

MEDICAL CANNABIS RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

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Summary

This rule is promulgated to establish the requirements for individuals and institutions seeking grants from the Office of Cannabis Policy to conduct research into the health effects and efficacy of cannabis for medical use and specifies the application process for such grants, as well as the processes for review of such applications and award of grant funds, and the reporting requirements applicable to recipients of such grants.

The activities described in this rule may be considered a violation of federal law. Persons cultivating, manufacturing, testing, selling, purchasing or otherwise receiving or possessing cannabis for medical use, or cannabis products derived from the same, may be subject to federal sanctions for what may otherwise be considered authorized conduct in the State of Maine, and compliance with this rule does not exempt participants, their employees or participants from possible federal prosecution. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services is not responsible for the actions of individuals and institutions conducting research using funds distributed in accordance with this rule.

Section 1 – Medical Cannabis Research Grant Program Administration

1. **Statutory authority.** The Department of Administrative and Financial Services (DAFS) acting through its Office of Cannabis Policy (“the Office”), has promulgated the following rule as required by 22 M.R.S. § 2430 to implement the Medical Cannabis Research Grant Program (“Grant Program”) established pursuant to that section.
2. **Department authority.** DAFS, acting through its Office of Cannabis Policy pursuant to 22 MRS § 2430(5), and in accordance with the requirements for procurements pursuant to Title 5, ch. 155 and rules promulgated pursuant to that authority, may make grants to support objective scientific research, including observational and clinical trials and existing research, on the efficacy of harvested cannabis as part of medical treatment and the health effects of harvested cannabis used as part of medical treatment. The Office may accept applications for grants from any person determined to be eligible to and capable of conducting such objective scientific research and may award such grants based upon the results of a competitive request for applications process conducted in accordance with 18-554 CMR, ch. 110, *Rules for the Purchase of Services and Awards*, and subject to appeal in accordance with 18-554 CMR, ch. 120, *Rules for the Appeal of Contract and Grant*

Awards. The Office will calculate the amount of funds available for making grants in accordance with subsection 5.¹

- 3. Communication with the Office.** Unless otherwise specified, all applicants for and recipients of grants covered by this rule shall communicate with the Office in the manner specified in the applicable Request for Applications or the terms of the grant received. Individuals responding to a Call for Peer Reviewers shall do so in the manner prescribed by the written Call for Peer Reviewers. All other communication with the Office shall be done in accordance with the following requirements.

A. Written communications. If a person submits anything in writing to the Department, unless otherwise prescribed by the Department, the person may submit the writing to the Department via:

- (1) Mail;
- (2) In-person delivery;
- (3) Facsimile; or
- (4) E-mail.

B. Deadlines for submission. Unless otherwise specified, if a communication must be submitted by a deadline it must be received by the Office, regardless of the method of submission, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).

4. Definitions.

A. Applicant means a person who submits to the Office an application for Grant Program funds in accordance with this rule that the Office has not yet approved or denied.

B. Awardee means a person whose application for Grant Program funds has been approved for funding.

C. Call for peer reviewers means a public request issued by the Office to identify and retain qualified subject matter experts to assist in the review and evaluation of applications for Grant Program funds received by the Office pursuant to a request for applications issued in accordance with this rule.

D. Facilities and administration costs means costs associated with personnel, equipment and facilities that cannot be readily attributed to a particular grant-funded project that are nevertheless necessary for the conduct of grant-funded projects. Examples include without limitation computer software and hardware, insurance, electricity, or heating costs.

¹ State of Maine agency rules are available in electronic form through the Secretary of State's Office at: <https://www.maine.gov/sos/rulemaking/agency-rules>. Paper copies of all state rules and federal regulations referenced herein are available by contacting the Office of Cannabis Policy at 162 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333.

