



TOWN OF STRATHAM

INCORPORATED 1716

10 BUNKER HILL AVENUE • STRATHAM NH 03885

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Michael Houghton, Select Board Chair
Joseph Lovejoy, Select Board Vice-Chair
Allison Knab, Select Board

FROM: David Moore, Town Administrator

DATE: May 14, 2021

RE: Select Board Agenda and Materials for the May 17, 2021 Regular Meeting

Please allow this memorandum to serve as a guide to the Select Board Meeting agenda for May 17, 2021.

III. Consideration of Minutes

Draft minutes from your meeting on May 10, 2021 are included for your review.

IV. Treasurer Report (first meeting of the month)

V. Department Reports & Presentations

A. Seth Hickey to present the Parks & Recreation Dept. Report

VI. Correspondence

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Public Hearings, Ordinances and/or Resolutions

IX. Discussion of Monthly Reports (second meeting of each month)

X. New Business and Action Items

A. Eagle Scout proposal for Stratham Hill Park – Brandon Blood

Mr. Brandon Blood has approached the Town concerning an Eagle Scout proposal for Stratham Hill Park. He has asked for time on your agenda to discuss the proposal. If I received materials prior to Monday from Mr. Blood I will forward them.

B. Discussion of Select Board Committee Assignments

I will provide information about current Board Committee assignments in preparation for the Board revisiting those assignments and department liaisons.

C. Next Step COVID protocols

The purpose of this item is to review the Board's current expectations concerning COVID safe practices in the Town buildings.

D. Discussion of Seacoast Velo Kids Proposal for Pump Track Renovation

This item may be addressed during the Departmental report. Please see materials in your packet pertaining to this item.

E. Acceptance of a Grant from NH Dept. of Highway Safety (\$2,460)

The Police Dept. has applied for and has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,460. The grant is from the NH Department of Highway Safety, for the ECrash/ETicket printer as well as the Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) the in car computer, for the new police cruiser. We must purchase this equipment for the new cruiser; the money will be reimbursed to us. There is a match portion, which the Police Department has already met, with the other equipment that we also need to purchase for the cruiser.

F. American Rescue Plan Guidance Discussion

Using the Fact Sheet from the U.S. Treasury (and associated regulations), I will update the Board on eligible uses for the American Rescue Plan funds. The Fact Sheet can be found at this link: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRP-Fact-Sheet-FINAL1-508A.pdf>.

G. Appointment of Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

XI. Town Administrator Report

I will present updates on Town business. If you have any particular items of business you would like to make sure I am prepared to cover, please let me know. We will also need a non-public session for this meeting.

XII. Informational Items

XIII. Reservations, Event Requests & Permits

XIV. Review of Recent or Upcoming Board & Commissions Agendas

XV. Boards and Commissions Nominations & Appointments

XVI. Miscellaneous & Old Business

A. PFAS in Town Center

B. Open Items Tracking

XVII. Adjournment



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SELECT BOARD AGENDA

MAY 17, 2021

7:00 P.M.

**Hutton Room, Stratham Municipal Center
10 Bunker Hill Avenue- Stratham, NH 03885**

This meeting of the Select Board will be held in the Hutton Room of the Stratham Municipal Center

The public may access this meeting at the date and time above using this conference call information. Please dial the conference number **(877) 205 7349** and input **2254** when prompted for a user pin/code.

COVID Public Meeting Notice

This meeting is scheduled to be held “in person” at the Stratham Municipal Center. In accordance with this notice, if the Chair makes a determination to hold this meeting remotely notice will be published by 3:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

Per NH RSA 91-A:2 III (b) the Chair has declared COVID-19 Outbreak an emergency and has waived the requirement that a quorum be physically present at the meeting pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order 2020-04, Section 8, as extended by Executive Order 2020-20, and Emergency Order #12, Section 3. Members will be participating remotely and will identify their location and any person present with them at that location. All votes will be by roll call.

If at any time during the meeting you have difficulty hearing the proceedings, please e-mail dmoore@strathamnh.gov.

To access materials related to this meeting, please see this link:

<https://www.strathamnh.gov/select-board>

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consideration of Minutes – May 10, 2021

The Select Board reserves the right to take up business in any order deemed appropriate by the Chair. A motion to enter Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 may occur at any time during the meeting. Submission of items to be placed on the Agenda must be to the Town Administrator by 4 pm the Wednesday before the scheduled meeting.



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MINUTES OF THE MAY 10, 2021 SELECT BOARD MEETING

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Board Members Chair Mike Houghton, Vice Chair Joe Lovejoy, Board Member Allison Knab along with Town Administrator David Moore.

At 6:30 pm Mr. Houghton motioned to go into a non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(a). Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 7:01 pm Mr. Houghton motioned to come out of the non-public session and seal the minutes finding that failure to do so would render the proposed actions ineffective. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mr. Lovejoy motioned to accept the minutes of April 5 and April 19 as presented. Ms. Knab seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mr. Houghton called for any comments on the Treasurer's Report. Hearing none, he moved to the Police Department report.

Police Chief Anthony King noted that everyone in the department has been vaccinated. Activity is picking up significantly, especially with traffic reports. The department passed the web-based CALEA assessment. There were no recommendations/changes to policies. The next part of the assessment is scheduled for June 7 and 8. He reported that Officer Corey Wynn has completed the very difficult SWAT team training. He is now part of the Seacoast Emergency Response Team. Chief King stated that he has reached out to the legislative delegation in an effort to keep a dialog open. All front line cruisers now have locking mechanisms and window bars. This offers safety, security and liability protection for the officers, the equipment and the Town. Drug Take Back Day was successful. There is still a drug box in the lobby for people to drop off their unused medications. Chief King reported that he is working on changing the officers' schedule to ensure appropriate coverage. They discussed the pros and cons of the motorcycle lease. Chief King requested approval from the Board to ensure a complement of part-time officers to assist in managing over-time as well as bringing on full-certified officers who may be interested in serving in Stratham in the future. Conversation turned to the number of part-time officers and their functions. The Board approved ensuring a complement of two part-time officers who are certified to patrol. Chief King reported obtaining three quotes to paint the interior of the Police Station. There was consensus from the board to release the funds from the CIP for this purpose.

Chief King asked for the Board's opinion on holding National Night Out which is typically held on August 4th. The Board voiced support for holding the event.

Conversation returned to the number of part time officers and their roles. Mr. Houghton wanted to understand more about the transition to the new staffing schedule and Chief King indicated he would share more information. .

Mr. Houghton moved to the next item on the agenda, the appointing of Deborah Bakie as Town Clerk / Tax Collector following the retirement of Joyce Charbonneau. Mr. Lovejoy motioned to convey the responsibilities of the office of Town Clerk / Tax Collector to Deborah Bakie to

fulfill the vacancy. Ms. Knab seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Mr. Houghton swore Ms. Bakie in.

Mr. Houghton recognized Dan Crow who was representing the Stratham Volunteer Fire Association. He said that they are a 501c3 whose mission is to support the Fire Dept. In the past, the Stratham Fair has been the primary fundraiser, but this is the second year in a row that the fair will not be held. To raise funds, they are coordinating with the Stratham Fire and Stratham Police to hold a golf tournament. He is coming before the Board tonight searching for support and advice. New England Golf Club has been secured as a venue. The date is set for October 4th. They are obtaining sponsorships. Mr. Crow expressed appreciation for the camaraderie between the Fire and Police departments. The Board expressed support for the event. They discussed the financial details. Following a discussion about fundraising methods and practices, Mr. Moore indicated he would share the donations policy for the Police Department with Mr. Crow. The Board thanked Mr. Crow for his attendance and wished the SFDVA and Police Association luck with the event.

Mr. Houghton opened the public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Mr. Houghton read the public hearing notice: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are available to municipalities through the NH Community Development Finance Authority. Up to \$500,000 annually is available for economic development projects, up to \$500,000 for public facility projects, up to \$500,000 for housing projects, and up to \$350,000 for emergency activities. Up to \$25,000 is available per planning study grant. All projects must directly benefit a majority of low and moderate income persons. The public hearing is to update the public on, and take public comment on, the progress of the Regional Economic Development Center (REDC) CDBG loan program intended to create jobs by making loans to small businesses. \$50,000 was loaned in 2019. In 2020, due to COVID-19, the focus changed to both creating and retaining jobs. In 2020, the REDC provided 10 loans totaling \$240,000. The loans provided much-needed assistance to 11 small businesses ranging from an event venue, restaurants, paper tube manufacturer, dog daycare, home décor specialty store, karate studio, a mushroom and foraging company, gymnastics gym, and dental implant manufacturer. In 2021 the REDC will make six loans totaling \$180,000 to clients ranging from a beauty supply store, child-care center, insurance agency, event center, and a tax preparation office. The total project will create or retain 25 jobs, with 60% of those available/occupied to persons of low to moderate-income.

