

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF STATE
AND
[INSERT NAME OF GRANTEE TO MATCH W-9]
[INSERT PROJECT GRANT NUMBER]**

This Agreement is by and between the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Historical Resources hereinafter referred to as the "Division," and the [INSERT NAME OF GRANTEE] hereinafter referred to as the "Grantee."

The Grantee has been awarded an Abandoned African-American Cemeteries Grant by the Division, grant number [INSERT PROJECT NUMBER] for the Project "[INSERT PROJECT NAME]," in the amount of \$[INSERT AWARD AMOUNT] ("Grant Award Amount"). The Division enters into this Agreement pursuant to Line Item [INSERT LINE NUMBER], contained in the [INSERT FISCAL YEAR] General Appropriations Act, [INSERT BILL NUMBER], Laws of Florida. The Division has the authority to administer this grant in accordance with Section 267.21(2), *Florida Statutes*.

In consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Grant Purpose. This grant shall be used exclusively for the "[INSERT PROJECT NAME]," the public purpose for which these funds were appropriated.

a) The Grantee shall perform the following **Scope of Work**:

[INSERT SCOPE OF WORK] All tasks associated with the Project shall meet the requirements set forth in this agreement.

b) The Grantee agrees to provide the following **Deliverables** and **Performance Measures** related to the Scope of Work for payments to be awarded.

[INSERT DELIVERABLES AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES]

c) The Grantee has provided an Estimated Project Budget based upon reasonable expenditures projected to accomplish the Grantee's Scope of Work and Deliverables outlined in the Agreement. The Budget provides details of how grant and match funds will be spent. All expenditures shall be in accordance with this budget (which is incorporated as part of this Agreement and entitled Attachment A) and must be incurred during the term of this Agreement, as stated in Section 2 of this Agreement.

2. Length of Agreement. This Agreement shall begin on [INSERT DATE], and shall end [INSERT DATE], unless terminated in accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of this Agreement. Contract extensions will not be granted unless Grantee is able to provide substantial written justification and the Division approves such extension. The Grantee's written request for such extension must be submitted to the Division no later than thirty (30) days prior to the termination date of this Agreement and no amendment will be valid until a

written amendment is signed by both parties as required in Section 7 and Section 15 of this Agreement.

- 3. Contract Administration.** The parties are legally bound by the requirements of this Agreement. Each party's contract manager, named below, will be responsible for monitoring its performance under this Agreement, and will be the official contact for each party. Any notice(s) or other communications in regard to this agreement shall be directed to or delivered to the other party's contract manager by utilizing the information below. Any change in the contact information below shall be submitted in writing to the contract manager within 10 days of the change.

For the Division of Historical Resources:

[INSERT CONTRACT MANAGER]

Florida Department of State

R.A. Gray Building

500 South Bronough Street

Tallahassee, FL 32399

Phone: [INSERT PHONE]

Email: [INSERT EMAIL]

For the Grantee:

Contact: [INSERT GRANTEE INFORMATION]

Address:

Phone:

Email:

- 4. Grant Payments.** All grant payments are requested online via www.dosgrants.com by submitting a payment request with documentation that the deliverable has been completed. The total grant award shall not exceed the Grant Award Amount, which shall be paid by the Division in consideration for the Grantee's minimum performance as set forth by the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Grant payment requests are not considered complete for purposes of payment until review of the deliverables for compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement by the appropriate Division staff is complete and approval of the deliverable given. The grant payment schedule is outlined below:

[INSERT PAYMENT METHOD AND DELIVERABLES TO BE MET]

- 5. Electronic Payments.** The Grantee can choose to use electronic funds transfer (EFT) to receive grant payments. All grantees wishing to receive their award through electronic funds transfer must submit a Direct Deposit Authorization form to the Florida Department of Financial Services (DFS). If EFT has already been set up for the organization and a payment has been received at the account in the past year, the Grantee does not need to submit another authorization form unless the organization has changed bank accounts. If the grantee has not received a payment at the account in the past year, they should check with DFS at (850) 413-5517 or e-mail at DirectDeposit@MyFloridaCFO.com to see if their EFT request is still active. The authorization form is accessible at <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/docs-sf/accounting-and-auditing-libraries/vendors/vendor-relations/dfs-a1-26e-direct-deposit->

vendors.pdf?sfvrsn=eff728cf_16 where information pertaining to payment status is also available.

