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**TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCY FUND (TIRF) 2021**

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**State Authorization:** NC Appropriations Act of 2021, Sections 5.2(a-d), and Section 5.9(a)(4) of Senate Bill 105 / SL 2021-180, (2) N.C.G.S. §166A-19.12(13), and (3) FY 2021-2022 The funds awarded under this grant must be used in compliance with all applicable federal, state, local and tribal laws and regulations, including N.C.G.S. §§ 143C-6-21, 143C-6-22, 143C-6-23 and 09 NCAC 03M.

For more information:

<https://www.ncdps.gov/our-organization/emergency-management/emergency-management-grants/transportation-infrastructure-resiliency-fund-grants-2022>

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The auditor should not consider the Supplement to be “safe harbor” for identifying audit procedures to apply in a particular engagement, but the auditor should be prepared to justify departures from the suggested procedures. The auditor can consider the supplement a “safe harbor” for identification of compliance requirements to be tested if the auditor performs reasonable procedures to ensure that the requirements in the Supplement are current.

The grantor agency may elect to review audit working papers to determine that audit tests are adequate.

Auditors may request documentation of monitoring visits by the State Agencies.

**I. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

The mission of the Transportation Infrastructure Resiliency Grant (TIRF) grant program is to provide funding to state, tribal, territorial, and local governments, and certain types of private nonprofit (PNP) organizations to facilitate transportation resilience against natural disasters. Grant funds must be used to supplement existing federal, state and local funds for program

activities and must not replace (supplant) those funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. Jurisdictions must provide assurances and certifications as to non-supplanting and the existence of proper administrative/ financial procedures as requested.

**II. PROGRAM PROCEDURES**

These grant awards are authorized under the provisions of: (1) NC Appropriations Act of 2021, Sections 5.2(a-d), and Section 5.9(a)(4) of Senate Bill 105 / SL 2021-180, (2) N.C.G.S. §166A-19.12(13), and (3) FY 2021-2022 Transportation Infrastructure Resiliency Fund (NOFO):

<https://www.ncdps.gov/our-organization/emergency-management/emergency-management-grants/transportation-infrastructure-resiliency-fund-grants-2022> The funds awarded under this grant must be used in compliance with all applicable federal, state, local and tribal laws and regulations, including N.C.G.S. §§ 143C-6-21, 143C-6-22, 143C-6-23 and 09 NCAC 03M. By accepting this award, the Recipient agrees to use these funds in a manner consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

Recipient shall comply with applicable federal, state, local and/or tribal statutes, regulations, ordinances, licensing requirements, policies, guidelines, reporting requirements, certifications, and other regulatory matters for the conduct of its business and purchase requirements. Recipient shall be wholly responsible for the purchases made and for the supervision of its employees and assistants.

Grant funds must be used to supplement existing federal, state and local funds for program activities and must not replace (supplant) those funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. Jurisdictions must provide assurances and certifications as to non-supplanting and the existence of proper administrative/ financial procedures as requested.

Payment to Recipient for expenditures under this MOA will be reimbursed after Recipient's (Requests for Reimbursement) is submitted and approved for eligible scope of work activity. Grant funds will be disbursed upon receipt of evidence that funds have been invoiced, products or services received (i.e., invoices, contracts, itemized expenses, etc.), and proof of payment is provided (as outlined in Appendix 4).

Recipient must meet all reimbursement requirements contained herein. Non-compliance may result in denial of reimbursement request(s) or suspension/revocation of grant funds awarded for this project.

**III. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Noted below in the following matrix are the types of compliance requirements identified by the State Agency, noted by “Y” that are that are subject to the audit for the State program. The auditor must determine if the Type noted by “Y” has a direct and material effect on the State program for the auditee.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	13	14
Activities Allowed or Unallowed	Allowable Costs/Cost Principles	Cash Management	Conflict of Interest	Eligibility	Equipment/ Real Property Management	Matching, Level of Effort, Earmarking	Period Of Performance	Procurement Suspension & Debarment	Program Income	Reporting	Subrecipient Monitoring	Special Tests and Provisions
Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y

**1. Activities Allowed or Unallowed**

Compliance Requirement

Applicants must submit their application to include a pdf attachment organized based on the 6-point outline, making sure that each number is addressed as complete. This will be used as part of the selection (scoring weight).

