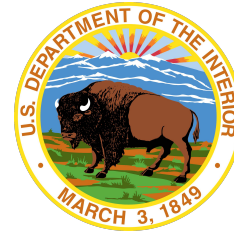


1. DATE ISSUED MM/DD/YYYY		1a. SUPERSEDES AWARD NOTICE dated	
07/16/2025		except that any additions or restrictions previously imposed remain in effect unless specifically rescinded	
2. ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBER			
15.904 - Historic Preservation Fund Grants-In-Aid			
3. ASSISTANCE TYPE Formula Grant			
4. GRANT NO. P25AF00996-00		5. TYPE OF AWARD	
Originating MCA #		Other	
4a. FAIN P25AF00996		5a. ACTION TYPE New	
6. PROJECT PERIOD MM/DD/YYYY		MM/DD/YYYY	
From 10/01/2024		Through 09/30/2027	
7. BUDGET PERIOD MM/DD/YYYY		MM/DD/YYYY	
From 10/01/2024		Through 09/30/2027	
8. TITLE OF PROJECT (OR PROGRAM)			

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AUTHORIZATION (Legislation/Regulations)
54 USC §302902 Grants to States (Historic Preservation Fund)

8. TITLE OF PROJECT (OR PROGRAM)	
As the State Historic Preservation Office to out the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 in Maine.	
9a. GRANTEE NAME AND ADDRESS	9b. GRANTEE PROJECT DIRECTOR
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MAINE 55 Capitol St Augusta, ME, 04330-6807	KIRK MOHNEY 55 Capitol Street Augusta, ME, 04333-0065 Phone: 2072873811
10a. GRANTEE AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL	10b. FEDERAL PROJECT OFFICER
KIRK MOHNEY 55 CAPITOL ST AUGUSTA, ME, 04330-6807 Phone: 2072873811	Ms. Madeline Konz 1849 C Street, NW Mail Stop 7360 WASHINGTON, DC, 20240-1000 Phone: 2023542064

ALL AMOUNTS ARE SHOWN IN USD

11. APPROVED BUDGET (Excludes Direct Assistance)		12. AWARD COMPUTATION	
I Financial Assistance from the Federal Awarding Agency Only		a. Amount of Federal Financial Assistance (from item 11m) \$ 877,873.00	
II Total project costs including grant funds and all other financial participation		b. Less Unobligated Balance From Prior Budget Periods \$ 0.00	
		c. Less Cumulative Prior Award(s) This Budget Period \$ 0.00	
		d. AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THIS ACTION \$ 877,873.00	
		13. Total Federal Funds Awarded to Date for Project Period \$ 877,873.00	
		14. RECOMMENDED FUTURE SUPPORT	
		(Subject to the availability of funds and satisfactory progress of the project):	
		YEAR TOTAL DIRECT COSTS YEAR TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	
		a. 2 \$ d. 5 \$	
		b. 3 \$ e. 6 \$	
		c. 4 \$ f. 7 \$	
		15. PROGRAM INCOME SHALL BE USED IN ACCORD WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES:	
		a. DEDUCTION	
		b. ADDITIONAL COSTS	
		c. MATCHING	
		d. OTHER RESEARCH (Add / Deduct Option)	
		e. OTHER (See REMARKS)	
		b	
		16. THIS AWARD IS BASED ON AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO, AND AS APPROVED BY, THE FEDERAL AWARDING AGENCY ON THE ABOVE TITLED PROJECT AND IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCORPORATED EITHER DIRECTLY OR BY REFERENCE IN THE FOLLOWING:	
		a. The grant program legislation	
		b. The grant program regulations.	
		c. This award notice including terms and conditions, if any, noted below under REMARKS.	
		d. Federal administrative requirements, cost principles and audit requirements applicable to this grant.	
		In the event there are conflicting or otherwise inconsistent policies applicable to the grant, the above order of precedence shall prevail. Acceptance of the grant terms and conditions is acknowledged by the grantee when funds are drawn or otherwise obtained from the grant payment system.	

REMARKS (Other Terms and Conditions Attached - ☒ Yes ☐ No)

GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL:

Megan Brown, Chief - State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants
1849 C Street NW
7360
Washington, DC, 20240-1000
Phone: 202 354 2062

17. VENDOR CODE			0071314738		18a. UEI E2E7F7B2A3P8		18b. DUNS 161952965		19. CONG. DIST.		02	
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Federal Financial Report Cycle			
Reporting Period Start Date	Reporting Period End Date	Reporting Type	Reporting Period Due Date
10/01/2024	09/30/2025	Annual	12/29/2025
10/01/2025	09/30/2026	Annual	12/29/2026
10/01/2026	09/30/2027	Final	01/28/2028

Performance Progress Report Cycle			
Reporting Period Start Date	Reporting Period End Date	Reporting Type	Reporting Period Due Date
10/01/2024	09/30/2025	Annual	12/29/2025
10/01/2025	09/30/2026	Annual	12/29/2026
10/01/2026	09/30/2027	Final	01/28/2028

REMARKS

1. **Grant Agreement**
- between**
- the United States Department of the Interior**
- National Park Service**
- and**
- the Above-Named Grantee (Recipient)**

Articles

1. Legal Authority

NPS enters into this Agreement pursuant to:

1. 54 USC §302907 - Grants to Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations
2. Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 enacted as Public Law 119-4
3. 54 USC §3001 *et seq.* (National Historic Preservation Act)

2. Legal Authority

NPS enters into this Agreement pursuant to:

1. 54 USC §302908 – Grants to the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau
2. Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 enacted as Public Law 118-83
3. Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 enacted as Public Law 119-4
4. 54 USC §3001 *et seq.* (National Historic Preservation Act)

3. Performance Goals and Project Objectives

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The objective of this Agreement is to provide Historic Preservation Funding (HPF) to State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs) for the protection and conservation of State, territorial, and local cultural and historic assets and to assist them in executing their historic preservation programs and activities pursuant to 54 U.S.C. 300101 *et seq.* (commonly known as the National Historic Preservation Act).

4. Public Purpose

Annual Historic Preservation Fund grants to the 59 State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPO) support the Federal Preservation Partnership program by enabling the SHPOs to implement and fulfill the program areas outlined in the National Historic Preservation Act in accordance with their NPS approved State Historic Preservation Plans.

5. Statement of Work

The Statement of Work to be performed in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation* includes:

1. Work agreed upon by the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the NPS as stated in the State's annual application for Historic Preservation Fund grant assistance, and
2. Determined eligible as stated in the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 54 USC 300101 *et seq.*, and in the *Historic Preservation Fund Grant Manual*.

6. Responsibilities of the Parties

1. The Recipient agrees to:
 1. The Recipient shall carry out the Statement of Work in accordance with the terms and conditions stated herein. The recipient shall adhere to Federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and codes, as applicable.
 2. Perform work in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation* in the assigned mandatory program areas as defined by the National Historic Preservation Act.
 3. Notify NPS of all selected subawards/subgrants, contracts, and in-house projects via HPF Online.
 4. Ensure subrecipients understand they are subject to the requirements of 2 CFR 200.1 "Subaward", 200.101 Applicability, and 200.331 Requirements for pass-through entities. Recipients that issue subawards/subgrants are responsible for ensuring subaward/subgrant compliance with the requirements of 2 CFR 200. The Recipient must provide a list of selected subawardees/subgrantees and associated budgets to the NPS for review prior to making subawards/subgrants.
 5. Record their procurement of qualified consultants and contracts in accordance with 2 CFR 200.317. This documentation must be submitted upon request to NPS.
2. Substantial involvement is defined as significant NPS participation prior to and during the performance of a financial assistance agreement. For grants, substantial involvement is neither expected nor required. No substantial involvement on the part of the NPS is anticipated for the successful completion of the statement of work detailed in this award. It is anticipated that involvement will be limited to actions related to monitoring project performance and technical assistance at the request of the recipient.

7. Cost-Share Requirement

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Non-Federal cost-share is required for costs incurred under this Agreement if identified in block 11n of the Notice of Award. If pre-award costs are authorized, reimbursement of these costs is limited to Federal cost share percentage identified in this agreement.

8. Pre-Award Incurrence of Costs

The Recipient is authorized to incur pre-award costs on or after October 1, 2024. Pre-award costs must be allowable, allocable, and reasonable under the terms and conditions of this Agreement and in accordance with the approved project budget. These costs must be charged to the initial budget period of the award as either Federal reimbursement or Non-Federal cost-share (in accordance with the cost-share ratio).