6. **Florida Substitute Form W-9.** A completed Substitute Form W-9 is required from any entity that receives a payment from the State of Florida that may be subject to 1099 reporting. The Department of Financial Services (DFS) must have the correct Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) and other related information in order to report accurate tax information to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). To register or access a Florida Substitute Form W-9 visit flvendor.myfloridacfo.com. **A copy of the Grantee's Florida Substitute Form W-9 must be submitted to the Division, as required, in advance of or with the executed Agreement.**
7. **Amendment to Agreement.** Either party may request modification of the provisions of this Agreement by contacting the Division to request an Amendment to the Contract. **Changes which are agreed upon shall be valid only when in writing, signed by each of the parties, and attached to the original of this Agreement.** If changes are implemented without the Division's written approval, the organization is subject to noncompliance, and the grant award is subject to reduction, partial, or complete refund to the State of Florida and termination of this agreement.
8. **Financial Consequences.** The Department shall apply the following financial consequences for failure to perform the minimum level of services required by this Agreement in accordance with Sections 215.971 and 287.058, *Florida Statutes*.

[INSERT FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES]

Pursuant to Section 17, Grantee shall refund to the Division any excess funds paid out prior to a reduction of total grant funding due to application of financial consequences.

9. Additional Special Conditions.

[INSERT SPECIAL CONDITIONS PER GRANT TYPE]

10. **Credit Line(s) to Acknowledge Grant Funding.** Pursuant to Section 286.25, *Florida Statutes*, in publicizing, advertising, or describing the sponsorship of the program the Grantee shall include the following statement:
 - a) "This project is sponsored in part by the Department of State, Division of Historical Resources and the State of Florida." Any variation in this language must receive prior approval in writing by the Division.
 - b) All site-specific projects must include a Project identification sign, with the aforementioned language, that must be placed on site. The cost of preparation and erection of the Project identification sign are allowable project costs. Routine maintenance costs of Project signs are not allowable project costs. A photograph of the aforementioned sign must be submitted to the Division as soon as it is erected. Non-site-specific projects that produce report(s) must include the aforementioned language in the report.

11. Encumbrance of Funds. The Grantee shall execute a binding contract for at least a part of the Scope of Work by [INSERT DATE], except as allowed below.

- a) Extension of Encumbrance Deadline: The encumbrance deadline indicated above may be extended by written approval of the Division. To be eligible for this extension, the Grantee must demonstrate to the Division that encumbrance of grant funding by binding contract(s) is achievable by the end of the requested extended encumbrance period. The Grantee's written request for extension of the encumbrance deadline must be submitted to the Department no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the encumbrance deadline indicated above.
- b) Encumbrance Deadline Exception: For projects not involving contract services the Grantee and the Department shall consult on a case-by-case basis to develop an acceptable encumbrance schedule.

12. Grant Reporting Requirements. The Grantee must submit the following reports to the Division. All reports shall document the completion of any deliverables/tasks, expenses and activities that occurred during that reporting period. All reports on grant progress will be submitted online via www.dosgrants.com.

[INSERT PROGRESS REPORT DUE DATES]

13. Matching Funds. No matching funds are required.

14. Grant Completion Deadline. The grant completion deadline is the end date of this Agreement set forth in Section 2 above. The Grant Completion Deadline is the date when all grant funds have been paid out or incurred in accordance with the work described in the Scope of Work, detailed in the Estimated Project Budget. If the Grantee finds it necessary to request an extension of the Grant Completion Deadline, an Amendment to the Agreement must be executed as per Section 7, and the stipulations in Section 15 must be met.

