



Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

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(Contracts and agreements valued at more than \$25,000)

N/A

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**Grant Agreement
Between
Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC)
And
CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION**

December 2, 2025

Grant EGMS ID: GT-25FAC-00047

Grantee/Recipient: CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION Authorized Official: Christian Meyer, 29 MAIN ST STE 4 Suite 4 MONTPELIER, VT 05602 (802) 262-1039 meyer@cvregion.com	Grantor: Northern Border Regional Commission Contact: Andrea Smith, Program Director James Cleveland Federal Building, Suite 1501 53 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301 admin@nbrc.gov Phone Number: (603) 369-3001
www.centralvtplanning.org	www.nbrc.gov
Co-Applicant: Contact: LDD Organization: LDD Contact:	
Vermont State Contact: Kristie Farnham kristie.farnham@vermont.gov , (802) 392-5268	

Grantee's Employer Identification Number (EIN):	030225677
Grantee's UEI Number:	L97JQHE86VX3
Date of Award:	December 2, 2025
Date of Amendments	N/A
Description of Amendments	N/A
Total Project Amount:	\$288,000.00

Amount of Federal NBRC Funds Awarded:	\$100,000.00
Total Other Funds/Match:	\$188,000.00
Reimbursement Rate:	50%
NBRC CFDA Number:	#90.601

OR

USDA CFDA Number:	#10.351
Project Description:	The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission has been awarded \$100,000.00 to conduct a feasibility study for redeveloping the 87 State Street Federal Building in downtown Montpelier. The study will explore flood-resilient, mixed-use redevelopment options that include housing, parking, and commercial space. This project supports economic recovery, community resilience, and revitalization of Vermont's capital city.
Approved Indirect Cost Rate:	0%
Period of Performance:	February 01, 2026 - September 30, 2029

Grant Provisions

- I. **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**—This agreement incorporates by reference the recipient's proposal properly submitted in accordance with NBRC procedures on or before October 10, 2025. The agreement implements a grant/investment made under authorities of Northern Border Regional Commission to provide funding to the Grantee/Recipient and/or the Co-Recipient. Any other recipient of funding shall be funded through an award of a contract or subgrant. The scope of work included within the recipient's proposal constitutes the Grant Agreement purpose. To the extent that this agreement conflicts with the incorporate proposal, the agreement shall govern.
- II. **ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**—This grant agreement is subject to multiple sources of federal policy. Any conflict between or among these sources shall be resolved using the following order of precedence:
 - a. Federal statutes, including 40 USC Subtitle 5;

- b. Federal regulations including but not limited to 2 CFR Parts 25, [170](#), [180](#), [182](#), [183](#), [184](#), [200](#), and [322](#), in effect at the time the Grant Agreement is signed;
- c. [NBRC Bylaws](#)
- d. This Agreement, and
- e. The most recent [NBRC Compliance Manual](#).

For ease of adoption and clarity, this agreement contains references to specific regulatory provisions that the recipient is required to follow. By signing this agreement, the recipient acknowledges that it has received either paper copies or electronic links to the provisions cited.

- III. **FEDERAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES**—NBRC has overall responsibility for agency awarded funds including providing oversight for programmatic, financial, and administrative performance. The Federal Co-Chair is responsible for all actions on behalf of NBRC including entering, modifying, suspending, or terminating this Grant Agreement. NBRC may enforce the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement utilizing procedures identified in 2 CFR 200.208, [2 CFR 200.339](#), [2 CFR 200.520](#), and [2 CFR 180](#).
- IV. **RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES**—The recipient has full responsibility for the ongoing management of the project or activity supported under the Grant Agreement and for adherence to the federal requirements and Grant Agreement terms documented in this Grant Agreement. Although the recipient is encouraged to seek the advice of NBRC staff concerning the Grant Agreement, that does not diminish the recipient's responsibility for making prudent and sound judgments under the circumstances prevailing at the time that a decision is made nor does seeking advice shift responsibility for operating decisions to NBRC.
- V. **NOTICES**—All official notices concerning this Grant Agreement are to be delivered to the designated contact personnel whose names appear on the cover sheet of the Grant Agreement at the address designated. Such notices may be delivered in person, by United States Postal Service, by private deliver service, or electronic mail.
- VI. **LIABILITY**—Nothing contained in this agreement permits the recipient to assert that it is a part of the United States Government or that the United States Government is liable for any of its actions. The recipient shall hold and save the Government, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any liability of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses, for or on account of any and all suits for damage sustained by any person or persons or property by virtue of performance of this Grant Agreement.

- VII. SEVERABILITY—If any portion of this agreement is determined to be invalid, the remainder of the agreement remains in effect.
- VIII. TERMINATION—Any dispute arising under this agreement shall initially be addressed through good faith negotiation between the parties. However, this agreement may be terminated under terms outlined in [2 CFR 200.340](#).
- IX. STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES (SF 424B—Non-construction; SF 424D—Construction)—As part of the grant application process, the recipient executed a Statement of Assurances which contains a listing of numerous federal laws, executive orders, and regulations which may apply by their terms to this Grant Agreement.
- X. SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT ([2 CFR 180](#))—The recipient certifies, in accordance with [2 CFR 180.335](#), that neither it nor any of its principals is suspended or debarred from doing business with the Federal Government because of conditions covered under [2 CFR 180](#).
- XI. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE ([2 CFR 182](#))- Recipient must comply with the drug-free workplace regulations.
- XII. HATCH ACT ([5 CFR 900](#))—The Hatch Act restricts the political activity of executive branch employees of the Federal Government and state or local officers or employees whose principal employment is in connection with an activity that is financed in whole or in part by loans or grants made by the United States or a Federal agency.
- XIII. STEVENS AMENDMENT ([P.L. 101-166, Section 511](#)). When issuing statements, press releases, requests for proposals, bid solicitations and other documents describing projects or programs funded in whole or in part with Federal money, all grantees receiving Federal funds, including but not limited to State and local governments, shall clearly state (1) the percentage of the total costs of the program or project which will be financed with Federal money, (2) the dollar amount of Federal funds for the project or program, and (3) percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed by nongovernmental sources.
- XIV. USE OF FEDERAL AGENCY AGREEMENT NUMBER - The assigned NBRC Grant Agreement Number as listed for this Grant Agreement. **This Grant Agreement Number must appear in all correspondence, financial claims, and other official communication.**
- XV. OBLIGATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS—The total amount of federal funds obligated under this Grant Agreement is listed on page 2 of this Agreement as: “Amount of Federal NBRC Funds Awarded”. No claims above this amount will be honored by NBRC.

- XVI. NOTICE TO PROCEED—No work may begin on this project until an official Notice-to-Proceed issued by NBRC. Further, no documented non-federal matching or invoices generated by the recipient will be considered valid charges until the Notice-to-Proceed is issued by NBRC.

The following items must be completed and submitted to NBRC prior to issuance of a Notice-to-Proceed:

- a. Fully Executed NBRC Grant Agreement
- b. Confirmation that the recipient has an active SAM.gov registration with up-to-date banking details
- c. Documentation of non-NBRC matching funds and cost share form (NBRC Form 1002) listing the total amount of funding and each funding source, necessary to complete the project, together with letters of commitment for each funding source. The form and letters of commitment must be submitted to NBRC as one PDF.
- d. Signed contract with LDD for grant administration services or documentation of approved LDD waiver from NBRC. (This requirement is not applicable to an agency of State Government or an LDD who is the grantee)
- e. Satisfaction of NEPA requirements

These documents should be uploaded within NBRC's grants management system. If the required documents have previously been provided to NBRC, they do not need to be resubmitted. NBRC must have all these documents in our files before a Notice to Proceed will be issued.

- XVII. PAYMENT PROCEDURES—In order to receive payments, the recipient must submit a Standard Form 270 (Request for Advance or Reimbursement) to NBRC for the applicable period within NBRC's Grants Management System. NBRC does not process requests for advancement. Requests for reimbursement will be reviewed and process the request and will make payments based on the methods permitted under [2 CFR 200.305](#).

- XVIII. DISCLOSURES—In accordance with [2 CFR 200.113](#), the recipient will immediately disclose to NBRC any violations of federal criminal statutes (18 USC) involving fraud, bribery or gratuity violations. The disclosure must be made in writing to NBRC.

XIX. REPORTING

1. QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORTING—The recipient is required to provide quarterly progress reports within NBRC's grants management system. **Reports are due from the time of award through to the closeout of the project.** Reports must be submitted along the following schedule, using the Performance Progress Report form.

Reporting Period: (Quarter 1) October 1 - December 31	-Report Due January 31
Reporting Period: (Quarter 2) January 1 - March 31	- Report Due April 30
Reporting Period: (Quarter 3) April 1 - June 30	- Report Due July 30
Reporting Period: (Quarter 4) July 1 - September 30	- Report Due October 30

These are not optional tasks for grantees. Progress reports are required even if no activity has taken place during the quarterly period. A final performance report covering the entire project must be submitted no later than 90 days after the end of the performance period. No payment requests will be processed until the progress reports are current.

- b. **FINANCIAL REPORTS**—In accordance with [2 CFR 200.328](#), a completed Federal Financial Report (Standard Form 425) is required within 30 days after the end of the federal fiscal year (i.e., by October 30). In addition, a final Standard Form 425 must be submitted within 90 days after the performance period ends. **No payment requests will be processed until the financial reports are up to date.**
- c. **CLOSEOUT REPORTING** —Five percent (5%) of the NBRC award will be held until all Project Close Out documents are received by NBRC.
- d. **PERFORMANCE MEASURES**—The recipient agrees to report on program performance measures and outcomes as part of its final progress report, and three years after the final progress report using the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) information collection document. The measures and outcomes that apply to this Grant Agreement are:

As provided with the NBRC Program application for federal financial assistance submitted on or before October 10, 2025.

- e. **OTHER REPORTING**—The recipient will submit the following additional reports at the end of the project:
 - i. 5-10 photos describing the project results must be submitted with the final progress report.
 - ii. An inventory of any equipment purchased as part of the project must be submitted with the final progress report. Equipment is defined as an item of tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and a unit cost of more than \$10,000. A depreciation schedule may be used for determination of fair market value.
 - iii. Standard Form 429A concerning any real property purchased as well as any recorded deed restrictions associated with the property must be submitted with the final progress report. Any leases of real estate developed as part of the project must also be submitted at that time.