Laurel Adams from the Regional Economic Development Center thanked the Board for their support and said these loans make an enormous difference for these businesses.

Mr. Houghton asked if there was any other comments relating to this loan program. Hearing none, he motioned to close the public hearing. Ms. Knab seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mr. Houghton moved to the next item, the Frost/Zarnowski access road agreement. Referring to his memo on the subject, Mr. Moore recommended accepting the agreement as drafted and executing it. He clarified that the Frosts may only make repairs to road to facilitate their use of it

as a residential access road and must be coordinated with the Town. Ms. Knab motioned to accept the proposed access agreement.. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mr. Houghton addressed the 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Moore noted there were two documents to be executed and submitted along with the Plan: Certificate of Adoption. Mr. Houghton motioned to adopt the Hazard Mitigation plan as recommended. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Mr. Moore continued saying there is also a Resolution approving the Stratham Hazard Mitigation Plan updated 2021 as a Community Wildfire Protection Plan and recommended execution. Mr. Lovejoy motioned to move the Resolution as recommended by Mr. Moore. Mr. Houghton seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mr. Houghton moved to the request for a reduction in the bond for Treat Farm Road project. Ms. Knab motioned to approve the bond release for Treat Farm Road as recommended by Town Planner Mark Connors in his memo dated May 6, 2021. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Next Mr. Houghton addressed a request from Timothy Hebert concerning Town property between Lovell Rd and Gifford Farm Road. The request, summarized in a memorandum from Mark Connors dated May 7, 2021, has been reviewed by the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, and the Town Planner. Documents with their recommendation were provided. Ms. Knab was not inclined to move the request forward. Mr. Lovejoy concurs with Ms. Knab and the committees. The Board indicated that they did not feel it was appropriate to grant or otherwise encumber Town property to facilitate a single-private interest, which does not provide a public benefit. The Board also indicated that the Town's Master Plan goals of ensuring off road linkages and access to open space would not be served by encumbering this property adjacent to a neighborhood and a school. It was agreed that the Board was not inclined to grant the request. Mr. Moore will convey this to the couple, but will invite them to speak in the public comment portion of the next Select Board meeting.

Mr. Moore reviewed the correspondence.

Mr. Moore noted that the Memorial Day event is being planned by Geri Denton and Jeff Gallagher. It will be similar to last year's event. Murph Henderson will be the speaker at the park. The Heritage Commission is working on a project to restore the Morgera bench at the Veteran's Garden.

Ms. Knab motioned to approve the Reach the Beach Relay Race parade permit. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Mr. Houghton signed the document.

Mr. Moore reported on four requests from non-profits to use the pavilion and to waive the fee. Ms. Knab motioned to approve the requests and waive the fee. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

ADMINISTRATION

Reminders and heads up. Tax bills going out by end of the week. Pump track site walk on Wednesday, community retirement event for Joyce Charbonneau on Wednesday, upcoming Eagle Scout project regarding compass rose, working on PFAS filtration deployment.

Mr. Houghton directed attention to boards and commission appointments. Mr. Moore responded that there is one opening for an alternate on the Planning Board and three applicants. Mr. Moore said he will forward the applications to the Planning Board Chair and the Select Board will revisit the applications upon hearing from him.

Ms. Knab motioned to reappoint Michael Ream to the Energy Commission for a three year term. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Ms. Knab motioned to reappoint William McCarthy to the Conservation Commission for a three year term as a full member. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Ms. Knab motioned to reappoint Michael Deutsch and Kathy Bauer as Alternates to the Library Board of Trustees for a three year term. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 8:38 p.m. Mr. Houghton motioned to go into a non-public session to discuss contractual matters in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(e). Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 9:27 p.m. Mr. Houghton moved to seal minutes finding that failure to do so would render the proposed actions ineffective. Joe Lovejoy seconded. All voted in favor.

At 9:28 p.m. the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Richard
Recording Secretary



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To Town of Stratham Select Board;

I am writing regarding the Stratham Town Forrest Pump Track Improvement initiative we had submitted to the select board in January and the subsequently discussed at the January select board meeting.

Since that last correspondence we have submitted formal design plans from our selected vendor Powder Horn Trail Company (Powder Horn LLC) as well as conducted a site walk through. The walk through was attended by the Town Administrator David Moore, Select Board Members (select board members Lovejoy and Knab), members of the town Recreation Committee, the Director of Parks and Recreation Seth Hickey and the representative from Powder Horn Trail Company. During the walk through we reviewed the proposed design and answered questions from the assembled participants.

As requested, we have submitted the final design plans to the Town and our design stays within the confines of the existing pump track footprint. As previously mentioned, it is our intention to raise all of the funds for the renovation of the pump track (estimated at \$28,000-\$33,000) through our non-profit and at no expense to the town.

We feel that this project will benefit the town and the citizens of Stratham, and surrounding communities, and bring needed improvements to the pump track for the safety and enjoyment of its users.

We would like approval of our plans so that we may begin the fundraising process with our constituents in good faith. I am happy to address any questions you have at the next select board meeting and we appreciate your support of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rich Matthes", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rich Matthes

President, Seacoast VeloKids

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STRATHAM HILL PARK – PUMP TRACK REBUILD

CONTACT: SETH HICKEY, RICH MATHES

2021 CONSTRUCTION PLAN

Pump Track Rebuild

Utilize the existing fenced-in area to create an updated and sustainable pump track.

- Demo & rebuild pump track per approved design – 40% of area as Beginner/Strider zone, 60% as Intermediate pump track
- Revegetate area to Residential grade specifications
- Includes aggregate for drainage (i.e. stone & gravel)
- Excludes imported tread material (fill, dirt, clay, etc.)

Estimate: \$26,800 2-3 Weeks

Equipment:

8 Ton Mini-Excavator

4 Ton Mini -Excavator

Plate Compactor, various hand tools, rock screener if needed

Transit Laser

Process:

- Strip sod and stack
- Demo & Level existing pump track
- Stack material and establish sub grade, install stone sumps
- Flip sod & infield material
- Shape tread
- Shape infields and banks
- Hand-finish and test

- Revegetate non-riding surface

Specifications:

- **Tread:**
 - 5' width
 - Compacted Earth
- **Drainage: Stone dry wells**
 - 4' depth, 4-6' diameter
 - Lined on all sides with filter fabric
 - 3" Crushed stone aggregate
- **Elevations:**
 - Start platform: 56"
 - Berm Height: 44"
 - Roller height: 20"
 - Bottom of rollers: 0"
 - Infield: -6"
 - Top of Sump: -12"



Keene, NH (above)

Rutland, VT (below)





Rutland, VT - under construction.



Stratham Hill
Pump Track



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Parks and Recreation, (603) 772-4741 ext. 250

TO: Select Board
FROM: Seth Hickey, Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: May 14th, 2021
RE: Mask Requirements Parks and Recreation

I understand that the Select Board will be reviewing the Town policies as they relate to mask requirements in the Town. I wanted to provide the Board with our current policies as they relate to this matter.

- Current policy for events hosted at Stratham Hill Park that are open to the public. Masks are required to be worn by participants when they are unable to social distance. These events include those hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Current policy for spring sport related to mask wearing during Parks and Recreation sponsored events;

All players/athletes should bring to sporting events and wear, reusable/washable cloth face coverings over their nose and mouth.

Players/Athletes between the ages of kindergarten and 2nd grade are required to wear, reusable/washable cloth face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.

Players /Athletes between 3rd and 12th grade should bring to sporting events and wear, reusable/washable cloth face coverings over their nose and mouth when around others and not actively engaged in athletics.

Coaches and parents are required to wear masks when they are unable to social distance.

- Current policy for classes/ program hosted by the Department indoors at the Stratham Municipal Center is that participants are to wear masks at all times.

I wanted to provide the Board with this information in advance of their discussion on Monday evening. I look forward to participating in the conversation as the Board deems appropriate.

OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT AGREEMENT FFY2021

The State of New Hampshire and the Subrecipient hereby mutually agree as follows:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Grant Agreement Title:

Grant Agreement #: 21-

1. Identification and Definitions.

1.1. State Agency Name New Hampshire Department of Safety Office of Highway Safety		1.2. State Agency Address 33 Hazen Drive, Room 208 Concord, NH 03305	
1.3. Subrecipient Name		1.4. Subrecipient Address	
Chief of Police Name: Grant Contact Name:		Chief of Police email: Grant Contact's email:	
1.4.1 Subrecipient Type (State Govt, City/Town Govt, County Govt, College/University, Other (Specify))		1.4.2 DUNS # UEI #	Exp Date: Exp Date:
1.5. Subrecipient Phone #	1.6. Effective Date	1.7. Completion Date September 30, 2021	1.8. Grant Limitation (Total amount of Federal funds obligated to the Subrecipient (2 CFR § 200.331(a)(1)(vii)))
1.9. Grant Officer for State Agency		1.10. State Agency Telephone Number	
"By signing this form we certify that we have complied with any public meeting requirement for acceptance of this grant, including if applicable RSA 31:95-b."			
1.11. Subrecipient Signature 1		1.12. Name & Title of Subrecipient Signor 1	
Subrecipient Signature 2		Name & Title of Subrecipient Signor 2	
Subrecipient Signature 3		Name & Title of Subrecipient Signor 3	
1.13. Acknowledgment: State of New Hampshire, County of _____, on / / , before the undersigned officer, personally appeared the person(s) identified in block 1.12., known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person(s) whose name is signed in block 1.11., and acknowledged that he/she executed this document in the capacity indicated in block 1.12.			
1.13.1. Signature of Notary Public or Justice of the Peace (Seal)		1.13.2 Name & Title of Notary Public or Justice of the Peace	
1.14 State Agency Signature 1 X _____ Date: _____		1.15 Name & Title of State Agency Signor 1 Robert L. Quinn, Commissioner NH Department of Safety	
1.16. Approval by Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) (if G & C approval required) By: _____ Assistant Attorney General, On: / /			
1.17. Approval by Governor and Council (if applicable) By: _____ On: / /			

2. **SCOPE OF WORK** In exchange for grant funds provided by the State of New Hampshire, acting through the Agency identified in block 1.1 (hereinafter referred to as "the State"), pursuant to RSA 21-P:55-63, the Subrecipient identified in block 1.3 (hereinafter referred to as "the Subrecipient"), shall perform that work identified and more particularly described in the scope of work attached hereto as EXHIBIT B (the scope of work being hereinafter referred to as "the Project").

3. **AREA COVERED** Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, the Subrecipient shall perform the Project in, and with respect to, the State of New Hampshire.

4. **EFFECTIVE DATE: COMPLETION OF PROJECT**

4.1. This Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date of approval of this Agreement by the Governor and Council of the State of New Hampshire if required (block 1.17), or upon signature by the State Agency as shown in block 1.15.

4.2 Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the Project, including all reports required by this Agreement, shall be completed in ITS entirety prior to the date in block 1.7 (hereinafter referred to as "the Completion Date").

5. **GRANT AMOUNT: LIMITATION ON AMOUNT: VOUCHERS: PAYMENT**

5.1. The Grant Amount is identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT A, attached hereto.

5.2. The manner of, and schedule of payment shall be as set forth in EXHIBIT A.

5.3. In accordance with the provisions set forth in EXHIBIT A, and in consideration of the satisfactory performance of the Project, as determined by the State, and as limited by subparagraph 5.5 of these general provisions, the State shall pay the Subrecipient the Grant Amount. The State shall withhold from the amount otherwise payable to the Subrecipient under this subparagraph 5.3 those sums required, or permitted, to be withheld pursuant to N.H. RSA 80:7 through 7-c.

5.4. The payment by the State of the Grant amount shall be the only, and the complete payment to the Subrecipient for all expenses, of whatever nature, incurred by the Subrecipient in the performance hereof, and shall be the only, and the complete, compensation to the Subrecipient for the Project. The State shall have no liabilities to the Subrecipient other than the Grant Amount.

5.5. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made, hereunder exceed the Grant limitation set forth in block 1.8 of these general provisions.

6. **COMPLIANCE BY SUBRECIPIENT WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS** In connection with the performance of the Project, the Subrecipient shall comply with all statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county, or municipal authorities which shall impose any obligations or duty upon the Subrecipient, including the acquisition of any and all necessary permits.

7. **RECORDS and ACCOUNTS**

7.1. Between the Effective Date and the date three (3) years after the Completion Date the Subrecipient shall keep detailed accounts of all expenses incurred in connection with the Project, including, but not limited to, costs of administration, transportation, insurance, telephone calls, and clerical materials and services. Such accounts shall be supported by receipts, invoices, bills and other similar documents.

7.2. Between the Effective Date and the date three (3) years after the Completion Date, at any time during the Subrecipient's normal business hours, and as often as the State shall demand, the Subrecipient shall make available to the State all records pertaining to matters covered by this Agreement. The Subrecipient shall permit the State to audit, examine, and reproduce such records, and to make audits of all contracts, invoices, materials, payrolls, records of personnel, data (as that term is hereinafter defined), and other information relating to all matters covered by this Agreement. As used in this paragraph, "Subrecipient" includes all persons, natural or fictional, affiliated with, controlled by, or under common ownership with, the entity identified as the Subrecipient in block 1.3 of these provisions.

8. **PERSONNEL**

8.1. The Subrecipient shall, at its own expense, provide all personnel necessary to perform the Project. The Subrecipient warrants that all personnel engaged in the Project shall be qualified to perform such Project, and shall be properly licensed and authorized to perform such Project under all applicable laws.

8.2. The Subrecipient shall not hire, and it shall not permit any subcontractor, sub grantee, or other person, firm or corporation with whom it is engaged in a combined effort to perform the Project, to hire any person who has a contractual relationship with the State, or who is a State officer or employee, elected or appointed.

8.3. The Grant Officer shall be the representative of the State hereunder. In the event of any dispute hereunder, the interpretation of this Agreement by the Grant Officer, and his/her decision on any dispute, shall be final.

9. **DATA: RETENTION OF DATA: ACCESS**

9.1. As used in this Agreement, the word "data" shall mean all information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, performed, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in the review or computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, paper, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.

9.2. Between the Effective Date and the Completion Date the Subrecipient shall grant to the State, or any person designated by it, unrestricted access to all data for examination, duplication, publication, translation, sale, disposal, or for any other purpose whatsoever.

9.3. No data shall be subject to copyright in the United States or any other country by anyone other than the State.

9.4. On and after the Effective Date all data, and any property which has been received from the State or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, whichever shall first occur.

9.5. The State, and anyone it shall designate, shall have unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute and otherwise use, in whole or in part, all data.

10. **CONDITIONAL NATURE OR AGREEMENT** Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability or continued appropriation of funds, and in no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available or appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of those funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately upon giving the Subrecipient notice of such termination.

11. **EVENT OF DEFAULT: REMEDIES**

11.1. Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Subrecipient shall constitute an event of default hereunder (hereinafter referred to as "Events of Default"):

11.1.1 Failure to perform the Project satisfactorily or on schedule; or

11.1.2 Failure to submit any report required hereunder; or

11.1.3 Failure to maintain, or permit access to, the records required hereunder; or

11.1.4 Failure to perform any of the other covenants and conditions of this Agreement.

11.2. Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:

11.2.1 Give the Subrecipient a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely remedied, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) days after giving the Subrecipient notice of termination; and

11.2.2 Give the Subrecipient a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the Grant Amount which would otherwise accrue to the Subrecipient during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Subrecipient has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Subrecipient; and

11.2.3 Set off against any other obligation the State may owe to the Subrecipient any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and

11.2.4 Treat the agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

12. **TERMINATION**

12.1. In the event of any early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Project, the Subrecipient shall deliver to the Grant Officer, not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of termination, a report (hereinafter referred to as the "Termination Report") describing in detail all Project Work performed, and the Grant Amount earned, to and including the date of termination.

12.2. In the event of Termination under paragraphs 10 or 12.4 of these general provisions, the approval of such a Termination Report by the State shall entitle the

Subrecipient to receive that portion of the Grant amount earned to and including the date of termination.

12.3. In the event of Termination under paragraphs 10 or 12.4 of these general provisions, the approval of such a Termination Report by the State shall in no event relieve the Subrecipient from any and all liability for damages sustained or incurred by the State as a result of the Subrecipient's breach of its obligations hereunder.