- E. Harvested cannabis (“cannabis”)** means plant material harvested from a mature cannabis plant cultivated in accordance with the *Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act*, Title 22, ch. 558-C. “Harvested cannabis” does not include the stalks, leaves and roots of the plant that are not used for a qualifying patient's medical use or plant material harvested from hemp as defined in 7 M.R.S. § 2231. “Harvested cannabis” includes cannabis concentrate and cannabis products.
- F. Grant agreement** means a written agreement between the Office and an awardee specifying the terms related to the use of any Grant Program funds disbursed to the awardee pursuant to this rule.
- G. Grant Program funds** means funds from the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund designated for the purpose of making grants in accordance with 22 M.R.S. § 2430(5) and this rule. The amount of Grant Program funds available is determined in accordance with subsection 5.
- H. Institutional sponsor** means an organization that meets the requirements of section 2, subsection 1 that is accountable for the legal, financial, ethical and operational requirements for the conduct of research funded pursuant to this rule.
- I. Key personnel** means individuals who are not the principal investigator who substantively contribute to the development, management, execution or oversight of the scientific research funded by the Grant Program.
- J. Medical Cannabis Research Grant Program (“Grant Program”)** means a program established by the Office of Cannabis Policy to provide grant money to support objective scientific research, including observational and clinical trials and existing research, on the efficacy of harvested cannabis as part of medical treatment and the health effects of harvested cannabis used as part of medical treatment pursuant to this rule and in accordance with 22 M.R.S. § 2430(5).
- K. Medical use** means the acquisition, possession, cultivation, manufacture, use, delivery, transfer or transportation of cannabis or cannabis paraphernalia relating to the administration of cannabis to treat or alleviate a qualifying patient's medical diagnosis or symptoms for which a medical provider has provided the qualifying patient a written certification in accordance with the *Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act*, Title 22, ch. 558-C.
- L. Office of Cannabis Policy (“the Office”)** means the office established within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

- M. Peer reviewer** means an individual who meets the requirements of section 4, subsection 2, paragraph B who assists the Office in the review and consensus scoring of applications received in accordance with this rule.
- N. Principal investigator (PI)** means the individual who is legally and ethically responsible for the design, conduct, reporting and scientific and fiscal integrity of the proposed scientific research that may be funded by the Grant Program. The PI is responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations as well as the policies of the institutional sponsor applicable to any scientific research funded by the Grant Program in accordance with this rule.
- O. Request for applications** means a public notice issued by the Office, in accordance with Office of State Procurement policies and processes, to solicit applications for grants to support scientific research in accordance with this rule.
- P. Review committee** means a committee comprised of not fewer of three individuals, at least one of whom is a subject matter expert that is a peer reviewer, that is responsible for reviewing and scoring applications for grant funds received in response to a request for application issued in accordance with this rule and Office of State Procurement policies and processes.
- Q. Scientific method** means “[t]he systematic pursuit of knowledge involving the recognition and definition of a problem; the collection of data through observation and experimentation; analysis of the data; the formulation, evaluation and testing of hypotheses; and, where possible, the selection of a final hypothesis.”²
- R. Scientific research** means systematic investigation of a question using the scientific method.
- 5. Determination of Grant Program funds available.** In accordance with 28-B M.R.S. § 104-A, the Office of Cannabis Policy is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Medical Use of Cannabis Act, including administration of 22 M.R.S. § 2430 that allows for the use of the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund for the purposes identified in subsection 3-A therein. When determining the amount of funds to be to be distributed for the purpose of making grants pursuant to this rule, the Office must consider all uses of the fund authorized by 22 M.R.S. § 2430(3-A)

² U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Organization of Scientific Area Committees for Forensic Science, “scientific method” definition from OSAC lexicon available at: <https://www.nist.gov/glossary-term/31596>. (Accessed July 24, 2026.)

and ensure that sufficient funding is available for all legislative transfers defined therein.

A. Biennial determination based upon surplus. The Office will determine, not less than once per biennial budget cycle, the amount of funds available to make grants from the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund. That determination will be based upon consideration of the following budget information.

- (1) The Office will determine the balance of the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund as of July 1 of each even numbered year.
- (2) The Office will subtract from that balance any encumbrances based upon appropriations in the biennial budget passed by the Legislature in the preceding odd numbered year and allocations made by the Office to administer the Medical Use of Cannabis Act.
- (3) The Office will then subtract from the remaining balance an operating reserve in accordance with State of Maine fiscal management policies that is not less than 12.5% of the allocations and appropriations from the Fund for the current biennium.
- (4) The balance that remains following deduction of the costs identified in sub-paragraphs 2 and 3 above is the “fund surplus”. The Office will make available for the Medical Cannabis Research Grant Program not less than 10% of the fund surplus.