- Applicant Name, Address, Contact Information, and Project Name. Nonprofit corporations should also include the “Certificate of Existence from the NC Secretary of State, bylaws, and documentation to support ownership or right for project specific facility. (10)
- General description of the Project (15)
- Describe how the project mitigates future damage or flooding, including impact on community. (35)
- Scope of Work (SOW) and cost estimate for the project to achieve #3 above, including an understanding of how the estimate was achieved. (20)
- Timeline from approval of Grant to project completion. (10)
- How and who will manage the project if awarded and their qualifications.

Suggested Audit Procedures

- Review TIRF program requirements and cross-check against awarded projects.
- Project Grant Agreement, TIRF MOA, the approved scope of work/acquisition(s) and applicable terms, conditions, requirements, and responsibilities.
- Test expenditures and related records for adherence to approved budget activity.

**2. Allowable Costs/Cost Principles**

Compliance Requirement

All Costs must be:

Directly tied to the performance of eligible work.

Adequately documented (following principles of [2 CFR section 200.403\(g\)](#));

Reduced by all applicable credits, such as insurance proceeds and salvage values (following principles of [2 CFR section 200.406](#));

Authorized and not prohibited under federal, state, territorial, tribal, or local government laws or regulations.

Recipient shall be an independent Recipient and as such shall be responsible for ALL taxes. There shall be no reimbursement for taxes incurred by the Recipient under this grant.

Suggested Audit Procedures

- Review TIRF requirements and cross-check against awarded projects.
- Review requests for reimbursement (RFR) submitted by subrecipient.
- Verify costs did not consist of improper payments, including (1) payments that should not have been made or that were made in incorrect amounts (including overpayments and underpayments) under statutory, contractual, administrative or other legally applicable requirements; (2) payments that do not account for credit for applicable discounts; (3) duplicate payments; (4) payments that were made to an ineligible party or for an ineligible good or service; and (5) payments for goods or services not received (except for such payments where authorized by law).
- Verify costs were not included as a cost of any other financed program in either the current or a prior period.
- Verify costs were not used to meet the cost-sharing or matching requirements of another program, except when authorized by federal statute.
- Test expenditures and related records for adherence to approved budget activity.

**3. Cash Management**

Compliance Requirement

Funds are submitted to all subrecipients on a reimbursement basis.

Suggested Audit Procedures

Review Request for Reimbursement (RFR) to ensure that all payment requests are made on a reimbursement basis.

**5. Eligibility**

Compliance Requirement

These funds are provided by Grantor (NCEM on behalf of State of North Carolina) The following conditions must be adhered to during the entire duration of the grant program:

- Recipient must:
  - i. After April 4, 2022, Recipient will be required to obtain a Unique Entity Identifier created in the System for Award Management (SAM), if they do not already have one. Current SAM registrants have already been assigned their Unique Entity

Identifier and can view it within SAM. The Unique Entity ID is currently located below the DUNS Number on the entity registration record in SAM.

- ii. Ensure their organization is registered with SAM. Every applicant is required to have their name, address, DUNS number and EIN up to date in SAM, and the DUNS number used in SAM must be the same one used to apply for all awards from Grantor. SAM information can be found at <http://www.sam.gov>. After April 4, 2022, the Unique Entity Identifier in SAM becomes the official identifier for doing business with the U.S. Government.