9. Award and Payment

1. The NPS will provide funding to the Recipient in an amount not to exceed the figure in block 11m of the Notice of Award for the Statement of Work described in Article VI and in accordance with the NPS approved budget. The approved budget detail is incorporated herein. Any award beyond the current fiscal year is subject to availability of funds. Acceptance of a Federal financial assistance award from the Department of the Interior carries with it the responsibility to be aware of, and comply with the terms and conditions within this award document. Acceptance is defined as the start of work, drawing down funds, or accepting the award via electronic means.
2. Recipient shall request payment as applicable in accordance with the following:
 1. **Method of Payment.** Payment will be made by advance and/or reimbursement through the Department of Treasury's Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) system.
 2. **Requesting Advances.** Requests for advances must be submitted via the ASAP system. Requests may be submitted as frequently as required to meet the needs of the Financial Assistance (FA) Recipient to disburse funds for the Federal share of project costs. If feasible, each request should be timed so that payment is received on the same day that the funds are dispersed for direct project costs and/or the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs. If same-day transfers are not feasible, advance payments must be as close to actual disbursements as administratively feasible.
 3. **Requesting Reimbursement.** Requests for reimbursements must be submitted via the ASAP system. Requests for reimbursement should coincide with normal billing patterns. Each request must be limited to the amount of disbursements made for the Federal share of direct project costs and the proportionate share of allowable indirect costs incurred during that billing period.
 4. **Adjusting Payment Requests for Available Cash.** Funds that are available from repayments to, and interest earned on, a revolving fund, program income, rebates, refunds, contract settlements, audit recoveries, credits, discounts, and interest earned on any of those funds must be disbursed before requesting additional cash payments.
 5. **Bank Accounts.** All payments are made through electronic funds transfer to the bank account identified in the ASAP system by the FA Recipient.
 6. **Supporting Documents and Agency Approval of Payments.** Additional supporting documentation and prior NPS approval of payments may be required when/if a FA Recipient is determined to be "high risk" or has performance issues. If prior Agency payment approval is in effect for an award, the ASAP system will notify the FA Recipient when they submit a

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request for payment. The Recipient must then notify the NPS AO that a payment request has been submitted. The NPS AO may request additional information from the Recipient to support the payment request prior to approving the release of funds, as deemed necessary. The FA Recipient is required to comply with these requests. Supporting documents may include invoices, copies of contracts, vendor quotes, and other expenditure explanations that justify the reimbursement requests.

3. Any award beyond the current fiscal year is subject to availability of funds; funds may be provided in subsequent fiscal years if project work is satisfactory and funding is available.
4. Expenses charged against awards under the Agreement may not be incurred prior to the beginning of the Start Date of the Agreement, and may be incurred only as necessary to carry out the approved objectives, scope of work and budget with prior approval from the NPS AO. The Recipient shall not incur costs or obligate funds for any purpose pertaining to the operation of the project, program, or activities beyond the expiration date stipulated in the award.
5. Any non-Federal share, whether in cash or in-kind, is expected to be paid out at the same general rate as the Federal share. Exceptions to this requirement may be granted by the AO based on sufficient documentation demonstrating previously determined plans for or later commitment of cash or in-kind contributions. In any case, the Recipient must meet their cost share commitment over the life of the award.

10. Reports and/or Outputs/Outcomes

1. Refer to the second page of the Notice of Award document for Federal Financial reporting frequency and due dates. Performance reports are also required at the same reporting frequency and due dates as the FFR. Reports must be submitted through the GrantSolutions "Manage Reports" functionality.
2. A final Performance Report and a final Federal Financial Report will be due 120 days after the end-date of the Term of Agreement. If the recipient does not submit the final report before the required due date, NPS is required to submit a finding of non-compliance to the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS). Each report shall be submitted as described above.
3. The Secretary of the Interior and the Comptroller General of the United States, or their duly authorized representatives, will have access, for the purpose of financial or programmatic review and examination, to any books, documents, papers, and records that are pertinent to the Agreement at all reasonable times during the period of retention in accordance with 2 CFR 200.334.
4. Specific projects, tasks, or activities for which funds are reimbursed and/or advanced will be tracked and reported by the grantee's submission of:
 1. An annual report package reflecting the first year of the period of performance (page 2, Report Cycle table, row 1) including:
 1. Updated HPF Online
 2. Annual SF-425, *Federal Financial Report*
 3. SF-428A, *Tangible Personal Property Report* (only if NPS-approved equipment purchased)
 2. An annual report package reflecting the second year of the period of performance (page

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2, Report Cycle table, row 2) including:

1. Updated HPF Online
2. Signed Carry Over Statement
3. Annual SF-425, *Federal Financial Report*
4. SF-428A, *Tangible Personal Property Report* (only if NPS-approved equipment purchased)

3. Final report package reflecting the full period of performance of this award (page 2, Report Cycle table, row 3) including:

1. Completed HPF Online
2. SF-425, *Federal Financial Report*
3. SF-428B, *Tangible Personal Property Report* (only if NPS-approved equipment purchased)
4. Copies of all indirect cost rate agreements, if any, applied against this grant
5. Grant products, submitted digitally

11. Determination of Risk

In accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.205, the application for this award was subjected to a pre-award risk assessment which included a review of information contained within the application, past audits, responsibility and qualification data from SAM.gov, and/or past performance on previous Federal financial assistance awards and other factors.

This award has been determined to be a low risk with the following requirements:

1. Reports are due on an annual basis (see Article IX). Failure to submit timely reports may result in a determination of medium or high risk and be subject to additional grant terms and conditions.
2. Requests for payment may be made directly from the ASAP grant account without prior NPS approval after expenses have been incurred, invoiced, and paid. All documentation of expenses must be kept on file for audit purposes and may be requested by the NPS at any time. If payments are drawn down prior to invoice and payment or in amounts larger than costs incurred, the Recipient may be determined medium or high risk and be subject to additional grant terms and conditions.

12. Award Specific Terms & Conditions

Terms and conditions specific to this award are defined in the Program Specific Requirements section of this agreement.

13. Standard Terms and Conditions

1. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS, 2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 1402

Recipients must comply with all applicable federal statutes, regulations, executive orders (EOs), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circulars. Any inconsistency or conflict in Standard Terms and Conditions, Program-Specific Terms and Conditions, and any Special Award Conditions of this Award will be resolved according to the following order of precedence: federal laws, Executive Orders, federal regulations, applicable notices published in the Federal Register, OMB circulars, Standard Terms and Conditions, Program-Specific Terms and Conditions, and any Special Award Conditions.

DOI terms and regulatory requirements located at:

- <https://www.doi.gov/grants/doi-standard-terms-and-conditions>

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- eCFR :: 2 CFR Part 200 -- Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards
- eCFR :: 2 CFR Part 1402 -- Financial Assistance Interior Regulation, Supplementing the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards

2. APPROVED INDIRECT RATE

Indirect costs must be charged consistently in accordance with the approved project budget, which is incorporated into this award as an attachment. If the recipient has a Federally approved indirect rate, it is the responsibility of the Recipient to work with their cognizant agency in a timely manner to avoid the expiration of the Federally negotiated rate. If the Recipient has never had a Federally approved negotiated indirect rate, they may utilize a 15% de minimis rate per 2 CFR 200.414.

3. RESERVED

4. KEY OFFICIALS

A. Communications - The recipient shall address any communication regarding this Agreement to the ATR/Program Officer with a copy to the Awarding/Grants Management Officer. Communications that relate solely to technical matters may be sent only to the ATR/Program Officer.

B. Changes in Key Officials - Recipient may not make any permanent change in a key official without written notice to the other party reasonably in advance of the proposed change. The notice will include a justification with sufficient detail to permit evaluation of the impact of such a change on the scope of work specified within this Agreement. Any permanent change in key officials will be made only by Agency Approval.

5. PRIOR APPROVAL

The Recipient shall obtain prior approval for budget and program revisions, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.308.

6. PROPERTY UTILIZATION

All tools, equipment, and facilities furnished by NPS will be on a loan basis. Tools, equipment and facilities will be returned in the same condition received except for normal wear and tear in project use. Property management standards set forth in 2 CFR 200.310 through 200.316 apply to this Agreement. All provided items must be consistently tracked and accounted for by the recipient and NPS both when provided to the recipient and upon return.

7. MODIFICATION, REMEDIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE, TERMINATION

A. This Agreement may be modified at any time, prior to the expiration date, only by agreement executed by both parties. Modifications will be in writing and approved by the NPS Awarding Officer and the authorized representative of Recipient.