B. Notice of Grant Program funds availability. No later than September 1 of each even numbered year the Office shall provide public notice of the amount of Grant Program funds available for the purposes identified in 22 M.R.S. § 2430(5). Such notice will include:

- (1) The total amount of funds available for the purpose of grantmaking in accordance with this rule, including the maximum amount to be awarded per proposal, if applicable;
- (2) The date (if different than the date of the notice under this paragraph) that the Office will publish a Request for Applications;
- (3) If applicable, the date (if different than the date of the notice under this paragraph) that the Office will publish a Call for Peer Reviewers; and
- (4) The anticipated dates of award and funds disbursement for any grants made pursuant to the funds available.

C. Funds not used for grantmaking may be used for other purposes authorized pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 2430(3-A). If the Office does not award grants in the full amount of funds committed for that purpose in accordance

with this subsection, the Office shall recommit those funds to the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund once the grant application review team has identified the total amount of funds to be disbursed based upon the proposals recommended by the team for funding.

Section 2 – Applicant Qualifications

- 1. Institutional sponsor required.** The Office may make grants only to applicants that are organizations that conduct scientific research or individuals who are sponsored by organizations that conduct scientific research. An institutional sponsor may be any of the following:
 - A. Educational organizations accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education (e.g. institutions of higher education including public and private 2- and 4-year colleges and universities, graduate programs);
 - B. Government organizations (e.g. Tribal governments, regional, county or municipal public health departments, state or federal health agencies);
 - C. Nonprofit organizations, with or without 501(c)(3) tax exempt status, engaged substantially in scientific research; or
 - D. For-profit organizations engaged substantially in scientific research.
- 2. Principal investigator eligibility.** The principal investigator (PI) of the research project is the individual that is responsible for the design, conduct, reporting, and scientific and fiscal integrity of research conducted using Grant Program funds. A qualified PI:
 - A. Shall provide evidence that they have received education, training, and research experience sufficient to conduct the objective scientific research supported by the applied-for grant and to serve as the PI for such research;
 - B. Shall have a record of scholarship that includes without limitation publications in peer-reviewed periodicals;
 - C. Shall have an existing relationship with an institutional sponsor, acknowledged in writing at the time the grant application is submitted; and
 - D. Shall not have been subject to any organizational reprimand, disciplinary action (including from a professional licensing board or other oversight entity), criminal conviction, or civil action related to the misuse or misappropriation of grant funds or other public or private monies.

Section 3 – Application Requirements

1. Request for Applications. At least once every biennial budget cycle the Office will release, on forms developed by the Office of State Procurement Services, a request for applications for research funded by the Grant Program. The request for applications will specify, in accordance with 28-B M.R.S. § 104-B, priority consideration of applications that promote the health and well-being of the people of the state of Maine. Applicants shall submit applications and supporting materials as specified in the Request for Applications. At a minimum, a complete application for Grant Program funds will include:

A. A cover page on forms provided by the Office, that includes:

- (1) The name, title, physical and mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number of the PI(s);
- (2) The name, title and contact information of any individual identified as the primary point of contact for the application, if different;
- (3) Identification of the Institutional Sponsor of the research and contact information for the primary point of contact for the Institutional Sponsor;
- (4) Identification of the primary location(s) where research will be conducted;
- (5) A title and brief description of the research proposed;
- (6) For research involving cannabis and cannabis products, acknowledgement that all requisite staff hold appropriate credentials issued by the US DEA necessary for the handling, storage and researching substances identified in the proposal;
- (7) For research involving cannabis or cannabis products, affirmation that all harvested cannabis utilized for research purposes is cultivated, manufactured, stored, transferred, received and administered in accordance with Title 22, ch. 558-C;
- (8) A financial summary that includes the total cost of the project, the total amount of Grant Program funds requested, the total amount of funding from other sources requested, including the date(s) that decisions on those requests will be made and the total amount of funds from other sources already secured; and
- (9) An indication whether the proposed research is subject to approval by an institutional review board or institutional animal care and use committee.