15. Extension of the Grant Completion Deadline. An extension of the completion date must be requested at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the Grant Period and may not exceed [INSERT NUMBER OF DAYS] days, unless the Grantee can clearly demonstrate extenuating circumstances. An extenuating circumstance is one that is beyond the control of the Grantee, and one that prevents timely completion of the Project such as a natural disaster, death or serious illness of the individual responsible for the completion of the Project, litigation related to the Project, or failure of the contractor or architect to provide the services for which they were contracted to provide. An extenuating circumstance does not include failure to read or understand the administrative requirements of a grant. Changes to the original completion deadline shall be valid only when requested in writing, approved by the Division, and an Amendment to the Agreement has been executed by both parties and attached to the original of this Agreement. The Grantee must provide documentation that a portion of the grant funds are encumbered and demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Division that project work is progressing at a rate such that completion is achievable within the extended Grant Period.

16. Non-allowable Grant Expenditures. The Grantee agrees to expend all grant funds received under this agreement solely for the purposes for which they were authorized and appropriated. Expenditures shall be in compliance with the state guidelines for allowable Project costs as outlined in the Department of Financial Services' Reference Guide for State Expenditures (revised 10/2022), which are incorporated by reference and are available online at https://www.myfloridacfo.com/docs-sf/accounting-and-auditing-libraries/state-agencies/reference-guide-for-state-expenditures.pdf?sfvrsn=b4cc3337_2. The following categories of expenditures are non-allowable for expenditure of grant funds:

[INSERT NON-ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES FROM PROGRAM GUIDELINES]

17. Unobligated and Unearned Funds and Allowable Costs. In accordance with Section 215.971, *Florida Statutes*, the Grantee shall refund to the State of Florida any balance of unobligated funds which has been advanced or paid to the Grantee. In addition, funds paid in excess of the amount to which the recipient is entitled under the terms and conditions of the agreement must be refunded to the state agency. Further, the recipient may expend funds only for allowable costs resulting from obligations incurred during the specified agreement period. Expenditures of state financial assistance must be in compliance with the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to expenditures of State funds, including, but not limited to, the *Reference Guide for State Expenditures*.

18. Repayment. All refunds or repayments to be made to the Department under this Agreement are to be made payable to the order of the "Department of State" and mailed directly to the following address: Florida Department of State, Attention: Grants Program Supervisor, Division of Historical Resources, 500 South Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399. In accordance with Section 215.34(2), *Florida Statutes*, if a check or other draft is returned to the Department for collection, Grantee shall pay to the Department a service fee of \$15.00 or five percent (5%) of the face amount of the returned check or draft, whichever is greater.

19. Single Audit Act. The Grantee is required to complete a Single Audit Act certification form through the Department of State grants management system at <https://dosgrants.com/>. Each Grantee, other than a Grantee that is a State agency, shall submit to an audit pursuant to Section 215.97, *Florida Statutes*. See Attachment B for additional information regarding this requirement.

20. Retention of Accounting Records. Financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other records including electronic storage media pertinent to the Project shall be retained for a period of five (5) years after the close out of the grant. If any litigation or audit is initiated, or claim made, before the expiration of the five-year period, the records shall be retained until the litigation, audit, or claim has been resolved.

21. Obligation to Provide State Access to Grant Records. The Grantee must make all grant records of expenditures, copies of reports, books, and related documentation available to the Division or a duly authorized representative of the State of Florida for inspection at reasonable times for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts.

22. Obligation to Provide Public Access to Grant Records. The Division reserves the right to unilaterally cancel this Agreement in the event that the Grantee refuses public access to all documents or other materials made or received by the Grantee that are subject to the provisions of Chapter 119, *Florida Statutes*, known as the *Florida Public Records Act*. The Grantee must immediately contact the Division's Contract Manager for assistance if it receives a public records request related to this Agreement.

