

PROJECT NUMBER [project number]

**PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT
AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF STATE
AND
[GOVERNING BODY]
for and on behalf of
[GRANTEE]**

This Agreement is by and between the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services, hereinafter referred to as the "Division," and the [Grantee] hereinafter referred to as the "Grantee."

The Grantee has submitted a grant application and has met all eligibility requirements and has been awarded a Library Construction Grant (CSFA 45.020) by the Division: project number [project number] for the project "[project name]," in the amount of \$[award]. Funds for this grant have been appropriated in the FY [insert years] General Appropriations Act on line [xxxx]. The Division has the authority to administer this grant in accordance with Section 257.191, *Florida Statutes*. By reference, the application and any approved revisions are hereby made a part of this agreement.

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 "[project name]," the public purpose for which these funds were appropriated.

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

[Scope of Work].

All tasks associated with the project shall be performed by June 1, [insert date]. All project work shall be completed under the supervision of a licensed architect or licensed contractor.

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

[insert payment method, deliverables and performance measures]

c) The Grantee has provided an Estimated Project Budget (which is incorporated as part of this Agreement and titled Attachment A). All expenditures for this agreement shall be in accordance with this budget (Attachment A).

d) **Change Orders.** Should grant expenditures exceed the budgeted category amount by more than 20%, the Grantee shall be required to submit a Change Request for the Project Budget with an explanation for the reason(s) for deviation(s) from the original Project Budget to the Division for review and approval. The proposed revision should be submitted using a Change Request on the DOS Grants System at dosgrants.com.

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 the 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 Agreement end date.
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 regarding 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 should be submitted in writing to the contract manager within 10 days of the change.

For the Division of Library and Information Services:

[name], [title]

Florida Department of State
R.A. Gray Building
Mail Station #9D
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

Phone:

Facsimile:

Email:

For the Grantee:

[Project manager], [title]

[Organization]

[Address]

[City], Florida [zip]

Phone: [phone]

Facsimile: [fax]

Email: [email]

4. **Grant Payments.** Payment requests and supporting documentation must be submitted on the DOS Grants System at dosgrants.com. The total grant award shall not exceed \$[award], 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. The grant payment schedule is outlined below:

All payments will be made in the amounts identified with the Deliverables in Section 1 of this agreement.

- 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 EFT must submit a Vendor Direct Deposit Authorization form (form number DFS-AI-26E rev 6/2014), incorporated by reference, to the Florida Department of Financial Services. If EFT has already been set up for your organization, you do not need to submit another authorization form unless you have changed bank accounts. To download this form, visit myfloridacfo.com/Division/AA/Forms/DFS-AI-26E.pdf. The form also includes tools and information that allow you to check on payments.
- 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 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 with the executed Agreement.**
- 7. Amendment to Contract.** Either party may request modification of the provisions of this Agreement by submitting a Change Request with the Division on the DOS Grants System at dosgrants.com. Changes that 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, the grant award is subject to partial or complete refund to the State of Florida and this agreement is subject to termination.
- 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*:

Payments shall be withheld if the Deliverables identified in Section 1 of this agreement are not satisfactorily completed.
- 9. Grant Reporting Requirements.** The Grantee must submit a progress report every six (6) months until the project is completed. At the completion of the project, the Grantee must submit a Final Report. The Progress Reports and the Final Report must be submitted on the DOS Grants System at dosgrants.com.
- 10. Matching Funds.** [Insert Match Requirements]
- 11. Grant Completion Deadline.** The grant completion deadline is [insert date]. The Grant Completion Deadline is the date when the project is 100% complete and all grant and matching funds have been paid out 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, the extension may not exceed 120 days unless the Grantee can demonstrate extenuating circumstances as described in Section 12 of this Agreement.

12. Extension of the Grant Completion Deadline. An extension of the completion date must be requested at least 30 days prior to the end of the grant period and may not exceed 120 days, unless the Grantee can clearly demonstrate extenuating circumstances. An extenuating circumstance is one that is beyond the control of the Grantee and 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, which they were contracted to provide. An extenuating circumstance does not include failure to read or understand the administrative requirements of a grant or failure to raise sufficient matching funds. Prior written approval is required for extensions.

13. Credit Line(s) to Acknowledge Grant Funding. Each construction project shall display a project identification sign in a prominent location at the project site and shall maintain said sign while work is in progress. The sign must be a minimum of eight (8) square feet in area, be constructed of plywood or other durable material, and contain the following acknowledgment of grant assistance:

- a) “This project is sponsored in part by the Department of State’s Division of Library and Information Services and the State of Florida.”
- b) Any variation in the above specifications must receive prior approval in writing by the Division. The cost of preparation and erection of the project identification sign are allowable project costs. Routine maintenance costs of project identification signs are not allowable project costs.

14. Project Expenditures. The Grantee agrees to expend all project (grant and matching) funds received under this agreement solely for the purposes for which they were authorized and appropriated. Grant and matching 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, incorporated by reference (as of August 2021), which are available online at <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/division/aa/manuals/documents/ReferenceGuideforStateExpenditures.pdf>. In addition, the following are not allowed as grant or matching expenditures:

- a) In-kind services.
- b) Routine maintenance costs of project signs.

15. 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 as outlined in the Department of Financial Service's Reference Guide for State Expenditures (as of August 2021) <https://www.myfloridacfo.com/division/aa/manuals/documents/ReferenceGuideforStateExpenditures.pdf>), incorporated by reference.

16. Repayment. All refunds or repayments to be made to the Department under this agreement are to be made payable to the order of "Department of State" and mailed directly to the following address: Florida Department of State, Attention: [name], Division of Library and Information Services, 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, Recipient 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.