B. Additional conditions may be imposed by NPS if it is determined that the Recipient is non-compliant to the terms and conditions of this agreement. Remedies for Noncompliance can be found in 2 CFR 200.339.

C. This Agreement may be terminated consistent with applicable termination provisions for Agreements found in 2 CFR 200.340 through 200.343.

8. REPORTING OF MATTERS RELATED TO RECIPIENT INTEGRITY AND PERFORMANCE

A. General Reporting Requirements.

If the total value of your currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all Federal awarding

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agencies exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this Federal award, then you, as the recipient, during that period of time must maintain the currency of information reported to the System for Award Management (SAM) that is made available in the designated integrity and performance system (currently the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)) about civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings described in paragraph 2 of this award term and condition. This is a statutory requirement under section 872 of Public Law 110-417, as amended (41 U.S.C. 2313). As required by section 3010 of Public Law 111-212, all information posted in the designated integrity and performance system on or after April 15, 2011, except past performance reviews required for Federal procurement contracts, will be publicly available.

B. Proceedings You Must Report

i. Submit the information required about each proceeding that:

ii. Is in connection with the award or performance of a grant, cooperative agreement, or procurement contract from the Federal Government.

iii. Reached its final disposition during the most recent five-year period; and

iv. Is one of the following:

a) A criminal proceeding that resulted in a conviction, as defined in paragraph 5 of this award term and condition; or

b) A civil proceeding that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and payment of a monetary fine, penalty, reimbursement, restitution, or damages of \$5,000 or more; or

c) An administrative proceeding, as defined in paragraph 5 of this award term and condition, that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and payment of either a monetary fine or penalty of \$5,000 or more; or reimbursement, restitution, or damages in excess of \$100,000; or

d) Any other criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding if:

1. It could have led to an outcome described the award term and conditions.

2. It had a different disposition arrived at by consent or compromise with an acknowledgment of fault on your part; and

3. The requirement in this award term and condition to disclose information about the proceeding does not conflict with applicable laws and regulations.

C. Reporting Procedures

Enter in the SAM Entity Management area the information that SAM requires about each proceeding described in the award terms and conditions. You do not need to submit the information a second time under assistance awards that you received if you already provided the information through SAM because you were required to do so under Federal procurement contracts that you were awarded.

D. Reporting Frequency

During any period of time when you are subject to the requirement in paragraph 1 of this award term and condition, you must report proceedings information through SAM for the most recent five-year period, either to report new information about any proceeding(s) that you have not reported previously or affirm that there is no new information to report. Recipients that have Federal contract, grant, and cooperative agreement awards with a cumulative total value greater than \$10,000,000 must disclose semiannually any information about the criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings.

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E. Definitions

i. For purposes of this award term and condition:

a) Administrative proceeding means a non-judicial process that is adjudicatory in nature in order to make a determination of fault or liability (e.g., Securities and Exchange Commission Administrative proceedings, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals proceedings, and Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals proceedings). This includes proceedings at the Federal and State level but only in connection with performance of a Federal contract or grant. It does not include audits, site visits, corrective plans, or inspection of deliverables.

b) Conviction means a judgment or conviction of a criminal offense by any court of competent jurisdiction, whether entered upon a verdict or a plea, and includes a conviction entered upon a plea of nolo contendere.

c) Total value of currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts includes—

1. Only the Federal share of the funding under any Federal award with a recipient cost share or match; and

2. The value of all expected funding increments under a Federal award and options, even if not yet exercised.

9. FUNDING USED FOR THE PURCHASE AND OPERATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (UAS)

If Federal funding is provided to a State, local, tribal, or territorial government for the purchase or use of UAS for their operations, the recipient must have in place policies and procedures to safeguard individuals' privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties prior to expending such funds.

Per National Park Service Director Policy Memorandum 14-05, dated June 19, 2014, the launching, landing, and operating of unmanned aircraft, that is not under the control of the Federal government, on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service is prohibited unless approval is received from the Associate Director for such purposes as:

Scientific study, search and rescue operations, fire operations, and law enforcement. Administrative use includes the use of unmanned aircraft by:

(i) NPS personnel as operators or crew;

(ii) cooperators such as government agencies and universities that conduct unmanned aircraft operations for the NPS pursuant to a written agreement; and

(iii) other entities, including commercial entities, conducting unmanned aircraft operations for the NPS, provided such entities are in compliance with all applicable FAA and Department of the Interior requirements.

10. PATENTS AND INVENTIONS (37 CFR 401)

Recipients of agreements which support experimental, developmental, or research work shall be subject to applicable regulations governing patents and inventions, including the government-wide regulations issued by the Department of Commerce at 37 CFR 401, Rights to Inventions Made by Non-profit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements. These regulations do not apply to any agreement made primarily for educational purposes.

In accordance with 37 CFR 401.3(a), the provision at 37 CFR 401.14(a), with authorized modifications for the National Park Service, is hereby included in this agreement:

(a) Definitions

(1) Invention means any invention or discovery which is or may be patentable or otherwise protectable under Title 35 of the

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United States Code, or any novel variety of plant which is or may be protected under the Plant Variety Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 2321 et seq.).

(2) Subject invention means any invention of the recipient conceived or first actually reduced to practice in the performance of work under this agreement, provided that in the case of a variety of plant, the date of determination (as defined in section 41(d) of the Plant Variety Protection Act, 7 U.S.C. 2401(d)) must also occur during the period of agreement performance.

(3) Practical Application means to manufacture in the case of a composition or product, to practice in the case of a process or method, or to operate in the case of a machine or system; and, in each case, under such conditions as to establish that the invention is being utilized and that its benefits are, to the extent permitted by law or government regulations, available to the public on reasonable terms.

(4) Made when used in relation to any invention means the conception or first actual reduction to practice of such invention.

(5) Small Business Firm means a small business concern as defined at section 2 of Public Law. 85-536 (15 U.S.C. 632) and implementing regulations of the Administrator of the Small Business Administration. For the purpose of this provision, the size standards for small business concerns involved in government procurement and subcontracting at 13 CFR 121.3-8 and 13 CFR 121.3-12, respectively, will be used.

(6) Nonprofit Organization means a university or other institution of higher education, or an organization of the type described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C. 501(c) and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (25 U.S.C. 501(a)) or any nonprofit scientific or educational organization qualified under a state nonprofit organization statute.

(b) Allocation of Principal Rights.

The Recipient may retain the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world to each subject invention subject to this provision and 35 U.S.C. 203. With respect to any subject invention in which the Recipient retains title, the Federal government shall have a nonexclusive, nontransferable, irrevocable, paid-up license to practice or have practiced for or on behalf of the United States the subject invention throughout the world.

(c) Invention Disclosure, Election of Title and Filing of Patent Application by Recipient

(1) The Recipient will disclose each subject invention to the National Park Service within two months after the inventor discloses it in writing to Recipient personnel responsible for patent matters. The disclosure to the National Park Service shall be in the form of a written report and shall identify the agreement under which the invention was made and the inventor(s). It shall be sufficiently complete in technical detail to convey a clear understanding to the extent known at the time of the disclosure, of the nature, purpose, operation, and the physical, chemical, biological or electrical characteristics of the invention. The disclosure shall also identify any publication, on sale or public use of the invention and whether a manuscript describing the invention has been submitted for publication and, if so, whether it has been accepted for publication at the time of disclosure. In addition, after disclosure to the National Park Service, the Recipient will promptly notify the National Park Service of the acceptance of any manuscript describing the invention for publication or of any on sale or public use planned by the Recipient.

(2) The Recipient will elect in writing whether or not to retain title to any such invention by notifying the National Park Service within two years of disclosure to the National Park Service. However, in any case where publication, on sale or public use has initiated the one-year statutory period wherein valid patent protection can still be obtained in the United States, the period for election of title may be shortened by the National Park Service to a date that is no more than 60 days prior to the end of the statutory period.

(3) The Recipient will file its initial patent application on a subject invention to which it elects to retain title within one year after election of title or, if earlier, prior to the end of any statutory period wherein valid patent protection can be obtained in the United States after a publication, on sale, or public use. The Recipient will file patent applications in additional countries or international

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patent offices within either ten months of the corresponding initial patent application or six months from the date permission is granted by the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to file foreign patent applications where such filing has been prohibited by a Secrecy Order.

(4) Requests for extension of the time for disclosure, election, and filing under subparagraphs (1), (2), and (3) may, at the discretion of the National Park Service, be granted.

(d) Conditions When the Government May Obtain Title.