- XX. APPROVED BUDGET—The total budget for this project is established as provided in the Catalyst application and supporting documentation for federal financial assistance submitted on or before October 10, 2025.
- XXI. PROGRAMMATIC AND BUDGETARY CHANGES—Under 2 CFR 200.308(i), NBRC exercises its option to restrict cumulative transfers among direct cost categories or programs, functions, or activities to ten (10) percent of the total budget as last approved whenever it has designated the recipient as subject to special conditions pursuant to [2 CFR 200.208](#).
- XXII. NON-NBRC SHARE—Prior to issuance of a Notice-to-Proceed and any disbursement of grant payment, the recipient must identify the total project costs including any required match/cost share necessary to complete the project as presented within the application for federal financial assistance. Failure to satisfy any requirement for non-NBRC match by the conclusion of the project may lead to disallowance of federal funds already drawn and spent.
- XXIII. PROGRAM INCOME—If program income is earned as a result of expenditures under this Grant Agreement, it must be spent on allowable eligible costs of the project and must be disbursed prior to draw down of additional federal funds. Under the award, program income shall be added to funds committed to the project by NBRC and recipient and used to further eligible project activities. Under this Grant Agreement, program income will be applied under the addition method as outlined in [2 CFR 200.307\(b\)\(2\)](#). As outlined in [2 CFR 200.307\(c\)](#), the recipient is not accountable for program income earned after the period of grant support unless NBRC requires otherwise.
- XXIV. SUBAWARDS—Subawards of federal financial assistance are awards to lower tier organizations that assist them in carrying out a public program. Pursuant to [2 CFR 200.308\(f\)](#), NBRC approval is required for the recipient to subaward a portion of the funds under this Grant Agreement unless approved in the Federal award. Prior to making the subaward, the recipient must, using the criteria identified in [2 CFR 200.331](#), make a case-by-case determination that the nature of activity being carried out constitutes a subaward (as opposed to a contract) and that the entity to which the subaward is to be made is an eligible entity under the NBRC authorizing legislation (i.e., a state or local government, Indian tribe, or public or private organization described in Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) of that code). The recipient must prepare a subaward agreement to govern the programmatic and administrative activities of the subrecipient. The subaward agreement must contain the data elements identified in [2 CFR 200.332\(b\)](#) and incorporate applicable provisions of this agreement including those identified in the applicable Statement of Assurances (SF 424B or SF 424D). The recipient shall carry out mandatory oversight and enforcement actions as outlined in [2 CFR 200.332\(e\)](#) and (g) and may carry out discretionary oversight actions as outlined in [2 CFR 200.332\(f\)](#). Subawards by NBRC grantees, funded with NBRC funds,

also fall within BABAA. Please see additional guidance on BABAA provided below. **If your project includes a subaward component, please contact NBRC staff prior to making such awards.**

- XXV. PROCUREMENT— Procurement actions involve the purchase of goods and services needed to support the grant award. Government-wide regulations contained in [2 CFR 200.317](#) govern procurement actions. These regulations allow grantees to follow their own procurement procedures so long as they meet the minimum standards identified within [2 CFR 200](#). Procurement of goods and services will be carried out following the recipient's own procurement procedures provided they meet the minimum standards established in [2 CFR 200.317-327](#) and Appendix II of [2 CFR 200](#).

Methods of procurement must conform to procedures identified in the recipient's own procurement procedures and those identified in [2 CFR 200.320](#). The recipient must take all affirmative steps identified in [2 CFR 200.321](#) to assure that small businesses, minority businesses, women's business enterprises, veteran-owned businesses and labor surplus area firms are solicited and utilized when possible. The recipient must develop and maintain a written code of conduct for officers, employees, and agents which prohibits financial and familial conflict of interest and curtails solicitation or acceptance of gratuities in accordance with [2 CFR 200.318\(c\)](#).

- a. This agreement requires that all services necessary for design and engineering phases of the project be discharged by qualified personnel. Contracts for architect and engineering services shall be arranged using the competitive procedures identified in [2 CFR 200.320\(b\)\(2\)\(iv\)](#) under which price may not be used as a selection factor. Also, the recipient may not enter into a cost-plus percentage of cost or a cost plus a percentage of construction cost contract.
- b. In accordance with [2 CFR 200.318\(b\)](#), the recipient will exercise oversight to assure that contractors perform in accordance with the delivery requirements of the contract and that they comply with all terms and conditions. The recipient shall enter into a sound and complete agreement with any contractor which is enforceable in the jurisdiction where the contract is to be performed and which contains the applicable clauses of [2 CFR 200, Appendix II](#).
- c. The Build America, Buy America Act (hereafter "BABAA") – enacted on November 15, 2021 – sets forth a domestic content procurement preference ("Buy American Preference" hereafter referred to as "BAP") for infrastructure programs funded with Federal dollars. [Specifically, IIJA §70914\(a\) of Pub. L. 117-58](#), instructs Federal agencies to ensure that "none of the funds made available for a Federal financial assistance program for infrastructure, including each deficient program, may be obligated for a project unless all of

the iron, steel, manufactured product, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States.”

The IJA’s definition of infrastructure is expansive and in some specific way the NBRC definition of “infrastructure” may not apply to BABAA applicability. While some projects conceived within the community infrastructure classification would not conform to BABAA, others would. Further, sub-awards by NBRC grantees, funded with NBRC funds, also fall within BABAA.

Most NBRC “infrastructure” projects fall within BABAA, especially when considering the definition provided in [2 CFR § 184.4\(c\)](#)

The IJA’s definition of “infrastructure” encompasses public infrastructure projects. Thus, the term “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. Agencies should treat structures, facilities, and equipment that generate, transport, and distribute energy -including electric vehicle (EV) charging as infrastructure.

Additional guidance on if BABAA can be found on NBRC’s website at <https://www.nbrc.gov/content/BABAA>

NBRC reserves the right to review the procurement procedures of the grantee at any time during the application review process or during performance of the grant in accordance with [2 CFR 200.325](#). Recipients must keep all procurement documents in their project file in the event the project is monitored and/or audited for programmatic compliance. Grantees funded with USDA dollars will be required to provide copies of procurement procedures during the performance of the grant.

It is the responsibility of the grantee to review and understand these applicable procurement requirements and ensure that the process is conducted properly.

XXVI. PROPERTY TITLE, USE AND DISPOSITION—Title to real property, equipment, and supplies acquired by the recipient using funds from this agreement vests with the recipient. These assets shall be used for their original purposes if they are needed. The following policies apply to the different classes of property identified:

- a. REAL PROPERTY—Real property shall be used for its original purpose as long as it is needed. If no longer needed for its original purpose, the recipient must obtain disposition instructions from NBRC. Options available under 2

[CFR 200.311\(d\)](#) are retention, sale, or transfer to a third party. In each case, a settlement of residual financial interests will be made. If real property is retained by the recipient, it shall be treated as being encumbered for a period of 20 years.

If the recipient is not a state or local government, such encumbrance must be recorded as a deed restriction (Notice of Federal Interest) and a copy of the filed restriction must be provided to NBRC prior to the first request for a reimbursement of the NBRC award.

The recipient must also prepare a Standard Form 429A with respect to each piece of real property acquired and submit a copy of NBRC in accordance with the reporting requirements of this agreement.

- b. EQUIPMENT—Equipment as defined in 2 [CFR 200.1](#) is an item of tangible property having a useful life of more than one year and a unit acquisition cost of \$10,000 or more. Equipment may be used for its original purpose as long as it is needed and may be used on other activities of the recipient provided activities under this Grant Agreement receive first priority.

However, such equipment is not to be used in a manner that competes unfairly with private commercial firms. An inventory of equipment purchased under the Grant Agreement will be submitted to NBRC at close-out. Items of equipment with a current fair market value of \$10,000 or less may be retained without compensation to the federal government.

Other items of equipment will be subject to disposition instructions as provided in [2 CFR 200.313\(e\)](#) and include retention, sale, or transfer to a third party. In each case, a financial settlement of residual financial interests will be made.

The recipient must also prepare and execute a SF428 Tangible Personal Property report on equipment being purchased with NBRC funds and submit a copy of NBRC in accordance with the reporting requirements of this agreement.

- c. SUPPLIES—Supplies acquired under this Grant Agreement shall be used only for purposes allowed under the Grant Agreement. If a residual inventory of unused supplies remains at the end of the Grant Agreement that has a fair market value of more than \$10,000 in the aggregate and the supplies are not needed for any other federally financed program, the recipient shall repay NBRC for its share of the fair market value.

- XXVII. EMPLOYMENT—The recipient shall use its regular recruitment, hiring, and employment practices consistent with federal, state, and local law including but not limited to various non-discrimination policies which apply because of

the status as a federal assistance recipient or as an employer. However, the recipient agrees that it will not employ, offer any office or employment to, or retain for professional services any person who (1) on the date that NBRC executed this Grant Agreement or within a one period ending on that date served as an officer, attorney, agent, or employee of NBRC and (2) occupied a position or engaged in activities which the Federal Co-chair determines involved discretion with respect to the Grant Agreement by NBRC.

- XXVIII. **NON-RELOCATION**—By signing this agreement, the recipient attests that the NBRC funding is not intended to assist efforts by the recipient to induce the relocation or movement of existing jobs from one geographic region to another in competition for those jobs with the following exception: Financial assistance may be used as otherwise authorized by this subtitle to attract businesses to the region from outside the United States per [40 USC, Subtitle V §15501 \(f.\)](#) If NBRC determines that its assistance was used for such purposes, NBRC reserves the right to pursue appropriate enforcement action including suspension of payment and possible disallowance and recovery of funds from the recipient.
- XXIX. **COST ALLOWABILITY**—Cost charges to this Grant Agreement, whether direct or indirect, will be determined in accordance with Subpart E of [2 CFR 200](#). These principles apply uniformly to state, local and tribal governments, institutions of higher education, and nonprofit organizations. The principles contain certain general tests of allowability that apply to all types of costs charged to the Grant Agreement and a list of selected items of cost that represent types of cost that are typically encountered by recipients and subrecipients in the course of administering a federal award or types of cost that, by their nature, the federal government refuses to allow. The detailed text of the cost principles identifies which the costs are allowable, which are not allowable, and which are allowable under certain circumstances or allowable. The proposed budget of the award was reviewed by NBRC to determine that the costs that are included therein are allowable. However, if, during the performance of this award, a cost occurs that is not included in the budget, it may still be allowable, based on the language in the cost principles. The recipient should take special care to review the listing contained in [2 CFR 200.407](#) which identifies costs that require prior approval, under certain circumstances.
- XXX. **RECORDS RETENTION AND ACCESS**—The recipient shall retain all financial and programmatic records that are pertinent to the Grant Agreement. The records shall be retained for at least three years following submission of the final financial and performance reports for the Grant Agreement. If any audit, claim, or litigation started before the expiration of the retention period, the recipient shall retain the records until such matters are fully resolved. If the recipient is subject to any other more rigorous retention period for the records, the records must be retained to meet that requirement. During the period of retention, the records are accessible to the Comptroller General of the United States, the federal awarding

agency, an inspector general, independent auditor performing audits under the Single Audit Act and any of their duly authorized representatives for the purpose of audit, examination, and copying. The rights of access do not expire with the designated retention period but shall last as long as the records are retained. Records in the hands of the recipient are not subject to disclosure to the general public under the federal Freedom of Information Act. However, any records transmitted to NBRC are subject to that statute. Methods for collection, transmission, and storage of the records shall be consistent with instructions contained in [2 CFR 200.336](#).

- XXXI. **AUDIT REQUIREMENTS**—The funds made available under this agreement are considered to be a federal award within the meaning of [2 CFR 200.502](#). Accordingly, the expenditures that the recipient makes from this Grant Agreement count toward meeting the threshold amount of expenditures necessary to trigger an audit pursuant to the Single Audit Act and [2 CFR 200, Subpart F](#). Thus, if the recipient organization expends more than \$1,000,000 in covered federal awards during its fiscal year, it will arrange for an independent audit conducted by a qualified auditor or firm. The resulting audit report along with a completed SF-SAC and additional documents identified in [2 CFR 200.511](#) must be submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse not later than nine (9) months after the end of the recipient's fiscal year. Information about how to accomplish single audit submissions is available at <http://harvester.census/facweb/Default.aspx>.
- XXXII. **CONTINUING ACCOUNTABILITY**—The recipient must assume continuing accountability for several matters that extend beyond the performance period. These include custody and maintenance of property that has been retained, records retention and access for records, and the discretionary right of the federal government to conduct audits and investigations on an as needed basis.