23. Investment of Funds Received But Not Paid Out. The Grantee may temporarily invest any or all grant funds received but not expended, in an interest bearing account pursuant to Section 216.181(16)(b), *Florida Statutes*. Interest earned on such investments should be returned to the Division quarterly, except that interest accrued less than \$100 within any quarter may be held until the next quarter when the accrued interest totals more than \$100. All interest accrued and not paid to the Division, regardless of amount, must be submitted with the Grantee's final Progress Report at the end of the Grant Period.

24. Noncompliance with Grant Requirements. Any Grantee that has not submitted required reports or satisfied other administrative requirements for this grant or other Division of Historical Resources grants or grants from any other Florida Department of State (DOS) Division will be in noncompliance status and subject to the DOS Grants Compliance Procedure. Grant compliance issues must be resolved before a grant award agreement may be executed, and before grant payments for any DOS grant may be released.

25. Accounting Requirements. The Grantee must maintain an accounting system that provides a complete record of the use of all grant funds as follows:

- a) The accounting system must be able to specifically identify and provide audit trails that trace the receipt, maintenance, and expenditure of state funds;
- b) Accounting records must adequately identify the sources and application of funds for all grant activities and must classify and identify grant funds by using the same budget categories that were approved in the grant application. If Grantee's accounting system accumulates data in a different format than the one in the grant application, subsidiary records must document and reconcile the amounts shown in the Grantee's accounting records to those amounts reported to the Division.
- c) An interest-bearing checking account or accounts in a state or federally chartered institution may be used for revenues and expenses described in the Scope of Work and detailed in the Estimated Project Budget.
- d) The name of the account(s) must include the grant award number;
- e) The Grantee's accounting records must have effective control over and accountability for all funds, property, and other assets; and
- f) Accounting records must be supported by source documentation and be in sufficient detail to allow for a proper pre-audit and post-audit (such as invoices, bills, and canceled checks).

26. Availability of State Funds. The State of Florida's performance and obligation to pay under this Agreement are contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Florida Legislature, or the United States Congress in the case of a federally funded grant. In the event that the state or federal funds upon which this Agreement is dependent are withdrawn, this Agreement will be automatically terminated and the Division shall have no further liability to the Grantee, beyond those amounts already released prior to the termination date. Such termination will not affect the responsibility of the Grantee under this Agreement as to those funds previously distributed. In the event of a state revenue shortfall, the total grant may be reduced accordingly.

27. Independent Contractor Status of Grantee. The Grantee, if not a state agency, agrees that its officers, agents and employees, in performance of this Agreement, shall act in the capacity of independent contractors and not as officers, agents, or employees of the state. The Grantee is not entitled to accrue any benefits of state employment, including retirement benefits and any other rights or privileges connected with employment by the State of Florida.

28. Grantee's Subcontractors. The Grantee shall be responsible for all work performed and all expenses incurred in connection with this Agreement. The Grantee may subcontract, as necessary, to perform the services and to provide commodities required by this Agreement. The Division shall not be liable to any subcontractor(s) for any expenses or liabilities incurred under the Grantee's subcontract(s), and the Grantee shall be solely liable to its subcontractor(s) for all expenses and liabilities incurred under its subcontract(s). The Grantee must take the necessary steps to ensure that each of its subcontractors will be deemed to be "independent contractors" and will not be considered or permitted to be agents, servants, joint ventures, or partners of the Division.

29. Liability. The Division will not assume any liability for the acts, omissions to act, or negligence of, the Grantee, its agents, servants, or employees; nor may the Grantee exclude liability for its own acts, omissions to act, or negligence, to the Division.

a) The Grantee shall be responsible for claims of any nature, including but not limited to injury, death, and property damage arising out of activities related to this Agreement by the Grantee, its agents, servants, employees, and subcontractors. The Grantee, other than a Grantee which is the State or the State's agencies or subdivisions, as defined in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, shall indemnify and hold the Division harmless from any and all claims of any nature and shall investigate all such claims at its own expense. If the Grantee is governed by Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, it shall only be obligated in accordance with that Section.

b) Neither the state nor any agency or subdivision of the state waives any defense of sovereign immunity, or increases the limits of its liability, by entering into this Agreement.

c) The Division shall not be liable for attorney fees, interest, late charges or service fees, or cost of collection related to this Agreement.

d) The Grantee shall be responsible for all work performed and all expenses incurred in connection with the Project. The Grantee may subcontract as necessary to perform the

services set forth in this Agreement, including entering into subcontracts with vendors for services and commodities; and provided that it is understood by the Grantee that the Division shall not be liable to the subcontractor for any expenses or liabilities incurred under the subcontract and that the Grantee shall be solely liable to the subcontractor for all expenses and liabilities incurred under the subcontract.