The Recipient will convey to the National Park Service, upon written request, title to any subject inventions

(1) If the Recipient fails to disclose or elect title to the subject invention within the times specified in (c), above, or elects not to retain title; provided that the National Park Service may only request title within 60 days after learning of the failure of the Recipient to disclose or elect within the specified times.

(2) In those countries in which the Recipient fails to file patent applications within the times specified in (c) above; provided, however, that if the Recipient has filed a patent application in a country after the times specified in (c) above, but prior to its receipt of the written request of the National Park Service, the Recipient shall continue to retain title in that country.

(3) In any country in which the Recipient decides not to continue the prosecution of any application for, to pay the maintenance fees on, or defend in reexamination or opposition proceeding on, a patent on a subject invention.

(e) Minimum Rights to Recipient and Protection of the Recipient Right to File

(1) The Recipient will retain a nonexclusive royalty-free license throughout the world in each subject invention to which the Government obtains title, except if the Recipient fails to disclose the invention within the times specified in (c), above. The Recipient's license extends to its domestic subsidiary and affiliates, if any, within the corporate structure of which the Recipient is a party and includes the right to grant sublicenses of the same scope to the extent the Recipient was legally obligated to do so at the time the agreement was awarded. The license is transferable only with the approval of the National Park Service except when transferred to the successor of that party of the Recipient's business to which the invention pertains.

(2) The Recipient's domestic license may be revoked or modified by the National Park Service to the extent necessary to achieve expeditious practical application of the subject invention pursuant to an application for an exclusive license submitted in accordance with applicable provisions at 37 CFR part 404 and the National Park Service licensing regulations (if any). This license will not be revoked in that field of use or the geographical areas in which the Recipient has achieved practical application and continues to make the benefits of the invention reasonably accessible to the public. The license in any foreign country may be revoked or modified at the discretion of the National Park Service to the extent the Recipient, its licensees, or the domestic subsidiaries or affiliates have failed to achieve practical application in that foreign country.

(3) Before revocation or modification of the license, the National Park Service will furnish the Recipient a written notice of its intention to revoke or modify the license, and the Recipient will be allowed thirty days (or such other time as may be authorized by the National Park Service for good cause shown by the Recipient) after the notice to show cause why the license should not be revoked or modified. The Recipient has the right to appeal, in accordance with applicable regulations in 37 CFR part 404 and National Park Service regulations (if any) concerning the licensing of Government-owned inventions, any decision concerning the revocation or modification of the license.

(f) Recipient Action to Protect the Government's Interest

(1) The Recipient agrees to execute or to have executed and promptly deliver to the National Park Service all instruments necessary to (i) establish or confirm the rights the Government has throughout the world in those subject inventions to which the Recipient elects to retain title, and(ii) convey title to the National Park Service when requested under paragraph (d) above and to

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enable the government to obtain patent protection throughout the world in that subject invention.

(2) The Recipient agrees to require, by written agreement, its employees, other than clerical and non-technical employees, to disclose promptly in writing to personnel identified as responsible for the administration of patent matters and in a format suggested by the Recipient each subject invention made under agreement in order that the Recipient can comply with the disclosure provisions of paragraph (c), above, and to execute all papers necessary to file patent applications on subject inventions and to establish the government's rights in the subject inventions. This disclosure format should require, as a minimum, the information required by (c)(1), above. The Recipient shall instruct such employees through employee agreements or other suitable educational programs on the importance of reporting inventions in sufficient time to permit the filing of patent applications prior to U.S. or foreign statutory bars.

(3) The Recipient will notify the National Park Service of any decisions not to continue the prosecution of a patent application, pay maintenance fees, or defend in a reexamination or opposition proceeding on a patent, in any country, not less than thirty days before the expiration of the response period required by the relevant patent office.

(4) The Recipient agrees to include, within the specification of any United States patent applications and any patent issuing thereon covering a subject invention, the following statement, "This invention was made with government support under (identify the agreement) awarded by (identify the Federal agency). The government has certain rights in the invention."

(g) Subcontracts. The Recipient will include this provision, suitably modified to identify the parties, in all sub-agreements or subcontracts, regardless of tier, for experimental, developmental or research work. The sub-recipient or subcontractor will retain all rights provided for the Recipient in this provision, and the Recipient will not, as part of the consideration for awarding the sub-agreement or subcontract, obtain rights in the sub-recipient's or subcontractor's subject inventions.

(h) Reporting on Utilization of Subject Inventions. The Recipient agrees to submit on request periodic reports no more frequently than annually on the utilization of a subject invention or on efforts at obtaining such utilization that are being made by the Recipient or its licensees or assignees. Such reports shall include information regarding the status of development, date of first commercial sale or use, gross royalties received by the Recipient, and such other data and information as the National Park Service may reasonably specify. The Recipient also agrees to provide additional reports as may be requested by the National Park Service in connection with any march-in proceeding undertaken by the National Park Service in accordance with paragraph (j) of this provision. As required by 35 U.S.C. 202(c)(5), the National Park Service agrees it will not disclose such information to persons outside the government without permission of the Recipient.

(i) Preference for United States Industry. Notwithstanding any other part of this provision, the Recipient agrees that neither it nor any assignee will grant to any person the exclusive right to use or sell any subject inventions in the United States unless such person agrees that any products embodying the subject invention or produced through the use of the subject invention will be manufactured substantially in the United States. However, in individual cases, the requirement for such an agreement may be waived by the National Park Service upon a showing by the Recipient or its assignee that reasonable but unsuccessful efforts have been made to grant licenses on similar terms to potential licensees that would be likely to manufacture substantially in the United States or that under the circumstances domestic manufacture is not commercially feasible.

(j) March-in Rights. The Recipient agrees that with respect to any subject invention in which it has acquired title, the National Park Service has the right in accordance with the procedures in 37 CFR 401.6 and any supplemental regulations of the National Park Service to require the Recipient, an assignee or exclusive licensee of a subject invention to grant a nonexclusive, partially exclusive, or exclusive license in any field of use to a responsible applicant or applicants, upon terms that are reasonable under the circumstances, and if the Recipient, assignee, or exclusive licensee refuses such a request the National Park Service has the right to grant such a license itself if the National Park Service determines that:

(1) Such action is necessary because the Recipient or assignee has not taken or is not expected to take within a reasonable time, effective steps to achieve practical application of the subject invention in such field of use.

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(2) Such action is necessary to alleviate health or safety needs, which are not reasonably satisfied by the Recipient, assignee, or their licensees.

(3) Such action is necessary to meet requirements for public use specified by Federal regulations and such requirements are not reasonably satisfied by the Recipient, assignee, or licensees; or

(4) Such action is necessary because the agreement required by paragraph (i) of this provision has not been obtained or waived or because a licensee of the exclusive right to use or sell any subject invention in the United States is in breach of such agreement.

(k) Special Provisions for Agreements with Nonprofit Organizations.

If the Recipient is a nonprofit organization, it agrees that:

(1) Rights to a subject invention in the United States may not be assigned without the approval of the National Park Service, except where such assignment is made to an organization which has as one of its primary functions the management of inventions, provided that such assignee will be subject to the same provisions as the Recipient;

(2) The Recipient will share royalties collected on a subject invention with the inventor, including Federal employee co-inventors (when the National Park Service deems it appropriate) when the subject invention is assigned in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 202(e) and 37 CFR 401.10;

(3) The balance of any royalties or income earned by the Recipient with respect to subject inventions, after payment of expenses (including payments to inventors) incidental to the administration of subject inventions, will be utilized for the support of scientific research or education; and

(4) It will make efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to attract licensees of subject invention that are small business firms and that it will give a preference to a small business firm when licensing a subject invention if the Recipient determines that the small business firm has a plan or proposal for marketing the invention which, if executed, is equally as likely to bring the invention to practical application as any plans or proposals from applicants that are not small business firms; provided, that the Recipient is also satisfied that the small business firm has the capability and resources to carry out its plan or proposal. The decision whether to give a preference in any specific case will be at the discretion of the Recipient. However, the Recipient agrees that the National Park Service may review the Recipient's licensing program and decisions regarding small business applicants, and the Recipient will negotiate changes to its licensing policies, procedures, or practices with the National Park Service when this review discloses that the Recipient could take reasonable steps to implement more effectively the requirements of this paragraph (k)(4).

