

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(L)(2)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodríguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 3, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the disbursement of up to \$800,000.00 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to Miami-Dade County for the design of the Cutler Marsh and Mangroves Restoration Project; approving National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant Agreement in the amount of \$330,000.00 in reimbursement for the design of the Cutler Marsh and Mangroves Restoration Project; retroactively authorizing submission of the grant application; authorizing the County Mayor to execute the Grant Agreement, accept and expend funds, and execute necessary amendments, including for time extensions, and other documents as required by the Grant Agreement, and exercise any termination provisions and all other rights contained therein

Resolution No. R-1072-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins.



Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

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Memorandum



Date: December 3, 2024

To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodríguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor 

Subject: Resolution Authorizing the Disbursement of up to \$800,000.00 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to Miami-Dade County for the Design of the Cutler Marsh and Mangroves Restoration Project; Approving the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant Agreement No. 0318.23.076265 – in the Amount of \$330,000.00 for Reimbursement for the Design of the Cutler Marsh and Mangroves Project; and Authorizing the Expenditure of Up to \$100,000.00 of the Reimbursed Funds to Acquire Permits for Construction

Executive Summary

The attached resolution seeks authorization from the Board of County Commissioners (Board) for the disbursement of up to \$800,000.00 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (BBEETF) to Miami-Dade County for the design of the Cutler Marsh and Mangroves Restoration Project (Project).

Additionally, this item seeks approval of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Grant Agreement No. 0318.23.076265 – Designing Cutler Marsh and Mangroves Restoration Project to Enhance Resilience at Biscayne National Park (Agreement) in the amount of \$330,000.00 and authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to enter into the Agreement.

Upon design completion, up to \$330,000.00 from the NFWF Agreement would be used to reimburse the BBEETF for some of the costs associated with the design of the Project. This item also seeks authorization from the Board to use up to \$100,000.00 of the reimbursed funds to acquire local, state, and federal permits for construction of the Project.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board authorize the disbursement of up to \$800,000.00, as up-front funds, from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (BBEETF). It is also recommended that the Board adopt the attached resolution approving the Agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, for the NFWF to provide \$330,000.00 in grant funds to the County, and to authorize the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute said Agreement. Additionally, it is recommended that the Board delegate authority to the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute any necessary amendments, or other documents that may be required under the Agreement. NFWF Agreement No. 0318.23.076265 is attached as Exhibit 1 to the resolution. It is also recommended that the Board authorize the use of up to \$100,000.00 of the NFWF grant funds after reimbursement to the County, to acquire local, state, and federal permits for construction of the Cutler Marsh and Mangroves.

Scope

The project area is located in Commission District 8, which is represented by County Commissioner Danielle Cohen Higgins.

Delegation of Authority

If approved, this item delegates authority to the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute the Agreement, and any necessary amendments, including but not limited to extensions of time, provided that there is no additional fiscal impact to the County, and other documents that may be required to complete the project under the NFWF Agreement.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

NFWF Grant Agreement No. 0318.23.076265 will provide up to \$330,000.00 to the County for the design the Cutler Marsh and Mangroves Restoration Project. The Agreement requires local match funds of \$437,142.00, for a total of \$767,142.00 (2022 cost estimate). Recently, County staff have estimated the costs to design the project at \$800,000.00.

This resolution authorizes the disbursement of up to \$800,000.00, to be used as upfront funds, from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (BBEETF). Upon project design completion, up to \$330,000.00 in funds from the NFWF will be used to reimburse the BBEETF. A portion of these reimbursed funds, estimated at \$80,000.00 but not exceeding \$100,000.00, would then be used to acquire permits necessary for construction of the Project. This disbursement is consistent with the goals and intent of the BBEETF, as described in Section 24-40 of the Code, that allows the BBEETF to be used for the restoration and enhancement of Biscayne Bay and its foreshore.

The BBEETF available balance as of August 31, 2024, is \$19,095,401.49 (Index Code TFPE400010). Please note that this balance does not reflect anticipated expenditures related the Reasonable Assurance Plan, which are currently estimated at \$3,500,000.00, and other projects related to DERM planned environmental enhancement projects estimated at \$9,050,000.00

Track Record/Monitor

The Chief of Water Management in the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, Division of Environmental Resources Management (DERM), Marina Blanco-Pape, P.E., will monitor the activities authorized by the proposed resolution.

Background

In 2000, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and the US Army Corps of Engineers began planning for the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project (BBCW) to improve the quality and distribution of water discharging from canals to Biscayne Bay. To fulfill this project component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), the SFWMD acquired the North Cutler Wetland parcels in 2010 for \$24.5 million. These parcels and adjacent lands within Biscayne National Park include a coastal band mangrove forest fringing Biscayne Bay, and the disturbed substrate tidal wetland just inland. Beginning in 2014, the restoration area was cleared of invasive species with heavy equipment and SFWMD has since managed the area to control invasive plants; however, full implementation of the planned restoration has not been completed due to a lack of resources.

In June 2022, County staff applied to the NFWF – National Coastal Resilience Fund and were subsequently awarded \$330,000.00 in Federal funds under NFWF Grant ID 0318.23.076265, with a local matching funds requirement of \$437,142.00.

Funds from the NFWF Grant, together with funds from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (BBEETF) approved by this item, would be used to advance existing conceptual restoration designs, develop design plans, and acquire permits for the restoration and rehydration of coastal marsh and mangrove habitat across a 135-acre site (excluding the 8.45 acres parcel owned by the Town of Cutler Bay, folio number 36-6003-001-0013) owned by the SFWMD, abutting Biscayne National Park and Biscayne Bay. Full restoration of the site will also include restoration of freshwater flow to restore lower salinities and improve water quality in the wetlands, which is essential to the recovery of Biscayne Bay and its coastal wetlands in this area.

Miami-Dade County's BBEETF was created for the purposes of environmental enhancement of Biscayne Bay and its foreshore. The disbursement request to fund the tasks necessary to design this restoration project is consistent with Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County to enhance water quality within the nearshore areas of Biscayne Bay and improve habitat values within the Bay and its foreshore. Once the design is complete and the necessary construction related permits are acquired, DERM will seek construction funding, including shovel ready grants, to perform the restoration work.

In accordance with Section 24-40(4) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, I have received and considered the attached recommendation from the Director of RER and recommend that the Board approve the subject disbursement request.



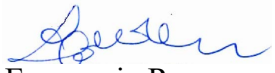
Jimmy Morales
Chief Operating Officer

Memorandum



Date: October 28, 2024

To: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor

From: Lourdes M. Gomez, Director 
Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources

Subject: Recommendation for the Disbursement of Up to \$800,000.00 From the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to the Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources for the Cutler Marsh and Mangroves Restoration Project

Pursuant to Section 24-40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code), I am recommending the disbursement of up to \$800,000.00 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (BBEETF) to the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, Division of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) for the Cutler Marsh and Mangroves Restoration Project which will restore coastal marsh and mangrove wetlands. The disbursement of funds will be used to design and permit the project.

Chapter 24-40 of the Code allows BBEETF funds to be used for environmental enhancement of Biscayne Bay and its foreshore. The Code defines environmental enhancement as those alterations in hydrodynamics, water and sedimentary chemistry that may be necessary to establish or reestablish natural and indigenous biotic communities within Biscayne Bay or its foreshore. This project will restore coastal marsh and mangrove wetlands which will improve water management for the benefit of Biscayne Bay and its foreshore. Therefore, use of the BBEETF for this project is consistent with Chapter 24 requirements for disbursements from this trust fund.

DERM has conducted various environmental enhancement activities for over two decades using County and outside resources. The up to \$800,000.00 requested for disbursement will be drawn from funds deposited into the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund for the purpose of restoration and enhancement in Biscayne Bay and its foreshore.

There are sufficient unencumbered funds currently available in the BBEETF to fulfill this request.