- B. A detailed description of the organization in which the institutional sponsor and principal investigator(s) are located that includes at a minimum an organizational chart that specifies:
- (1) Where within the organization the institutional sponsor and the principal investigator are located;
 - (2) The name and title of any individual within the organization to whom the PI(s) reports; and
 - (3) Name, title, curricula vitae or résumé(s) for the PI(s) and any other key personnel that will be conducting or managing the research proposed.
- C. A detailed research plan that includes:
- (1) Research questions;
 - (2) Specific aims of the research;
 - (3) A description of any relevant background information and literature and a description of the significance of the research proposed;
 - (4) A description of the academic and scientific contribution of the proposed research to relevant discipline(s);
 - (5) A summary of existing research relevant to the research proposed and any preliminary data or information collected by the PI, if applicable;
 - (6) A detailed description of the research design, methodology and procedures to be used in the conduct of the research and an explanation of why the research was designed in the manner described; and
 - (7) As applicable, plans for obtaining IRB approval for research involving human subjects, as well as plans for verifying that any human subjects consuming medical cannabis are qualifying patients with an active, valid patient certification, and plans for obtaining from such human subjects informed consent to participate in the research described.
 - (8) As applicable, plans for obtaining IACUC approval for research involving non-human animal subjects.
 - (9) As applicable, plans for identifying and soliciting qualifying patient participants for research.
 - (10) Potential or planned deliverables including journal manuscripts, book projects, research presentations, etc.

- D. A budget prepared on forms supplied in the Request for Applications that includes:
- (1) All costs associated with the research proposed including personnel, equipment, stipends, technology, facilities and administration;
 - (a) Facilities and administrative costs shall not exceed 10% of the total Grant Program funds applied for by an applicant.
 - (2) A description of all sources of funding for the research proposed including the total amount applied-for, received, and disbursed from each source and the costs to be funded from each source as well as a detailed description of the costs to be paid from the Grant Program Funds requested. As applicable, the applicant shall include an explanation of what portions of the proposal are dependent upon specific funding sources and an explanation of whether the execution of the proposal using Grant Program funds is dependent, or partially dependent, upon the receipt of unsecured funds from other sources.
- E. Disclosure of all current and applied-for funding sources and financial interest holders related to the work of the PI and the institutional sponsor with enough detail to permit the review committee to assess whether the proposed research will be free from undue influence by funders and financial interest holders. In addition to the project-specific budget information required by paragraph D, the applicant shall disclose the source, amount, and any related conditions, restrictions or requirements applicable to funds applied-for or received by the PI, including but not limited to funds applied-for to support the research included in the application for Grant Program funds.
- 2. Scientific merit and objectivity.** Each applicant shall demonstrate the scientific merit and scientific objectivity of the proposal in their application. An applicant shall provide responses to the following questions, and as necessary the Office may specify in the Request for Applications any other metrics used to determine the scientific merit and objectivity of an application.
- A. To assess the scientific merit of the proposal, peer reviewers will evaluate the applicant's response to the following questions.
- (1) Does the proposal seek to answer a question that can be addressed through scientific research?

- (2) Does the proposed research seek to answer a question related to the efficacy of harvested cannabis as part of medical treatment or the health effects of harvested cannabis used as part of medical treatment?
 - (3) Will the research result in the expansion of the collective knowledge or understanding of the efficacy or health effects of using cannabis as part of medical treatment?
 - B. To assess the scientific objectivity of the proposal, peer reviewers will evaluate the applicant's response to the following questions.
 - (1) Is the research designed using methods to collect observable, empirical data in a manner that can be repeated by future researchers?
 - (2) Does the applicant or their institutional sponsor have a direct or indirect financial interest in the result of the proposed research?
 - (3) Does the applicant or their institutional sponsor receive funding or other material support from an entity that has a direct or indirect financial interest in the result of the proposed research?
 - (4) Does the applicant have an internal process for identification and assessment of potential conflicts of interest regarding owners, managers, staff and funders, and is it sufficient to facilitate the objectivity of the proposed research?
- 3. Project feasibility.** Each applicant shall demonstrate the feasibility of the project proposed in their application. To assess the project feasibility, peer reviewers will evaluate each application to determine:
 - A. Whether the research can be accomplished with the funding requested;
 - B. Whether the research can reasonably be completed within the timeframe proposed; and
 - C. If the staff, facilities, technology, and equipment needed to conduct the proposed research will be available to the PI(s) if the proposal is funded.
- 4. Human subjects; Institutional Review Board(s) approval required.** Each applicant conducting research involving human subjects shall detail in their application plans for review and approval of their proposed research protocol(s) by the applicable institutional review board(s) (IRB).
 - A. Determinations regarding the applicability of IRB review and approval shall be made in accordance with the Common Rule as codified in Title 45 of Code of Federal Regulations, Part 46 (2026) (45 CFR 46, available through the National Archives Code of Federal Regulations electronic CFR system at

www.ecfr.gov. Paper copies can also be obtained from the Office, 162 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333.).