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And
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December 2, 2025**

Grant EGMS ID: GT-25FAC-00047

Christian Meyer,

Recipient's Authorized Representative Name and Date (print)

Christian Meyer Date:

Recipient's Authorized Representative (signature) *(By signing this document, you affirm that you have read this document and are prepared, and shall maintain the capacity, to carry out all the obligations that come with these Investment funds).*

NBRC Program Manager
Northern Border Regional Commission

Date:

Andrea Smith, Program Director
Northern Border Regional Commission

Date:

Revised 20250211

AMENDMENT TO STANDARD SUB-GRANT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MOUNT ASCUTNEY REGIONAL COMMISSION
AND
CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

SUB-GRANT AGREEMENT #06140-2024-WSMD-4154-CVRPC-25

AMENDMENT #1

This AMENDMENT to the Sub-Grant Agreement dated January 16, 2025, by and between the Mount Ascutney Regional Commission (hereinafter "MARC") and the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (hereinafter "Sub-Grantee") shall be made effective on this ____ day of January 2026 for the purpose of extending the period of performance and increasing the maximum Sub-Grant amount for flood hazard planning services. This is the **1st Amendment** to the Sub-Grant Agreement between MARC and Sub-Grantee.

The Sub-Grant Agreement between MARC and Sub-Grantee shall be amended as follows:

3. **Payment for Services:** The MARC shall pay the Sub-Grantee a total sum not to exceed ~~\$7,794.00~~ \$15,588.00 based upon actual costs and as specified in more detail in Attachment B.
4. **Contract Term:** The period of the Sub-Grantee's performance shall begin on 01/01/2025, and end on ~~12/31/2025~~ 12/31/2026.

[All other language in the original Sub-Grant Agreement remains in full force and effect.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed on their behalf by their respective representatives, each such representative having been first duly authorized so to act, as of the date and year first herein above written.

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

By: Christian Meyer
Christian Meyer
Executive Director

Date: January 27, 2026

MOUNT ASCUTNEY REGIONAL COMMISSION

By: _____
Jason Rasmussen, AICP
Executive Director

Date: 01.27.2026

**MOUNT ASCUTNEY REGIONAL COMMISSION
AMMENDMENT #1 TO
SUB-GRANT AGREEMENT #CVRPC-2024VTBFLDS**

This AMENDMENT to contract #CVRPC-2024VTBFLDS (Contract), dated 1/25/2025, by and between the **Mount Ascutney Regional Commission** and **Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC)** shall be made effective on this 1st day July, 2024 for the purposes of extending the Term of Agreement to June 30, 2026.

This is the first amendment to this contract. The Contract amendment is as follows:

WITNESSETH:

5. Term of Agreement: This Agreement shall begin on May 1, 2023, by the Parties. SUB-RECIPIENTs shall complete all work by June 30, 2025, 2026.

ATTACHMENT A: SCOPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED

- 1. Reallocation of Funding:** On or before December 31, ~~2024~~2025, SUB-RECIPIENT will provide a status report on the expenditure or encumbrance of the grant funds received to date. The SUB-RECIPIENT shall provide to MARC a mutually agreeable plan detailing the anticipated expenditure and encumbrance of any remaining funds. If the SUB-RECIPIENT cannot demonstrate, to the satisfaction of MARC, that SUB-RECIPIENT's remaining balance of grant funds can be expended or encumbered by March 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, then MARC reserves the right to recover the remaining funds for reallocation to other participating SUB-RECIPIENTS on a date to be determined.
 - 2. Return of Grant Funds:** On or before June 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, SUB-RECIPIENT will provide a final report on the expenditure and encumbrance of all grant funds received to date. The SUB-RECIPIENT will return to MARC any unexpended or unencumbered funds as of June 15, ~~2025~~ 2026.
- 10. Performance Progress Reporting:**
- a. Quarterly reporting must continue until all funds have been disbursed and expended and a final report shall be submitted no later than June 1st, ~~2025~~ 2026, or 45 days following the date all of the funds have been expended, whichever comes first, at which time any additional reporting will be determined.

ATTACHMENT B: PAYMENT PROVISIONS

5. SUB-RECIPIENT must provide MARC with a completed 'Final Performance Report' no later than June 1, 2025 2026 or 45 days following the date all of the funds have been expended, whichever comes first.

All other language in the Contract remains the same.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES, AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THIS AGREEMENT.

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REGIONAL COMMISSION

Signature: Jason Rasmussen

Name: Jason Rasmussen

Title: Executive Director

Date: _____

SUB-GRANTEE

Signature: Christian Meyer

Name: Christian Meyer

Title: Executive Director

Date: 1/10/2026



30 January 2026

Michele Braun, Executive Director
Friends of the Winooski River
PO Box 777
Montpelier, VT 05601

RE: Riparian Buffer - Project Development 2026 – Scope of Work and Cost Estimate

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC), in its role as the Clean Water Service Provider for the Winooski River Basin, in coordination with the Winooski Basin Water Quality Council accepts your proposal for the **Riparian Buffer - Project Development 2026**. The total cost estimate for this work is **\$6,669**.

Under the terms of the Master Agreement, dated 3 May 2024, this acceptance letter, your proposal, and the Master Agreement comprise the Project Contract.

Sincerely,
Christian Meyer
Executive Director

The following portions of Part 1 – Contract Detail are hereby amended as follows:

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6.1.c: The Winooski River Basin Clean Water Service Provider shall pay, or cause to be paid, to the SUBGRANTEE progress payments for actual costs incurred as determined by using cost records for each Task and expense line items such as labor, benefits and direct and indirect costs of the required services covered by this Agreement. The SUBGRANTEE shall submit detailed invoices itemizing all work performed during the invoice period, including the dates of service, rates of pay, hours of work performed and any other information and/or documentation appropriate and sufficient to substantiate the amount invoiced using the template provided by the Winooski River Basin Clean Water Service Provider.

6.1.d: Riparian Buffer – Project Development - 2026. The following milestones must be met by the SUBGRANTEE. All milestones, deliverables and deadlines associated with this contract are included in the table below. The SUBGRANTEE shall invoice CVRPC upon the successful completion of each milestone and the submission of associated deliverables.

Milestone		Deliverable(s)	Completion Date	Cost
1	Kick-off meeting held	Copy of kick-off meeting notes	30 June 2026	\$1,667
2	Initial scoping completed	Preliminary phosphorus-reduction estimates	31 July 2026	\$1,667
3	Site visits conducted	a) Site visit photos; b) Site visit notes & landowner communications; c) Phosphorus-reduction estimates; and d) Estimated design life	31 October 2026	\$1,667

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4	Permit needs and project eligibility assessed	a) Documentation of required permits; b) Indication of potential challenges / conflicts for obtaining permit; c) Historic and archeological considerations; and d) Evidence that priority projects meet DEC CWIP Guidelines for Formula grant funding	30 November 2026	\$667
5	Project Development completed	For highest priority projects: a) Basic project concept drawings; b) Preliminary cost estimates; c) Potential co-benefits; and d) Recommended next steps for specific development (see detailed list of Task 5 deliverables below).	31 December 2026	\$667
6	Final Report submitted	a) Narrative summary of all tasks completed b) List of scoping efforts c) List of development efforts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Site photos; ii. Barriers to implementation; iii. O & M considerations; iv. Water quality benefits; v. Batch import file / New Project Form for projects absent from WPD 	31 January 2027	\$334
Total Cost				\$6,669

6.3.a: SUBGRANTEE will use the reporting template provided by the Winooski River Basin Clean Water Service Provider to submit monthly progress reports. Monthly reports are due by the 15th day of each month this agreement is in effect. If no progress has been made during the reporting period, SUBGRANTEE shall submit a monthly progress report stating, 'no progress was made during this reporting period.'

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Attachment C in the original Master Agreement has been replaced by the following version (updated on 1 October 2024).

Attachment C: Standard State Provisions for Contracts and Grants

REVISED OCTOBER 1, 2024

- 1. Definitions:** For purposes of this Attachment, "Party" shall mean the Contractor, Grantee, or Subrecipient, with whom the State of Vermont is executing this Agreement and consistent with the form of the Agreement. "Agreement" shall mean the specific contract or grant to which this form is attached.
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- 4. Sovereign Immunity:** The State reserves all immunities, defenses, rights, or actions arising out of the State's sovereign status or under the Eleventh Amendment to the United States Constitution. No waiver of the State's immunities, defenses, rights, or actions shall be implied or otherwise deemed to exist by reason of the State's entry into this Agreement.
- 5. No Employee Benefits For Party:** The Party understands that the State will not provide any individual retirement benefits, group life insurance, group health and dental insurance, vacation or sick leave, workers compensation or other benefits or services available to State employees, nor will the State withhold any state or Federal taxes except as required under applicable tax laws, which shall be determined in advance of execution of the Agreement. The Party understands that all tax returns required by the Internal Revenue Code

and the State of Vermont, including but not limited to income, withholding, sales and use, and rooms and meals, must be filed by the Party, and information as to Agreement income will be provided by the State of Vermont to the Internal Revenue Service and the Vermont Department of Taxes.

6. Independence: The Party will act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees of the State.

7. Defense and Indemnity:

- A.** The Party shall defend the State and its officers and employees against all third-party claims or suits arising in whole or in part from any act or omission of the Party or of any agent of the Party in connection with the performance of this Agreement. The State shall notify the Party in the event of any such claim or suit, and the Party shall immediately retain counsel and otherwise provide a complete defense against the entire claim or suit. The State retains the right to participate at its own expense in the defense of any claim. The State shall have the right to approve all proposed settlements of such claims or suits.
- B.** After a final judgment or settlement, the Party may request recoupment of specific defense costs and may file suit in Washington Superior Court requesting recoupment. The Party shall be entitled to recoup costs only upon a showing that such costs were entirely unrelated to the defense of any claim arising from an act or omission of the Party in connection with the performance of this Agreement.
- C.** The Party shall indemnify the State and its officers and employees if the State, its officers, or employees become legally obligated to pay any damages or losses arising from any act or omission of the Party or an agent of the Party in connection with the performance of this Agreement.
- D.** Notwithstanding any contrary language anywhere, in no event shall the terms of this Agreement or any document furnished by the Party in connection with its performance under this Agreement obligate the State to (1) defend or indemnify the Party or any third party, or (2) otherwise be liable for the expenses or reimbursement, including attorneys' fees, collection costs or other costs of the Party or any third party.

8. Insurance: During the term of this Agreement, Party, at its expense, shall maintain in full force and effect the insurance coverages set forth in the Vermont State Insurance Specification in effect at the time of incorporation of this Attachment C into this Agreement. The terms of the Vermont State Insurance Specification are hereby incorporated by reference into this Attachment C as if fully set forth herein. A copy of the Vermont State Insurance Specification is available at: <https://aoa.vermont.gov/Risk-Claims-COI>.