Memorandum



Date:

To: Eugene Love, Agenda Coordinator

From: Jimmy Morales
Chief Operating Officer

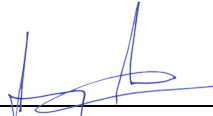
Subject: Resolution Authorizing the Disbursement of up to \$800,000.00 from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund to Miami-Dade County for the Design of the Cutler Marsh and Mangroves Restoration Project; Approving the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant Agreement No. 0318.23.076265 – Designing of Cutler Marsh and Mangroves to Enhance Resilience at Biscayne National Park in the Amount of \$330,000.00 for Reimbursement for the Design of the Cutler Marsh and Mangroves; and Authorizing the Expenditure of Up to \$100,000.00 of the Reimbursed Funds to Acquire Permits for Construction of the Cutler Marsh and Mangroves

I am respectfully requesting that the Resolution listed below be placed on the November Committee agenda.

The grantor, The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), is requesting the approval of the NFWF Grant No. 0318.23.076265 take place on the soonest agenda possible to ensure availability of funds for this grant.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF UP TO \$800,000.00 FROM THE BISCAYNE BAY ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST FUND TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE DESIGN OF THE CUTLER MARSH AND MANGROVES RESTORATION PROJECT; APPROVING THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION GRANT AGREEMENT NO. 0318.23.076265 – DESIGNING OF CUTLER MARSH AND MANGROVES TO ENHANCE RESILIENCE AT BISCAYNE NATIONAL PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$330,000.00 FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE DESIGN OF THE CUTLER MARSH AND MANGROVES; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$100,000.00 OF THE REIMBURSED FUNDS TO ACQUIRE PERMITS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CUTLER MARSH AND MANGROVES

I am aware that this item is subject to approval for placement on the agenda by the Board Chairman, and review by the Office of the County Attorney.



Approved by Mayor or Mayor's Designee
Signature

Jimmy Morales

Print Name



Approved by Policy Director or Designee
Signature

Nicole Tallman

Print Name

c: Geri Bonzon-Keenan, County Attorney
CAOagenda@miamidade.gov



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodríguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 3, 2024

FROM: 
Glen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(L)(2)

Please note any items checked.

- _____ **“3-Day Rule” for committees applicable if raised**
- _____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**
- _____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**
- _____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**
- _____ **Budget required**
- _____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**
- _____ **Statement of social equity required**
- _____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor’s report for public hearing**
- _____ **No committee review**
- _____ **Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3’s present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5’s ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3) (h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c) (2) ____)** to approve
- _____ **Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 8(L)(2)
12-3-24

RESOLUTION NO. R-1072-24

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF UP TO \$800,000.00 FROM THE BISCAYNE BAY ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT TRUST FUND TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE DESIGN OF THE CUTLER MARSH AND MANGROVES RESTORATION PROJECT; APPROVING NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION GRANT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$330,000.00 IN REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE DESIGN OF THE CUTLER MARSH AND MANGROVES RESTORATION PROJECT; RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENT, ACCEPT AND EXPEND FUNDS, AND EXECUTE NECESSARY AMENDMENTS, INCLUDING FOR TIME EXTENSIONS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY THE GRANT AGREEMENT, AND EXERCISE ANY TERMINATION PROVISIONS AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONTAINED THEREIN

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. This Board hereby approves the disbursement of up to \$800,000.00 as upfront funds from the Biscayne Bay Environmental Enhancement Trust Fund (BBEETF) for the design of the Cutler Marsh and Mangroves Restoration Project and to acquire permits for the construction of the project.

Section 2. This Board hereby approves National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Grant Agreement No. 0318.23.076265 between Miami-Dade County and the NFWF, attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and made a part hereof, for the County to receive \$330,000.00 as reimbursement for the cost associated with the design of the Cutler Marsh and Mangroves Restoration Project, and retroactively authorizes the submission of the grant application.

Section 3. This Board hereby authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute the agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and exercise any termination provisions and all other rights contained therein.

Section 4. This Board hereby delegates authority to the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to (a) accept and expend funds, and (b) execute necessary amendments, including, but not limited to extensions of time, and any other documents as required by the grant, upon review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, and provided that there is no additional fiscal impact to the County.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Kevin Marino Cabrera** , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Kionne L. McGhee** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodríguez, Chairman	aye		
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	absent
Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye	Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye
Keon Hardemon	absent	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	absent	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of December, 2024. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "ASR", is written over a horizontal line.

Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell

EXHIBIT 1

	NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION GRANT AGREEMENT	1. NFWF PROPOSAL ID: 76265	2. NFWF GRANT ID: 0318.23.076265
		3. UNIQUE ENTITY IDENTIFIER (UEI) N6KSH9D3QCL7	4. INDIRECT COST RATE (REFERENCE LINE 17 for RATE TERMS) N/A
5. SUBRECIPIENT TYPE State or Local Government		6. NFWF SUBRECIPIENT Miami-Dade County	
7. NFWF SUBRECIPIENT CONTACT Randall White RER-DERM-Stormwater Utility 701 NW 1 Court, 5 th Floor Miami, FL 33128 Tel: 786-835-5283 RANDALL.WHITE@MIAMIDADE.GOV		8. NFWF GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR/NFWF CONTACT INFORMATION Waverly Nohr National Fish and Wildlife Foundation 1625 Eye Street, N.W. Suite 300 Washington, D.C. 20006 Tel: 202-857-0166 Fax: 202-857-0162 waverly.nohr@nfwf.org	
9. PROJECT TITLE Designing Cutler Marsh and Mangroves to Enhance Resilience at Biscayne National Park (FL)			
10. PROJECT DESCRIPTION Accelerate the restoration of coastal wetlands, mangroves, and forests, on properties owned by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), adjacent to Biscayne National Park to benefit American crocodile, bobcats, roseate spoonbills, and other migratory birds. Project will advance the conceptual designs to create final engineering and design plans to enhance coastal protection and resilience for neighboring communities and wildlife habitat.			
11. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2026	12. TOTAL AWARD TO SUBRECIPIENT \$330,000	13. TOTAL FED. FUNDS \$330,000	14. TOTAL NON-FED. FUNDS \$330,000
15. FEDERAL MATCH REQUIREMENT \$0.00		16. NON-FEDERAL MATCH REQUIREMENT \$437,142	
17. SUBRECIPIENT INDIRECT COST RATE TERMS The rate specified in Line 4 reflects that the Subrecipient has elected not to claim an indirect cost rate and that this election shall apply throughout the project's period of performance.			
18. TABLE OF CONTENTS			
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5	Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements Relating to Federal Funds – Funding Source Specific		
6	Other Representations, Certifications, Statements and Clauses		

19. FUNDING SOURCE INFORMATION/FEDERAL AND NON-FEDERAL							
A. FUNDING SOURCE (FS)	B. NFWF FS ID	C. FS AWARD DATE TO NFWF	D. FAIN	E. TOT FED. AWARD TO NFWF	F. TOT OBLG. TO SUBRECIPIENT	G. FS END DATE	H. CFDA
National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration	FC.R520	5/03/2022	NA22NOS4730114	\$32,939,000	\$330,000	5/31/2027	11.473

20. NOTICE OF AWARD			
The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) agrees to provide the NFWF Award to the NFWF Subrecipient for the purpose of satisfactorily performing the Project described in a full proposal as identified on line 1 and incorporated into this Agreement by reference. The NFWF Award is provided on the condition that the NFWF Subrecipient agrees that it will raise and spend at least the amount listed on lines 15 and 16 in matching contributions on the Project, as applicable. The Project must be completed, with all NFWF funds and matching contributions spent, during the Period of Performance as set forth above. All items designated on the Cover Page and the Table of Contents are incorporated into this Agreement by reference herein. NFWF Subrecipient agrees to abide by all statutory or regulatory requirements, or obligations otherwise required by law. Subrecipient is obligated to notify NFWF if any of the information on the Cover Page changes in any way, whether material or immaterial.			
A. NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED SUBRECIPIENT SIGNER (Type or Print)		D. NAME AND TITLE OF NFWF AWARDED OFFICIAL Holly A. Bamford, PhD, Chief Conservation Officer	
B. SUBRECIPIENT BY	C. DATE	E. NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION BY	F. DATE
<i>NFWF prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, ancestry, marital status, personal appearance, citizen status, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, child birth or related medical conditions, family responsibilities, matriculation, genetic information, political or union affiliation, veteran status or any other status protected by applicable law ("Protected Categories"). In addition, NFWF prohibits retaliation against an individual who opposes an unlawful educational practice or policy or files a charge, testifies or participates in any complaint under Title VI. NFWF complies with all applicable federal, state and local laws in its commitment to being an equal opportunity provider and employer; accordingly, it is NFWF's policy to administer all employment actions, including but not limited to, recruiting, hiring, training, promoting, and payment of wages, without regard to any Protected Category(ies).</i>			

See Reporting Schedule on the following page.