- B. Successful Grant Program applicants shall provide evidence of IRB(s) approval of the applicable research protocol before Grant Program funds may be disbursed.
- C. The Office does not collect or maintain information about qualifying patients and cannot provide such information to researchers. Applicants must affirm that any research using cannabis for medical use must ensure that any human subjects are qualifying patients with an active, valid patient certification.

5. Animal subjects; Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee(s) approval required. Each applicant conducting research involving non-human animals shall detail in their application plans for review and approval of their proposed research protocol(s) by the applicable institutional animal care and use committee(s) (IACUC).

- A. Determinations regarding the applicability of IACUC review and approval shall be made in accordance with the National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (PHS Policy available online through the National Institutes of Health website at <https://grants.nih.gov/policy-and-compliance/policy-topics/animal-welfare/laws-regulations/phs-policy>).
- B. Successful Grant Program applicants shall provide evidence of IACUC(s) approval of the applicable research protocol before Grant Program funds may be disbursed.

6. Duration of research. Grant Program funds may be used to fund scientific research that is completed within two years of the date Grant Program funds are disbursed to an applicant. An applicant may request a one-year, no-cost extension of the research period prior to the expiration of the research period defined in the grant agreement.

Section 4 – Application Review

- 1. State of Maine Procurement processes apply.** The Office will use the competitive Request for Applications process to solicit applications for grants made from the Medical Cannabis Research Grant Program Funds authorized in accordance with 22 M.R.S. § 2430. A least once per biennial budget cycle, the Office will issue a Request for Applications in accordance with 18-554 C.M.R., ch. 110 and subject to appeal in accordance with 18-554 C.M.R., ch.120. Applications received will be

reviewed and scored by a review committee that includes subject matter experts identified by the Office through a Call for Peer Reviewers issued in accordance with subsection 2.

- 2. Call for Peer Reviewers.** The Office will utilize subject matter experts to assist in the review and scoring of applications received pursuant to this rule. Subject matter experts will be identified through a call for peer reviewers issued by the Office within 60 days of the date it publishes the Request for Applications pursuant to Section 3, subsection 1.

A. The Call for Peer Reviewers will include, at a minimum, the following information:

- (1) A brief description of the Grant Program and the Request for Applications;
- (2) A description of the qualifications for peer reviewers in accordance with paragraph B;
- (3) The anticipated number of applications for review;
- (4) A calendar that includes the dates and times for any key tasks to be completed by peer reviewers including:
 - (a) Training on the application review process and ethical obligations of peer reviewers;
 - (b) The application review period for individual reviewers;
 - (c) The date(s) of consensus scoring session(s) by the review committee; and
 - (d) The anticipated date award(s) will be announced;
- (5) The amount of any stipend offered to peer reviewers for their work reviewing applications; and
- (6) Information on how subject matter experts can apply to be a peer reviewer and the deadline for receipt of peer reviewer applications.

B. The Director of the Office or their designee will review all applications received from subject matter experts to select subject matter experts to serve as peer reviewers. Qualified peer reviewers will possess:

- (1) Experience applying for and obtaining grant funds to support scientific research;
- (2) Experience as a PI conducting and publishing peer reviewed scientific research;
- (3) Experience serving as a peer reviewer for scientific publications and/or other government grantmaking institutions; and
- (4) Have a terminal degree in their field of study.