9. Reliance by the State on Representations: All payments by the State under this Agreement will be made in reliance upon the accuracy of all representations made by the Party in accordance with this Agreement,

including but not limited to bills, invoices, progress reports, and other proofs of work.

10. False Claims Act: Any liability to the State under the Vermont False Claims Act (32 V.S.A. § 630 et seq.) shall not be limited notwithstanding any agreement of the State to otherwise limit Party's liability.

11. Whistleblower Protections: The Party shall not discriminate or retaliate against one of its employees or agents for disclosing information concerning a violation of law, fraud, waste, abuse of authority, or acts threatening health or safety, including but not limited to allegations concerning the False Claims Act. Further, the Party shall not require such employees or agents to forego monetary awards as a result of such disclosures, nor should they be required to report misconduct to the Party or its agents prior to reporting to any governmental entity and/or the public.

12. Use and Protection of State Information:

A. As between the State and Party, "State Data" includes all data received, obtained, or generated by the Party in connection with performance under this Agreement. Party acknowledges that certain State Data to which the Party may have access may contain information that is deemed confidential by the State, or which is otherwise confidential by law, rule, or practice, or otherwise exempt from disclosure under the State of Vermont Access to Public Records Act, 1 V.S.A. § 315 et seq. ("Confidential State Data").

B. With respect to State Data, Party shall:

- i.** take reasonable precautions for its protection;
- ii.** not rent, sell, publish, share, or otherwise appropriate it; and
- iii.** upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, Party shall dispose of or retain State Data if and to the extent required by this Agreement, law, or regulation, or otherwise requested in writing by the State.

C. With respect to Confidential State Data, Party shall:

- i.** strictly maintain its confidentiality;
- ii.** not collect, access, use, or disclose it except as necessary to provide services to the State under this Agreement;
- iii.** provide at a minimum the same care to avoid disclosure or unauthorized use as it provides to protect its own similar confidential and proprietary information;
- iv.** implement and maintain administrative, technical, and physical safeguards and controls to protect against any anticipated threats or hazards or unauthorized access or use;

- v. promptly notify the State of any request or demand by any court, governmental agency or other person asserting a demand or request for Confidential State Data so that the State may seek an appropriate protective order; and
 - vi. upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, and except as necessary to comply with subsection B.iii above in this section, return or destroy all Confidential State Data remaining in its possession or control.
- D. If Party is provided or accesses, creates, collects, processes, receives, stores, or transmits Confidential State Data in any electronic form or media, Party shall utilize:
 - i. industry-standard firewall protection;
 - ii. multi-factor authentication controls;
 - iii. encryption of electronic Confidential State Data while in transit and at rest;
 - iv. measures to ensure that the State Data shall not be altered without the prior written consent of the State;
 - v. measures to protect against destruction, loss, or damage of State Data due to potential environmental hazards, such as fire and water damage;
 - vi. training to implement the information security measures; and
 - vii. monitoring of the security of any portions of the Party's systems that are used in the provision of the services against intrusion.
- E. No Confidential State Data received, obtained, or generated by the Party in connection with performance under this Agreement shall be processed, transmitted, stored, or transferred by any means outside the United States, except with the express written permission of the State.
- F. Party shall notify the State within twenty-four hours after becoming aware of any unauthorized destruction, loss, alteration, disclosure of, or access to, any State Data.
- G. State of Vermont Cybersecurity Standard Update: Party confirms that all products and services provided to or for the use of the State under this Agreement shall be in compliance with State of Vermont Cybersecurity Standard Update in effect at the time of incorporation of this Attachment C into this Agreement. The State of Vermont Cybersecurity Standard Update prohibits the use of certain branded products in State information systems or any vendor system, and a copy is available at: <https://digitalservices.vermont.gov/cybersecurity/cybersecurity-standards-and-directives>

H. In addition to the requirements of this Section 12, Party shall comply with any additional requirements regarding the protection of data that may be included in this Agreement or required by law or regulation.

- 13. Records Available for Audit:** The Party shall maintain all records pertaining to performance under this Agreement. "Records" means any written or recorded information, regardless of physical form or characteristics, which is produced or acquired by the Party in the performance of this Agreement. Records produced or acquired in a machine-readable electronic format shall be maintained in that format. The records described shall be made available at reasonable times during the period of this Agreement and for three years thereafter or for any period required by law for inspection by any authorized representatives of the State or Federal Government. If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the three-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.
- 14. Fair Employment Practices and Americans with Disabilities Act:** Party agrees to comply with the requirement of 21 V.S.A. Chapter 5, Subchapter 6, relating to fair employment practices, to the full extent applicable, and shall include this provision in all subcontracts for work performed in Vermont. Party shall also ensure, to the full extent required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, that qualified individuals with disabilities receive equitable access to the services, programs, and activities provided by the Party under this Agreement.
- 15. Offset:** The State may offset any sums which the Party owes the State against any sums due the Party under this Agreement; provided, however, that any offset of amounts due the State of Vermont as taxes shall be in accordance with the procedures more specifically provided in 32 V.S.A. § 3113.
- 16. Taxes Due to the State:** Party certifies under the pains and penalties of perjury that, as of the date this Agreement is signed, the Party is in good standing with respect to, or in full compliance with, a plan to pay any and all taxes due the State of Vermont.
- 17. Taxation of Purchases:** All State purchases must be invoiced tax free. An exemption certificate will be furnished upon request with respect to otherwise taxable items.
- 18. Child Support:** (Only applicable if the Party is a natural person, not a corporation or partnership.) Party states that, as of the date this Agreement is signed, Party is not under an obligation to pay child support or is in good standing with respect to or in full compliance with a plan to pay any and all child support payable under a support order. Party makes this statement with regard to support owed to any and all children residing in Vermont. In addition, if the Party is a resident of Vermont, Party makes this statement with regard to support owed to any and all children residing in any other state or territory of the United States.
- 19. Sub-Agreements:** Party shall not assign, subcontract, or subgrant the performance of this Agreement or any portion thereof to any other Party

without the prior written approval of the State. Party shall be responsible and liable to the State for all acts or omissions of subcontractors and any other person performing work under this Agreement pursuant to an agreement with Party or any subcontractor.

In the case this Agreement is a contract with a total cost in excess of \$250,000, the Party shall provide to the State a list of all proposed subcontractors and subcontractors' subcontractors, together with the identity of those subcontractors' workers compensation insurance providers, and additional required or requested information, as applicable, in accordance with Section 32 of The Vermont Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Act No. 54), as amended by Section 17 of Act No. 142 (2010) and by Section 6 of Act No. 50 (2011).

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- 20. No Gifts or Gratuities:** Party shall not give title or possession of anything of substantial value (including property, currency, travel, and/or education programs) to any officer or employee of the State during the term of this Agreement.
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- 23. Conflict of Interest:** Party shall fully disclose, in writing, any conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest.
- 24. Vermont Public Records Act:** Party acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement, any and all information obtained by the State from the Party in connection with this Agreement, and any obligations of the State to maintain

the confidentiality of information are subject to the State of Vermont Access to Public Records Act, 1 V.S.A. § 315 *et seq.*

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C. Termination Assistance: Upon nearing the end of the final term or termination of this Agreement, without respect to cause, the Party shall take all reasonable and prudent measures to facilitate any transition required by the State. All State property, tangible and intangible, shall be returned to the State upon demand at no additional cost to the State in a format acceptable to the State.

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- 31. Requirements Pertaining Only to Federal Grants and Subrecipient Agreements:** If this Agreement is a grant that is funded in whole or in part by Federal funds:
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(End of Standard Provisions)



1 June 2025

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(End of Standard Provisions)



1 June 2025

Michele Braun, Executive Director
Friends of the Winooski River
PO Box 777
Montpelier, VT 05601

RE: Huntington Acres Riparian Buffer Planting – Verification, Operations & Maintenance
– Scope of Work and Cost Estimate

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Christian Meyer
Executive Director

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Original <input type="checkbox"/>	Addendum <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #2024-11.13	Amendment <input type="checkbox"/>
Contract Amount: \$5,809	Start Date: 1 June 2025	End Date: 31 Dec 2027
Contractor Name: Friends of the Winooski River		
Contractor Physical Address: 46 Barre Street		
City: Montpelier	State: VT	Zip Code: 05602
Contractor Mailing Address: PO Box 777		
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Contract Type: Cost Reimbursement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fixed Price <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (please specify)		
If this action is an amendment, the following is amended: Funding Amount <input type="checkbox"/> Performance Period <input type="checkbox"/> Scope of Work <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (please specify)		
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Contractor Duns/UEI: TMSAEQ3G9KA7		
DUNS/UEI Registered Name (if different than Contractor Name above):		
SAM checked for DUNS/UEI Suspension and Debarment Exclusions Date: 29 January 2026 Initials: bv SAM Expiration Date: 3 Nov 2026		
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IRS Form W9 - Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification Date: 6 September 2023 Initials: bv		
Certificate of Insurance Date: 6 March 2025 Initials: bv		
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Contract #: 06140-2023-CWSP-WID-05

Funding
Type:☐ Federal CFDA/ALN #:Program
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Finance/Billing

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without the prior written approval of the State. Party shall be responsible and liable to the State for all acts or omissions of subcontractors and any other person performing work under this Agreement pursuant to an agreement with Party or any subcontractor.

In the case this Agreement is a contract with a total cost in excess of \$250,000, the Party shall provide to the State a list of all proposed subcontractors and subcontractors' subcontractors, together with the identity of those subcontractors' workers compensation insurance providers, and additional required or requested information, as applicable, in accordance with Section 32 of The Vermont Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Act No. 54), as amended by Section 17 of Act No. 142 (2010) and by Section 6 of Act No. 50 (2011).

Party shall include the following provisions of this Attachment C in all subcontracts for work performed solely for the State of Vermont and subcontracts for work performed in the State of Vermont: Section 10 ("False Claims Act"); Section 11 ("Whistleblower Protections"); Section 12 ("Confidentiality and Protection of State Information"); Section 14 ("Fair Employment Practices and Americans with Disabilities Act"); Section 16 ("Taxes Due the State"); Section 18 ("Child Support"); Section 20 ("No Gifts or Gratuities"); Section 22 ("Certification Regarding Debarment"); Section 30 ("State Facilities"); and Section 32.A ("Certification Regarding Use of State Funds").

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- B. Good Standing Certification (Act 154 of 2016):** If this Agreement is a State-funded grant, Party hereby represents: (i) that it has signed and provided to the State the form prescribed by the Secretary of Administration for purposes of certifying that it is in good standing (as provided in Section 13(a)(2) of Act 154) with the Agency of Natural Resources and the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, or otherwise explaining the circumstances surrounding the inability to so certify; and (ii) that it will comply with the requirements stated therein.

(End of Standard Provisions)



1 June 2025

Michele Braun, Executive Director
Friends of the Winooski River
PO Box 777
Montpelier, VT 05601

RE: Fecteau Riparian Buffer Planting – Verification, Operations & Maintenance – Scope of Work and Cost Estimate

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC), in its role as the Clean Water Service Provider for the Winooski River Basin, in coordination with the Winooski Basin Water Quality Council accepts your proposal for the **Fecteau Riparian Buffer Planting – Verification, Operations & Maintenance**. The total cost estimate for this work is **\$12,530**.