(l) Communication. Communications regarding matters relating to this provision shall be directed to the Deputy Associate Solicitor, Branch of Procurements and Patents, Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

11. ENSURING THE FUTURE IS MADE IN ALL OF AMERICA BY ALL OF AMERICA'S WORKERS PER E.O. 14005 (dated January 25, 2021)

Per Executive Order 14005, entitled "Ensuring the Future Is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers" the Recipient shall maximize the use of goods, products, and materials produced in, and services offered in, the United States, and whenever possible, procure goods, products, materials, and services from sources that will help American businesses compete in strategic industries and help America's workers thrive.

12. SECTION 508 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 (29 U.S.C. §794 (d))

While the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794d), do not apply to financial assistance agreements, the NPS is subject to the Act's requirements that all documents posted on an NPS or NPS-hosted website

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comply with the accessibility standards of the Act. Accordingly, final deliverable reports prepared under this agreement and submitted in electronic format must be submitted in a format whereby NPS can easily meet the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. NOTE: Progress Reports and financial reports are not considered final deliverables and therefore the following requirements do not apply.

All electronic documents prepared under this Agreement must meet the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The Act requires that all electronic products prepared for the Federal Government be accessible to persons with disabilities, including those with vision, hearing, cognitive, and mobility impairments. View Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, Standards and Guidelines for detailed information.

The following summarizes some of the requirements for preparing NPS reports in conformance with Section 508 for eventual posting by NPS to an NPS-sponsored website. For specific detailed guidance and checklists for creating accessible digital content, please go to [Section 508.gov](http://Section508.gov), Create Accessible Digital Products. All accessible digital content must conform to the requirements and techniques of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 or later, Level AA Success Criteria.

a. Electronic documents with images

Provide a text equivalent for every non-text element (including photographs, charts and equations) in all publications prepared in electronic format. Use descriptions such as "alt" and "longdesc" for all non-text images or place them in element content. For all documents prepared, vendors must prepare one standard HTML format as described in this statement of work AND one text format that includes descriptions for all non-text images. "Text equivalent" means text sufficient to reasonably describe the image. Images that are merely decorative require only a very brief "text equivalent" description. However, images that convey information that is important to the content of the report require text sufficient to reasonably describe that image and its purpose within the context of the report.

b. Electronic documents with complex charts or data tables

When preparing tables that are heavily designed, prepare adequate alternate information so that assistive technologies can read them out. Identify row and column headers for data tables. Provide the information in a non-linear form. Markups will be used to associate data cells and header cells for data tables that have two or more logical levels of row and column headers.

c. Electronic documents with forms

When electronic forms are designed to be completed on-line, the form will allow people using assistive technology to access the information, field elements, and functionality required for completion and submission of the form, including all directions and cues.

13. ANTI-DEFICIENCY ACT

Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. §1341 nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as binding the NPS to expend in any one fiscal year any sum in excess of appropriations made by Congress, for the purposes of this Agreement for that fiscal year, or other obligation for the further expenditure of money in excess of such appropriations.

14. ASSIGNMENT

No part of this Agreement shall be assigned to any other party without prior written approval of the NPS and the Assignee.

15. MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Pursuant to 41 U.S.C. § 22, no Member of Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of any contract or agreement made, entered into, or adopted by or on behalf of the United States, or to any benefit to arise thereupon.

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16. AGENCY

The Recipient is not an agent or representative of the United States, the Department of the Interior, NPS, or the Park, nor will the Recipient represent itself as such to third parties. NPS employees are not agents of the Recipient and will not act on behalf of the Recipient.

17. NON-EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT

This Agreement in no way restricts the Recipient or NPS from entering into similar agreements, or participating in similar activities or arrangements, with other public or private agencies, organizations, or individuals.

18. PARTIAL INVALIDITY

If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any party or circumstance shall, to any extent, be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement or the application of such provision to the parties or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby and each provision of this Agreement shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

19. NO EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP

This Agreement is not intended to and shall not be construed to create an employment relationship between NPS and Recipient or its representatives. No representative of Recipient shall perform any function or make any decision properly reserved by law or policy to the Federal government.

20. NO THIRD-PARTY RIGHTS

This Agreement creates enforceable obligations between only NPS and Recipient. Except as expressly provided herein, it is not intended, nor shall it be construed to create any right of enforcement by or any duties or obligation in favor of persons or entities not a party to this Agreement.

21. PROGRAM INCOME

If the Recipient earns program income, as defined in 2 CFR §200.1, during the period of performance of this agreement, to the extent available the Recipient must disburse funds available from program income, and interest earned on such funds, before requesting additional cash payments (2 CFR §200.305 (5)). As allowed under 2 CFR §200.307, program income may be added to the Federal award by the Federal agency and the non-Federal entity. The program income must be used for the purposes, and under the conditions of, the Federal award. Disposition of program income remaining after the end of the period of performance shall be negotiated as part of the agreement closeout process.

22. RIGHTS IN DATA

The Recipient must grant the United States of America a royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to publish, reproduce and use, and dispose of in any manner and for any purpose without limitation, and to authorize or ratify publication, reproduction or use by others, of all copyrightable material first produced or composed under this Agreement by the Recipient, its employees or any individual or concern specifically employed or assigned to originate and prepare such material.

23. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

(a) Applicability.

1. This section intends to ensure that non-Federal entities and their employees take appropriate steps to avoid conflicts of interest in their responsibilities under or with respect to Federal financial assistance agreements.

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2. In the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction, and services by recipients and by subrecipients, the conflict-of-interest provisions in 2 CFR 200.318 apply.

(b) Requirements.

1. Non-Federal entities must avoid prohibited conflicts of interest, including any significant financial interests that could cause a reasonable person to question the recipient's ability to provide impartial, technically sound, and objective performance under or with respect to a Federal financial assistance agreement.

2. In addition to any other prohibitions that may apply with respect to conflicts of interest, no key official of an actual or proposed recipient or subrecipient, who is substantially involved in the proposal or project, may have been a former Federal employee who, within the last one (1) year, participated personally and substantially in the evaluation, award, or administration of an award with respect to that recipient or subrecipient or in development of the requirement leading to the funding announcement.

3. No actual or prospective recipient or subrecipient may solicit, obtain, or use non-public information regarding the evaluation, award, or administration of an award to that recipient or subrecipient or the development of a Federal financial assistance opportunity that may be of competitive interest to that recipient or subrecipient.

(c) Notification.

1. Non-Federal entities, including applicants for financial assistance awards, must disclose in writing any conflict of interest to the DOI awarding agency or pass-through entity in accordance with 2 CFR 200.112, Conflicts of interest.

(d) Recipients must establish internal controls that include, at a minimum, procedures to identify, disclose, and mitigate or eliminate identified conflicts of interest. The recipient is responsible for notifying the Financial Assistance Officer in writing of any conflicts of interest that may arise during the life of the award, including those that have been reported by subrecipients. Restrictions on Lobbying. Non-Federal entities are strictly prohibited from using funds under this grant or cooperative agreement for lobbying activities and must provide the required certifications and disclosures pursuant to 43 CFR Part 18 and 31 USC 1352.

(e) Review Procedures. The Financial Assistance Officer will examine each conflict-of-interest disclosure on the basis of its particular facts and the nature of the proposed grant or cooperative agreement and will determine whether a significant potential conflict exists and, if it does, develop an appropriate means for resolving it.

(f) Enforcement. Failure to resolve conflicts of interest in a manner that satisfies the Government may be cause for termination of the award. Failure to make required disclosures may result in any of the remedies described in 2 CFR 200.338, Remedies for Noncompliance, including suspension or debarment (see also 2 CFR Part 180).

24. BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA

Pursuant to 2 CFR Part 184 – Buy America Preferences for Infrastructure Projects. None of the funds under an award may be obligated for an infrastructure project unless all the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the U.S., unless subject to an approved waiver. This part applies to an entire infrastructure project even if funded by Federal and non-Federal funds under one or more awards. Recipients must include this preference in all subawards, contracts, and purchase orders related to infrastructure projects under Federal awards.

The Buy America preference only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought to the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a Buy America preference apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.

For further information on the Buy America preference, please visit [“Buy America” Domestic Sourcing Guidance and Waiver](#)

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[Process for DOI Financial Assistance Agreements | U.S. Department of the Interior](#). Additional information can also be found at the White House Made in America Office website: [Made In America | OMB | The White House](#).

Waivers

There may be instances where an award qualifies, in whole or in part, for an existing DOI general applicability waiver as described at: [Approved DOI General Applicability Waivers | U.S. Department of the Interior](#)

When necessary, recipients may apply for, and the Department of the Interior (DOI) may grant, a waiver from these requirements, subject to review by the Made in America Office. If a general applicability waiver does not already apply, a request to waive the application of the domestic content procurement preference may be submitted to the Financial Assistance Awarding Officer in writing. Waiver request submission requirements are described at: [“Buy America” Domestic Sourcing Guidance and Waiver Process for DOI Financial Assistance Agreements | U.S. Department of the Interior](#).