21. REPORTING DUE DATES/SUBRECIPIENT REPORTING SCHEDULE

Reporting Task	Task Due Date
Annual Financial Report	January 1, 2025
Interim Programmatic Report	January 1, 2025
Interim Programmatic Report	July 1, 2025
Interim Programmatic Report	January 1, 2026
Annual Financial Report	January 1, 2026
Interim Programmatic Report	July 1, 2026
Final Financial Report	March 31, 2027
Final Programmatic Report	March 31, 2027



SECTION 1 NFWF AGREEMENT ADMINISTRATION

1.1. Amendments.

During the life of the Project, the NFWF Subrecipient is required to immediately inform in writing the NFWF Grants Administrator of any changes in contact information, Key Personnel, scope of work, indirect cost rate, as well as any difficulties in completing the performance goals articulated in the Project description. NFWF Subrecipients must request an amendment from NFWF upon determination of a deviation from the original Grant Agreement as soon as such deviation is detected. NFWF reserves the right to approve, deny and/or negotiate any such request. Alternatively, NFWF may initiate an amendment if NFWF determines an amendment is necessary at any time. Amendment requests are to be submitted via NFWF's grants management system.

1.1.1. Budget Amendment Request.

If the NFWF Subrecipient determines that: 1) the amount of the budget is going to change in any one direct cost category by an amount that exceeds 10% of the Award, or 2) there is a need to increase indirect costs, the NFWF Subrecipient must seek prior written approval via an amendment request in NFWF's grants management system.

1.1.2. Extension of Performance Period.

If additional time is needed to complete the approved Project, the NFWF Subrecipient should contact the NFWF Grants Administrator at least 45 calendar days prior to the project period expiration date to initiate the no-cost extension request process in NFWF's grants management system. In addition, if there are overdue reports required, the NFWF Subrecipient must ensure that they are submitted along with or prior to submitting the no-cost extension request.

1.2. Matching Contributions.

Matching Contributions consist of cash, contributed goods and services, volunteer hours, and/or property raised and spent for the Project. Matching Contributions for the purposes of this Project must meet the following criteria: (1) Are verifiable from the NFWF Subrecipient's records; (2) Are not included as contributions for any other federal award; (3) Are necessary and reasonable for the accomplishment of project or program objectives; (4) Are allowable under OMB Cost Principles; (5) Are not paid by the U.S. Government under another federal award except where the federal statute authorizing a program specifically provides that federal funds made available for such program can be applied to matching or cost sharing requirements of other federal programs when authorized by federal statute; (6) Are provided for in the approved budget when required by the federal awarding agency; (7) Are committed directly to the project and must be used within the period of performance as identified in this Agreement; (8) Otherwise conform to the law; and, (9) Are in compliance with the requirements of Section 3.3 of this Agreement concerning Compliance with Laws.

1.2.1. Documentation and Reporting of Matching Contributions.

The NFWF Subrecipient must retain supporting documentation, including detailed time records for contributed services, original receipts, appraisals of real property, and comparable rentals for other contributed property, at its place of business in the event of an audit of the NFWF Subrecipient as required by applicable federal regulations. The NFWF Subrecipient must report match progress in Payment Requests and Financial Reports.

1.2.2. Assessing Fair Market Value.

Fair market value of donated goods, services and property, including volunteer hours, shall be computed as outlined in §200.306 of 2 CFR Subtitle A, Chapter II, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, (hereinafter “OMB Uniform Guidance”), regardless of whether this Agreement is federally funded.

1.3. Payment of Funds.

To be eligible to receive funds, NFWF Subrecipient must submit to NFWF (1) an original executed copy of this Agreement for the Project; (2) any due financial and programmatic reports; and (3) a complete and accurate Payment Request via NFWF’s grants management system. At any time, NFWF reserves the right to require submission of source documentation, including but not limited to timesheets, cash receipts, contracts or subaward agreements, for any costs where the NFWF Subrecipient is seeking reimbursement by NFWF. NFWF reserves the right to retain up to ten percent (10%) of funds until submission and acceptance of final reports.

1.3.1. Reimbursements.

NFWF Subrecipient may request funds on a reimbursable basis. Reimbursement requests must include expenditures to date and an explanation of any variance from the approved budget.

1.3.2. Advances.

NFWF Subrecipient may request advance payment of funds prior to expenditure provided that the NFWF Subrecipient: (1) demonstrates an immediate need for advance payment; (2) documents expenditure of advanced funds; (3) maintains written procedures that minimize the time elapsing between the transfer of funds and disbursement; and (4) has established appropriate financial management systems that meet the needs and standards for fund control and accountability. Approval of any advance payment of funds is made at the sole discretion of NFWF, based on an assessment of the NFWF Subrecipient’s needs.

1.3.3. Interest.

Any interest earned in any one year on funds advanced to the NFWF Subrecipient that exceeds \$500 must be reported to NFWF, and the disposition of those funds negotiated with NFWF. Interest amounts up to \$500 per year may be retained by the NFWF Subrecipient for administrative expense.

1.4. Reports.

1.4.1. Interim Programmatic Reports.

The NFWF Subrecipient will submit interim programmatic reports to NFWF based on the reporting schedule in Line 21 of the Cover Sheet to this Agreement, as may be amended at NFWF's sole discretion. The interim programmatic report shall consist of written statements of Project accomplishments and updated metric values since Project initiation, or since the last reporting period, and shall be submitted via NFWF's grants management system. NFWF may require specific formatting and/or additional information as appropriate.

1.4.2. Interim Financial Reports.

The NFWF Subrecipient will submit interim financial reports to NFWF based on the reporting schedule in Line 21 of the Cover Sheet to this Agreement, as may be amended at NFWF's sole discretion. The interim financial report shall consist of financial information detailing cumulative expenditures made under this Project since Project initiation and shall be uploaded via NFWF's grants management system. NFWF may require specific formatting and/or additional information as appropriate.

1.4.3. Annual Financial Report.

The NFWF Subrecipient will submit annual financial reports to NFWF based on the reporting schedule in Line 21 of the Cover Sheet to this Agreement, as may be amended at NFWF's sole discretion. The NFWF Subrecipient must enter a justification when there is a difference between the amount disbursed by NFWF and the amount expended by the grantee. Failure to submit an annual financial report in a timely manner will delay payment of submitted payment requests.

1.4.4. Final Reports.

Based on the reporting schedule in Line 21 of the Cover Sheet to this Agreement, the NFWF Subrecipient will submit (1) a Final Financial Report accounting for all Project funds received, Project expenditures, and budget variances (if any) compared to the approved budget; (2) a Final Programmatic Report summarizing and documenting the accomplishments and metric values achieved during the Period of Performance; (3) copies of any publications, press releases and other appropriate products resulting from the Project; and (4) photographs as described in Section 1.4.3.1 below. The final reports and digital photo files should be uploaded via NFWF's grants management system. Any requests for extensions of final report submission dates must be made in writing to the NFWF Grants Administrator and approved by NFWF in advance. NFWF may require specific formatting and/or additional information as appropriate.

1.4.4.1. Photographs.

NFWF requests, as appropriate for the Project, a representative number of high-resolution (minimum 300 dpi) photographs depicting the Project (before-and-after images, images of species impacted, and/or images of staff/volunteers working on the Project). Photographs should be uploaded with the Final Programmatic Report via NFWF's grants management system as individual .jpg files. The Final Programmatic Report narrative should list each photograph, the date the photograph was taken, the location of the photographed image, caption, photo

credit, and any other pertinent information (e.g., species, activity conducted) describing what the photograph is depicting. By uploading photographs to NFWF's grants management system the NFWF Subrecipient certifies that the photographs are unencumbered and that NFWF and Project Funders have a fully paid up non-exclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide license for posting of Final Reports and for any other purposes that NFWF or the Project Funder determines appropriate.