Recipient must submit the following documents to Grantor at NCEMLTR.Grant@NCDPS.gov upon execution and submission of this MOA:

- i. W-9 (09 NCAC 03M .0202)
- ii. Electronic Payment / Vendor Verification Form (09 NCAC 03M .0202)
- iii. Conflict of Interest Policy (G.S. 143C-6-23. (b))
- iv. Sworn (Notarized) No Overdue Tax Debt Certification (G.S. 143C-6-23(c)).

Suggested Audit Procedures

Review TIRF guidance, then cross-check against awarded projects.

**8. Period of Performance**

Compliance Requirement

Recipient must submit to Grantor, no later than 90 calendar days after the end date of the period of performance or completion of the project, whichever is sooner, all financial, performance, and other reports as required by the terms and conditions of the grant award, and this MOA.

This includes, at a minimum:

- i. A close-out letter that indicates that the project is now 100% complete, that all funds were used for the purpose appropriated and ready for final inspection.
- ii. A complete accounting of how all grant funds were used through the Summary of Documentation (SOD)Form which lists all labor, material, equipment, and contract invoices with corresponding checks or other proof of payment making up the total spend for the project.
- iii. Copies of all invoices and a copy of proof of payment (both front and back of cleared check is required) as listed on the SOD form.
- iv. Bid documents (solicitation, bid evaluations, etc.), contracts.
- v. Insurance documentation on equipment or property purchased under this award or letter indicating lack of insurability.
- vi. Pictures prior to the start of the project and when complete for permanent work type grants.

Suggested Audit Procedures

- Verify POP in State Award Letters.
- Verify that the funds were encumbered within the POP for each subrecipient.
- Verify existence of sufficient documentation from NCDPS/NCEM authorizing any period of performance extensions claimed by subrecipient. If a subrecipient has received multiple awards across different or consecutive years, the award letter

and MOA/grant agreement for each award should be separately reviewed to determine the specific POP for each award.

## **12. Reporting**

### Compliance Requirements

Failure to submit required reports and reimbursements requests to NCDPS/NCDM in a timely manner may result in an inability to access grant funds until proper reports and requests are received.

Subrecipients must submit quarterly progress reports to [NCEMLTR.Grant@ncdps.gov](mailto:NCEMLTR.Grant@ncdps.gov) within 10 days from end of the calendar quarter for all projects with ongoing work until project closeout.

Recipient must submit to Grantor, no later than 90 calendar days after the end date of the period of performance or completion of the project, whichever is sooner, all financial, performance, and other reports as required by the terms and conditions of the grant award and this MOA.

### Suggested Audit Procedures

- Review sub-recipient's MOA for reporting requirements and approved scope of work/project(s).
- Verify that reports submitted by subrecipient (including cost reports and requests for reimbursement) have adequate supporting documentation, that funds were expended as represented by subrecipient, and that all required authorizations/approvals were obtained by subrecipient.
- Verify that goods and services for which subrecipient was reimbursed by NCDPS/NCEM were in fact obtained/completed in accordance with the approved scope of work/project(s) specified in the application, award letter and MOA.

## **14. Special Tests and Provisions**

### Compliance Requirement

Sub-recipients are required to follow rules and regulations in the ["Mini-Brooks Act", G.S.143-64.31](#).

### Suggested Audit Procedures

Confirm that subrecipients have followed all applicable rules and regulations required by "Mini-Brooks Act".

## **IV. OTHER INFORMATION**

### Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) / Schedule of Expenditures of Federal & State Awards (SEFSA):

If an audit is required to be performed, recipients/subrecipients should record TIRF expenditures on the SEFA/SEFSA in accordance with 2 CFR 200.501, 200.502 & 200.510 when (1) the funds have been awarded by NCDPS/NCEM and (2) the expenditures are incurred. If expenditures were incurred prior to the funds being awarded, they are ineligible expenditures. If funds are awarded in a certain fiscal year but not expended until a subsequent fiscal year, they should be reported on the SEFA/SEFSA in the fiscal year of expenditure. If expenditures were incurred after the expiration of the period of performance (plus any authorized extensions, if applicable), they are ineligible expenses.