12.4. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, either the State or, except where notice default has been given to the Subrecipient hereunder, the Subrecipient, may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice.

13. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST** No officer, member or employee of the Subrecipient, and no representative, officer or employee of the State of New Hampshire or of the governing body of the locality or localities in which the Project is to be performed, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in the review or approval of the undertaking or carrying out of such Project, shall participate in any decision relating to this Agreement which affects his or her personal interest or the interest of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he or she is directly or indirectly interested, nor shall he or she have any personal or pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.

14. **SUBRECIPIENT'S RELATION TO THE STATE** In the performance of this Agreement the Subrecipient, its employees, and any subcontractor or subgrantee of the Subrecipient are in all respects independent contractors, and are neither agents nor employees of the State. Neither the Subrecipient nor any of its officers, employees, agents, members, subcontractors or subgrantees, shall have authority to bind the State nor are they entitled to any of the benefits, workmen's compensation or emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

15. **ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTS** The Subrecipient shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the State. None of the Project Work shall be subcontracted or subgranted by the Subrecipient other than as set forth in EXHIBIT B without the prior written consent of the State.

16. **INDEMNIFICATION** The Subrecipient shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers and employees, from and against any and all losses suffered by the State, its officers and employees, and any and all claims, liabilities or penalties asserted against the State, its officers and employees, by or on behalf of any person, on account of, based on, resulting from, arising out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omissions of the Subrecipient or subcontractor, or subgrantee or other agent of the Subrecipient. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant shall survive the termination of this agreement.

17. **INSURANCE AND BOND**

17.1. The Subrecipient shall, at its own expense, obtain and maintain in force, or shall require any subcontractor, subgrantee or assignee performing Project work to obtain and maintain in force, both for the benefit of the State, the following insurance:

17.1.1 Statutory workmen's compensation and employees liability insurance for all employees engaged in the performance of the Project, and

17.1.2 Comprehensive public liability insurance against all claims of bodily injuries, death or property damage, in amounts not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate for bodily injury or death any one incident, and \$500,000 for property damage in any one incident; and

17.2. The policies described in subparagraph 17.1 of this paragraph shall be the standard form employed in the State of New Hampshire, issued by underwriters acceptable to the State, and authorized to do business in the State of New Hampshire. Each policy shall contain a clause prohibiting cancellation or modification of the policy earlier than ten (10) days after written notice thereof has been received by the State.

18. **WAIVER OF BREACH** No failure by the State to enforce any provisions hereof after any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of its rights with regard to that Event, or any subsequent Event. No express waiver of any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of any provisions hereof. No such failure of waiver shall be deemed a waiver of the right of the State to enforce each and all of the provisions hereof upon any further or other default on the part of the Subrecipient.

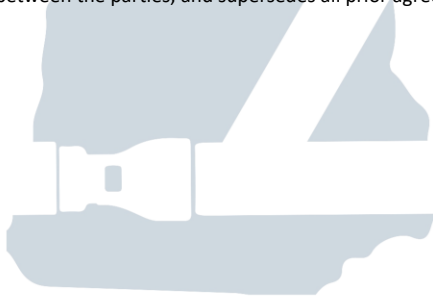
19. **NOTICE** Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses first above given.

20. **AMENDMENT** This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Council of the State of New Hampshire, if required or by the signing State Agency.

21. **CONSTRUCTION OF AGREEMENT AND TERMS** This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the law of the State of New Hampshire, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assignees. The captions and contents of the "subject" blank are used only as a matter of convenience, and are not to be considered a part of this Agreement or to be used in determining the intent of the parties hereto.

22. **THIRD PARTIES** The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.

23. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT** This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings relating hereto.



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SPECIAL PROVISIONS

U.S. Department of Transportation/NHTSA Grant Conditions:

As a result of participating in Federal highway safety grant programs administered by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the US Department of Transportation (USDOT), highway safety subrecipients are required to comply with the following documents:

- Subrecipients agree to comply with all applicable elements of NHTSA's Memorandum: Use of NHTSA Highway Safety Grant Funds for Certain Purchases May 18, 2016 and found at the following Web link.: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/highway-safety-grants-program/resources-guide>. Subrecipients should pay particular attention to the sections on (1) allowable costs for equipment, travel, training, and consultant services; and (2) unallowable costs for equipment, facilities and construction, training and program administration.
- Subrecipients agree to comply with all applicable elements of 2 CFR 200 - the **Uniform Administrative Requirement for Grants, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements** as promulgated by the U.S. Department of Transportation. This document is found at the following Web link <https://www.nhtsa.gov/highway-safety-grants-program/resources-guide>.
- If the subrecipient is subject to a single-audit finding, they shall notify the NH Office of Highway Safety within 30 days. The subrecipient has six months to resolve any findings.
- Subrecipients agree to comply with all applicable Federal basic and incentive grant program requirements as outlined in the **Highway Safety Grant Management Manual** found at the following Web link: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/highway-safety-grants-program>. This document provides information on each of the grant programs.

The following additional provisions apply to highway safety subrecipients as a result of certifications and assurances provided to NHTSA by State Highway Safety Offices in their Highway Safety Plan:

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The State will comply with applicable statutes and regulations, including but not limited to:

- 23 U.S.C. Chapter 4 – Highway Safety Act of 1966, as amended
- Sec. 1906, Pub. L. 109-59, as amended by Sec. 4011, Pub. L. 114-94
- 23 CFR part 1300 – Uniform Procedures for State Highway Safety Grant Programs
- 2 CFR part 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards
- 2 CFR part 1201 – Department of Transportation, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards
FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (FFATA)

The State will comply with FFATA guidance, OMB Guidance on FFATA Subaward and Executive Compensation Reporting, August 27, 2010, (https://www.fsr.gov/documents/OMB_Guidance_on_FFATA_Subaward_and_Executive_Compensation_Reporting_08272010.pdf) by reporting to FSR.gov for each subgrant awarded:

- Name of the entity receiving the award;
- Amount of the award;
- Information on the award including transaction type, funding agency, the North American Industry Classification System code or Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number (where applicable), program source;
- Location of the entity receiving the award and the primary location of performance under the award, including the city, State, congressional district, and country; and an award title descriptive of the purpose of each funding action;
- A unique identifier (DUNS);
- The names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated officers of the entity if:
 - (I) the entity in the preceding fiscal year received—
 - 80 percent or more of its annual gross revenues in Federal awards;
 - \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from Federal awards; and
 - (II) the public does not have access to information about the compensation of the senior executives of the entity through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;
- Other relevant information specified by OMB guidance.

NONDISCRIMINATION

(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

The State highway safety agency will comply with all Federal statutes and implementing regulations relating to nondiscrimination ("Federal Nondiscrimination Authorities"). These include but are not limited to:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin) and 49 CFR part 21;
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. 4601), (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-aid programs and projects);
- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, (23 U.S.C. 324 *et seq.*), and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1681-1683 and 1685-1686) (prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex);
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. 794 *et seq.*), as amended, (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability) and 49 CFR part 27;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 6101 *et seq.*), (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age);

- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, (Pub. L. 100-209), (broadens scope, coverage and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of the Federal aid recipients, subrecipients and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally-funded or not);
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131-12189) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing) and 49 CFR parts 37 and 38;
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations (prevents discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations); and
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (guards against Title VI national origin discrimination/discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP) by ensuring that funding recipients take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to programs (70 FR 74087-74100).

The State highway safety agency—

- Will take all measures necessary to ensure that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, disability, sex, age, limited English proficiency, or membership in any other class protected by Federal Nondiscrimination Authorities, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any of its programs or activities, so long as any portion of the program is Federally-assisted;
- Will administer the program in a manner that reasonably ensures that any of its subrecipients, contractors, subcontractors, and consultants receiving Federal financial assistance under this program will comply with all requirements of the Non- Discrimination Authorities identified in this Assurance;
- Agrees to comply (and require its subrecipients, contractors, subcontractors, and consultants to comply) with all applicable provisions of law or regulation governing US DOT's or NHTSA's access to records, accounts, documents, information, facilities, and staff, and to cooperate and comply with any program or compliance reviews, and/or complaint investigations conducted by US DOT or NHTSA under any Federal Nondiscrimination Authority;
- Acknowledges that the United States has a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising under these Non-Discrimination Authorities and this Assurance;
- Agrees to insert in all contracts and funding agreements with other State or private entities the following clause:

“During the performance of this contract/funding agreement, the contractor/funding recipient agrees—

- To comply with all Federal nondiscrimination laws and regulations, as may be amended from time to time;
- Not to participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by any Federal non-discrimination law or regulation, as set forth in appendix B of 49 CFR part 21 and herein;
- To permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as required by the State highway safety office, US DOT or NHTSA;
- That, in event a contractor/funding recipient fails to comply with any nondiscrimination provisions in this contract/funding agreement, the State highway safety agency will have the right to impose such contract/agreement sanctions as it or NHTSA determine are appropriate, including but not limited to withholding payments to the contractor/funding recipient under the contract/agreement until the contractor/funding recipient complies; and/or cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract or funding agreement, in whole or in part; and
- To insert this clause, including paragraphs (a) through (e), in every subcontract and sub agreement and in every solicitation for a subcontract or sub-agreement, that receives Federal funds under this program.

