damage to property which that person may suffer as a result of the project which this grant relates. Any such person, or any other person making claims based on such death, injury, or damage, must look to the Sponsor, or others, for any and all remedies that may be available by law.

### **32. PROVISIONS FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROJECTS.**

This project has been approved by the National Park Service, US Department of the Interior, for funding assistance from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), therefore the "Land and Water Conservation Fund General Provisions" are made part of this Agreement and incorporated herein. The Sponsor shall abide by these LWCF General Provisions, in addition to this Agreement, as they now exist or are hereafter amended. Further, the Sponsor agrees to provide RCO with reports or documents needed to meet the requirements of the LWCF General Provisions.



### **33. PROVISIONS FOR FARMLAND AND FORESTLAND PRESERVATION PROJECTS.**

The following sections of this Agreement shall not apply if they are included and covered separately in a recorded RCO-approved Agricultural Conservation Easement, or Forest Conservation Easement (or other method):

- a. Income and Income Use; Stewardship and Monitoring; Acknowledgement and Signs; Provisions Applying To Acquisition Projects: Conveyance of Rights to the State of Washington, Building and Structures, and Hazardous Substances; Long-Term Obligations of the Projects and Sponsors: Perpetuity; and Construction, Operation, Use and Maintenance of Assisted Projects.

### **34. PROVISIONS FOR SALMON RECOVERY FUNDING BOARD PROJECTS.**

For habitat restoration projects funded in part or whole with federal funds administered by the SRFB the Sponsor shall not commence with clearing of riparian trees or in-water work unless either the Sponsor has complied with 50 C.F.R. § 223.203 (b)(8) (2000), limit 8 or until an Endangered Species Act consultation is finalized in writing by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Violation of this requirement may be grounds for terminating this Agreement. This section shall not be the basis for any enforcement responsibility by RCO.

### **35. PROVISIONS FOR PUGET SOUND ACQUISITION AND RESTORATION PROJECTS.**

The following provisions shall be in force for this Agreement if the project is funded in part or wholly from the Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration program. The Sponsor agrees to the following terms and conditions:

- a. Cost Principles/Indirect Costs For State Agencies. GRANT RECIPIENT agrees to comply with the cost principles of 2 CFR 200 Subpart E as appropriate to the award. In addition to the US Environmental Protection Agency's General Terms and Conditions "Indirect Cost Rate Agreements," if the recipient does not have a previously established indirect cost rate, it agrees to prepare and submit its indirect cost rate proposal in accordance with 2 CFR 200 Appendix VII.
- b. Credit and Acknowledgement. In addition to the ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SIGNS section, materials produced must display both the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) logos and the following credit line: "This project has been funded wholly or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The contents of this document do not necessarily reflect the views and policies of the Environmental Protection Agency, nor does mention of trade names or commercial products constitute endorsement or recommendation for use." This requirement is for the life of the product, whether during or after the Agreement period of performance.
- c. Hotel Motel Fire Safety Act. Sponsor agrees to ensure that all conference, meeting, convention, or training space funded in whole or part with federal funds, complies with the federal Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act (PL 101-391, as amended). Sponsors may search the Hotel-Motel National Master List @ <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/applications/hotel> to see if a property is in compliance or to find other information about the Act.