30. Strict Compliance with Laws. The Grantee shall perform all acts required by this Agreement in strict conformity with all applicable laws and regulations of the local, state and federal law.

31. No Discrimination. The Grantee and their subcontractors may not discriminate against any employee employed under this Agreement, or against any applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, pregnancy, handicap or marital status. The following or a similar provision must be inserted into all of the subcontracts for services executed under this Agreement:

a. No employee or applicant for employment engaged under this Agreement may be discriminated against because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, pregnancy, handicap or marital status.

32. Breach of Agreement. The Division will demand the return of grant funds already received, will withhold subsequent payments, and/or will terminate this agreement if the Grantee improperly expends and manages grant funds, fails to prepare, preserve or surrender records required by this Agreement, or otherwise violates this Agreement.

33. Termination of Agreement.

a) Termination by the Division. The Division will terminate or end this Agreement if the Grantee fails to fulfill its obligations herein. In such event, the Division will provide the Grantee a notice of its violation by letter, and shall give the Grantee fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of receipt to cure its violation. If the violation is not cured within the stated period, the Division will terminate this Agreement. The notice of violation letter shall be delivered to the Grantee's Contract Manager, personally, or mailed to his/her specified address by a method that provides proof of receipt. In the event that the Division terminates this Agreement, the Grantee will be compensated for any work completed in accordance with this Agreement, prior to the notification of termination, if the Division deems this reasonable under the circumstances. Grant funds previously advanced and not expended on work completed in accordance with this Agreement shall be returned to the Division, with interest, within thirty (30) days after termination of this Agreement. The Division does not waive any of its rights to additional damages, if grant funds are returned under this Section.

b) Termination for convenience. The Division or the Grantee may terminate the grant in whole or in part when both parties agree that the continuation of the Project would not produce beneficial results commensurate with the further expenditure of funds. The two parties will agree upon the termination conditions, including the effective date, and in the case of partial terminations, the portion to be terminated.

- c) Termination by Grantee. The Grantee may unilaterally cancel the grant at any time prior to the first payment on the grant although the Department must be notified in writing prior to cancellation. After the initial payment, the Project may be terminated, modified, or amended by the Grantee only by mutual agreement of the Grantee and the Division. Request for termination prior to completion must fully detail the reasons for the action and the proposed disposition of the uncompleted work.

34. Preservation of Remedies. No delay or omission to exercise any right, power, or remedy accruing to either party upon breach or violation by either party under this Agreement, shall impair any such right, power or remedy of either party; nor shall such delay or omission be construed as a waiver of any such breach or default, or any similar breach or default.

35. Non-Assignment of Agreement. The Grantee may not assign, sublicense nor otherwise transfer its rights, duties or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Division, which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld. The agreement transferee must demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the Project. If the Division approves a transfer of the Grantee's obligations, the Grantee shall remain liable for all work performed and all expenses incurred in connection with this Agreement. In the event the Legislature transfers the rights, duties, and obligations of the Division to another governmental entity pursuant to Section 20.06, *Florida Statutes*, or otherwise, the rights, duties, and obligations under this Agreement shall be transferred to the successor governmental agency as if it was the original party to this Agreement.

36. Required Procurement Procedures for Obtaining Goods and Services. The Grantee shall provide maximum open competition when procuring goods and services related to the grant-assisted project. Procurement documentation supporting maximum open competition may be requested by the Division for review and approval prior to execution of these subcontracts.