THE DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ACT OF 1988 (41 U.S.C. 8103)

The State will provide a drug-free workplace by:

- Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
- Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:
 - The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs;
 - The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug violations occurring in the workplace;

5. Making it a requirement that each employee engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
- c. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will-
 1. Abide by the terms of the statement;
 2. Notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five days after such conviction;
- d. Notifying the agency within ten days after receiving notice under subparagraph (c)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction;
- e. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 days of receiving notice under subparagraph (c)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted –
 1. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination;
 2. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
- f. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of all of the paragraphs above.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY (HATCH ACT)
(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

The State will comply with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. 1501-1508), which limits the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING FEDERAL LOBBYING
(applies to subrecipients as well as States)
Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting 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 the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting 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 Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions;
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-award at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grant, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

RESTRICTION ON STATE LOBBYING
(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

None of the funds under this program will be used for any activity specifically designed to urge or influence a State or local legislator to favor or oppose the adoption of any specific legislative proposal pending before any State or local legislative body. Such activities include both direct and indirect (e.g., "grassroots") lobbying activities, with one exception. This does not preclude a State official whose salary is supported with NHTSA funds from engaging in direct

communications with State or local legislative officials, in accordance with customary State practice, even if such communications urge legislative officials to favor or oppose the adoption of a specific pending legislative proposal.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION
(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

Instructions for Primary Tier Participant Certification (States)

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary tier participant is providing the certification set out below and agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.
2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective primary tier participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary tier participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default or may pursue suspension or debarment.
4. The prospective primary tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary tier participant learns its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
5. The terms *covered transaction*, *civil judgment*, *debarment*, *suspension*, *ineligible*, *participant*, *person*, *principal*, and *voluntarily excluded*, as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
6. The prospective primary tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.
7. The prospective primary tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Instructions for Lower Tier Participant Certification" including the "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions and will require lower tier participants to comply with 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.
8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any prospective lower tier participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management Exclusions website (<https://www.sam.gov/>).
9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency may terminate the transaction for cause or default.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters-Primary Tier Covered Transactions

- (1) The prospective primary tier participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
 - (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or Local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
 - (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2) Where the prospective primary tier participant is unable to certify to any of the Statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Instructions for Lower Tier Participant Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below and agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms *covered transaction*, *civil judgment*, *debarment*, *suspension*, *ineligible*, *participant*, *person*, *principal*, and *voluntarily excluded*, as used in this clause, are defined in 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200. You may contact the person to whom this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Instructions for Lower Tier Participant Certification" including the "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions and will require lower tier participants to comply with 2 CFR parts 180 and 1200.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant is responsible for ensuring that its principals are not suspended, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in covered transactions. To verify the eligibility of its principals, as well as the eligibility of any prospective lower tier participants, each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management Exclusions website (<https://www.sam.gov/>).
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion -- Lower Tier Covered Transactions:

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by any Federal department or agency.
2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

BUY AMERICA ACT
(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

The State and each subrecipient will comply with the Buy America requirement (23 U.S.C. 313) when purchasing items using Federal funds. Buy America requires a State, or subrecipient, to purchase with Federal funds only steel, iron and manufactured products produced in the United States, unless the Secretary of Transportation determines that such domestically produced items would be inconsistent with the public interest, that such materials are not reasonably available and of a satisfactory quality, or that inclusion of domestic materials will increase the cost of the overall project contract by more than 25 percent. In order to use Federal funds to purchase foreign produced items, the State must submit a waiver request that provides an adequate basis and justification for approval by the Secretary of Transportation.

PROHIBITION ON USING GRANT FUNDS TO CHECK FOR HELMET USAGE
(applies to subrecipients as well as States)

The State and each subrecipient will not use 23 U.S.C. Chapter 4 grant funds for programs to check helmet usage or to create checkpoints that specifically target motorcyclists.

POLICY ON SEAT BELT USE

In accordance with Executive Order 13043, Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States, dated April 16, 1997, the Grantee is encouraged to adopt and enforce on-the-job seat belt use policies and programs for its employees when operating company-owned, rented, or personally-owned vehicles. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is responsible for providing leadership and guidance in support of this Presidential initiative. For information and resources on traffic safety programs and policies for employers, please contact the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS), a public-private partnership dedicated to improving the traffic safety practices of employers and employees. You can download information on seat belt programs, costs of motor vehicle crashes to employers, and other traffic safety initiatives at www.trafficsafety.org. The NHTSA website (www.nhtsa.gov) also provides information on statistics, campaigns, and program evaluations and references.

POLICY ON BANNING TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING

In accordance with Executive Order 13513, Federal Leadership On Reducing Text Messaging While Driving, and DOT Order 3902.10, Text Messaging While Driving, States are encouraged to adopt and enforce workplace safety policies to decrease crashes caused by distracted driving, including policies to ban text messaging while driving company-owned or rented vehicles, Government-owned, leased or rented vehicles, or privately-owned vehicles when on official Government business or when performing any work on or behalf of the Government. States are also encouraged to conduct workplace safety initiatives in a manner commensurate with the size of the business, such as establishment of new rules and programs or re-evaluation of existing programs to prohibit text messaging while driving, and education, awareness, and other outreach to employees about the safety risks associated with texting while driving.

CASH MANAGEMENT

Cash draw-downs will be initiated only when actually needed for disbursement (i.e., as close as possible to the time of making disbursements). Cash disbursements and balances will be reported in a timely manner as required by NHTSA. 2 CFR Part 200.305.

For subrecipients, recipients must establish reasonable procedures to ensure the receipt of reports on subrecipients' cash balances and cash disbursements in sufficient time to enable them to prepare complete and accurate cash transactions reports to the awarding agency. Recipients must monitor cash draw-downs by their subrecipients to assure that they conform substantially to the same standards of timing and amount as apply to advances to the recipients. 2 CFR 200.305. Failure to adhere to these provisions may result in the termination of draw-down privileges.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET GRANT CONDITIONS

The following documents issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) apply to all Federal grants regardless of the Federal Department making them available:

- **Audit Requirement of Federal Funds:** 2 CFR part 200, subpart F (formerly known as OMB Circular A-133) – These requirements apply to each non-profit organization, each institution of higher education, and local governments as a whole when they or one of their departments receives federal funds. Any non-profit organization, institution of higher education, or local government spending more than \$750,000 in federal funds *from all sources* within a 12-month period must have an audit performed on the use of the funds. OGR defines the 12-month period as July 1 to June 30. The following link provides the full text of this basic federal grant requirement: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/highway-safety-grants-program/resources-guide>.
- **Cost Principles for Federal Grants to State and Local Governments**
 - 2 CFR 200 subpart E – These requirements apply only to state and local government subrecipients. These regulations list and define general categories of costs that are both allowable and unallowable. Examples include the following:
 - The cost of alcoholic beverages is unallowable.
 - Costs incurred by advisory councils are allowable.
 - Audit costs are allowable.