1.4.5. Significant Developments.

The NFWF Subrecipient shall report on events that may occur between the scheduled performance reporting dates that have a significant impact on the Project. Such reporting shall be made as soon as the following conditions become known:

1.4.5.1. Problems, delays, or adverse conditions which will materially impair the ability to meet the Project objective, including but not limited to the objective itself, its schedule and/or the budget. This disclosure must include a statement of the action taken, or contemplated, and any assistance needed to resolve the matter; and/or,

1.4.5.2. Favorable developments which enable meeting time schedules and objectives sooner or at less cost than anticipated or produce more or different beneficial results than originally planned.

1.5. Reports and Payment Requests.

All reports, financial, programmatic, or otherwise, or payment requests under a federal award must be submitted by a representative of the NFWF Subrecipient who has the NFWF Subrecipient's full authority to render such reports and requests for payment and to provide required certifications as set forth in 2 CFR 200.415, as applicable.

1.6. Record Retention and Access.

1.6.1. Retention Requirements for Records.

NFWF Subrecipient shall maintain all records connected with this Agreement for a period of at least three (3) years following the latest end date of the funding source(s) referenced above in line 19. FUNDING SOURCE INFORMATION/FEDERAL AND NON-FEDERAL or the close-out of all pending matters or audits related to this Agreement, whichever is later. As funding source end dates may be extended over time, the NFWF Subrecipient will be notified of the most up-to-date record retention requirements upon closure of this Award. If any litigation, claim, or audit is started (irrespective of the NFWF Subrecipient's involvement in such matter) before the expiration of the 3-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings or pending matters involving the records have been resolved and final action taken. NFWF shall notify NFWF Subrecipient if any such litigation, claim or audit takes place or if funding source end date(s) is extended so as to extend the retention period. Records for real property and equipment acquired with federal funds must be retained for at least three (3) years following disposition of such real property. For awards solely funded with funding sources with "N/A" listed as the end date, NFWF Subrecipient shall maintain all records connected with this Agreement

for a period of at least three (3) years following the date of final payment or the Period of Performance end date, whichever is later.

1.6.2. Access to Records.

NFWF or any of its authorized representatives shall have access to such records and financial statements upon request, as shall Inspectors General, the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their authorized representatives if the Funding Source or any funding entity (*i.e.*, a secondary funding source) is a federal agency and/or any portion of the Project provided herein is paid with federal funds. The rights of access in this section are not limited to the required retention period but last as long as the records are retained.

SECTION 2 NFWF AGREEMENT CLAUSES

2.1. Restrictions on Use of Funds.

The NFWF Subrecipient agrees that any funds provided by NFWF and all Matching Contributions will be expended only for the purposes and programs described in this Agreement. No funds provided by NFWF pursuant to this Agreement or Matching Contributions may be used to support litigation expenses, lobbying activities, or any other activities not authorized under this Agreement or otherwise unallowable under the Federal Cost Principles set forth in the OMB Uniform Guidance.

2.2. Assignment.

The NFWF Subrecipient may not assign this Agreement, in whole or in part, to any other individual or other legal entity without the prior written approval of NFWF.

2.3. Subawards and Contracts.

When making subawards or contracting, NFWF Subrecipient shall: (1) abide by all applicable granting and contracting procedures, including but not limited to those requirements of the OMB Uniform Guidance (2 C.F.R. Part 200); (2) ensure that all applicable federal, state and local requirements are properly flowed down to the subawardee or contractor, including but not limited to the applicable provisions of the OMB Uniform Guidance (2 C.F.R. Part 200); and (3) ensure that such subaward or contracting complies with the requirements in Section 3.3 of this Agreement concerning Compliance with Laws. NFWF Subrecipient shall also include in any subaward or contract a similar provision to this, requiring the use of proper grant and contracting procedures and subsequent flow down of federal, state, and local requirements to lower-tiered subawardees and contractors.

2.4. Unexpended Funds.

Any funds provided by NFWF and held by the NFWF Subrecipient and not expended at the end of the Period of Performance will be returned to NFWF within ninety (90) days after the end of the Period of Performance.

2.5. Publicity, Acknowledgment of Support, and Disclaimers.

2.5.1. Publicity.

The NFWF Subrecipient gives NFWF the right and authority to publicize NFWF's financial support for this Agreement and the Project in press releases, publications, and other public communications.

2.5.2. Acknowledgment of Support.

The NFWF Subrecipient agrees to: (1) give appropriate credit to NFWF and any Funding Sources identified in this Agreement for their financial support in any and all press releases, publications, annual reports, signage, video credits, dedications, and other public communications regarding this Agreement or any of the project deliverables associated with this Agreement, subject to any terms and conditions as may be stated in Section 5 and Section 6 of this Agreement; and (2) include the disclaimer provided at Section 2.5.4.

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2.5.3. Logo Use.

The NFWF Subrecipient must obtain prior NFWF approval for the use relating to this Award of the NFWF logo or the logo or marks of any Funding Source.

2.5.4. Disclaimers.

Payments made to the NFWF Subrecipient under this Agreement do not by direct reference or by implication convey NFWF's endorsement nor the endorsement by any other entity that provides funds to the NFWF Subrecipient through this Agreement, including the U.S. Government, as applicable, for the Project. All information submitted for publication or other public releases of information regarding this Agreement shall carry the following disclaimer, which NFWF may revise at any time at its sole discretion:

For Projects funded in whole or part with federal funds: "The views and conclusions contained in this document are those of the authors and should not be interpreted as representing the opinions or policies of the U.S. Government or the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and its funding sources. Mention of trade names or commercial products does not constitute their endorsement by the U.S. Government, or the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation or its funding sources."

For Projects not funded with federal funds: "The views and conclusions contained in this document are those of the authors and should not be interpreted as representing the opinions of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation or its funding sources. Mention of trade names or commercial products does not constitute their endorsement by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation or its funding sources."

2.6. Posting of Final Reports.

The NFWF Subrecipient hereby acknowledges and consents for NFWF and any Funding Source identified in this Agreement to post its final programmatic reports and deliverables on their respective websites. In the event that the NFWF Subrecipient intends to claim that its final report contains material that does not have to be posted on such websites because it is protected from disclosure by statutory or regulatory provisions, the NFWF Subrecipient shall so notify NFWF and any Funding Source identified in this Agreement and clearly mark all such potentially protected materials as "PROTECTED," providing an accurate and complete citation to the statutory or regulatory source for such protection.

2.7. Website Links.

The NFWF Subrecipient agrees to permit NFWF to post a link on any or all NFWF websites to any websites created by the NFWF Subrecipient in connection with the Project.

2.8. Evaluation.

Throughout a program or business plan, NFWF engages in monitoring and evaluation to assess progress toward conservation goals and inform future decision-making. These efforts use both data collected by grantees as part of their NFWF grant as well as post-award project data collected by third-party entities commissioned to conduct a program evaluation. The NFWF Subrecipient agrees to cooperate with NFWF by providing timely responses to all reasonable requests for information to assist in evaluating the accomplishments of the Project period of five (5) years after the project end date.

2.9. Intellectual Property.

Reports, materials, books, databases, monitoring data, maps and spatial data, audio/video, and other forms of intellectual property created using this grant may be copyrighted or otherwise legally protected by the NFWF Subrecipient or by the author. The NFWF Subrecipient agrees to provide to NFWF and any Funding Source identified in this Agreement a non-exclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide license to use, publish, copy and alter the NFWF Subrecipient's intellectual property created using this award for non-commercial purposes in any media – whether now known or later devised – including posting such intellectual property on NFWF's or Funding Source websites and featuring in publications. NFWF retains the right to use project metrics and spatial data submitted by the NFWF Subrecipient to estimate societal benefits that result and to report these results to funding partners on a case-by-case basis as determined by NFWF. These may include but are not limited to: habitat and species response, species connectivity, water quality, water quantity, risk of detrimental events (e.g., wildfire, floods), carbon accounting (e.g., sequestration, avoided emissions), environmental justice, and diversity, equity, and inclusion.

2.10. System for Award Management (SAM) Registration.

The NFWF Subrecipient must maintain an active SAM registration at www.SAM.gov until the final financial report is submitted or final payment is received, whichever is later. If the NFWF Subrecipient's SAM registration expires during the required period, NFWF will suspend payment to the NFWF Subrecipient until the SAM registration is updated.