- d. Drug Free Workplace Certification. Sub-recipient (Sponsor) shall make an ongoing, good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace pursuant to the specific requirements set forth in 2 C.F.R. Part 1536 Subpart B. Additionally, in accordance with these regulations, the recipient organization shall identify all known workplaces under its federal awards, and keep this information on file during the performance of the award. Sponsors who are individuals must comply with the drug-free provisions set forth in 2 C.F.R. Part 1536 Subpart C. The consequences for violating this condition are detailed under 2 C.F.R. Part 1536 Subpart E.
- e. Management Fees. Management fees or similar charges in excess of the direct costs and approved indirect rates are not allowable. The term “management fees or similar charges” refers to the expenses added to direct costs in order to accumulate and reserve funds for ongoing business expenses, unforeseen liabilities or for other similar costs that are not allowable. Management fees or similar charges may not be used to improve or expand the project funded under this Agreement, except for the extent authorized as a direct cost of carrying out the scope of work.
- f. Trafficking in Persons and Trafficking Victim Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA). This provision applies only to a sub-recipient (Sponsor), and all sub-awardees of sub-recipient (Sponsor), if any. Sub-recipient (Sponsor) shall include the following statement in all sub-awards made to any private entity under this Agreement: “You as the sub-recipient, your employees, sub-awardees under this award, and sub-awardees’ employees may not engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or use forced labor in the performance of the award or sub-awards under this Award.” The sub-recipient (Sponsor), and all sub-awardees of sub-recipient (Sponsor) must inform RCO immediately of any information you receive from any source alleging a violation of this prohibition during the award term. The federal agency funding this Agreement may unilaterally terminate, without penalty, the funding award if this prohibition is violated, Section 106 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended.
- g. Lobbying. The chief executive officer of this recipient agency (Sponsor) shall ensure that no grant funds awarded under this Agreement are used to engage in lobbying of the Federal Government or in litigation against the United States, unless authorized under existing law. The recipient (Sponsor) shall abide by its respective Cost Principles (OMB Circulars A-21, A-87, and A-122), which generally prohibits the use of federal grant funds for litigation against the United States, or for lobbying or other political activities. The Sponsor agrees to comply with 40 C.F.R. Part 34, New Restrictions on Lobbying. Sponsor shall include the language of this provision in award documents for all sub-awards exceeding \$100,000, and require that sub-awardees submit certification and disclosure forms accordingly. In accordance with the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment, any Sponsor who makes a prohibited expenditure under 40 C.F.R. Part 34 or fails to file the required certification or lobbying forms shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each expenditure. All contracts awarded by Sponsor shall contain, when applicable, the anti-lobbying provisions as stipulated in the Appendix at 40 C.F.R. Part 30. Pursuant to Section 18 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act, Sponsor

affirms that it is not a non-profit organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or that it is a non-profit organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the code but does not and will not engage in lobbying activities as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act.

- h. Reimbursement Limitation. If the Sponsor expends more than the amount of RCO funding in this Agreement in anticipation of receiving additional funds from the RCO, it does so at its own risk. RCO is not legally obligated to reimburse the Sponsor for costs incurred in excess of the RCO approved budget.
- i. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Requirements. The Sponsor agrees to comply with the requirements of EPA's Utilization of Small, Minority and Women's Business Enterprises in procurements made under this award.
- j. Minority and Women's Business Participation. Sponsor agrees to solicit and recruit, to the maximum extent possible, certified minority owned (MBE) and women owned (WBE) businesses in purchases and contracts initiated after the effective date of this Agreement.  
  
These goals are expressed as a percentage of the total dollars available for purchase or agreement and are as follows: Purchased Goods 8% MBE 4% WBE; Purchased Services 10% MBE 4% WBE; Professional Services 10% MBE 4% WBE. Meeting these goals is voluntary and no agreement award or rejection shall be made based on achievement or non-achievement of the goals. Achievement of the goals is encouraged, however, and Sponsor and ALL prospective bidders or people submitting qualifications shall take the following affirmative steps in any procurement initiated after the effective date of this Agreement:
  - i. Include qualified minority and women's businesses on solicitation lists.
  - ii. Assure that qualified minority and women's business are solicited whenever they are potential sources of services or supplies.
  - iii. Divide the total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities, to permit maximum participation by qualified minority and women's businesses.
  - iv. Establish delivery schedules, where work requirements permit, which will encourage participation of qualified minority and women's businesses.
  - v. Use the services and assistance of the State Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE) and the Office of Minority Business Enterprises of the U.S. Department of Commerce, as appropriate.
- k. MBE/WBE Reporting. In accordance with the deviation from 40 C.F.R. §33.502, signed November 8, 2013, DBE reporting is limited to annual reports and only required for assistance agreements where one or more the following conditions are met:
  - l. There are any funds budgeted in the contractual/services, equipment or construction lines of the award; and/or \$3,000 or more is included for supplies; or there are funds budgeted for subawards or loans in which the expected budget(s) meet the conditions as described in items