- Compensation costs are allowable so long as they are consistent with that paid for similar work in other activities of the local government.
 - Entertainment costs are unallowable.
 - Equipment costs are allowable with the prior approval of the HSO. Equipment having a useful life of more than one year or a current per-unit fair market value of \$5,000 or more must be tracked. When replacing equipment purchased with federal funds, the equipment to be replaced may be used as a trade-in or can be sold with the proceeds used to offset the cost of the replacement equipment. In addition, during the period of the contract with HSO, insurance on the equipment is allowable.
 - Travel costs are allowable if pre-approved by the HSO and so long as they are consistent with those normally allowed in like circumstances for non-federally funded activities.
- **Cost Principles for Federal Grants to Non-Profit Organizations and Institutions of Higher Education** - These requirements apply to only the non-profit and higher education sub recipients. These document list and define general categories of costs that are allowable and unallowable. The links below provide the full text of these two basic federal grant requirements.
 - 2 CFR 200 subpart E
 - **Indirect cost rate** (if any) are allowable for the Federal award (including if the de minimis rate is charged per [2 CFR § 200.414](#) - Indirect (Facilities and Administration) costs) ([2 CFR § 200.331\(a\)\(1\)\(xiii\)](#)); and An approved Federally-recognized indirect cost rate (if any) negotiated between the subrecipient and the Federal government or, if no such rate exists, either a rate negotiated between the pass-through entity (SHSO) and the subrecipient, or a 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate as defined in [2 CFR § 200.414](#) - Indirect (F&A) costs, paragraph (b) ([2 CFR § 200.331\(a\)\(4\)](#)).

CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR NON-FEDERAL ENTITY CONTRACTS UNDER FEDERAL AWARDS

In addition to other provisions required by the Federal agency or non-Federal entity, all contracts made by the non-Federal entity under the Federal award must contain provisions covering the following, as applicable.

(A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

(B) All contracts in excess of \$10,000 must address termination for cause and for convenience by the non-Federal entity including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement.

(C) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR 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 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

(D) 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 must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 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 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 must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. 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 CFR 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 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 must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

(E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity 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 CFR 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.

(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient 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 must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 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.

(G) 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 sub grants 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 and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(H) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR 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.

(I) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—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.

(J) See §200.322 Procurement of recovered materials.

SPECIAL PROVISION-NH OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY

- (A) In the event of any conflict or ambiguity between the provisions of the Subrecipient’s application and the provisions of the Office of Highway Safety Grant Agreement, including applicable EXHIBITS A and B, the provisions of the Grant Agreement shall govern.
- (B) The NH Office of Highway Safety (OHS) will review all reports and certifications received to ensure compliance. If findings specific to Highway Safety Programs are detected within an agency’s Single Audit, appropriate action shall be taken to ensure that identified sub recipient risks are being timely and appropriately corrected.

I understand that failure to comply with applicable Federal statutes and regulations may subject State officials to civil or criminal penalties and/or place the State in a high risk grantee status in accordance with 2 CFR 200.

I sign these Certifications and Assurances based on personal knowledge, after appropriate inquiry, and I understand that the Government will rely on these representations in awarding grant funds.

Authorized Contract Signatory: _____ **Date:** _____

Signor’s Printed Name: _____ **Signor’s Title:** _____

EXHIBIT A

FFY2021 OHS Grant Award		
Project Titles	Federal Budget	Minimum Match Required
SPEED ENFORCEMENT PATROLS PSP & Task 21-02-04 FAST Act 402 - CFDA: 20.600 FAIN Number (Subaward): 69A37520300004020NH0, 69A37521300004020NH0		
DUI ENFORCEMENT PSP & Task 21-07-04 FAST Act 402- CFDA: 20.600 FAIN Number (Subaward): 69A37520300004020NH0, 69A37521300004020NH0		
DISTRACTED DRIVING PSP & Task 21-04-04 FAST Act 402 - CFDA: 20.600 FAIN Number (Subaward): 69A37520300004020NH0, 69A37521300004020NH0		
PEDESTRIAN BICYCLE PSP & Task 21-06-04 FAST Act 405h - CFDA: 20.616 FAIN Number (Subaward): 69A3751830000405hNH0		
JOIN THE NH CLIQUE PSP & Task 21-01-04 FAST Act 402 - CFDA: 20.600 FAIN Number (Subaward) : 69A37520300004020NH0, 69A37521300004020NH0		
DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER PSP & Task 21-07-11 FAST Act 402 - CFDA: 20.600 FAIN Number (Subaward) : 69A37520300004020NH0, 69A37521300004020NH0		
U DRIVE, U TEXT, U PAY PSP & Task 21-04-11 FAST Act 402 - CFDA: 20.600 FAIN Number (Subaward) : 69A37520300004020NH0, 69A37521300004020NH0		
E-CRASH EQUIPMENT (MDT) PSP & Task 21-03-06 FAST Act 405c FAIN Number (Subaward): 69A3751830000405cNH0, 69A3751930000405cNH0, 69A3752030000405cNH0, 69A3752130000405cNH0 CFDA: 20.616		
E-CRASH EQUIPMENT (Printers/Scanners/Receivers) PSP&Task 21-03-06 FAST Act 405c FAIN Number (Subaward): 69A3751830000405cNH0, 69A3751930000405cNH0, 69A3752030000405cNH0, 69A3752130000405cNH0 CFDA: 20.616		
Total Total amount Federal funds obligated to the subrecipient, (2 CFR § 200.331(a)(1)(vii)) Project Costs: 80% Federal Funds, 20% Applicant Share (Minimum Match Required).		

Awarding Agency: Office of Highway Safety (OHS)
Federal Awarding Agency: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), US DOT NHTSA Region 1 55 Broadway, RTV-8E Cambridge, MA 02142
Is This a Research and Development Project: YES NO

EXHIBIT B

GRANT REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

- Officers funded during these overtime enforcement grants shall be dedicated in total to traffic law enforcement, except in the case of a criminal offense committed in the officer's presence, in the case of response to an officer in distress, or in the case of a riot where all available personnel must divert their attention.
- Officers may pull over drivers for any driving offense during patrols. This includes, but is not limited to, suspected drunk driving, speeding, school bus violations, CPS violations, traffic light/stop sign running, and distracted driving.
- Nothing in this grant shall be interpreted as a requirement, formal or informal that a law enforcement officer issue a specified or predetermined number of summons in pursuance of the department's obligation associated with the grant.
- If an officer makes an arrest during the patrol shift, but does not complete the arrest before the shift is scheduled to end, the officer can continue working under the grant to complete that arrest even if the time exceeds the scheduled patrol shift; however, the total request for reimbursement must not exceed the approved budget in the Grant Agreement.
- An officer who stops working a Highway Safety grant to assist with a Non-Highway Safety Grant related issue (i.e. crash, domestic dispute, criminal complaint, etc.), must not count such hours as hours worked on a Highway Safety Grant.
- Full-time officers will be reimbursed at an overtime rate of pay as established by the department and/or municipality for hours worked during the enforcement patrols. Part-time officers will be reimbursed at their normal hourly rate of pay.
- The Patrol Activity Report (HS-200) must be signed and dated by an authorized signatory (Police Chief or designee). Individuals working the enforcement patrol may not sign off on the Patrol Activity Report for themselves and if the Chief Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) works an overtime enforcement patrol, they must comply with 29 CFR Part 541 as it relates to "exempt employees". This will require that the CLEO provide a waiver of 29 CFR, Part 541 from their governing body with any reimbursement requests in which the CLEO has worked. Additionally, the CLEO may not sign off on their own HS200 or that of a spouse, child or sibling who may work an enforcement patrol.
- If weather impedes a particular enforcement detail, this should be noted on the Patrol Activity Report (HS-200).
- Command staff may participate in and be compensated for enforcement details if acting in a traffic enforcement role rather than acting exclusively in a supervisory role overseeing officers engaged in traffic enforcement.
- Failure to comply with reporting requirements may result in non-reimbursement of funds or suspension of grant award.
- Non-participation or non-compliance with the performance measures may result in grant agreement suspension, termination and/non-reimbursement of expenses.

Reimbursement Schedule and Required Paperwork

- Reimbursements are due no later than 15 days after the close of the quarter. Due dates are as follows:
 1. **January 15th** for October-December (Quarter 1)
 2. **April 15th** for January-March (Quarter 2)
 3. **July 15th** for April-June (Quarter 3)
 4. **October 15th** for July-September (Quarter 4)

- Over-Time enforcement patrol reimbursements shall include the following:
 1. Reimbursement Request Cover Letter (HS-1);
 2. Overtime Payroll Reimbursement Form (HS-20) for each project;
 3. Match Tracking Form (HS-22) for each project;
 4. Quarterly Summary Report (HS-100 QSR) for each project;
 5. Patrol Activity Reports (HS-200) for each project; and
 6. Final Report HS-7b to be submitted with final reimbursement

- Equipment reimbursements shall include the following:
 1. Reimbursement Request Cover Letter (HS-1). Note: if submitting equipment reimbursement along with overtime enforcement patrol reimbursements only one (1) Reimbursement Request Cover Letter (HS-1) shall be submitted.
 2. Copy of the detailed equipment invoice;
 3. Match Tracking Form (HS-22);
 4. Copy of Cancelled Check; and
 5. Final Equipment Report (HS-8E)

- If no enforcement patrols took place during the quarter you are required to submit the Reimbursement Cover Letter (HS-1) indicating that you are not seeking reimbursement by placing \$0 in the projects where you were awarded funding.