2.11. Arbitration.

All claims, disputes, and other matters in question arising out of, or relating to this Agreement, its interpretation or breach, shall be decided through arbitration by a person or persons mutually acceptable to both NFWF and the NFWF Subrecipient. Notice of the demand for arbitration shall be made within a reasonable time, not to exceed three years, after the claim, dispute, or other matter in question has arisen. The award rendered by the arbitrator or arbitrators shall be final. The terms of this provision will survive termination of this Agreement.

2.12. Indemnity.

The NFWF Subrecipient shall indemnify and hold harmless NFWF, any Funding Source identified in this Grant Agreement, their respective officers, directors, agents, and employees in respect of any and all claims, injuries, losses, diminution in value, damages, liabilities, whether or not currently due, and expenses including without limitation, settlement costs and any legal or other expenses for investigating or defending any actions or threatened actions or liabilities arising from or in connection with the Project. The terms of this provision will survive termination of this Agreement.

2.13. Insurance.

The NFWF Subrecipient agrees to obtain and maintain all appropriate and/or required insurance coverages against liability for injury to persons or property from any and all activities undertaken by the NFWF Subrecipient and associated with this Agreement in any way. NFWF reserves the right to require additional insurance limits and policies based on specific activities under this Agreement, that NFWF be named insured on all applicable insurance policies, and that the NFWF Subrecipient provide a certificate of insurance and/or copies of applicable insurance policies as requested by NFWF. The terms of this provision will survive termination of this Agreement.

2.14. Choice of Law/Jurisdiction.

This Agreement shall be subject to and interpreted by the laws of the District of Columbia, without regard to choice of law principles. By entering into this Agreement, the NFWF Subrecipient agrees to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the District of Columbia. The terms of this provision will survive termination of this Agreement.

2.15. Stop Work.

NFWF may, at any time, by written order to the NFWF Subrecipient, require the NFWF Subrecipient to stop all, or any part, of the work called for by this Agreement for a period of 90 days after the order is delivered to the NFWF Subrecipient. The order shall be specifically identified as a stop-work order issued under this section. Upon receipt of the order, the NFWF Subrecipient shall immediately comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to this Agreement covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. Within a period of 90 calendar days after a stop-work order is delivered to the NFWF Subrecipient, or within any extension of that period to which the parties shall have agreed, NFWF shall either cancel the stop-work order or terminate the Agreement under section 2.16.

2.16. Termination.

2.16.1. Upon the occurrence of any of the following enumerated circumstances, NFWF may terminate this Agreement, or any portion thereunder, upon receipt by the NFWF Subrecipient of NFWF's written notice of termination, or as otherwise specified in the notice of termination:

2.16.1.1. the NFWF Subrecipient is adjudged or becomes bankrupt or insolvent, is unable to pay its debts as they become due, or makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or,

2.16.1.2. the NFWF Subrecipient voluntarily or involuntarily undertakes to dissolve or wind up its affairs; or,

2.16.1.3. suspension or debarment by the Government of the NFWF Subrecipient; or,

2.16.1.4. any breach of the requirements set forth in Section 3.3 of this Agreement concerning Compliance with Laws; or,

2.16.1.5. NFWF learns that NFWF Subrecipient has an organizational conflict of interest, or any other conflict of interest, as determined in the sole discretion of NFWF, that NFWF believes, in its sole discretion, cannot be mitigated; or,

2.16.1.6. after written notice and a reasonable opportunity, the NFWF Subrecipient is unable to cure a perceived non-compliance with any material term (other than those enumerated at 2.16.1.1 – 2.16.1.5) of this Agreement. The cure period shall be considered the timeframe specified by the Funding Source(s), if any, minus one (1) to five (5) days or as agreed upon by the Parties in writing, or if no time is specified by the Funding Source(s), ten (10) days or as otherwise agreed upon by the Parties. Within this time period the NFWF Subrecipient shall, as

determined by NFWF, (a) satisfactorily demonstrate its compliance with the term(s) originally believed to be in non-compliance; or (b) NFWF, at its sole discretion, may determine that NFWF Subrecipient has satisfactorily demonstrated that reasonable progress has been made so as not to endanger performance under this Agreement; or,

2.16.1.7. if the Funding Source issues an early termination under the funding agreement(s) covering all or part of the Project at issue hereunder.

2.16.2. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by written notice to the other Party for any reason by providing thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the other Party.

2.16.3. In the event of termination of this Agreement prior to Project completion, the NFWF Subrecipient shall immediately (unless otherwise directed by NFWF in its notice if NFWF initiated the termination) undertake all reasonable steps to wind down the Project cooperatively with NFWF, including but not limited to the following:

2.16.3.1. Stop any portion of the Project's work that is incomplete (unless work to be completed and a different date for termination of work are specified in NFWF's notice).

2.16.3.2. Place no further work orders or enter into any further subawards or contracts for materials, services, or facilities, except as necessary to complete work as specified in NFWF's notice.

2.16.3.3. Terminate all pending Project work orders, subawards, and contracts for work that has not yet commenced.

2.16.3.4. With the prior written consent of NFWF, promptly take all other reasonable and feasible steps to minimize and/or mitigate any damages that may be caused by the failure to complete the Project, including but not limited to reasonable settlements of any outstanding claims arising out of termination of Project work orders, subawards, and contracts. NFWF will reimburse the NFWF Subrecipient for non-cancelable allowable costs incurred by the NFWF Subrecipient prior to termination that cannot be mitigated. However, the foregoing is subject to the complete reimbursement of such costs by the Funding Source; accordingly, any amounts ultimately not paid, or which are recouped by the Funding Source, are subject to recoupment by NFWF.

2.16.3.5. Deliver or make available to NFWF all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries, and such other information and material as may have been accumulated by the NFWF Subrecipient under this Agreement, whether completed or in progress.

2.16.3.6. Return to NFWF any unobligated portion of the Award.

2.17. Entire Agreement.

These terms and conditions, including the Attachments hereto, constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the Project described herein and supersede all previous communications, representations, or agreements, either oral or written, with respect to the subject matter hereof. No representations or statements of any kind made by any representative of a Party, which are not stated herein, shall be binding on said Party.

2.18. Severability.

Each provision of this Agreement is distinct and severable from the others. If one or more provisions is or becomes invalid, unlawful, or unenforceable in whole or in part, the validity, lawfulness and enforceability of the remaining provisions (and of the same provision to the extent enforceable) will not be impaired, and the Parties agree to substitute a provision as similar to the offending provision as possible without its being invalid, unlawful or unenforceable.

2.19. Interpretation and Construction.

2.19.1. This Agreement shall be interpreted as a unified contractual document with the Sections and the Attachments having equal effect, except in the event of any inconsistency between them. In the event of a conflict between any portion of this Agreement and another portion of this Grant Agreement, first the Sections will apply in the following order of precedence: 5, 4, 3, 1, 2 and 6, and then any supplemental attachments.

2.19.2. The title designations of the provisions to this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation or construction of this Agreement.

2.19.3. Every right or remedy conferred by this Agreement upon or reserved to the Parties shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every right or remedy now or hereafter existing at law or in equity, and the pursuit of any right or remedy shall not be construed a selection.

2.19.4. The failure of NFWF to exercise any right or privilege granted hereunder or to insist upon the performance and/or compliance of any provision of this Agreement, a referenced contractual, statutory or regulatory term, or an Attachment hereto, shall not be construed as waiving any such right, privilege, or performance/compliance issue, and the same shall continue in full force and effect.

2.19.5. Notwithstanding any express statements regarding the continuation of an obligation beyond the expiration or termination of this Agreement, the rights and obligations of this Agreement, which by their nature extend beyond its expiration or termination, shall remain in full force and effect and shall bind the Parties and their legal representatives, successors, heirs, and assigns.

SECTION 3 REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, OBLIGATIONS AND OTHER STATEMENTS – GENERAL

3.1. Binding Obligation.

By execution of this Agreement, NFWF Subrecipient represents and certifies that this Agreement has been duly executed by a representative of the NFWF Subrecipient with full authority to execute this Agreement and binds the NFWF Subrecipient to the terms hereof. After execution by the representative of the NFWF Subrecipient named on the signature page hereto, this Agreement represents the legal, valid, and binding obligation of the NFWF Subrecipient, enforceable against the NFWF Subrecipient in accordance with its terms.