(a) and (b). When completing the form, recipients (Sponsors) should disregard the quarterly and semi-annual boxes in the reporting period Section 1B of the form. For annual submissions, the reports are due by October 30th of each year or 90 days after the end of the project period, whichever comes first. The reporting requirement is based on planned procurements. Recipients (Sponsors) with funds budgeted for non-supply procurement and/or \$3,000 or more in supplies are required to report annually whether the planned procurements take place during the reporting period or not. If no procurements take place during the reporting period, the recipient should check the box in Section 5B when completing the form. MBE/WBE reports should be sent to the DBE Coordinator in the Sponsor's region. Contact information can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/osbp/contactpage.htm>. The coordinators also can answer any questions. Final MBE/WBE reports must be submitted within 90 days after the project period of the grant ends. To be in compliance with regulations, the Sponsor must submit a final MBE/WBE report. Non-compliance may impact future competitive grant proposals. The current EPA Form 5700-52A can be found at the EPA Office of Small Business Program's Home Page at [http://www.epa.gov/osbp/dbe\\_reporting.htm](http://www.epa.gov/osbp/dbe_reporting.htm).

- m. Procurement involving an EPA Financial Assistance Agreement. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 33.301, the Sponsor agrees to make the following six good faith efforts whenever procuring construction, equipment, services and supplies under an EPA financial assistance agreement, and to require that sub-recipients (Sponsors), and prime contractors also comply. Records documenting compliance with the six good faith efforts shall be retained.
- n. Ensure Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBEs) are made aware of contracting opportunities to the fullest extent practicable through outreach and recruitment activities. For State and Local and Government Sponsors, this will include placing DBEs on solicitation lists and soliciting them whenever they are potential sources.
- o. Make information on forthcoming opportunities available to DBEs and arrange time frames for contracts and establish delivery schedules, where the requirements permit, in a way that encourages and facilitates participation by DBEs in the competitive process. This includes, whenever possible, posting solicitations for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid or proposal closing date.
- p. Consider in the contracting process whether firms competing for large contracts could subcontract with DBEs. For State and local Government Sponsors, this will include dividing total requirements when economically feasible into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by DBEs in the competitive process.
- q. Encourage contracting with a consortium of DBEs when an agreement is too large for one of these firms to handle individually.
- r. Use the services and assistance of the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Minority Business Development of the Department of Commerce.