- a) The Grantee must procure all professional services (architects, conservators, historic preservation consultants, structural engineers, landscape architects) using at least a request for qualifications, and the grantee must solicit at least three (3) responses to their request for the service.
- b) All contracts for procurement of goods and services (construction, fabrication, installation, etc.) not included in Section 36.a. as described above must be procured in the manner described below:

1. **Procurement of Goods and Services Not Exceeding \$35,000.** The Grantee must use the applicable procurement method described below:

- i. Purchases Up to \$2,500: Procurement of goods and services where individual purchases do not exceed \$2,500 may be conducted at the Grantee's discretion using good purchasing practices.
- ii. Purchases or Contract Amounts Between \$2,500 and \$35,000: Goods and services costing between \$2,500 and \$35,000 require informal

competition such as written quotations and informal bids, and may be procured by purchase order, acceptance of vendor proposals or other appropriate procurement document.

2. **Procurement of Goods and Services Exceeding \$35,000.** Goods and services costing over \$35,000 may be procured by either formal invitation to bid or request for proposals, and may be procured by purchase order, acceptance of vendor proposals or other appropriate procurement document.

i. Any formal competitive solicitation shall be made available simultaneously to all vendors, must include the time and date for the receipt of bids, proposals, or replies and of the public opening, and must include all contractual terms and conditions applicable to the procurement, and the criteria to be used in determining acceptability and relative merit of the bid, proposal, or reply.

c) State entities should follow required procedures set forth in Chapter 287, *Florida Statutes* and Rule 60A 1.002 of *Florida Administrative Code*. If the grantee is a non-state entity (local government or non-profit organization) and has existing procurement requirements and procedures, follow the more restrictive, as long as state requirements are still met.

37. Conflicts of Interest. The Grantee hereby certifies that it is cognizant of the prohibition of conflicts of interest described in Sections 112.311 through 112.326, *Florida Statutes*, and affirms that it will not enter into or maintain a business or other relationship with any employee of the Department of State that would violate those provisions. The Grantee further agrees to seek authorization from the General Counsel for the Department of State prior to entering into any business or other relationship with a Department of State Employee to avoid a potential violation of those statutes.

38. Binding of Successors. This Agreement shall bind the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the Grantee and of any legal entity that succeeds to the obligations of the Division of Historical Resources.

39. No Employment of Unauthorized Aliens. The employment of unauthorized aliens by the Grantee is considered a violation of Section 274A (a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. If the Grantee knowingly employs unauthorized aliens, such violation shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of this Agreement.

40. Severability. If any term or provision of the Agreement is found to be illegal and unenforceable, the remainder will remain in full force and effect, and such term or provision shall be deemed stricken.

41. Americans with Disabilities Act. All programs and facilities related to this Agreement must meet the standards of Sections 553.501-553.513, *Florida Statutes*, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as amended (42 U.S.C. 12101, *et seq.*), which is incorporated herein by reference.

42. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be construed, performed, and enforced in all respects in accordance with the laws and rules of Florida. Venue or location for any legal action arising under this Agreement will be in Leon County, Florida.

43. Entire Agreement. The entire Agreement of the parties consists of the following documents:

- a) This Agreement
- b) Estimated Project Budget (Attachment A)
- c) Single Audit Act Requirements and Exhibit I (Attachment B)
- d) **[INSERT OTHER ATTACHMENTS AS NEEDED]**

In acknowledgment of this grant, provided from funds appropriated in the [INSERT FY] General Appropriation Act, I hereby certify that I have read this entire Agreement, and will comply with all of its requirements.

Department of State:

Grantee:

By:

By: _____

[INSERT NAME], Division Director

Authorizing Official for the Grantee

Date

Typed name and title

Date

ATTACHMENT A

Estimated Project Budget

[INSERT ESTIMATED PROJECT BUDGET]

ATTACHMENT B

FLORIDA SINGLE AUDIT ACT REQUIREMENTS

[INSERT FLORIDA SINGLE AUDIT ACT LANGUAGE]