3.2. Additional Support.

In making this Award, NFWF assumes no obligation to provide further funding or support to the NFWF Subrecipient beyond the terms stated in this Agreement.

3.3. Compliance with Laws.

3.3.1. In General.

By execution of this Agreement and through its continued performance hereunder, the NFWF Subrecipient represents, certifies and agrees that it is and shall continue to conduct all such activities in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances and to secure all appropriate necessary public or private permits and consents. The terms of this provision will survive termination of this Agreement and must be flowed down to any and all contractors, subcontractors or subrecipients entered into by NFWF Subrecipient in the performance of this Agreement.

3.3.2. Compliance with Anti-Corruption Laws.

The NFWF Subrecipient represents, certifies and agrees to ensure that no payments have been or will be made or received by the NFWF Subrecipient in connection with this Agreement in violation of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended (15 U.S.C. §dd-1 *et seq.*), or any other applicable anti-corruption laws or regulations (e.g., UK Bribery Act 2010) in the countries in which the NFWF Subrecipient performs under this Agreement.

3.3.3. Compliance with Anti-Terrorism Laws.

The NFWF Subrecipient represents, certifies and agrees not to provide material support or resources directly or indirectly to, or knowingly permit any funds provided by NFWF pursuant to this Agreement or Matching Contributions to be transferred to, any individual, corporation or other entity that the NFWF Subrecipient knows, or has reason to know, commits, attempts to commit, advocates, facilitates, or participates in any terrorist activity, or has committed, attempted to commit, advocated, facilitated or participated in any terrorist activity, including, but not limited to, the individuals and entities (1) on the master list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons maintained by the U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control, which list is available at www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac; (2) on the consolidated list of individuals and entities maintained by the "1267 Committee" of the United Nations Security Council at http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/aa_sanctions_list.shtml; (3) on the consolidated

list maintained by the U.S. Department of Commerce at http://export.gov/ecr/eg_main_023148.asp, or (4) on such other list as NFWF may identify from time to time.

3.3.4. Compliance with Additional Laws and Restrictions.

The NFWF Subrecipient represents, certifies and agrees to ensure that its activities under this Agreement comply with all applicable U.S. laws, regulations and executive orders regarding money laundering, terrorist financing, U.S. sanctions laws, U.S. export controls, restrictive trade practices, boycotts, and all other economic sanctions or trade restrictions promulgated from time to time by means of statute, executive order, regulation or as administered by the U.S. Department of State, the Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, or the Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce.

3.4. Subrecipient Debarment and Suspensions.

By and through NFWF Subrecipient's execution of this Agreement, NFWF Subrecipient warrants and represents its initial and continued compliance that it is not listed on the General Services Administration's, government-wide System for Award Management Exclusions (SAM Exclusions), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R Part 180 that implement E.O.s 12549 (3 C.F.R., 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 C.F.R., 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." The NFWF Subrecipient further provides that it shall not enter into any subaward, contract or other agreement using funds provided by NFWF with any party listed on the SAM Exclusions in accordance with Executive Orders 12549 and 12689. The SAM Exclusions can be found at <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/>.

3.5. Conflicts of Interest.

By execution of this Agreement, NFWF Subrecipient acknowledges that it is prohibited from using any Project funds received under this Agreement in a manner which may give rise to an apparent or actual conflict of interest, including organizational conflicts of interest, on the part of the NFWF Subrecipient. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. The officers, employees, and agents of NFWF Subrecipient may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts. An organizational conflict of interest is defined as a relationship that because of relationships with a parent company, affiliate, or subsidiary organization, the non-federal entity is unable or appears to be unable to be impartial in conducting a procurement action involving a related organization. The NFWF Subrecipient represents and certifies that it has adopted a conflict of interest policy that, at a minimum, complies with the requirements of the OMB Uniform Guidance, and will comply with such policy in the use of any Project funds received under this Agreement. NFWF Subrecipient may set standards for situations in which the financial interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. The standards of conduct must provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents of NFWF Subrecipient. If NFWF Subrecipient becomes aware of any actual or potential conflict of interest or organizational conflict of interest, during the course of performance of this Agreement, NFWF Subrecipient will immediately notify NFWF in writing of such actual or potential conflict of interest, whether organizational or otherwise.

SECTION 4 REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND OTHER STATEMENTS RELATING TO FEDERAL FUNDS – GENERAL

4.1. If the Funding Source or any funding entity (*i.e.*, a secondary funding source) is a federal agency and/or any portion of the Project provided herein is paid with federal funds, the NFWF Subrecipient must read and understand certain applicable federal regulations, including but not limited to, the following in Sections 4 and 5 of this Agreement as set forth herein.

The NFWF Subrecipient will need to understand and comply with the OMB Uniform Guidance (including related Supplements as may be applicable to a specific federal funding source(s), and Appendices as may be applicable), in addition to other applicable federal regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, the provisions of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA), which includes requirements on executive compensation, and also requirements implementing the Act for the non-federal entity at 2 CFR part 25 Financial Assistance Use of Universal Identifier and System for Award Management and 2 CFR part 170 Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information. The most recent version of the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations can be found at <https://www.ecfr.gov/>.

4.2. 2 CFR § 200 Subpart F Audits.

It is the responsibility of the NFWF Subrecipient to arrange for audits as required by 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F – Audit Requirements. The NFWF Subrecipient shall notify NFWF in writing about 2 CFR Subpart F audit findings related to projects funded by NFWF pass-through funds. The NFWF Subrecipient understands that NFWF may require the NFWF Subrecipient to take corrective action measures in response to a deficiency identified during an audit.

4.3. Real and Personal Property.

In accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.316 (Property trust relationship), real property, equipment, and intangible property acquired or improved with federal funds must be held in trust by the NFWF Subrecipient as trustee for the beneficiaries of the project or program under which the property was acquired or improved. This trust relationship exists throughout the duration of the property's estimated useful life during which time the Federal Government retains an undivided, equitable reversionary interest in the property (Federal Interest). During the duration of the Federal Interest, the NFWF Subrecipient must comply with all use, reporting, and disposition requirements and restrictions as set forth in 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.310 (Insurance coverage) through 200.316 (Property trust relationship) and 200.329 (Reporting on real property), as applicable.

4.4. Mandatory Disclosure.

NFWF Subrecipient must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to NFWF all violations of federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the federal award. Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in this Agreement, including termination, and any remedies provided under law, including suspension or debarment by cognizant federal authorities.

4.5. Trafficking in Persons.

Pursuant to section 106(a) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)) (codified at 2 C.F.R. Part 175), NFWF Subrecipient shall comply with the below provisions. Further, NFWF Subrecipient shall flow down these provisions in all subawards and contracts, including a requirement that Subrecipients similarly flow down these provisions in all lower-tiered subawards and subcontracts. The provision is cited herein:

- I. Trafficking in persons.
 - a. *Provisions applicable to a recipient that is a private entity.*
 1. You as the recipient, your employees, subrecipients under this award, and subrecipients' employees may not—
 - i. Engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect;
 - ii. Procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or
 - iii. Use forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.
 2. We as the federal awarding agency's pass-through entity may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if you or a subrecipient that is a private entity —
 - i. Is determined to have violated a prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term; or
 - ii. Has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated a prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term through conduct that is either—
 - A. Associated with performance under this award; or
 - B. Imputed to you or the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement),".
 - b. *Provision applicable to a recipient other than a private entity.* We as the federal awarding agency's pass-through entity may unilaterally terminate this award, without penalty, if a subrecipient that is a private entity-
 1. Is determined to have violated an applicable prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term; or
 2. Has an employee who is determined by the agency official authorized to terminate the award to have violated an applicable prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term through conduct that is either—
 - i. Associated with performance under this award; or
 - ii. Imputed to the subrecipient using the standards and due process for imputing the conduct of an individual to an organization that are provided in 2 CFR part 180, "OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement),".
 - c. *Provisions applicable to any recipient.*
 1. You must inform us immediately of any information you receive from any source alleging a violation of a prohibition in paragraph a.1 of this award term.
 2. Our right to terminate unilaterally that is described in paragraph a.2 or b of this section:
 - i. Implements section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)), and
 - ii. Is in addition to all other remedies for noncompliance that are available to us under this award.