- s. If the Sponsor awards subcontracts, require the Sponsor to take the steps in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this section.
- t. Lobbying & Litigation. By signing this Agreement, the Sponsor certifies that none of the funds received from this Agreement shall be used to engage in the lobbying of the Federal Government or in litigation against the United States unless authorized under existing law. The chief executive officer of this Sponsor agency shall ensure that no grant funds awarded under this Agreement are used to engage in lobbying of the Federal Government or in litigation against the United States unless authorized under existing law. The Sponsor shall abide by its respective Attachment in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, which prohibits the use of federal grant funds for litigation against the United States or for lobbying or other political activities. For subawards exceeding \$100,000, EPA requires the following certification and disclosure forms:
  - I. Certification Regarding Lobbying, EPA Form 6600-06:  
[http://www.epa.gov/ogd/AppKit/form/Lobbying\\_sec.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/ogd/AppKit/form/Lobbying_sec.pdf)
  - II. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, SF LLL:  
[http://www.epa.gov/ogd/AppKit/form/sflllin\\_sec.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/ogd/AppKit/form/sflllin_sec.pdf)
- u. Legal expenses required in the administration of Federal programs are allowable. Legal expenses for prosecution of claims against the Federal Government are unallowable.
- v. Payment to Consultants. EPA participation in the salary rate (excluding overhead) paid to individual consultants retained by recipients (Sponsors) or by a recipients' (Sponsor's) contractors or subcontractors shall be limited to the maximum daily rate for Level IV of the Executive Schedule (formerly GS-18), to be adjusted annually. This limit applies to consultation services of designated individuals with specialized skills who are paid at a daily or hourly rate. This rate does not include transportation and subsistence costs for travel performed (the recipient will pay these in accordance with his/her normal travel reimbursement practices). Subagreements with firms for services that are awarded using the procurement requirements in 40 C.F.R. Parts 30 or 31, are not affected by this limitation unless the terms of the contract provide the recipient (Sponsor) with responsibility for the selection, direction and control of the individual who will be providing services under the contract at an hourly or daily rate of compensation. See 40 C.F.R. § 30.27(b) or 40 C.F.R. § 31.369(j), as applicable, for additional information. As of January 1, 2020, the limit is \$654.71 per day \$81.83 per hour.
- w. Peer Review. Where appropriate, prior to finalizing any significant technical products the Principal Investigator (PI) of this project must solicit advice, review, and feedback from a technical review or advisory group consisting of relevant subject matter specialists. A record of comments and a brief description of how respective comments are addressed by the PI will be provided to the Project Monitor prior to releasing any final reports or products resulting from the funded study.
- x. International Travel (Including Canada). All International Travel must be approved by the US Environmental Protection Agency's Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA) BEFORE

travel occurs. Even a brief trip to a foreign country, for example to attend a conference, requires OITA approval. Please contact your Partnership Project manager as soon as possible if travel is planned out of the country, including Canada and/or Mexico, so that they can submit a request to the EPA Project Officer if they approve of such travel.

- y. Unliquidated Obligations (ULO). Sub-recipients, and all sub-awardees of Sub-Recipients, if any, should manage their agreement and subaward funding in ways that reduce the length of time that federal funds obligated and committed to subaward projects are unspent (not yet drawn down through disbursements to sub-recipients and sub-awardees).

- z. Light Refreshments And/Or Meals.

Unless the event(s) and all of its components are described in the approved workplan, the recipient agrees to obtain prior approval from EPA for the use of grant funds for light refreshments and/or meals served at meetings, conferences, training workshops, and outreach activities (events). The recipient must send requests for approval to the EPA Project Officer and include:

- 1) An estimated budget and description for the light refreshments, meals, and/or beverages to be served at the event(s);
- 2) A description of the purpose, agenda, location, length and timing for the event; and,
- 3) An estimated number of participants in the event and a description of their roles.

Cost for light refreshments and meals for recipient staff meetings and similar day-to-day activities are not allowable under EPA assistance agreements.

- aa. State grant cybersecurity.

- (a) The recipient agrees that when collecting and managing environmental data under this assistance agreement, it will protect the data by following all applicable State law cybersecurity requirements.
- (b) (1) EPA must ensure that any connections between the recipient's network or information system and EPA networks used by the recipient to transfer data under this agreement, are secure.  
(2) The recipient agrees that any subawards it makes under this agreement will require the subrecipient to comply with the requirements in (b)(1) if the subrecipient's network or information system is connected to EPA networks to transfer data to the AGecy using systems other than the Environmental Information Exchange Network or EPA's Central Data Exchange.

### **36. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE.**

- a. This Agreement is entered into, pursuant to, and under the authority granted by applicable federal and state laws. The provisions of the Agreement shall be construed to conform to those laws. In the event of a direct and irreconcilable conflict between the terms of this Agreement and any applicable statute, rule, or policy or procedure, the conflict shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- i. Federal law and binding executive orders;

- ii. Code of federal regulations;
- iii. Terms and conditions of a grant award to the state from the federal government;
- iv. Federal grant program policies and procedures adopted by a federal agency that are required to be applied by federal law;
- v. State Constitution, RCW, and WAC;
- vi. Agreement Terms and Conditions and Applicable Manuals
- vii. Applicable deed restrictions, and/or governing documents.