- C. The Director of the Office or their designee may prioritize the selection of peer reviewers with experience conducting peer-reviewed and published research:
 - (1) Using controlled substances pursuant to a DEA research license;
 - (2) Related to cannabis or cannabinoids;
 - (3) Related to the use of alternative therapies to treat or alleviate health conditions;
 - (4) Familiarity with the specific research methodology(ies) being proposed; or
 - (5) Otherwise involving the impacts of pharmaceutical or botanical drugs on humans.
 - D. Peer reviewers may be paid a stipend for their participation as a peer reviewer. Stipends paid to peer reviewers under this paragraph may not be less than \$100 or more than \$250 per reviewer per application reviewed. Stipends may be paid from the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund.
- 3. Award based upon score, multiple awards based upon funds availability.** In accordance with 18-554 CMR, ch. 110, *Rules for the Purchase of Services and Awards*, the Office will convene a review committee to review and score applications received in response to the Office's Request for Applications.
- A. Unless otherwise specified in the Request for Applications, the review committee will assign points out of 100 through a process of consensus scoring.
 - B. Grant Program funds will be awarded to the application that receives the highest score from the review committee. If the award is less than the total amount of funds available for the purpose of making grants pursuant to this rule, Grant Program funds may be awarded to additional applicants that receive the next highest scores. In the event of equal consensus scores on two or more applications, the review committee shall give priority consideration to applications that promote the health and well-being of the people of the State of Maine in accordance with 28-B M.R.S. § 104-B.
 - C. The Office may issue grants for the full or partial amount requested in an application based upon the availability of funds and consensus scores.
 - D. Nothing in this rule or 22 M.R.S. § 2430 shall be construed to require the Office or DAFS to make Grant Program funds available to any applicant it determines is ineligible to receive such funds.

Section 5 – Appeals, Grant Agreement

1. **Appeals, State of Maine Procurement processes apply.** An aggrieved applicant may request an appeal of an award decision made by the Office in accordance with 18-554 CMR, ch. 120, *Rules for the Appeal of Contract and Grant Awards*.
2. **Grant agreement.** Following the close of the appeal period pursuant to 18-554 CMR, ch. 120, the Office will execute a grant agreement with each recipient of Grant Program funds that specifies at a minimum:
 - A. The scope of the research funded;
 - B. The amount of grant funds to be disbursed;
 - C. Reporting requirements in accordance with Section 6; and
 - D. Any restrictions on the use of the Grant Program funds disbursed.

Section 6 – Reporting

The Office will specify in the grant agreement executed in accordance with Section 5 the form, content and frequency of reporting required from each awardee. At a minimum, such reporting shall include:

1. **Quarterly finance and project report.** Reports submitted on forms required by the Office that includes a summary of Grant Program funded research activity in the preceding quarter, an accounting of all grant funds spent to date with a detailed breakdown of expenditures during the preceding quarter. Each quarterly report will include the percentage of progress towards Grant Program funded-research completion and the percentage of Grant Program funds expended to date.
 - A. The research summary shall include a summary of the work and activities completed, including any specific performance measures or outcomes identified in the research plan:
 - i. Awardees shall identify any barriers to research or challenges encountered in the execution of the research plan during the preceding quarter as well as any successes achieved in implementation of the research plan;
 - ii. Awardees shall identify any changes to the research plan included in the grant agreement and the reason for such changes; and
 - iii. Awardees shall include an indication of what portion(s) of the research plan will be executed during the next quarterly reporting period.
 - B. The accounting shall include a budget summary that details all expenditures indicated above as well as a budget narrative that explains any changes to the budget included in the grant agreement and the reason for those changes

as well as identification of any forthcoming factors that could impact the budget included in the grant agreement.

- 2. 12 month grant report.** A report submitted on forms required by the Office that details results of the first 12 months of grant funded research, identifies any challenges or delays encountered in the conduct of the grant funded research and includes an accounting of grant funds spent to date.
 - A. Awardees shall identify in the 12 month grant report whether or not a one-year, no-cost extension of the authorized research period is necessary and the reasons for such an extension.
 - B. Awardees granted a one-year, no-cost extension of the authorized research period shall be required to file an additional 12 month grant report for the extension period.
- 3. Final grant report.** A report submitted on forms required by the Office that details results of the final 12 months of grant funded research, identifies any challenges or delays encountered in the conduct of the grant funded research and includes an accounting of all grant funds spent and an explanation of any unexpended funds.
- 4. Project outcomes report.** A summary of the outcomes of the research funded with Grant Program funds that explains in plain language the findings and outcomes of the research funded, as well as recommendations for any future research. This report is intended to inform the public about the research conducted using Grant Program funds.
- 5. Research data and scientific publications available to the Office and the public.** The Office may require an awardee to provide raw data derived from the funded research for public distribution, in a format and manner consistent with human subjects confidentiality provisions.
 - A. The Office will make such data and any related scientific publications available on its website for review and use by the public and other scientific researchers.
 - B. Beginning not less than 2 years after the first Grant Program funds are disbursed, the Office may expend funds from the Grant Program or the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund to evaluate the results of research conducted using Grant Program funds and report the results of such evaluation to the public.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 22 M.R.S. § 2430(5)

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