- Failure to file required reports by the submission due dates can result in grant termination or denial of future grants.

- All publications, public information, or publicity released in conjunction with this project shall state “This project is being supported in part through a grant from the NH Office of Highway Safety, with Federal funds provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration” or related social media tag provided by our office.

- Grant agreements shall terminate in the event funds are exhausted and/or not made available by the federal government for this program. If the grantee makes obligations in anticipation of receiving funds under this grant, the grantee does so at their peril and the State of New Hampshire will be under no obligation to make payments for such performance.

I sign these Grant Requirements based on personal knowledge, after appropriate inquiry, and I understand that the Government will rely on these representations in reimbursing grant funds.

Authorized Contract Signatory: _____ **Date:** _____

Signors Printed Name: _____ **Signors Title:** _____

FACT SHEET: The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Will Deliver \$350 Billion for State, Local, Territorial, and Tribal Governments to Respond to the COVID-19 Emergency and Bring Back Jobs

May 10, 2021

Aid to state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments will help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery

Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced the launch of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to provide \$350 billion in emergency funding for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments. Treasury also released details on how these funds can be used to respond to acute pandemic response needs, fill revenue shortfalls among these governments, and support the communities and populations hardest-hit by the COVID-19 crisis. With the launch of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, eligible jurisdictions will be able to access this funding in the coming days to address these needs.

State, local, territorial, and Tribal governments have been on the frontlines of responding to the immense public health and economic needs created by this crisis – from standing up vaccination sites to supporting small businesses – even as these governments confronted revenue shortfalls during the downturn. As a result, these governments have endured unprecedented strains, forcing many to make untenable choices between laying off educators, firefighters, and other frontline workers or failing to provide other services that communities rely on. Faced with these challenges, state and local governments have cut over 1 million jobs since the beginning of the crisis. The experience of prior economic downturns has shown that budget pressures like these often result in prolonged fiscal austerity that can slow an economic recovery.

To support the immediate pandemic response, bring back jobs, and lay the groundwork for a strong and equitable recovery, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, designed to deliver \$350 billion to state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to bolster their response to the COVID-19 emergency and its economic impacts. Today, Treasury is launching this much-needed relief to:

- Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control;
- Replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs;
- Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses; and,
- Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic on certain populations.

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide substantial flexibility for each jurisdiction to meet local needs—including support for households, small businesses, impacted industries, essential workers, and the communities hardest-hit by the crisis. These funds also deliver resources that recipients can invest in building, maintaining, or upgrading their water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

Starting today, eligible state, territorial, metropolitan city, county, and Tribal governments may request Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds through the Treasury Submission Portal. Concurrent with this program launch, Treasury has published an Interim Final Rule that implements the provisions of this program.

FUNDING AMOUNTS

The American Rescue Plan provides a total of \$350 billion in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to help eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments meet their present needs and build the foundation for a strong recovery. Congress has allocated this funding to tens of thousands of jurisdictions. These allocations include:

Type	Amount (\$ billions)
States & District of Columbia	\$195.3
Counties	\$65.1
Metropolitan Cites	\$45.6
Tribal Governments	\$20.0
Territories	\$4.5
Non-Entitlement Units of Local Government	\$19.5

Treasury expects to distribute these funds directly to each state, territorial, metropolitan city, county, and Tribal government. Local governments that are classified as non-entitlement units will receive this funding through their applicable state government. Treasury expects to provide further guidance on distributions to non-entitlement units next week.

Local governments should expect to receive funds in two tranches, with 50% provided beginning in May 2021 and the balance delivered 12 months later. States that have experienced a net increase in the unemployment rate of more than 2 percentage points from February 2020 to the latest available data as of the date of certification will receive their full allocation of funds in a single payment; other states will receive funds in two equal tranches. Governments of U.S. territories will receive a single payment. Tribal governments will receive two payments, with the first payment available in May and the second payment, based on employment data, to be delivered in June 2021.

USES OF FUNDING

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments with a substantial infusion of resources to meet pandemic response needs and rebuild a stronger, more equitable economy as the country recovers. Within the categories of eligible uses, recipients have broad flexibility to decide how best to use this funding to meet the needs of their communities. Recipients may use Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to:

- **Support public health expenditures**, by funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff;
- **Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency**, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector;
- **Replace lost public sector revenue**, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic;
- **Provide premium pay for essential workers**, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors; and,
- **Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure**, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

Within these overall categories, Treasury’s Interim Final Rule provides guidelines and principles for determining the types of programs and services that this funding can support, together with examples of allowable uses that recipients may consider. As described below, Treasury has also designed these provisions to take into consideration the disproportionate impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency on those hardest-hit by the pandemic.

1. Supporting the public health response

Mitigating the impact of COVID-19 continues to require an unprecedented public health response from state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments. Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide resources to meet these needs through the provision of care for those impacted by the virus and through services that address disparities in public health that have been exacerbated by the pandemic. Recipients may use this funding to address a broad range of public health needs across COVID-19 mitigation, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and public health resources. Among other services, these funds can help support:

- **Services and programs to contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, including:**
 - ✓ Vaccination programs
 - ✓ Medical expenses
 - ✓ Testing
 - ✓ Contact tracing
 - ✓ Isolation or quarantine
 - ✓ PPE purchases
 - ✓ Support for vulnerable populations to access medical or public health services
 - ✓ Public health surveillance (e.g., monitoring for variants)
 - ✓ Enforcement of public health orders
 - ✓ Public communication efforts
 - ✓ Enhancement of healthcare capacity, including alternative care facilities
 - ✓ Support for prevention, mitigation, or other services in congregate living facilities and schools
 - ✓ Enhancement of public health data systems
 - ✓ Capital investments in public facilities to meet pandemic operational needs
 - ✓ Ventilation improvements in key settings like healthcare facilities

- **Services to address behavioral healthcare needs exacerbated by the pandemic, including:**
 - ✓ Mental health treatment
 - ✓ Substance misuse treatment
 - ✓ Other behavioral health services
 - ✓ Hotlines or warmlines
 - ✓ Crisis intervention
 - ✓ Services or outreach to promote access to health and social services
- **Payroll and covered benefits expenses** for public health, healthcare, human services, public safety and similar employees, to the extent that they work on the COVID-19 response. For public health and safety workers, recipients can use these funds to cover the full payroll and covered benefits costs for employees or operating units or divisions primarily dedicated to the COVID-19 response.

2. Addressing the negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency

The COVID-19 public health emergency resulted in significant economic hardship for many Americans. As businesses closed, consumers stayed home, schools shifted to remote education, and travel declined precipitously, over 20 million jobs were lost between February and April 2020. Although many have since returned to work, as of April 2021, the economy remains more than 8 million jobs below its pre-pandemic peak, and more than 3 million workers have dropped out of the labor market altogether since February 2020.

To help alleviate the economic hardships caused by the pandemic, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds enable eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to provide a wide range of assistance to individuals and households, small businesses, and impacted industries, in addition to enabling governments to rehire public sector staff and rebuild capacity. Among these uses include:

- **Delivering assistance to workers and families**, including aid to unemployed workers and job training, as well as aid to households facing food, housing, or other financial insecurity. In addition, these funds can support survivor’s benefits for family members of COVID-19 victims.
- **Supporting small businesses**, helping them to address financial challenges caused by the pandemic and to make investments in COVID-19 prevention and mitigation tactics, as well as to provide technical assistance. To achieve these goals, recipients may employ this funding to execute a broad array of loan, grant, in-kind assistance, and counseling programs to enable small businesses to rebound from the downturn.
- **Speeding the recovery of the tourism, travel, and hospitality sectors**, supporting industries that were particularly hard-hit by the COVID-19 emergency and are just now beginning to mend. Similarly impacted sectors within a local area are also eligible for support.
- **Rebuilding public sector capacity**, by rehiring public sector staff and replenishing unemployment insurance (UI) trust funds, in each case up to pre-pandemic levels. Recipients may also use this funding to build their internal capacity to successfully implement economic relief programs, with investments in data analysis, targeted outreach, technology infrastructure, and impact evaluations.