**37. LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY.**

Only RCO's Director or RCO's delegate authorized in writing (delegation to be made prior to action) shall have the authority to alter, amend, modify, or waive any clause or condition of this Agreement; provided that any such alteration, amendment, modification, or waiver of any clause or condition of this Agreement is not effective or binding unless made as a written amendment to this Agreement and signed by the RCO Director or delegate.

**38. WAIVER OF DEFAULT.**

Waiver of any default shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent default. Waiver or breach of any provision of the Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of the Agreement unless stated to be such in writing, signed by the director, or the director's designee, and attached as an amendment to the original Agreement.

**39. APPLICATION REPRESENTATIONS – MISREPRESENTATIONS OR INACCURACY OR BREACH.**

The Funding Entity (if different from RCO) and RCO rely on the Sponsor's application in making its determinations as to eligibility for, selection for, and scope of, funding grants. Any misrepresentation, error or inaccuracy in any part of the application may be deemed a breach of this Agreement.

**40. SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE.**

RCO may enforce this Agreement by the remedy of specific performance, which means Sponsors' completion of the project and/or its completion of long-term obligations as described in this Agreement. However, the remedy of specific performance shall not be the sole or exclusive remedy available to RCO. No remedy available to the RCO shall be deemed exclusive. The RCO may elect to exercise any, a combination of, or all of the remedies available to it under this Agreement, or under any provision of law, common law, or equity, including but not limited to seeking full or partial repayment of the grant amount paid and damages.

**41. TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION.**

- a. The RCO requires strict compliance by the Sponsor with all the terms of this Agreement including, but not limited to, the requirements of the applicable statutes, rules, and RCO policies, and with the representations of the Sponsor in its application for a grant as finally approved by RCO. For federal awards, notification of termination will comply with 2 C.F.R. § 200.340.
- b. For Cause.

- i. The RCO director may suspend or terminate the obligation to provide funding to the Sponsor under this Agreement:
    - a. If the Sponsor breaches any of the Sponsor's obligations under this Agreement;
    - b. If the Sponsor fails to make progress satisfactory to the RCO director toward completion of the project by the completion date set out in this Agreement. Included in progress is adherence to milestones and other defined deadlines; or
    - c. If the primary and secondary Sponsor(s) cannot mutually agree on the process and actions needed to implement the project;
    - d. Prior to termination, the RCO shall notify the Sponsor in writing of the opportunity to cure. If corrective action is not taken within 30 days or such other time period that the director approves in writing, the Agreement may be terminated. In the event of termination, the Sponsor shall be liable for damages or other relief as authorized by law and/or this Agreement.
  - ii. RCO reserves the right to suspend all or part of the Agreement, withhold further payments, or prohibit the Sponsor from incurring additional obligations of funds during the investigation of any alleged breach and pending corrective action by the Sponsor, or a decision by the RCO to terminate the Contract.
- c. For Convenience. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, RCO may, by ten (10) days written notice, beginning on the second day after the mailing, terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part when it is in the best interest of the state. If this Agreement is so terminated, RCO shall be liable only for payment required under the terms of this Agreement prior to the effective date of termination. A claimed termination for cause shall be deemed to be a "Termination for Convenience" if it is determined that:
- i. The Sponsor was not in default; or
  - ii. Failure to perform was outside Sponsor's control, fault or negligence.
- d. Rights of Remedies of the RCO.
- i. The rights and remedies of RCO provided in this Agreement are not exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law.
  - ii. In the event this Agreement is terminated by the director, after any portion of the grant amount has been paid to the Sponsor under this Agreement, the director may require that any amount paid be repaid to RCO for redeposit into the account from which the funds were derived. However, any repayment shall be limited to the extent it would be inequitable and represent a manifest injustice in circumstances where the project will fulfill its fundamental purpose for substantially the entire period of performance and of long-term obligation.
  - iii. Non-Availability of Funds. The obligation of the RCO to make payments is contingent on the availability of state and federal funds through legislative appropriation and state allotment. If amounts sufficient to fund the grant made under this Agreement are not appropriated to RCO for expenditure for this Agreement in any biennial fiscal period, RCO shall not be obligated to pay any remaining unpaid portion of this grant unless and until the necessary action by the Legislature or the Office of Financial Management occurs. If RCO participation