Questions pertaining to waivers should be directed to the *Financial Assistance Awarding Officer*.

Definitions

The definitions applicable to this term are set forth at 2 CFR §184.3, the full text of which is incorporated by reference. For additional legal definitions and sourcing requirements, the recipient must consult the [“Buy America” Domestic Sourcing Guidance and Waiver Process for DOI Financial Assistance Agreements | U.S. Department of the Interior, 2 CFR Part 184](#), and the [OMB Memorandum M-24-02, Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure](#).

25. SIGNATURES

Recipients are NOT required to sign the Notice of Financial Assistance Award letter or any other award document. As per DOI standard award terms and conditions, the recipient's acceptance of a financial assistance award is defined as the start of work, drawing down funds, or accepting the award via electronic means.

26. EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR SECRETARY ORDERS

Recipients must comply with all applicable Presidential Executive Orders found at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/> and all applicable DOI Secretary's Orders found at: <https://www.doi.gov/document-library/secretary-order> that are in effect at the time of award, or that may take effect during the period of performance of the award.

Program Specific Requirements

1. NPS Oversight

The NPS will provide oversight of this grant project through the following NPS reviews:

1. Review and approval of annual and final reporting to include compliance with 2 CFR 200;
2. Review and approval for compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation*;
3. Review and approval for compliance with Sections 106 (54 USC 306108) and 110f (54 USC 306107) of the National Historic Preservation Act in coordination with the appropriate State

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Historic Preservation Office;

4. Review and approval for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); and
5. Any other reviews as determined by the NPS based on program needs or financial/programmatic risk factors (i.e., draft National Register nomination if required, etc.).

2. Requirements for National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Compliance

54 USC 306108 requires that federal agencies consider the effects of federally funded projects on historic properties. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) has issued regulations in 36 CFR 800 to direct the review process. Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.14, federal agencies are allowed to develop Program Alternatives to tailor the review process to meet program needs. On August 28, 2024, the NPS, the ACHP, and the National Council of State Historic Preservation Officers signed the Programmatic Agreement Regarding Cultural Resources Grants and Financial Assistance (GFA PA).

54 USC 306107 directs federal agencies to the maximum extent possible, to minimize harm to National Historic Landmarks (NHL's). According to 36 CFR 800.10, any project involving an NHL that may have a direct or adverse effect on the NHL requires the recipient to notify the NHL Program regarding the proposed project. *See the specific instructions regarding coordinating with NHLs under "NPS Review of Planning/Design Documents for National Historic Landmarks" in this agreement regarding coordinating with NHLs.*

54 USC 306113 generally prohibits the NPS from funding any recipient or sub-recipient that attempts to avoid the requirements of 54 USC 306108 and 36 CFR 800. Recipients must make every effort to fund preservation projects that do no harm or produce adverse effects to historic properties. Should it be discovered a recipient or sub recipient has deliberately damaged an historic property to avoid statutory requirements (anticipatory demolition), the NPS must be notified to determine, in consultation with the ACHP, if the project can be funded by the NPS.

All NHPA compliance activities must be completed prior to the commencement of any ground disturbance, pre-construction and or construction activities.

3. Requirement for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance

All funded grants are subject to the requirements of 42 USC 4321 et seq. the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1996, as amended. NEPA requires federal agencies to consider the reasonably foreseeable environmental consequences of all grant-supported activities. Recipients are required to notify the NPS of any reasonably foreseeable impacts to the environment from grant supported activities or certify that no such impacts will arise upon receipt of a grant award. The NPS has determined that most grant funded projects are not expected to individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the environment. Exceptions usually involve construction or archeological work. For projects involving construction or archeological work, the recipient should use HPFOnline to submit an Environmental Screening Worksheet. The submittal of the completed Worksheet will assist the NPS in determining which, if any, Categorical Exclusion from NPS Director's Order 12 may be utilized.

All NEPA compliance activities must be completed prior to the commencement of any ground disturbance, pre-construction and or construction activities.

4. Requirement for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (ABA), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

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The use of federal funds to improve public buildings, to finance services or programs contained in public buildings, or alter any building in whole or in part with federal funds (except private residential structures), requires compliance with the following:

42 USC 1213, 47 USC 155, 201, 218, 225, the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

42 USC 4151 et seq the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (ABA)

The NPS is considered a “Section 504 Agency” per the definition in USC 29 1640.2 as an agency that extends or provides federal financial assistance to programs or activities of recipients.

Pursuant to 28 CFR 35.104, the implementing regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act, alterations to the property must be in compliance with all applicable regulations and guidance.

5. Unanticipated Discovery Protocols

At a minimum, unanticipated discovery protocols for subgrants or contracts shall require the sub-grantee or contractor to immediately stop construction in the vicinity of the affected historic resource and take reasonable measures to avoid and minimize harm to the resource until the SHPO or THPO, sub-grantee or contractor, and Indian Tribes, as appropriate, have determined a suitable course of action within 15 calendar days. With the express permission of the SHPO and/or THPO, the sub-grantee or contractor may perform additional measures to secure the jobsite if the sub-grantee or contractor determines that unfinished work in the vicinity of the affected historic property would cause safety or security concerns.

6. NPS Review of Planning/Design Documents for National Historic Landmarks

The Recipient must submit documents for the entire undertaking to the NPS for its review and approval to ensure conformance with the Secretary of the Interior’s *Standards and Guidelines for Archeology & Historic Preservation*, Historic Preservation Fund Grant Manual, and with the conditions listed in this Grant Agreement, **prior** to the beginning of grant-assisted work. Work that does not comply with these Standards in the judgment of the NPS will not be reimbursed, and may cause the grant to be terminated and funds deobligated.

The Recipient must submit the following:

- a site plan that has the north direction clearly marked;
- a city/county map with the site of the property clearly labeled;
- set of plans and specifications for the project;
- digital images of all exterior elevations of the building or site, with views identified and oriented and keyed to the site plan;
- digital images of all interior major rooms and those involved in the project, labeled and keyed to a floor plan;
- for NHL Districts include overall views of the district from the project area; and
- any additional information that will better enable a technical review of the project to be completed.

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7. Eligible Costs

Eligible costs under this award are as described in this Notice, 2 CFR 200, and the Historic Preservation Fund Grants Manual (HPF Manual).

For this program eligible costs also include:

1. Projects under the eligible program areas as defined by the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA): Administration, Local Government Certification, Development/Covenants, National Register, Planning, Review & Compliance, Survey & Inventory, and Tax Incentives;
2. Administrative costs necessary to complete and administer the grant requirements;
3. Rehabilitation of properties;
 1. Eligible properties include historic districts, buildings, sites, structures and objects listed in the National Register of Historic Places or applicable Tribal Register;
 2. All work must meet the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation*; and
 3. All projects receiving repair assistance must enter into a preservation agreement/covenant/easement
4. Survey and Inventory of historic resources to determine eligibility;
5. Cost for administering an easement/covenant for the property including those administrative costs necessary to execute and monitor easements/covenants;
6. Cost for any required audits or financial requests;
7. Cost for the production of project signs;
8. Costs for public notice of grant opportunities;
9. Costs associated with required training or reporting; and
10. Any other costs as determined eligible by the NPS in accordance with the OMB circulars, NPS policies, and the Historic Preservation Fund Grants Manual.

The total of administrative and indirect costs necessary to complete and administer the grant cannot exceed 25% of total cost (primary and subgrants combined). This limitation for the Historic Preservation Fund is by statute 54 USC 302902. Administrative costs as defined in the April 27, 2018 memo to the *Historic Preservation Fund Grants Manual* are:

Allowable, reasonable, and allocable costs related to the overall management of activities directly related to finance (accounting, auditing, budgeting, contracting), general administrative salaries and wages (grant administration, personnel, property management, equal opportunity) and other "overhead" functions (general legal services, general liability insurance, depreciation on buildings and equipment, etc.) not directly attributable to specific program areas identified in the grant agreement. All administrative costs reported must be absolutely necessary for project and/or program implementation, such as the cost items identified in the final grant agreement or items otherwise approved in writing by the NPS Awarding Official (AO).

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8. Equipment Purchases

Each item of equipment purchased under this award must be approved specifically and in writing by the NPS prior to purchase to confirm the allowability of the costs. Approval of the application is not approval of equipment included within the application. Equipment is defined by 2 CFR 200.1 as tangible personal property (including information technology systems) having a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost which equals or exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established by the non-federal entity for financial statement purposes, or \$10,000.