3. **Serving the hardest-hit communities and families**

While the pandemic has affected communities across the country, it has disproportionately impacted low-income families and communities of color and has exacerbated systemic health and economic inequities. Low-income and socially vulnerable communities have experienced the most severe health impacts. For example, counties with high poverty rates also have the highest rates of infections and deaths, with 223 deaths per 100,000 compared to the U.S. average of 175 deaths per 100,000.

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds allow for a broad range of uses to address the disproportionate public health and economic impacts of the crisis on the hardest-hit communities, populations, and households. Eligible services include:

- **Addressing health disparities and the social determinants of health**, through funding for community health workers, public benefits navigators, remediation of lead hazards, and community violence intervention programs;
- **Investments in housing and neighborhoods**, such as services to address individuals experiencing homelessness, affordable housing development, housing vouchers, and residential counseling and housing navigation assistance to facilitate moves to neighborhoods with high economic opportunity;
- **Addressing educational disparities** through new or expanded early learning services, providing additional resources to high-poverty school districts, and offering educational services like tutoring or afterschool programs as well as services to address social, emotional, and mental health needs; and,
- **Promoting healthy childhood environments**, including new or expanded high quality childcare, home visiting programs for families with young children, and enhanced services for child welfare-involved families and foster youth.

Governments may use Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to support these additional services if they are provided:

- within a Qualified Census Tract (a low-income area as designated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development);
- to families living in Qualified Census Tracts;
- by a Tribal government; or,
- to other populations, households, or geographic areas disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

4. **Replacing lost public sector revenue**

State, local, territorial, and Tribal governments that are facing budget shortfalls may use Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to avoid cuts to government services. With these additional resources, recipients can continue to provide valuable public services and ensure that fiscal austerity measures do not hamper the broader economic recovery.

Many state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments have experienced significant budget shortfalls, which can yield a devastating impact on their respective communities. Faced with budget shortfalls and pandemic-related uncertainty, state and local governments cut staff in all 50 states. These budget shortfalls and staff cuts are particularly problematic at present, as these entities are on the front lines of battling the COVID-19 pandemic and helping citizens weather the economic downturn.

Recipients may use these funds to replace lost revenue. Treasury's Interim Final Rule establishes a methodology that each recipient can use to calculate its reduction in revenue. Specifically, recipients will compute the extent of their reduction in revenue by comparing their actual revenue to an alternative representing what could have been expected to occur in the absence of the pandemic. Analysis of this expected trend begins with the last full fiscal year prior to the public health emergency and projects forward at either (a) the recipient's average annual revenue growth over the three full fiscal years prior to the public health emergency or (b) 4.1%, the national average state and local revenue growth rate from 2015-18 (the latest available data).

For administrative convenience, Treasury's Interim Final Rule allows recipients to presume that any diminution in actual revenue relative to the expected trend is due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Upon receiving Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, recipients may immediately calculate the reduction in revenue that occurred in 2020 and deploy funds to address any shortfall. Recipients will have the opportunity to re-calculate revenue loss at several points through the program, supporting those entities that experience a lagged impact of the crisis on revenues.

Importantly, once a shortfall in revenue is identified, recipients will have broad latitude to use this funding to support government services, up to this amount of lost revenue.

5. Providing premium pay for essential workers

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide resources for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to recognize the heroic contributions of essential workers. Since the start of the public health emergency, essential workers have put their physical well-being at risk to meet the daily needs of their communities and to provide care for others.

Many of these essential workers have not received compensation for the heightened risks they have faced and continue to face. Recipients may use this funding to provide premium pay directly, or through grants to private employers, to a broad range of essential workers who must be physically present at their jobs including, among others:

- ✓ Staff at nursing homes, hospitals, and home-care settings
- ✓ Workers at farms, food production facilities, grocery stores, and restaurants
- ✓ Janitors and sanitation workers
- ✓ Public health and safety staff
- ✓ Truck drivers, transit staff, and warehouse workers
- ✓ Childcare workers, educators, and school staff
- ✓ Social service and human services staff

Treasury's Interim Final Rule emphasizes the need for recipients to prioritize premium pay for lower income workers. Premium pay that would increase a worker's total pay above 150% of the greater of the state or county average annual wage requires specific justification for how it responds to the needs of these workers.

In addition, employers are both permitted and encouraged to use Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to offer retrospective premium pay, recognizing that many essential workers have not yet received additional compensation for work performed. Staff working for third-party contractors in eligible sectors are also eligible for premium pay.

6. Investing in water and sewer infrastructure

Recipients may use Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to invest in necessary improvements to their water and sewer infrastructures, including projects that address the impacts of climate change.

Recipients may use this funding to invest in an array of drinking water infrastructure projects, such as building or upgrading facilities and transmission, distribution, and storage systems, including the replacement of lead service lines.

Recipients may also use this funding to invest in wastewater infrastructure projects, including constructing publicly-owned treatment infrastructure, managing and treating stormwater or subsurface drainage water, facilitating water reuse, and securing publicly-owned treatment works.

To help jurisdictions expedite their execution of these essential investments, Treasury's Interim Final Rule aligns types of eligible projects with the wide range of projects that can be supported by the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Recipients retain substantial flexibility to identify those water and sewer infrastructure investments that are of the highest priority for their own communities.

Treasury's Interim Final Rule also encourages recipients to ensure that water, sewer, and broadband projects use strong labor standards, including project labor agreements and community benefits agreements that offer wages at or above the prevailing rate and include local hire provisions.

7. Investing in broadband infrastructure

The pandemic has underscored the importance of access to universal, high-speed, reliable, and affordable broadband coverage. Over the past year, millions of Americans relied on the internet to participate in remote school, healthcare, and work.

Yet, by at least one measure, 30 million Americans live in areas where there is no broadband service or where existing services do not deliver minimally acceptable speeds. For millions of other Americans, the high cost of broadband access may place it out of reach. The American Rescue Plan aims to help remedy these shortfalls, providing recipients with flexibility to use Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to invest in broadband infrastructure.

Recognizing the acute need in certain communities, Treasury's Interim Final Rule provides that investments in broadband be made in areas that are currently unserved or underserved—in other words, lacking a wireline connection that reliably delivers minimum speeds of 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload. Recipients are also encouraged to prioritize projects that achieve last-mile connections to households and businesses.

Using these funds, recipients generally should build broadband infrastructure with modern technologies in mind, specifically those projects that deliver services offering reliable 100 Mbps download and 100

Mbps upload speeds, unless impracticable due to topography, geography, or financial cost. In addition, recipients are encouraged to pursue fiber optic investments.

In view of the wide disparities in broadband access, assistance to households to support internet access or digital literacy is an eligible use to respond to the public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic, as detailed above.

8. Ineligible Uses

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide substantial resources to help eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments manage the public health and economic consequences of COVID-19. Recipients have considerable flexibility to use these funds to address the diverse needs of their communities.

To ensure that these funds are used for their intended purposes, the American Rescue Plan Act also specifies two ineligible uses of funds:

- **States and territories may not use this funding to directly or indirectly offset a reduction in net tax revenue due to a change in law from March 3, 2021 through the last day of the fiscal year in which the funds provided have been spent.** The American Rescue Plan ensures that funds needed to provide vital services and support public employees, small businesses, and families struggling to make it through the pandemic are not used to fund reductions in net tax revenue. Treasury's Interim Final Rule implements this requirement. If a state or territory cuts taxes, they must demonstrate how they paid for the tax cuts from sources other than Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds—by enacting policies to raise other sources of revenue, by cutting spending, or through higher revenue due to economic growth. If the funds provided have been used to offset tax cuts, the amount used for this purpose must be paid back to the Treasury.
- **No recipient may use this funding to make a deposit to a pension fund.** Treasury's Interim Final Rule defines a "deposit" as an extraordinary contribution to a pension fund for the purpose of reducing an accrued, unfunded liability. While pension deposits are prohibited, recipients may use funds for routine payroll contributions for employees whose wages and salaries are an eligible use of funds.

Treasury's Interim Final Rule identifies several other ineligible uses, including funding debt service, legal settlements or judgments, and deposits to rainy day funds or financial reserves. Further, general infrastructure spending is not covered as an eligible use outside of water, sewer, and broadband investments or above the amount allocated under the revenue loss provision. While the program offers broad flexibility to recipients to address local conditions, these restrictions will help ensure that funds are used to augment existing activities and address pressing needs.