3. You must include the requirements of paragraph a.1 of this award term in any subaward you make to a private entity.
- d. *Definitions.* For purposes of this award term:
 1. "Employee" means either:
 - i. An individual employed by you or a subrecipient who is engaged in the performance of the project or program under this award; or
 - ii. Another person engaged in the performance of the project or program under this award and not compensated by you including, but not limited to, a volunteer or individual whose services are contributed by a third party as an in-kind contribution toward cost sharing or matching requirements.
 2. "Forced labor" means labor obtained by any of the following methods: the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.
 3. "Private entity":
 - i. Means any entity other than a State, local government, Indian tribe, or foreign public entity, as those terms are defined in 2 CFR 175.25.
 - ii. Includes:
 - A. A nonprofit organization, including any nonprofit institution of higher education, hospital, or tribal organization other than one included in the definition of Indian tribe at 2 CFR 175.25(b).
 - B. A for-profit organization.
 4. "Severe forms of trafficking in persons," "commercial sex act," and "coercion" have the meanings given at section 103 of the TVPA, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7102).

4.6. 41 United States Code (U.S.C.) 4712, Enhancement of Recipient and Subrecipient Employee Whistleblower Protection:

(a) This award, related subawards, and related contracts over the simplified acquisition threshold and all employees working on this award, related subawards, and related contracts over the simplified acquisition threshold are subject to the whistleblower rights and remedies established at 41 U.S.C. 4712.

(b) Recipients, their subrecipients, and their contractors awarded contracts over the simplified acquisition threshold related to this award, shall inform their employees in writing, in the predominant language of the workforce, of the employee whistleblower rights and protections under 41 U.S.C. 4712.

(c) The recipient shall insert this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subawards and contracts over the simplified acquisition threshold related to this award.

4.7. 41 USC §6306, Prohibition on Members of Congress Making Contracts with Federal Government.

No member of or delegate to Congress or Resident Commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this award, or to any benefit that may arise therefrom; this provision shall not be construed to extend to an award made to a corporation for the public's general benefit. NFWF Subrecipient shall flow down this provision in all subawards and contracts, including a requirement that subrecipients similarly flow down this provision in all lower-tiered subawards and subcontracts.

4.8. Executive Order 13513, Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging while Driving.

(Sub)Recipients are encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving, including conducting initiatives of the type described in section 3(a) of the order. NFWF Subrecipient shall flow down this provision in all subawards and contracts, including a requirement that subrecipients similarly flow down this provision in all lower-tiered subawards and subcontracts.

4.9. 43 CFR §18 New Restrictions on Lobbying.

By execution of this Agreement, the NFWF Subrecipient agrees to comply with 43 CFR 18, New Restrictions on Lobbying, and certifies to the following statements:

(a) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the NFWF Subrecipient, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(b) If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying" in accordance with its instructions.

(c) The NFWF Subrecipient shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all Subrecipients shall certify accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification, as represented by execution of this Agreement, is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure. All liability arising from an erroneous representation shall be borne solely by the entity filing that representation and shall not be shared by any entity to which the erroneous representation is forwarded. Submitting an erroneous certification or disclosure constitutes a failure to file the required certification or disclosure, respectively. If a person fails to file a required certification or disclosure, the United States may pursue all available remedies, including those authorized by section 1352, title 31 of the U.S. Code.

4.10. Prohibition on Issuing Financial Assistance Awards to Entities that Require Certain Internal Confidentiality Agreements.

The NFWF Subrecipient must not require their employees, subrecipients, or contractors seeking to report fraud, waste, or abuse to sign internal confidentiality agreements or statements prohibiting or otherwise restricting such employees, subrecipients, or contractors from lawfully reporting such

waste, fraud, or abuse to a designated investigative or law enforcement representative of a federal department or agency authorized to receive such information. The NFWF Subrecipient must notify their employees, subrecipients, or contractors that existing internal confidentiality agreements covered by this condition are no longer in effect.

4.11. Drug-Free Workplace.

The NFWF Subrecipient must make an ongoing, good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace pursuant to the specific requirements set forth in 41 USC Chapter 81 Drug-Free Workplace.

4.12. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment. (Effective 8/13/2020)

As required by 2 CFR 200.216, the NFWF Subrecipient is prohibited from obligating or expending funds awarded under this Agreement to procure or obtain; extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that use covered telecommunications equipment or services from Huawei Technologies Company, ZTE Corporation, Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, and Dahua Technology Company, or any other company, including affiliates and subsidiaries, owned or controlled by the People's Republic of China, which are a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. By and through the NFWF Subrecipient's execution of this Agreement, the NFWF Subrecipient warrants and represents that the NFWF Subrecipient will not obligate or expend funds awarded under this Agreement for "covered telecommunications equipment or services" (as this term is defined and this restriction is imposed under 2 CFR 200.216).

4.13. Domestic Preference for Procurements.

- a) Under this Agreement and in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.322, the NFWF Subrecipient shall to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products).
- b) For purposes of this agreement, the following definitions apply:
 - i. "Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States; and
 - ii. "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

SECTION 5 REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND OTHER STATEMENTS RELATING TO FEDERAL FUNDS – FUNDING SOURCE SPECIFIC

NFWF Subrecipient acknowledges that when all or part of this Agreement is funded by a federal award that certain representations, certifications, and other statements relating to the use of such funds or performance of the Project may be necessary. These representations, certifications and other statements are set forth below. Unless otherwise stated in this Agreement, the execution and submission of this Agreement serves as affirmative acknowledgement of an agreement with the below representations, certifications, and other statements. Further, should circumstances of the NFWF Subrecipient change during the performance of this Agreement that would render one of these representations, certifications and/or other statements inaccurate, invalid or incorrect, the NFWF Subrecipient shall promptly notify NFWF of such change in circumstance. Finally, NFWF reserves the right to update and require subsequent acknowledgement of an agreement with new or revised representations, certifications, and other statements at no additional cost under this Agreement.

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Department of Commerce (DOC) Compliance Requirements.

The NFWF Subrecipient must comply with the terms and conditions of a DOC financial assistance award, including applicable provisions of the OMB Uniform Guidance (2 C.F.R. Part 200), and all associated Terms and Conditions set forth in the Department of Commerce Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions Dated November 12, 2020, available at http://www.osec.doc.gov/oam/grants_management/policy/. See 2 C.F.R. § 200.101(b)(1) (Applicability), which describes the applicability of 2 C.F.R. Part 200 to various types of Federal awards and §§200.331-333 (Subrecipient monitoring and management). Additionally, the NFWF Subrecipient must flow these requirements down to all subrecipients and contractors, including lower tier subrecipients.

Field Work.

The NFWF Subrecipient is required to follow recognized best practices for minimizing impacts to the human and natural environment when applicable and will provide for safety in their projects as needed, including addressing the safety of personnel, associates, visitors, and volunteers in their projects. In addition, any use of unoccupied aircraft systems in projects under this award must be in compliance with all applicable Federal Aviation Administration regulations, and any other applicable federal, state, or local regulations.

Required Use of American Iron, Steel, Manufactured Products, and Construction Materials.

If applicable, and pursuant to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (“IIJA”), Pub.L. No. 117-58, which includes the Build American, Buy American (BABA) Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58, §§ 70901-52 and OMB M-22-11, recipients of an award of Federal financial assistance from the Department of Commerce (DOC) are hereby notified that none of the funds provided under this award may be used for a project for infrastructure unless: (1) all iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States—this means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the

application of coatings, occurred in the United States; (2) all manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States—this means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States; and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation; and (3) all construction materials are manufactured in the United States—this means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States. 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. This requirement also applies to subrecipients.