Under the terms of the Master Agreement, dated 3 May 2024, this acceptance letter, your proposal, and the Master Agreement comprise the Project Contract.

Sincerely,
Christian Meyer
Executive Director

The following portions of Part 1 – Contract Detail are hereby amended as follows:

Part 1: Contract Detail

SECTION 1 - GENERAL CONTRACT INFORMATION		
Original <input type="checkbox"/>	Addendum <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #2024-11.14	Amendment <input type="checkbox"/>
Contract Amount: \$12,530	Start Date: 1 June 2025	End Date: 31 Dec 2027
Contractor Name: Friends of the Winooski River		
Contractor Physical Address: 46 Barre Street		
City: Montpelier	State: VT	Zip Code: 05602
Contractor Mailing Address: PO Box 777		
City: Montpelier	State: VT	Zip Code: 05602
Contract Type: Cost Reimbursement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fixed Price <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (please specify)		
If this action is an amendment, the following is amended: Funding Amount <input type="checkbox"/> Performance Period <input type="checkbox"/> Scope of Work <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (please specify)		
SECTION 2 – CONTRACTOR INFORMATION		
Contractor Duns/UEI: TMSAEQ3G9KA7		
DUNS/UEI Registered Name (if different than Contractor Name above):		
SAM checked for DUNS/UEI Suspension and Debarment Exclusions Date: 29 January 2026 Initials: bv SAM Expiration Date: 3 Nov 2026		
State of Vermont checked for Debarment Exclusions Date: 29 January 2026 Initials: bv Debarment Expiration Date: N/A		
Risk Assessment completed Date: 29 November 2023 Initials: bv		
Single Audit check in Federal Audit Clearinghouse Date: 29 January 2026 Initials: bv		
IRS Form W9 - Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification Date: 6 September 2023 Initials: bv		
Certificate of Insurance Date: 6 March 2025 Initials: bv		
Will the Contractor Charge CVRPC for Taxable Purchases? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date: 6 September 2023 Initials: bv		
Contract Total Value exceeds \$250,000? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date: 6 September 2023 Initials: bv		

SECTION 3 – FUNDING SOURCE

Awarding Entity: Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

Contract #: 06140-2023-CWSP-WID-05

Funding
Type:☐ Federal CFDA/ALN #:Program
Title:☒ State☐ Municipal☐ Other Source: (ex. private, non-profit, etc.)**SECTION 4 – CONTACT INFORMATION****CVRPC**Project Contact/Coordinator

Name: Brian Voigt

Title: Senior Planner

Work Phone: 802-262-1029

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Finance/Billing

Name: Christian Meyer

Title: Executive Director

Work Phone: 802-229-0389

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CONTRACTORProject Contact/Manager

Name: Michele Braun

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The portions of Part 1 – Contract Detail not noted above have not been changed and remain as presented in the original Master Agreement.

Part 2: Contract Agreement

Article 6 – Compensation

6.1.a: In consideration of the services to be performed by SUBGRANTEE, the CVRPC agrees to pay SUBGRANTEE, in accordance with the payment provisions specified in the Master Agreement, a sum not to exceed \$12,530 based upon actual costs, and provided such services are within the scope of the Agreement.

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	<i>Milestone</i>	<i>Deliverable(s)</i>
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2	Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 Operations & Maintenance	Operations & Maintenance Report (including site photos and description of site condition pre-maintenance)

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Attachment C in the original Master Agreement has been replaced by the following version (updated on 7 December 2023).

Attachment C: Standard State Provisions for Contracts and Grants

REVISED OCTOBER 1, 2024

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(End of Standard Provisions)



1 June 2025

Michele Braun, Executive Director
Friends of the Winooski River
PO Box 777
Montpelier, VT 05601

RE: John Fowler Road Riparian Buffer Planting – Verification, Operations & Maintenance
– Scope of Work and Cost Estimate

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC), in its role as the Clean Water Service Provider for the Winooski River Basin, in coordination with the Winooski Basin Water Quality Council accepts your proposal for the **John Fowler Road Riparian Buffer Planting – Verification, Operations & Maintenance**. The total cost estimate for this work is **\$15,388**.

Under the terms of the Master Agreement, dated 3 May 2024, this acceptance letter, your proposal, and the Master Agreement comprise the Project Contract.

Sincerely,
Christian Meyer
Executive Director

The following portions of Part 1 – Contract Detail are hereby amended as follows:

Part 1: Contract Detail

SECTION 1 - GENERAL CONTRACT INFORMATION		
Original <input type="checkbox"/>	Addendum <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> #2024-11.15	Amendment <input type="checkbox"/>
Contract Amount: \$15,388	Start Date: 1 June 2025	End Date: 31 Dec 2027
Contractor Name: Friends of the Winooski River		
Contractor Physical Address: 46 Barre Street		
City: Montpelier	State: VT	Zip Code: 05602
Contractor Mailing Address: PO Box 777		
City: Montpelier	State: VT	Zip Code: 05602
Contract Type: Cost Reimbursement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fixed Price <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (please specify)		
If this action is an amendment, the following is amended: Funding Amount <input type="checkbox"/> Performance Period <input type="checkbox"/> Scope of Work <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (please specify)		
SECTION 2 – CONTRACTOR INFORMATION		
Contractor Duns/UEI: TMSAEQ3G9KA7		
DUNS/UEI Registered Name (if different than Contractor Name above):		
SAM checked for DUNS/UEI Suspension and Debarment Exclusions Date: 29 January 2026 Initials: bv SAM Expiration Date: 3 Nov 2026		
State of Vermont checked for Debarment Exclusions Date: 29 January 2026 Initials: bv Debarment Expiration Date: N/A		
Risk Assessment completed Date: 29 November 2023 Initials: bv		
Single Audit check in Federal Audit Clearinghouse Date: 29 January 2026 Initials: bv		
IRS Form W9 - Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification Date: 6 September 2023 Initials: bv		
Certificate of Insurance Date: 6 March 2025 Initials: bv		
Will the Contractor Charge CVRPC for Taxable Purchases? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date: 6 September 2023 Initials: bv		
Contract Total Value exceeds \$250,000? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date: 6 September 2023 Initials: bv		

SECTION 3 – FUNDING SOURCE

Awarding Entity: Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

Contract #: 06140-2023-CWSP-WID-05

Funding
Type:☐ Federal CFDA/ALN #:Program
Title:☒ State☐ Municipal☐ Other Source: (ex. private, non-profit, etc.)**SECTION 4 – CONTACT INFORMATION****CVRPC**Project Contact/Coordinator

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Title: Senior Planner

Work Phone: 802-262-1029

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Finance/Billing

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Title: Executive Director

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CONTRACTORProject Contact/Manager

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Title: Executive Director

Work Phone: 802.279.3771

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Part 2: Contract Agreement

Article 6 – Compensation

6.1.a: In consideration of the services to be performed by SUBGRANTEE, the CVRPC agrees to pay SUBGRANTEE, in accordance with the payment provisions specified in the Master Agreement, a sum not to exceed \$15,388 based upon actual costs, and provided such services are within the scope of the Agreement.

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6.1.d: John Fowler Road Riparian Buffer Planting – Verification, Operations & Maintenance. The following milestones must be met by the SUBGRANTEE. All milestones, deliverables and deadlines associated with this contract are included in the table below.

	<i>Milestone</i>	<i>Deliverable(s)</i>
1	Year 1 & Year 3 Project Verification	Site Visit Report
2	Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3 Operations & Maintenance	Operations & Maintenance Report (including site photos and description of site condition pre-maintenance)

6.3.a: SUBCONTRACTOR will use the reporting template provided by the Winooski River Basin Clean Water Service Provider to submit monthly progress reports. Monthly reports are due by the 15th day of each month this agreement is in effect. If no progress has been made during the reporting period, SUBCONTRACTOR shall submit a monthly progress report stating, 'no progress was made during this reporting period.'

The portions of Part 2 – Contract Agreement items not noted above have not been changed and remain as presented in the original Master Agreement.

Attachment C in the original Master Agreement has been replaced by the following version (updated on 7 December 2023).

Attachment C: Standard State Provisions for Contracts and Grants

REVISED OCTOBER 1, 2024

- 1. Definitions:** For purposes of this Attachment, "Party" shall mean the Contractor, Grantee, or Subrecipient, with whom the State of Vermont is executing this Agreement and consistent with the form of the Agreement. "Agreement" shall mean the specific contract or grant to which this form is attached.
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- 29. No Implied Waiver of Remedies:** Either party's delay or failure to exercise any right, power, or remedy under this Agreement shall not impair any such right, power, or remedy, or be construed as a waiver of any such right, power, or remedy. All waivers must be in writing.
- 30. State Facilities:** If the State makes space available to the Party in any State facility during the term of this Agreement for purposes of the Party's performance under this Agreement, the Party shall only use the space in accordance with all policies and procedures governing access to, and use of, State facilities, which shall be made available upon request. State facilities will be made available to Party on an "AS IS, WHERE IS" basis, with no warranties whatsoever.
- 31. Requirements Pertaining Only to Federal Grants and Subrecipient Agreements:** If this Agreement is a grant that is funded in whole or in part by Federal funds:
- A. Requirement to Have a Single Audit:** The Subrecipient will complete the Subrecipient Annual Report annually within 45 days after its fiscal year end, informing the State of Vermont whether or not a Single Audit is required for the prior fiscal year. If a Single Audit is required, the Subrecipient will submit a copy of the audit report to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse within nine months. If a single audit is not required, only the Subrecipient Annual Report is required. A Single Audit is required if the subrecipient expends \$1,000,000 or more in Federal assistance during its fiscal year and must be conducted in accordance with 2 CFR Chapter I, Chapter II, Part 200, Subpart F. The Subrecipient Annual Report is required to be submitted within 45 days, whether or not a Single Audit is required.
 - B. Internal Controls:** In accordance with 2 CFR Part II, §200.303, the Party must establish and maintain effective internal control over the Federal award to provide reasonable assurance that the Party is managing the Federal award in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the award. These internal controls should be in compliance with guidance in "Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government" issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the "Internal Control Integrated Framework" issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.
 - C. Mandatory Disclosures:** In accordance with 2 CFR Part II, §200.113, Party must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the State, all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award. Failure to make required disclosures may result in the imposition of sanctions which may include disallowance of costs incurred, withholding of payments, termination of the Agreement, suspension/debarment, etc.

32. Requirements Pertaining Only to State-Funded Grants:

A. Certification Regarding Use of State Funds: If Party is an employer and this Agreement is a State-funded grant in excess of \$1,000, Party certifies that none of these State funds will be used to interfere with or restrain the exercise of Party's employee's rights with respect to unionization.

B. Good Standing Certification (Act 154 of 2016): If this Agreement is a State-funded grant, Party hereby represents: (i) that it has signed and provided to the State the form prescribed by the Secretary of Administration for purposes of certifying that it is in good standing (as provided in Section 13(a)(2) of Act 154) with the Agency of Natural Resources and the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, or otherwise explaining the circumstances surrounding the inability to so certify; and (ii) that it will comply with the requirements stated therein.