9. Consultants & Contractors

Consultant/contractor(s) must have the requisite experience and training in historic preservation or relevant field to oversee the project work. All consultants and contractors must be competitively selected and documentation of this selection must be maintained by the grantee and be made readily available for examination by the NPS. Federal contracting and procurement guidance can be found in 2 CFR 200.318.

10. Subgrant Awards

The awarding of subgrants must follow the eligibility factors outlined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity, OMB regulations in 2 CFR 200, and the Historic Preservation Fund Grant Manual.

11. Pass-Through to Certified Local Governments

At least 10.0% of the amount awarded to each state (the Federal share of this grant) must be transferred to eligible Certified Local Governments (CLGs) in the state. **Funds not obligated to CLGs by July 1 of the second year may be recaptured and redistributed by NPS to the benefit of other CLGs. Funds not expended in the third year may be recaptured and returned by NPS to the US Department of the Treasury.** If the State anticipates possible recapture, they must notify the NPS as soon as possible so they may assist in possible redistribution of the funds.

12. Cost Sharing/Matching Requirement

A minimum of 40% non-Federal cost-share is required for costs incurred under this grant program. The recipient agrees to contribute the amount identified in block 11n in eligible non-Federal matching contributions that are allowable, properly documented, and must be used during the grant period to share the costs for this statement of work. Failure to use the required non-Federal matching share will result in the disallowance of costs reimbursed, and/or the deobligation of remaining unexpended funds.

13. NAGPRA Costs Are Unallowable

Cost related to Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) activities are unallowable under this agreement. Funds for NAGPRA activities are available through the NPS National NAGPRA Program.

14. Audit Findings and Follow-Up

The Recipient is hereby informed that the NPS may withhold or suspend award funds, or may impose other related conditions, if the recipient does not satisfactorily and promptly address findings from Single or program-specific audits, investigations, or reviews of NPS programs and awards. Each year the award is active, the Recipient must require its auditors to provide status report updates of all audit findings included in the prior audit's Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, as required by 2 CFR 200, Subpart F ("Grants and Agreements, Audit Requirements"). Upon review of subsequent annual audits, the

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NPS will determine if further corrective action is warranted.

When findings exist, the Recipient must submit a status report every six months to the NPS of all steps being taken to resolve related audit findings included in the prior audit's *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs* to remain in good standing for all NPS grant awards. If the Recipient fails to meet these deadlines without written approval of extension from the NPS, NPS may withhold remaining and future award funds, or may impose other related requirements to ensure compliance with this condition. Outstanding audit findings, if any, are included in the attachments of this Agreement.

15. Easement/Covenant Requirement

Section 54 USC 302902 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires Historic Preservation Fund grantees agree to assume, after the completion of the project, the total cost of continued maintenance, repair and administration of the grant-assisted property in a manner satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior. Accordingly, recipients awarded funds for the physical preservation of a historic site shall sign a preservation agreement/covenant/easement (easement) with the State or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer in which the site is located or with a nonprofit preservation organization acceptable to the NPS. For competitive (project) grants, a draft copy of the preservation covenant/easement template must be submitted to the NPS Program Officer within one year of grant agreement execution for review and comment.

All preservation easements must be executed by registering it with the deed of the property. Baseline documentation of the character defining features of the site must be documented prior to construction through photographs. The preservation easement must document the grant assisted condition of the site and the historic character defining features as part of the document registered with the deed.

The term of the preservation easement is dependent on the amount of assistance the historic property receives from this opportunity:

1. If the historic property is not currently protected by a preservation easement, a preservation easement must be executed for the term as given in the table below per the amount of funding awarded.
2. If the historic property is currently subject to a preservation easement that meets the minimum federal preservation requirements, an extension must be executed for an additional duration to meet the requirements of the new funding awarded. Required term is identified in the table below. For example, if a property had 10 years remaining on a previous 20-year easement, and receives \$300,000 in HPF funding, an amendment to add 15 years would be required.
3. If the historic property is currently protected by a perpetual or other preservation easement that meets or exceeds the requirements of this grant program as determined by the NPS, no additional duration or restrictions are necessary.

Amount of Federal Assistance Awarded	Covenant/Easement Term Requirement
\$1-\$50,000	5-year minimum preservation agreement; a

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	covenant/easement amending the deed is not required
\$50,001 - \$250,000	10-year minimum preservation covenant/easement
\$250,001 - \$500,000	15-year minimum preservation covenant/easement
\$500,001 - \$750,000	20-year minimum preservation covenant/easement
\$750,001+	25-year minimum preservation covenant/easement

16. Funding Acknowledgement

The Recipient must include acknowledgment of grant support from the Historic Preservation Fund of the National Park Service, Department of Interior, in all deliverables and publications concerning NPS grant-supported activities as referenced in the Statement of Work.

All deliverables must contain the following disclaimer and acknowledgement:

"This material was produced with assistance from the Historic Preservation Fund, administered by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior under Grant Number [insert grant number] (and HPF Online Project Number, if applicable). Any opinions, findings, and conclusions or recommendations expressed in this material are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of the Interior."

1. Deliverables/publications include but are not limited to grant project reports; books, pamphlets, brochures or magazines; video or audio files; documentation of events, including programs; invitations and photos; websites; mobile apps; exhibits; and interpretive signs.
2. All digital copies must follow the file naming convention described in the attached Digital Product Submission Guidelines. Refer to the attached guidance document for instructions on creating, naming and submitting digital copies of deliverables/publications.
3. All consultants hired by the grantee must be informed of this requirement.
4. Recipients, subrecipients, subawardees, contractors may not use the NPS Arrowhead in any form without written permission.

17. Requirement for Project Sign & Public Notification

As stipulated in 36 CFR Part 800, public views and comments regarding all Federally-funded undertakings on historic properties must be sought and considered by the authorizing Federal agency. Therefore, the grantee is required to post a public notification regarding the undertaking under this grant in one or more of the major newspapers or news sources that cover the area affected by the project within 30 days of obligating any contracts or subgrants. A copy of the posted notice must be submitted to NPS within 30 days of the posting.

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HPF funded development projects must create public notification of the project in the form of a project sign, website posting, and proper credit for announcements and publications as appropriate. The sign/notification must be of reasonable and adequate design and construction to withstand weather exposure (if appropriate); be of a size that can be easily read from the public right-of-way; and be accessible to the public throughout the project term as stipulated in this Grant Agreement. At a minimum, all notifications must contain the following statement:

“[Project Name] is being supported in part by the Historic Preservation Fund administered by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.”

Additional information briefly identifying the historical significance of the property and recognizing other contributors is encouraged and permissible. The NPS arrowhead logo may only be used in conjunction with the HPF approved signage format that can be provided upon request. Any other use of the logo is prohibited.

18. Publicity & Press Releases

Press releases about this project must acknowledge the grant assistance provided by the [GRANT PROGRAM] and the National Park Service, and copies of the press releases must be provided to the NPS. The Recipient must transmit notice of any public ceremonies planned to publicize funded or related projects in a timely enough manner so that the NPS, Department of the Interior, Congressional or other Federal officials can attend if desired. All publicity and press releases related to activities funded with this award should include a statement that funding for the activity was provided (in part or in whole) by the [GRANT PROGRAM] administered by the National Park Service, Department of Interior.

19. Copyright

Per 2 CFR 200.315(b), the NPS reserves a royalty-free right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work for Federal purposes, and to authorize others to do so. All photos included as part of the application, interim & final reporting and deliverables/publication will be considered released to the NPS for future official use. Photographer, date, and caption should be identified on each photo, so NPS may provide proper credit for use.

A digital copy of all deliverables must be available for public access. Sensitive information SHOULD be redacted from the public access copy.

All consultants hired by the Recipient must be informed of this requirement.

20. GIS Spatial Data Transfer Standards

All GIS data collected with shall be in compliance with the NPS Cultural Resource Spatial Data Transfer Standards with complete feature level metadata. Template GeoDatabases and guidelines for creating GIS data in the NPS cultural resource spatial data transfer standards can be found at the NPS Cultural Resource GIS Facility webpage:

https://www.nps.gov/crgis/crgis_standards.htm

Technical assistance to meet the NPS Cultural Resource Spatial Data Transfer Standard specifications will be made available as requested. Execution of a Data Sharing Agreement between the NPS and the Recipient shall take place prior to collection of GIS data using HPF funds, as applicable.