17. Operation and Use of Facility. A facility that will be constructed, remodeled or expanded using state grant funds must be maintained as a public library and provide free library service for a period of 20 years. Failure to maintain the facility exclusively as a public library or to provide free library service for the 20-year period will result in repayment of all or a portion of the grant funds. The 20-year period begins on the date of project closeout. If the facility is not maintained as a public library or free library service has not been provided for the 20-year period and release from the unconditional use requirement has not been requested and approved, the repayment schedule is as follows:

- a) For each year that the facility is maintained as a public library, reduce the amount to be repaid by 5%, i.e., 1 year – 95% of the grant funds, 5 years – 75% of the grant funds, 10 years – 50% of the grant funds, etc.
- b) If the facility is not maintained as a public library for an entire year, the amount to be repaid will be prorated based on the number of months the facility was not maintained as a public library, rounded to the next whole month.

Release from the unconditional use requirement may be requested and will be granted if a situation arises that will provide a library facility to serve the same community that will result in a higher level of library service. The request shall be submitted in writing to the Director of the Division of Library and Information Services.

18. Historic Preservation Review. If the facility that is being renovated with state funds is fifty (50) years old or older, then in accordance with Sections 267.061(2)(a) and (b), *Florida Statutes*, the Grantee must submit information about the grant project to the Division of Historical Resources, Bureau of Historic Preservation (Bureau), so that it may determine whether the project has historic significance. Should the Bureau deem the facility to have historic significance, grant funds may only be released after the Bureau notifies the Division, in writing, that the Grantee has satisfied the Bureau's requirements. If the facility is not

deemed to be of historic significance, grant funds will be released to Grantee in accordance with Section 4 of this Agreement.

- 19. Single Audit Act.** 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. If a Grantee is not required by law to conduct an audit in accordance with the Florida Single Audit Act because it did not expend at least \$750,000 in state financial assistance, it must submit a Financial Report on its operations pursuant to Section 218.39, *Florida Statutes* within nine months of the close of its fiscal year. Audits must be submitted in the DOS Grants System at dosgrants.com.
- 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) fiscal years after the close out of the grant and release of the audit. If any litigation or audit is initiated or claim made before the expiration of the five-year period, the records shall be retained until five (5) fiscal years after 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. Noncompliance.** Any Grantee that is not following Florida statutes or rules, the terms of the grant agreement, Florida Department of State (DOS) policies and guidance, local policies; or other applicable law, or that has not submitted required reports or satisfied other administrative requirements for other Division of Library and Information Services grants or grants from any other DOS Division shall be in noncompliance status and subject to the DOS Grants Compliance Procedure. DOS Divisions include the Division of Arts and Culture, the Division of Elections, the Division of Historical Resources, and the Division of Library and Information Services. 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.
- 24. Accounting Requirements.** The Grantee must maintain an accounting system that provides a complete record of the use of all grant and matching 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 grant and matching 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.
- 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).

25. 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. In the event that the state funds upon which this Agreement is dependent are withdrawn, this Agreement shall be automatically terminated and the Division shall have no further liability to the Grantee beyond those amounts already expended 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.

26. Lobbying. The Grantee will not use any project (grant or matching) funds for lobbying the state legislature, the state judicial branch or any state agency.

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 venturers 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 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 this 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, provided that such subcontract has been approved in writing by the Department prior to its execution and provided that it is understood by the Grantee that the Department 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. For consequences of noncompliance, see Section 23, Noncompliance.

31. No Discrimination. The Grantee 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, handicap, pregnancy or marital status. The Grantee shall insert a similar provision in all its subcontracts for services under this Agreement.

32. Breach of Agreement. The Division shall demand the return of grant funds already received, shall withhold subsequent payments and/or shall 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. 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 shall 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 shall 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.

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 or otherwise transfer its rights, duties or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Division, which 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 succeeding 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 in accordance with Section 287.057, *Florida Statutes*.

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

1. Purchases Up to \$2,500: Procurement of goods and services where individual purchases do not exceed \$2,500 do not require competition and may be conducted at the Grantee's discretion.
2. Purchases or Contract Amounts Between \$2,500 and \$35,000: Goods and services costing between \$2,500 and \$35,000 require informal competition and may be procured by purchase order, acceptance of vendor proposals or other appropriate procurement document.

b) **Procurement of Goods and Services Exceeding \$35,000.** Goods and services costing over \$35,000 may be procured by either Formal Invitation to Bid, Request for Proposals

or Invitation to Negotiate and may be procured by purchase order, acceptance of vendor proposals or other appropriate procurement document.

- 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 Library and Information Services.
- 39. 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 (8 USC 1324(a) (as of April 2019)), incorporated by reference. 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 (ada.gov (as of April 2019)), incorporated 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 shall 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) Florida Single Audit Act Requirements (Attachment B)
 - d) Schedule of Contract Values (Appendix 1)

In acknowledgment of Project Number [project number], provided for from funds appropriated in the FY [insert years]. General Appropriation Act in the amount of \$[award], the Grantee hereby certifies that they have read this entire Agreement and will comply with all of its requirements.

Grantee:

Department of State:

By: _____
Authorized Official for the Grantee

By: _____

Typed name and title

[insert name and title] _____

Date

Date

Witness

Witness

Date

Date

Project Number: [project number]
[project name]

ATTACHMENT A

Estimated Project Budget

[Insert estimated project budget]

ATTACHMENT B

FLORIDA SINGLE AUDIT ACT REQUIREMENTS

[Most current DFS memo, Florida Single Audit Act Requirements and Exhibit]