(End of Standard Provisions)

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Standard Contract - Amendment
Grant Writing and Implementation for 2025 EPA Brownfield Assessment
Coalition Grant and Revolving Loan Fund Grant

Part 1 – Contract Detail

SECTION 1 - GENERAL CONTRACT INFORMATION

Original	Amendment #2024-22.2
Contract Amount: \$ 1,224,710	Start Date: 10/28/24 End Date: 09/30/2030
Contractor Name: Montrose Environmental Solutions, Inc.	
Contractor Physical Address: Innovation Square 100 S. Clinton Avenue, Suite 2330	
City: Rochester	State: NY Zip Code: 14604
Contractor Mailing Address: same	
City:	State: Zip Code:
Contract Type: Cost Reimbursement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fixed Price <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (please specify)	
If this action is an amendment, the following is amended: Funding Amount <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Performance Period <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scope of Work <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (please specify)	

SECTION 2 – CONTRACTOR INFORMATION (to be completed by CVRPC)

Contractor UEI: U423S3MV3V53	
UEI Registered Name (if different than Contractor Name above): Montrose Environmental Group, Inc.	
SAM checked for UEI Suspension and Debarment Exclusions (https://sam.gov/SAM/ Print Screen Must be Placed in Contract File) Date: 10/21/25 Initials: nlc SAM Expiration Date: 10/20/26	
State of Vermont checked for Debarment Exclusions (http://bgs.vermont.gov/purchasing-contracting/debarment . Print Screen Must be Placed in Contract File) Date: 10/21/25 Initials: nlc Debarment Expiration Date: N/A	
Risk Assessment completed (Questions for contractor at ..\..\Forms\Risk Assessment Contractor Questions.docx . Staff completes assessment at ..\..\Forms\Risk Assessment Contractor.docx . Contractor responses and completed risk assessment places in contract file. Contract modified to reflect assessment results.) Date: 10/23/25 Initials: nlc	
Single Audit check in Federal Audit Clearinghouse (https://app.fac.gov/dissemination/search/). Print screen must be placed in contract file)) Date: 10/21/25 Initials: nlc	
IRS Form W9 - Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification (Contractor must complete a Form W-9. Form must be placed in contract file.) Date: 10/21/25 Initials: nlc	

Certificate of Insurance (Contractor must provide a valid Certificate of Insurance demonstrating compliance with minimum insurance requirements of the originating funding. If originating funding has none, default minimums are State of Vermont requirements.)

Date: 10/23/25

Initials: nlc

Will the Contractor Charge CVRPC for Taxable Purchases? Yes ☐ No ☒

[Provide written documentation of answer from contractor. If yes, CVRPC tax exemption certificate must be provided to contractor (obtain from CVRPC finance staff). CVRPC is not subject to sales tax.]

Date: 10/23/25

Initials: nlc

Contract Total Value exceeds \$250,000? Yes ☒ No ☐

(Contractor must provide list of all proposed subcontractors and subcontractors' subcontractors and the identity of those party's worker compensation providers)

Date: 10/23/25

Initials: nlc

SECTION 3 – FUNDING SOURCE

Awarding Entity: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Contract #: Assessment Grant: BF-00A01672; RLF Grant: 4B-00A01670; ACCD 07110-RPC-2025-04

Funding Type: ☒ Federal

CFDA/ALN #: 66.818

Program Title: Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements
State funding limited for grant writing phase

☒ State☐ Municipal☐ Other

Agreement #: See contract numbers in row above.

Source:

SECTION 4 – CONTACT INFORMATION

CVRPC

Project Contact/Coordinator

Name: Eli Toohey

Title: Planner

Work Phone: 802.229.0389

Email: toohey@cvregion.com

Finance/Billing

Name: Christian Meyer

Title: Executive Director

Work Phone: 802-229-0389

Email: meyer@cvregion.com

CONTRACTOR

Project Contact/Manager

Name: Andrea Pedersen

Title: Principal

Work Phone: 425-308-1727

Email: anpedersen@montrose-env.com

Finance/Billing

Name: Christina Ufland

Title:

Work Phone: 279-234-8205

Email: cytaylor@montrose-env.com

Part 2 – Contract Agreement

AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

SUBJECT: Agreement # 2024-22, entered into by the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission, and by the Montrose Environmental Solutions, Inc., is amended as follows:

1. ATTACHMENT A: Scope of Work To Be Performed is amended to strike the Attribution clause.

All other provisions of the contract remain in force.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THIS CONTRACT.

For the CVRPC:

Signature: _____

Name: Christian Meyer

Title: Executive Director

Date: _____

For the Contractor:

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT A

Scope of Work to be Performed

Objective:

A qualified environmental (QEP) consulting and/or planning firm to provide assistance with: (a) securing United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) grants for the assessment, cleanup, or redevelopment of Brownfields properties within Washington and Orange Counties of VT, specifically the 23 towns that make up the CVRPC region and (b) implementation of environmental assessment, remedial planning, community outreach, and other environmental or planning components of grants for which funding is secured. The initial focus for the contract will be securing a U.S. EPA assessment coalition grant and a U.S. EPA Revolving Loan Fund grant as part of the U.S. EPA's annual Brownfields Grant Competition, for which grant applications will be due November 14, 2024. This solicitation is being issued in part to comply with Federal procurement standards outlined in CFR §200.317-327 and Appendix A to 40 CFR part 33 that are applicable to hiring of contractors to assist communities with grants awarded by the U.S. EPA, provided a fair and reasonable compensation is negotiated in accordance with 2 CFR 1500.

Activity(s) to be Performed:

Grant Implementation Activities

- I. Scope of Services / Scope of Work
 - a. Services will be provided in accordance with the Technical Proposal titled, "EPA Brownfield Grant Application & Implementation Assistance" (dated October 10, 2024), provided as **Attachment G**. Additionally, services will be performed in accordance with the Cooperative Agreement (CA) Work Plans established between the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provided as **Attachment E**.
- II. Schedule
 - a. The project period for contractual services for the EPA Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant is September 1, 2025 – September 30, 2029. The project period for contractual services for the EPA Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grant is September 1, 2025 – September 30, 2030.
- III. Compensation / Budget
 - a. Assessment and RLF Grant implementation services will be provided on a time and materials basis in accordance with the rates provided in the Cost Proposal titled, "EPA Brownfield Grant Application & Implementation Assistance" (dated October 10, 2024), provided as **Attachment H**. The not-to-exceed budget for contractual services is established in the CA Work Plans provided as **Attachment E**.

Attribution:

~~Attribution shall be made to the State in all publications, i.e., newsletters, press releases, event promotions, webpages, programs, etc. Attribution shall read: This (activity to be filled in specific to the publication) of Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is made possible in part by a grant from the State of Vermont through the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Department of Economic Development.~~

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Standard Contract Phase I Environmental Site Assessment 33 & 35 North
Main Street Waterbury, Vermont

Part 1 – Contract Detail

SECTION 1 - GENERAL CONTRACT INFORMATION

Original <input type="checkbox"/>		Amendment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> # <u>1</u>	
Contract Amount: \$2,000	Start Date: 09/15/2025	End Date: 03/31/2026	
Contractor Name: LE Environmental			
Contractor Physical Address: 21 North Main Street			
City: Waterbury	State: VT	Zip Code: 05676	
Contractor Mailing Address: 21 North Main Street			
City: Waterbury	State: VT	Zip Code: 05676	
Contract Type: Cost Reimbursement <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed Price <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> (please specify)			
<i>If this action is an amendment, the following is amended:</i> Funding Amount <input type="checkbox"/> Performance Period <input type="checkbox"/> Scope of Work <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> (please specify)			

SECTION 2 – CONTRACTOR INFORMATION (to be completed by CVRPC)

Contractor UEI: CXK2MKQSNJP5		
UEI Registered Name <i>(if different than Contractor Name above)</i> : LE Environmental LLC		
SAM checked for UEI Suspension and Debarment Exclusions (https://sam.gov/SAM/) Print Screen Must be Placed in Contract File Date: 10/01/2025 Initials: NLC SAM Expiration Date: 12/17/2025		
State of Vermont checked for Debarment Exclusions http://bgs.vermont.gov/purchasing-contractng/debarment . Print Screen Must be Placed in Contract File Date: 10/01/2025 Initials: NLC Debarment Expiration Date: N/A		
Risk Assessment completed (Questions for contractor at ..\..\Forms\Risk Assessment Contractor Quesons.docx . Staff completes assessment at ..\..\Forms\Risk Assessment Contractor.docx . Contractor responses and completed risk assessment places in contract file. Contract modified to reflect assessment results.) Date: 10/01/2025 Initials: NLC		

Single Audit check in Federal Audit Clearinghouse (<https://harvester.census.gov/facdissem/Main.aspx>. Print screen must be placed in contract file))

Date: 10/01/2025

Initials: NLC

IRS Form W9 - Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification (Contractor must complete a Form W-9. Form must be placed in contract file.)

Date: 10/01/2025

Initials: NLC

Certificate of Insurance (Contractor must provide a valid Certificate of Insurance demonstrating compliance with minimum insurance requirements of the originating funding. If originating funding has none, default minimums are State of Vermont requirements.)

Date: 10/01/2025

Initials: NLC

Will the Contractor Charge CVRPC for Taxable Purchases? Yes ☐ No ☒

[Provide written documentation of answer from contractor. If yes, CVRPC tax exemption certificate must be provided to contractor (obtain from CVRPC finance staff). CVRPC is not subject to sales tax.]

Date: 09/15/25

Initials: EIT

Contract Total Value exceeds \$250,000? Yes ☐ No ☒

(Contractor must provide list of all proposed subcontractors and subcontractors' subcontractors and the identity of those party's worker compensation providers)

Date: 09/15/25

Initials: EIT

SECTION 3 – FUNDING SOURCE

Awarding Enty: Mount Ascutney Regional Commission

Contract #: #CVRPC-2023VTBFLDS

Funding Type: ☐ Federal

CFDA/ALN #:

Program Title:

Agreement #:

☒ State MARC Grant Agreement #:07120-BRF-FY23SP-04

☐Municipal

☐Other Source: (ex. private, non-profit, etc.)

SECTION 4 – CONTACT INFORMATION

CVRPC

Project Contact/Coordinator

Name: Eli Toohey

Title: Planner

Work Phone: 802.262-1018

Email: toohey@cvregion.com

CONTRACTOR

Project Contact/Manager

Name: Alan Liptak

Title: Environmental Program Manager

Work Phone: 802-917-2001

Email: alan@leenv.net

<u>Finance/Billing</u>	
Name: Christian Meyer	Name: Alan Liptak
Title: Executive Director	Title: Environmental Program Manager
Work Phone: 802-262-1039	Work Phone: 802-917-2001
Email: meyer@cvregion.com	Email: alan@leenv.net

Part 2 – Contract Agreement

STANDARD CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

SUBJECT: Agreement #2025-15 A.1, entered into by the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and by LE Environmental, is amended as follows:

4. Contract Term. The period of contractor’s performance shall begin on September 15, 2025 and end on March 31, 2026.

8. Attachments. This contract consists of 14 pages including the following attachments which are incorporated herein:

Attachment A - Scope of Work to be Performed

WE THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THIS CONTRACT.