Compliance with this award term will satisfy the requirements of 43 U.S.C. Chapter 46 - Geospatial

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Data, § 2801-2811 cited within the Department of the Interior Financial Assistance General Terms and Conditions III.H. (effective April 1, 2025).

21. Requirement for Training

At the direction of the National Park Service, personnel associated with management of the grant program may be required to attend trainings and/or meetings. The grantee will be provided adequate notice to plan for any required activities; expenses incurred as part of this requirement are eligible to charge towards the grant.

22. Demonstration of Effort – Performance Goals

In order to ensure the timely and successful completion of all grant awards, the NPS requires acceptable demonstration of effort by the grantee on project work supported by all funded grants.

Demonstration of effort means acceptable performance by undertaking meaningful progress on grant-supported activities and complying with award terms and conditions.

23. Funding for Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) (AKA Drones)

Grant funding for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) usage is eligible only in the contracting of an experienced, licensed contractor of UAS who possesses the appropriate license, certifications, and training to operate UAS. The contractor is required to provide proof of liability insurance in the operation of UAS for commercial use.

If funding is provided to a state, tribal, local, or territorial government, or other non-profit organization for the use of UAS as part of their scope of work, the recipient must have in place policies and procedures to safeguard individuals' privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties prior to expending such funds.

AWARD ATTACHMENTS

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MAINE

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1. Digital File Submission

Digital Product Submission Guidelines

The National Park Service's (NPS) State, Tribal, Local Plans & Grants (STLPG) Division developed these guidelines to outline the digital product submission process for grant recipients. These guidelines specify the types of products that should be submitted, supply guidance on the file names and formats grant recipients should use, and define how submissions should be made.

Products submitted digitally may be uploaded and shared with the general public through the [Integrated Resource Management Application \(IRMA\)](#), the NPS's digital repository system. The see grant products that have already been uploaded, use the above link, choose Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) under "Select a Park, Office, Program or Region" and selected a category of featured context.

What to submit:

- Provide one digital copy of each deliverable or publication under your grant agreement. Refer to the Reports, Outputs, & Outcomes article to find the deliverables and publications specified in your grant agreement.
- Deliverables and publications include, but are not limited to, the following materials:

SUBMIT	DO NOT SUBMIT
Reports, plans and guidelines (including historic structure reports, design guidelines, economic impact studies, treatment reports, historic context statements, preservation plans)	Digital copies saved on CD/DVD-Rs or flash drives (unless arrangements have been made with your grant administrator)
Substantive event materials (including programs, proceedings, handouts, photographs)	Confidential/restricted reports that cannot be viewed by the general public (including archeological reports, architectural reports on federal buildings or restricted sites)
Professionally produced content (including books, documentaries, oral histories, presentations and PSAs)	Other documentation not intended for the general public (including survey forms, financial records, correspondence)
Interpretive products (including books, brochures, posters, interpretive tours, coloring books or other youth-focused products, lesson plans)	Ephemeral products unlikely to be of future value to the general public (including flyers, postcards, invitations, meeting minutes)
Online content (including websites, story maps, and other web-based projects)	

- **Final grant products may be made available to the general public and should, by default, feature the NPS disclaimer.** Printed products must feature a printed disclaimer when feasible. Audio products must include a spoken version of the disclaimer. Video products must include the disclaimer as an on-screen graphic. A disclaimer is not required when it would be unreasonable to do so, such as on size-restrictive publications like postcards or flyers.

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- For additional questions about the required disclaimer, consult with your grant manager.

Naming files for submission:

- Name each file you will be submitting using the following naming convention:
[Grant Program]_[Fiscal Year]_[Grantee's State Abbreviation]_[Legal Name of Grantee or Subgrantee]_[Grant Number]_[Short File Description]
- Do not use spaces or special characters (#, %, &, ?) in the file name.
- For "Short File Description," write a brief (less than 50 characters), unique description that would help someone easily and quickly identify the file.
- If files are part of a series, append the number 001, 002, etc. to the end of the description.
Ex: Audio files from a FY2018 grants by the DC State Historic Preservation Office
SHPO_18_DC_GranteeHistoricDistrict_P17AF00001_JohnDoeInterview001.mp3
SHPO_18_DC_GranteeHistoricDistrict_P17AF00001_JohnDoeInterview002.mp3
- Use the appropriate abbreviation for your grant program in the file name:

Grant Program	Abbreviation
African American Civil Rights	<i>AACR</i>
Hurricanes Florence & Michael and Typhoon Yutu Recovery	<i>FYM</i>
Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, & Maria Recovery	<i>HIM</i>
Historically Black Colleges & Universities	<i>HBCU</i>
Historic Preservation Fund	<i>HPF</i>
Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants	<i>PBHRG</i>
Save America's Treasures	<i>SAT</i>
Semiquincentennial	<i>SEMI</i>
State Historic Preservation Office	<i>SHPO</i>
Tribal Heritage Grants	<i>THG</i>
Tribal Historic Preservation Office	<i>THPO</i>
Underrepresented Communities	<i>URC</i>

Required file formats and resolution standards:

- *Reports and publications*: PDF files created at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) minimum and 100% of the original document size. Convert authoring formats to PDFs (for example, saving Word or InDesign files as PDFs). When born-digital is not available, provide high resolution scans of printed materials as PDFs. Preference is for PDF/A-1 or PDF/A-2 format over standard PDF.
- *Photos*: JPEG or TIFF files saved at a minimum resolution of 3000 x 2000 pixels (or 6 megapixels).
 - **When submitting photographs, include captions, photo credit, and a signed release form (if needed).** [Photo release forms are available on the STLPG website.](#)
 - **Development (construction) grants must submit photographs of all work completed under the grant, including at least three views of the overall structure and all elements of the scope of work.** Refer to the [NPS Documenting Historic Places on Film guidelines](#) for more information on photographing a variety of historic environments and buildings.
- *Videos*: MP4 files saved at a resolution of 1280 by 720 pixels. All videos produced with HPF funding should include closed captioning. When reasonable, provide transcripts of videos as Word documents.
- *Audio*: Uncompressed WAV files. When reasonable, provide transcripts of audio files as Word documents.
- For more information about formatting deliverables, consult the [National Archives' Tables of File Formats](#).

Creating an index file for your submission:

- Include this information in the index file for each product that is being submitted:
 - Grant Number
 - Subgrant Number (if applicable)
 - Title of Product
 - Filename
 - Product Creator(s) (give full names and their roles include up to 5 names or organizations)
 - Date Completed
 - Extent (number of pages, photographs, or length of audio/video files; use when applicable)
 - Description (up to 200 words)
- Save the index file as a Microsoft Word document using the following naming convention:

[Grant Program]_[Fiscal Year]_[Grantee's State Abbreviation]_[Legal Name of Grantee or Subgrantee]_[Grant Number]_Index.docx

Ex. SHPO_18_DC_GranteeHistoricDistrict_P17AF00001_Index.docx
- Only submit one index per submission, including all of the products in that submission

Submitting Your Files:

1. Email stlpg@nps.gov to ask to be added to your grant folder.
2. You will receive an e-mail from the Records Management Assistant's e-mail account with the subject '[RM Assistant Name] shared the folder "[Grant Name]" with you'. Click 'Open' in the e-mail.
3. You will be sent to a page asking you to Request Verification Code. Click 'Send Code.'
4. A second e-mail from no-reply@sharepointonline.com with the subject 'Code [Eight digit number] is your Microsoft SharePoint verification code.'
 - a. Copy the code from the e-mail and paste into the box on the 'Enter Verification Code' page that appeared after you requested a code be sent to you.
5. Click the 'Upload' button at the top of the page.
 - a. It will give you the option to either upload file(s) or a folder.
6. In the new window, click on the file you wish to upload and then 'Open'. The file should now appear on the page.
7. E-mail the stlpg@nps.gov account to notify them that the files have been submitted using the template provided in your welcome e-mail. Unlike the previous system, there is no notification given when a file is uploaded and your files will not be considered submitted until this email is received.

Reviewing submitted files:

- When NPS receives the files, we will review your submitted products for compliance with the HPF grants manual, the Secretary of the Interior's Standards of Archeology and Historic Preservation, and any other relevant requirements.
- If there are issues with the submitted files or grants products, your grant manager will contact you and may ask for corrections and resubmission if necessary.
- NPS will also determine whether the submitted products are suitable for sharing with the general public through the [Integrated Resource Management Application \(IRMA\)](#), the NPS's digital repository system. If so, we will upload the files there and make them publicly available.