Waivers: When necessary, recipients may apply for, and DOC may grant, a waiver from these requirements. DOC will notify the recipient for information on the process for requesting a waiver from these requirements. When DOC has made a determination that one of the following exceptions applies, the awarding official may waive the application of the domestic content procurement preference in any case in which DOC determines that: a. applying the domestic content procurement preference would be inconsistent with the public interest; b. the types of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality; or c. the inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent. A request to waive the application of the domestic content procurement preference must be in writing. DOC will provide instructions on the format, contents,

and supporting materials required for any waiver request. Waiver requests are subject to public comment periods of no less than 15 days and must be reviewed by the Made in America Office. There may be instances where an award qualifies, in whole or in part, for an existing waiver described at whitehouse.gov/omb/management/made-in-america.

Definitions: “Construction materials” includes an article, material, or supply—other than an item of primarily iron or steel; a manufactured product; cement and cementitious materials; aggregates such as stone, sand, or gravel; or aggregate binding agents or additives—that is or consists primarily of: non-ferrous metals; plastic and polymer-based products (including polyvinyl chloride, composite building materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables); glass (including optic glass); lumber; or drywall. “Domestic content procurement preference” means all iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States; the manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States; or the construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States. “Infrastructure” includes, at a minimum, the structures, facilities, and equipment for, in the United States, roads, highways, and bridges; public transportation; dams, ports, harbors, and other maritime facilities; intercity passenger and freight railroads; freight and intermodal facilities; airports; water systems, including drinking water and wastewater systems; electrical transmission facilities and systems; utilities; broadband infrastructure; and buildings and real property. Infrastructure includes facilities that generate, transport, and distribute energy. “Project” means the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of infrastructure in the United States. -- 1 Excludes cement and cementitious materials, aggregates such as stone, sand, or gravel, or aggregate binding agents or additives. 2 IIJA, § 70917(c)(1).

Implementation of Domestic Sourcing Requirements

Prior to initiation of any construction that may arise in this award, the NFWF Subrecipient is required to inform NFWF whether it is using iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials as described in "Required Use of American Iron, Steel, Manufactured Products, and Construction Materials" above. In addition, the NFWF Subrecipient is required to inform NFWF whether those materials are produced or manufactured in the United States, or alternatively, it is requesting one or more waivers, as described in the award condition.

Data Sharing Directive.

The Data and Publication Sharing Directive for NOAA Grants, Cooperative Agreements, and Contracts ensures that environmental data funded extramurally by NOAA are made publicly accessible in a timely fashion (typically within two years of collection), and that final manuscripts of peer-reviewed research papers are deposited with the NOAA Central Library (upon acceptance by the journal, or no later than at time of publication). Therefore, non-Federal entities, or recipients, must make data produced under financial assistance publicly accessible in accordance with the Data Management Plan included with the Proposal, unless the grant program grants a modification or an exemption. The text of the Directive is available at <https://nosc.noaa.gov/EDMC/PD.DSP.php>.

- a. Data Sharing: Environmental data collected or created under this Grant, Cooperative Agreement, or Contract must be made publicly visible and accessible in a timely manner, free of charge or at minimal cost that is no more than the cost of distribution to the user, except where limited by law, regulation, policy, or national security requirements. Data are to be made available in a form that would permit further analysis or reuse: data must be encoded in a machine-readable format, preferably using existing open format standards; data must be sufficiently documented, preferably using open metadata standards, to enable users to independently read and understand the data. The location (internet address) of the data should be included in the final report. Pursuant to NOAA Information Quality Guidelines, data should undergo quality control (QC) and a description of the QC process and results should be referenced in the metadata. Failure to perform quality control does not constitute an excuse not to share data. Data without QC are considered “experimental products” and their dissemination must be accompanied by explicit limitations on their quality or by an indicated degree of uncertainty.
- b. Timeliness: Data accessibility must occur no later than publication of a peer-reviewed article based on the data, or two years after the data are collected and verified, or two years after the original end date of the grant (not including any extensions or follow-on funding), whichever is soonest, unless a delay has been authorized by the NOAA funding program.
- c. Disclaimer: Data produced under this award and made available to the public must be accompanied by the following statement: "These data and related items of information have

not been formally disseminated by NOAA, and do not represent any agency determination, view, or policy."

- d. Failure to Share Data: Failing or delaying to make environmental data accessible in accordance with the submitted Data Management Plan, unless authorized by the NOAA Program, may lead to enforcement actions, and will be considered by NOAA when making future award decisions. Funding recipients are responsible for ensuring these conditions are also met by sub-recipients and subcontractors.
- e. Funding acknowledgement: Federal funding sources shall be identified in all scholarly publications. An Acknowledgements section shall be included in the body of the publication stating the relevant Grant Programs and Award Numbers. In addition, funding sources shall be reported during the publication submission process using the FundRef mechanism (<http://www.crossref.org/fundref/>) if supported by the Publisher.
- f. Manuscript submission: The final pre-publication manuscripts of scholarly publications produced with NOAA funding shall be submitted to the NOAA Institutional Repository at <http://library.noaa.gov/repository> after acceptance, and no later than upon publication, of the paper by a journal. NOAA will produce a publicly-visible catalog entry directing users to the published version of the article. After an embargo period of one year after publication, NOAA shall make the manuscript itself publicly visible, free of charge, while continuing to direct users to the published version of record.
- g. Data Citation: Publications based on data, and new products derived from source data, must cite the data used according to the conventions of the Publisher, using unambiguous labels such as Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs). All data and derived products that are used to support the conclusions of a peer-reviewed publication must be made available in a form that permits verification and reproducibility of the results.

Scientific Integrity.

- a. *Maintaining Integrity.* The NFWF Subrecipient shall maintain the scientific integrity of research performed pursuant to this grant or financial assistance award including the prevention, detection, and remediation of any allegations regarding the violation of scientific integrity or scientific and research misconduct, and the conduct of inquiries, investigations, and adjudications of allegations of violations of scientific integrity or scientific and research misconduct. All the requirements of this provision flow down to subrecipients.

- b. *Peer Review.* The peer review of the results of scientific activities under a NOAA grant, financial assistance award, or cooperative agreement shall be accomplished to ensure consistency with NOAA standards on quality, relevance, scientific integrity, reproducibility, transparency, and performance. NOAA will ensure that peer review of "influential scientific information" or "highly influential scientific assessments" is conducted in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review and NOAA policies on peer review, such as the Information Quality Guidelines.
- c. In performing or presenting the results of scientific activities under the NOAA grant, financial assistance award, or cooperative agreement and in responding to allegations regarding the violation of scientific integrity or scientific and research misconduct, the NFWF Subrecipient and all subrecipients shall comply with the provisions herein and NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 202-735D, Scientific Integrity, and its Procedural Handbook, including any amendments thereto. That Order can be found at <https://nrc.noaa.gov/ScientificIntegrityCommons.aspx>.
- d. *Primary Responsibility.* The NFWF Subrecipient shall have the primary responsibility to prevent, detect, and investigate allegations of a violation of scientific integrity or scientific and research misconduct. Unless otherwise instructed by the grants officer, the recipient shall promptly conduct an initial inquiry into any allegation of such misconduct and may rely on its internal policies and procedures, as appropriate, to do so.
- e. By executing this grant, financial assistance award, or cooperative agreement the NFWF Subrecipient provides its assurance that it has established an administrative process for performing an inquiry, investigating, and reporting allegations of a violation of scientific integrity or scientific and research misconduct; and that it will comply with its own administrative process for performing an inquiry, investigation, and reporting of such misconduct.
- f. The NFWF Subrecipient shall insert this provision in all subawards at all tiers under this grant, financial assistance award, or cooperative agreement.

SECTION 6 OTHER REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, STATEMENTS AND CLAUSES

NFWF Subrecipient acknowledges that all or part of this Agreement may be funded by a non-federal source that requires certain representations, certifications, and other statements relating to the use of such funds or performance of the Project. These representations, certifications and other statements are set forth below. Unless otherwise stated in this Agreement, the execution and submission of this Agreement serves as affirmative acknowledgement of an agreement with the below representations, certifications, and other statements. Further, should circumstances of the NFWF Subrecipient change during the performance of this Agreement that would render one of these representations, certifications and/or other statements inaccurate, invalid or incorrect, the NFWF Subrecipient shall promptly notify NFWF of such change in circumstance. Finally, NFWF reserves the right to update and require subsequent acknowledgement of an agreement with new or revised representations, certifications, and other statements at no additional cost under this Agreement.

None.