For the CVRPC:

Signature: _____

Name: Christian Meyer

Title: Executive Director

Date: _____

For the Contractor:

Signature: Alan Liptak

Name: Alan Liptak

Title: Co-Owner

Date: January 12, 2026

ATTACHMENT A Scope of Work to be Performed

Objective:

Undertake Phase I Environmental Site Assessments for 33 & 35 North Main Street Waterbury VT 05676

Activity(s) to be Performed:

	Activity	Performance Measures	Deliverable Date
1	Participate in Kick Off Meeting	Meeting attended	October 14, 2025
2	Phase I ESA & Report Preparation	Draft Report submitted	
3	Circulate Draft Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment for review and comment	CVRPC, DEC comments are addressed	
4	Finalize Phase I ESA Report	Final Report submitted	February 28, 2026

6Attribution:

Attribution shall be made to the State in all publications, i.e., newsletters, press releases, event promotions, webpages, programs, etc. Attribution shall read: *This (activity to be filled in specific to the publication) of Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is made possible in part by a grant from the State of Vermont through the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Department of Economic Development.*

ATTACHMENT B Payment Provisions and Monitoring & Reporting Requirements

PAYMENT PROVISIONS

The Party shall provide the services listed in Attachment A to CVRPC at the rates listed in the scope of work attached to this Agreement.

The maximum dollar amount payable under this Agreement is not intended as any form of a guaranteed amount. The Party will be paid for products or services actually delivered or performed, as specified in Attachment A, up to the maximum allowable amount specified on page 1 of the Standard Contract.

CVRPC agrees to compensate the Party for services performed as defined in the Scope of Work, up to the maximum amount, provided such services are within the scope of the agreement and are authorized as provided for under the terms and conditions of this grant.

Payment. Work performed will be paid as follows: Actual costs up to the Agreement maximum as determined by using cost records for each Task and expense line items such as labor, benefits and direct and indirect costs of the required services covered by this Agreement, and in accordance with the Party's written hour and cost estimate submitted and approved prior to the start of work. Invoices shall be submitted monthly.

The CVRPC shall pay, or cause to be paid, to the Party progress payments as defined above. Requests for payment shall be accompanied by progress reports and be made directly to the CVRPC for all work.

The CVRPC shall pay for all approved services, expenses and materials accomplished or used during the period of this Agreement, and only that effort will be included on invoices under this Agreement. Invoices for costs should be itemized in accordance with the payment provisions described previously in Attachment B.

The Party shall immediately notify CVRPC if costs for the performance of any task exceeds, or is expected to exceed, the written estimate. The Party will supply a new estimate for CVRPC approval. CVRPC is not obligated to authorize additional expenditures. The Party will not be reimbursed for any services or expenses which have not been previously approved by CVRPC.

Sub-contractor rates shall be consistent with those provided in Party's scope of work. Markups for subcontractors will not exceed 10%. Markups for equipment, regular site costs (such as utilities) and primary Party services (such as telephone calls, copying, mailing costs, meals, lodging) are not allowed under this Agreement.

Invoicing. The Party shall submit invoices to CVRPC as noted above. Charges will be separated by task as designated by CVRPC in proposal or bid documents and shall include the estimated task amount and total charges billed by task to date. If Party is working under more than one Agreement with CVRPC, Party shall invoice each Agreement separately. Progress reports shall accompany all invoices and shall describe work completed during the invoice period.

All invoices shall be sent to: CVRPC Executive Director
29 Main Street, Suite 4
Montpelier, VT 05602

The CVRPC will seek to make payments within forty-five (45) days of receipt of an invoice from the Party. If the work described in any invoice has not been completed to the satisfaction of CVRPC, as determined by the project manager, CVRPC reserves the right to withhold payment until the invoiced work has been satisfactorily completed. Overdue balances resulting from non-payment for unsatisfactory work will not be subject to interest or finance charges. The final payment will be paid upon final project completion and acceptance by the CVRPC.

MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

Monitoring is **REQUIRED** under this Agreement. Monitoring will include:

- Monitoring of pass through requirements.
- Comparison of actual accomplishments to Agreement objectives.
- Reasons why established goals were not met.

- Explanation of cost overruns or high unit costs.
- Significant developments.
- Site visits as warranted by program needs.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Reporting is **REQUIRED** under this Agreement.

- Regular Progress Reports submitted with invoices.
- Significant developments as soon as possible after they occur.
- Other reports as may be required by the funding agency.

Regular Progress Reporting. Accompanying each invoice will be a succinct and specific report on the progress that has been achieved on the Party's Scope of Work with regard to milestones, deliverables, and schedule, and in relation to the expenditures the Party is invoicing for reimbursement.

Significant Development Report. The Party must report the following events by e-mail to CVRPC's Project Manager as soon as possible after they occur:

- 1) Developments that have a significant favorable impact on the project.
- 2) Problems, delays, or adverse conditions which materially impair the Party's ability to meet the objectives of the award.

Other Reports. CVRPC's funding agency may request or require other reports during the Agreement period. If CVRPC's requires Party's assistance to complete this reporting, Party shall provide the necessary information requested by CVRPC.

CVRPC must submit quarterly reports to the Mount Ascutney Regional Commission. It is imperative that the Party supply the CVRPC with the necessary information so that the CVRPC can provide these reports in a timely manner.

Periodic reports, certified by an authorized agent of the Party, shall be submitted as required. Failure to submit timely, accurate, and fully executed reports shall constitute an "Event of Default" and will result in a mandate to return the funds already disbursed under this agreement, and/or the withholding of current and future payments under this Agreement until the reporting irregularities are resolved to the CVRPC's satisfaction.

ATTACHMENT C Standard Agreement Provisions

REVISED DECEMBER 15, 2017

1. **Definitions:** For purposes of this Attachment, "Party" shall mean the Contractor, Grantee or Subrecipient, with whom the CVRPC is executing this Agreement and consistent with the form of the Agreement. "Agreement" shall mean the specific contract or grant to which this form is attached.

2. **Entire Agreement:** This Agreement, whether in the form of a contract, State-funded grant, or Federally funded grant, represents the entire agreement between the parties on the subject matter. All prior agreements, representations, statements, negotiations, and understandings shall have no effect.
3. **Governing Law, Jurisdiction and Venue; No Waiver of Jury Trial:** This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Vermont. Any action or proceeding brought by either the CVRPC, State or the Party in connection with this Agreement shall be brought and enforced in the Superior Court of the State of Vermont, Civil Division, Washington Unit. The Party irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of this court for any action or proceeding regarding this Agreement. The Party agrees that it must first exhaust any applicable administrative remedies with respect to any cause of action that it may have against the CVRPC with regard to its performance under this Agreement. Party agrees that the CVRPC shall not be required to submit to binding arbitration or waive its right to a jury trial.
4. **Sovereign Immunity:** The State reserves all immunities, defenses, rights or actions arising out of the State's sovereign status or under the Eleventh Amendment to the United States Constitution. No waiver of the State's immunities, defenses, rights or actions shall be implied or otherwise deemed to exist by reason of the State's entry into this Agreement.
5. **No Employee Benefits For Party:** The Party understands that the CVRPC or State will not provide any individual requirement benefits, group life insurance, group health and dental insurance, vacation or sick leave, workers compensation or other benefits or services available to CVRPC or State employees, nor will the CVRPC or the State withhold any state or Federal taxes except as required under applicable tax laws, which shall be determined in advance of execution of the Agreement. The Party understands that all tax returns required by the Internal Revenue Code and the State of Vermont, including but not limited to income, withholding, sales and use, and rooms and meals, must be filed by the Party, and information as to Agreement income will be provided by the CVRPC to the Internal Revenue Service and the Vermont Department of Taxes.
6. **Independence:** The Party will act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees of the CVRPC or the State.
7. **Defense and Indemnity:** The Party shall defend the CVRPC or the State and its officers and employees against all third-party claims or suits arising in whole or in part from any act or omission of the Party or of any agent of the Party in connection with the performance of this Agreement. The CVRPC and the State shall notify the Party in the event of any such claim or suit, and the Party shall immediately retain counsel and otherwise provide a complete defense against the entire claim or suit. The CVRPC and the State retains the right to participate at its own expense in the defense of any claim. The CVRPC and the State shall have the right to approve all proposed settlements of such claims or suits. After a final judgment or settlement, the Party may request recoupment of specific defense costs and may file suit in Washington Superior Court requesting recoupment. The Party shall be entitled to recoup costs only upon a showing that such costs were entirely unrelated to the defense of any claim arising from an act or omission of the Party in connection with the performance of this Agreement.

The Party shall indemnify the CVRPC and the State and its officers and employees if the CVRPC or the State, its officers or employees become legally obligated to pay any damages or losses arising from any act or omission of the Party or an agent of the Party in connection with the performance of this Agreement. Notwithstanding any

contrary language anywhere, in no event shall the terms of this Agreement or any document furnished by the Party in connection with its performance under this Agreement obligate the CVRPC and the State to (1) defend or indemnify the Party or any third party, or (2) otherwise be liable for the expenses or reimbursement, including attorneys' fees, collection costs or other costs of the Party or any third party.

8. **Insurance:** Before commencing work on this Agreement the Party must provide certificates of insurance to show that the following minimum coverages are in effect. It is the responsibility of the Party to maintain current certificates of insurance on file with the CVRPC through the term of this Agreement. No warranty is made that the coverages and limits listed herein are adequate to cover and protect the interests of the Party for the Party's operations. These are solely minimums that have been established to protect the interests of the State.

Workers Compensation: With respect to all operations performed, the Party shall carry workers' compensation insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Vermont. Vermont will accept an out-of-state employer's workers' compensation coverage while operating in Vermont provided that the insurance carrier is licensed to write insurance in Vermont and an amendatory endorsement is added to the policy adding Vermont for coverage purposes. Otherwise, the party shall secure a Vermont workers' compensation policy, if necessary to comply with Vermont law.

General Liability and Property Damage: With respect to all operations performed under this Agreement, the Party shall carry general liability insurance having all major divisions of coverage including, but not limited to:

Premises - Operations

Products and Completed Operations

Personal Injury Liability

Contractual Liability

The policy shall be on an occurrence form and limits shall not be less than:

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

\$2,000,000 General Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate \$1,000,000

Personal & Adverse Injury

Automotive Liability: The Party shall carry automotive liability insurance covering all motor vehicles, including hired and non-owned coverage, used in connection with the Agreement. Limits of coverage shall not be less than \$500,000 combined single limit. If performance of this Agreement involves construction, or the transport of persons or hazardous materials, limits of coverage shall not be less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit.

Additional Insured: The General Liability and Property Damage coverages required for performance of this Agreement shall include the CVRPC State of Vermont and its agencies, departments, officers and employees as Additional Insureds. If performance of this Agreement involves construction, or the transport of persons or hazardous materials, then the required Automotive Liability coverage shall include the CVRPC and the State of Vermont and its agencies, departments, officers and employees as Additional Insureds. Coverage shall be primary and non-contributory with any other insurance and self-insurance.

Notice of Cancellation or Change: There shall be no cancellation, change, potential exhaustion of aggregate limits or non-renewal of insurance coverage(s) without thirty (30) days written prior written notice to the CVRPC.