- is suspended under this section for a continuous period of one year, RCO's obligation to provide any future funding under this Agreement shall terminate. Termination of the Agreement under this section is not subject to appeal by the Sponsor.
- iv. **Suspension:** The obligation of the RCO to manage contract terms and make payments is contingent upon the state appropriating state and federal funding each biennium. In the event the state is unable to appropriate such funds by the first day of each new biennium RCO reserves the right to suspend the Agreement, with ten (10) days written notice, until such time funds are appropriated. Suspension will mean all work related to the contract must cease until such time funds are obligated to RCO and the RCO provides notice to continue work.
  - v. **No Waiver.** The failure or neglect of RCO to require strict compliance with any term of this Agreement or to pursue a remedy provided by this Agreement or by law shall not act as or be construed as a waiver of any right to fully enforce all rights and obligations set forth in this Agreement and in applicable state or federal law and regulations.

#### **42. DISPUTE HEARING.**

- a. Except as may otherwise be provided in this Agreement, when a dispute arises between the Sponsor and the RCO, which cannot be resolved, either party may request a dispute hearing according to the process set out in this section. Either party's request for a dispute hearing must be in writing and clearly state:
  - i. The disputed issues;
  - ii. The relative positions of the parties;
  - iii. The Sponsor's name, address, project title, and the assigned project number.
- b. In order for this section to apply to the resolution of any specific dispute or disputes, the other party must agree in writing that the procedure under this section shall be used to resolve those specific issues. The dispute shall be heard by a panel of three persons consisting of one person chosen by the Sponsor, one person chosen by the director, and a third person chosen by the two persons initially appointed. If a third person cannot be agreed on, the persons chosen by the Sponsor and director shall be dismissed and an alternate person chosen by the Sponsor, and one by the director shall be appointed and they shall agree on a third person. This process shall be repeated until a three person panel is established.
- c. Any hearing under this section shall be informal, with the specific processes to be determined by the disputes panel according to the nature and complexity of the issues involved. The process may be solely based on written material if the parties so agree. The disputes panel shall be governed by the provisions of this Agreement in deciding the disputes.
- d. The parties shall be bound by the majority decision of the dispute panelists, unless the remedy directed by that panel is beyond the authority of either or both parties to perform, as necessary, or is otherwise unlawful.

- e. Request for a disputes hearing under this section by either party shall be delivered or mailed to the other party. The request shall be delivered or mailed within thirty (30) days of the date the requesting party has received notice of the action or position of the other party which it wishes to dispute. The written agreement to use the process under this section for resolution of those issues shall be delivered or mailed by the receiving party to the requesting party within thirty (30) days of receipt by the receiving party of the request.
- f. All costs associated with the implementation of this process shall be shared equally by the parties.

**43. ATTORNEYS' FEES.**

In the event of litigation or other action brought to enforce the terms of this Agreement each party agrees to bear its own attorney fees and costs.

**44. GOVERNING LAW/VENUE.**

This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington. In the event of a lawsuit involving this Agreement, venue shall be in Thurston County Superior Court if legally proper; otherwise venue shall be in the Superior Court of a county where the project is situated, if venue there is legally proper, and if not, in a county where venue is legally proper. The Sponsor, by execution of this Agreement acknowledges the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Washington.

**45. SEVERABILITY.**

The provisions of this Agreement are intended to be severable. If any term or provision is illegal or invalid for any reason whatsoever, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Agreement.

**46. END OF AGREEMENT.**

This is the end of the agreement.