- 9. Reliance by the CVRPC on Representations:** All payments by the CVRPC under this Agreement will be made in reliance upon the accuracy of all representations made by the Party in accordance with this Agreement, including but not limited to bills, invoices, progress reports and other proofs of work.
- 10. False Claims Act:** CVRPC is a political subdivision of the State of Vermont. The Party acknowledges that it is subject to the Vermont False Claims Act as set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 630 et seq. If the Party violates the Vermont False Claims Act it shall be liable to the CVRPC and the State for civil penalties, treble damages and the costs of the investigation and prosecution of such violation, including attorney's fees, except as the same may be reduced by a court of competent jurisdiction. The Party's liability to the CVRPC and the State under the False Claims Act shall not be limited notwithstanding any agreement of the CVRPC or the State to otherwise limit Party's liability.
- 11. Whistleblower Protections:** The Party shall not discriminate or retaliate against one of its employees or agents for disclosing information concerning a violation of law, fraud, waste, abuse of authority or acts threatening health or safety, including but not limited to allegations concerning the False Claims Act. Further, the Party shall not require such employees or agents to forego monetary awards as a result of such disclosures, nor should they be required to report misconduct to the Party or its agents prior to reporting to any governmental entity and/or the public.
- 12. Location of Data:** No CVRPC or State data received, obtained, or generated by the Party in connection with performance under this Agreement shall be processed, transmitted, stored, or transferred by any means outside the continental United States, except with the express written permission of the CVRPC and/or State.
- 13. Records Available for Audit:** The Party shall maintain all records pertaining to performance under this agreement. "Records" means any written or recorded information, regardless of physical form or characteristics, which is produced or acquired by the Party in the performance of this agreement. Records produced or acquired in a machine readable electronic format shall be maintained in that format. The records described shall be made available at reasonable means during the period of the Agreement and for three years thereafter or for any period required by law for inspection by any authorized representatives of the CVRPC and State or Federal Government. If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the three-year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.
- 14. Fair Employment Practices and Americans with Disabilities Act:** Party agrees to comply with the requirement of 21 V.S.A. Chapter 5, Subchapter 6, relating to fair employment practices, to the full extent applicable. Party shall also ensure, to the full extent required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, that qualified individuals with disabilities receive equitable access to the services, programs, and activities provided by the Party under this Agreement.
- 15. Set Off:** The CVRPC may set off any sums which the Party owes the CVRPC against any sums due the Party under this Agreement; provided, however, that any set off of amounts due the State of Vermont as taxes shall be in accordance with the procedures more specifically provided hereinafter.
- 16. Taxes Due to the State:**

- A. Party understands and acknowledges responsibility, if applicable, for compliance with State tax laws, including income tax withholding for employees performing services within the State, payment of use tax on property used within the State, corporate and/or personal income tax on income earned within the State.
- B. Party certifies under the pains and penalties of perjury that, as of the date this Agreement is signed, the Party is in good standing with respect to, or in full compliance with, a plan to pay any and all taxes due the State of Vermont.
- C. Party understands that final payment under this Agreement may be withheld if the Commissioner of Taxes determines that the Party is not in good standing with respect to or in full compliance with a plan to pay any and all taxes due to the State of Vermont.
- D. Party also understands the State may set off taxes (and related penalties, interest and fees) due to the State of Vermont, but only if the Party has failed to make an appeal within the time allowed by law, or an appeal has been taken and finally determined and the Party has no further legal recourse to contest the amounts due.

17. Taxation of Purchases: All CVRPC and State purchases must be invoiced tax free. An exemption certificate will be furnished upon request with respect to otherwise taxable items.

18. Child Support: (Only applicable if the Party is a natural person, not a corporation or partnership.) Party states that, as of the date this Agreement is signed, he/she:

- A. is not under any obligation to pay child support; or
- B. is under such an obligation and is in good standing with respect to that obligation; or
- C. has agreed to a payment plan with the Vermont Office of Child Support Services and is in full compliance with that plan. Party makes this statement with regard to support owed to any and all children residing in Vermont. In addition, if the Party is a resident of Vermont, Party makes this statement with regard to support owed to any and all children residing in any other state or territory of the United States.

19. Sub-Agreements: Party shall not assign, subcontract or subgrant the performance of this Agreement or any portion thereof to any other Party without the prior written approval of the CVRPC. Party shall be responsible and liable to the CVRPC and State for all acts or omissions of subcontractors and any other person performing work under this Agreement pursuant to an agreement with Party or any subcontractor.

In the case this Agreement is a contract with a total cost in excess of \$250,000, the Party shall provide to the CVRPC a list of all proposed subcontractors and subcontractors' subcontractors, together with the identity of those subcontractors' workers compensation insurance providers, and additional required or requested information, as applicable, in accordance with Section 32 of The Vermont Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Act No. 54).

Party shall include the following provisions of this Attachment C in all subcontracts for work performed solely for the CVRPC and subcontracts for work performed in the State of Vermont:

- Section 10 ("False Claims Act");
- Section 11 ("Whistleblower Protections");
- Section 12 ("Location of State Data");
- Section 14 ("Fair Employment Practices and Americans with Disabilities Act");
- Section 16 ("Taxes Due the State");
- Section 18 ("Child Support");

Secon 20 ("No Gifts or Gratuities");
Secon 22 ("Certification Regarding Debarment");
Secon 30 ("CVRPC and State Facilities"); and
Secon 32.A ("Certification Regarding Use of State Funds").

- 20. No Gifts or Gratuities:** Party shall not give title or possession of anything of substantial value (including property, currency, travel and/or education programs) to any officer or employee of the CVRPC and the State during the term of this Agreement.
- 21. Copies:** Party shall use reasonable best efforts to ensure that all written reports prepared under this Agreement are printed using both sides of the paper.
- 22. Certification Regarding Debarment:** Party certifies under pains and penalties of perjury that, as of the date that this Agreement is signed, neither Party nor Party's principals (officers, directors, owners, or partners) are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or excluded from participation in Federal programs, or programs supported in whole or in part by Federal funds. Party further certifies under pains and penalties of perjury that, as of the date that this Agreement is signed, Party is not presently debarred, suspended, nor named on the State's debarment list at:
<http://bgs.vermont.gov/purchasing/debarment>
- 23. Conflict of Interest:** Party shall fully disclose, in writing, any conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest.
- 24. Confidentiality:** Party acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement and any and all information obtained by the CVRPC and the State from the Party in connection with this Agreement are subject to the State of Vermont Access to Public Records Act, 1 V.S.A. § 315 et seq.
- 25. Force Majeure:** Neither the CVRPC or the State nor the Party shall be liable to the other for any failure or delay of performance of any obligations under this Agreement to the extent such failure or delay shall have been wholly or principally caused by acts or events beyond its reasonable control rendering performance illegal or impossible (excluding strikes or lock-outs) ("Force Majeure"). Where Force Majeure is asserted, the nonperforming party must prove that it made all reasonable efforts to remove, eliminate or minimize such cause of delay or damages, diligently pursued performance of its obligations under this Agreement, substantially fulfilled all non-excused obligations, and timely notified the other party of the likelihood or actual occurrence of an event described in this paragraph.
- 26. Marketing:** Party shall not refer to the CVRPC or the State in any publicity materials, information pamphlets, press releases, research reports, advertising, sales promotions, trade shows, or marketing materials or similar communications to third parties except with the prior written consent of the CVRPC.
- 27. Termination:**
- A. Non-Appropriation: If this Agreement extends into more than one fiscal year of the CVRPC (July 1 to June 30), and if appropriations are insufficient to support this Agreement, the CVRPC may cancel at the end of the fiscal year, or otherwise upon the expiration of existing appropriation authority. In the case that this Agreement is a Grant that is funded in whole or in part by Federal funds, and in the

event Federal funds become unavailable or reduced, the CVRPC may suspend or cancel this Grant immediately, and the CVRPC shall have no obligation to pay Subrecipient from CVRPC revenues.

- B. **Termination for Cause:** Either party may terminate this Agreement if a party materially breaches its obligations under this Agreement, and such breach is not cured within thirty (30) days after delivery of the non-breaching party's notice or such longer time as the non-breaching party may specify in the notice.
- C. **Termination Assistance:** Upon nearing the end of the final term or termination of this Agreement, without respect to cause, the Party shall take all reasonable and prudent measures to facilitate any transition required by the CVRPC and the State. All State property, tangible and intangible, shall be returned to the CVRPC and the State upon demand at no additional cost to the CVRPC and the State in a format acceptable to the State.

28. Continuity of Performance: In the event of a dispute between the Party and the CVRPC, each party will continue to perform its obligations under this Agreement during the resolution of the dispute until this Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms.

29. No Implied Waiver of Remedies: Either party's delay or failure to exercise any right, power or remedy under this Agreement shall not impair any such right, power or remedy, or be construed as a waiver of any such right, power or remedy. All waivers must be in writing.

30. CVRPC and State Facilities: If the CVRPC State makes space available to the Party in any CVRPC or State facility during the term of this Agreement for purposes of the Party's performance under this Agreement, the Party shall only use the space in accordance with all policies and procedures governing access to and use of CVRPC and State facilities which shall be made available upon request. CVRPC and State facilities will be made available to Party on an "AS IS, WHERE IS" basis, with no warranties whatsoever.

31. Requirements Pertaining Only to Federal Grants and Subrecipient Agreements: If this Agreement is a grant that is funded in whole or in part by Federal funds:

- A. **Requirement to Have a Single Audit:** The Subrecipient will complete the Subrecipient Annual Report annually within 45 days after its fiscal year end, informing the State of Vermont whether or not a Single Audit is required for the prior fiscal year. If a Single Audit is required, the Subrecipient will submit a copy of the audit report to the granting Party within 9 months. If a single audit is not required, only the Subrecipient Annual Report is required. For fiscal years ending before December 25, 2015, a Single Audit is required if the subrecipient expends \$500,000 or more in Federal assistance during its fiscal year and must be conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. For fiscal years ending on or after December 25, 2015, a Single Audit is required if the subrecipient expends \$750,000 or more in Federal assistance during its fiscal year and must be conducted in accordance with 2 CFR Chapter I, Chapter II, Part 200, Subpart F. The Subrecipient Annual Report is required to be submitted within 45 days, whether or not a Single Audit is required.
- B. **Internal Controls:** In accordance with 2 CFR Part II, §200.303, the Party must establish and maintain effective internal control over the Federal award to provide reasonable assurance that the Party is managing the Federal award in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the award. These internal controls should be in compliance with guidance in "Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government" issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the "Internal Control Integrated Framework", issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

- C. **Mandatory Disclosures:** In accordance with 2 CFR Part II, §200.113, Party must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the State, all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award. Failure to make required disclosures may result in the imposition of sanctions which may include disallowance of costs incurred, withholding of payments, termination of the Agreement, suspension/debarment, etc.

32. Requirements Pertaining Only to State-Funded Grants:

- A. **Certification Regarding Use of State Funds:** If Party is an employer and this Agreement is a State funded grant in excess of \$1,001, Party certifies that none of these State funds will be used to interfere with or restrain the exercise of Party's employee's rights with respect to unionization.
- B. **Good Standing Certification (Act 154 of 2016):** If this Agreement is a State-funded grant, Party hereby represents: (i) that it has signed and provided to the State the form prescribed by the Secretary of Administration for purposes of certifying that it is in good standing (as provided in Section 13(a)(2) of Act 154) with the Agency of Natural Resources and the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, or otherwise explaining the circumstances surrounding the inability to so certify, and (ii) that it will comply with the requirements stated therein.