 **STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**GRANT CONTRACT AGREEMENT**

**Swift Contract Number:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Instructions:** Instructions for completing this form are in **red**. Fill in every blank and **delete all instructions** before sending this to the University. Include an encumbrance worksheet in order to assist with encumbering the money for this grant contract agreement.

IF THIS FORM DOES NOT FIT YOUR NEEDS, CONTACT YOUR AGENCY’S LEGAL DIVISION, ADMIN’S OFFICE OF GRANTS MANAGEMENT, OR YOUR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL.

This Grant Contract Agreement is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Department of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ("State") and Regents of the University of Minnesota ("University").

### Recitals

Under Minnesota Statutes \_\_\_\_\_\_ the State is empowered to enter into this Grant Contract Agreement. The State is in need ofAdd brief narrative of the purpose of the grant*.* The University represents that it is duly qualified and agrees to perform all services described in this Grant Contract Agreement to the satisfaction of the State.

### Grant Contract Agreement

##### **Term of Grant Contract Agreement**

* 1. **Effective Date.** Spell out full date (e.g., July 1, 2023), or the date the State obtains all required signatures, whichever is later.

Per [Minnesota Statutes § 16B.98, Subd. 5](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=16B.98), the University must not begin work until this Grant Contract Agreement is fully executed and the State's Authorized Representative has notified the University that work may commence.

Per [Minnesota Statutes § 16B.98 Subd. 7](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=16B.98), no payments will be made to the University until this Grant Contract Agreement is fully executed.

* 1. **Expiration Date.** Choose Option A or Option B and delete the option you do not use.
     1. Spell out full date (e.g., June 30, 2025), or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.
     2. Spell out full date (e.g., June 30, 2025), or, in the event this Grant Contract Agreement is continued by way of amendment or new agreement, the date the amendment or new agreement is fully executed, whichever is later. In the event an amendment or new agreement is not fully executed within 60 calendar days of the stated expiration date, this grant agreement will expire on Insert Date– 60 Days from original expiration date (e.g., August 30, 2025).
  2. **Survival of Terms.** The following clauses survive the expiration or cancellation of this Grant Contract Agreement: Liability; State Audits; Government Data Practices and Intellectual Property; Publicity and Endorsement; Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue; and Data Disclosure.

##### **Specifications, Duties, and Scope of Work**

Duties may be detailed either in clause 2 of this Grant Contract Agreement or in an attached Exhibit A. If duties are detailed within the body of this Grant Contract Agreement, strike any reference to Exhibit A throughout this document.

The parties will perform the services outlined in Exhibit A: Specifications, Duties, and Scope of Work.

##### **Time**

The University must comply with all the time requirements described in this Grant Contract Agreement. In the performance of this Grant Contract Agreement, time is of the essence and failure to meet a deadline date may be a basis for a determination by the State’s Authorized Representative that the University has not complied with the terms of the Grant Contract Agreement. The University is required to perform all the duties cited within clause two “Specifications, Duties, and Scope of Work” within the grant period. The State is not obligated to extend the grant period.

##### **Consideration and Terms of Payment**

The consideration for all services performed by the University pursuant to this Grant Contract Agreement shall be paid by the State as follows:

* 1. **Compensation.** The total obligation of the State under this Grant Contract Agreement, including all compensation and reimbursements, is not to exceed $ Total Compensation and Travel Reimbursement, which shall be paid in accordance with the terms outlined in Exhibit B: Payment Schedule, which is attached and incorporated into this Grant Contract Agreement.
  2. **Administrative Costs.** University administrative costs must be necessary and reasonable. Insert specific limits the agency will impose to ensure the state derives the optimum benefit for grant funding.
  3. **Travel Expenses.** Reimbursement for travel and subsistence expenses actually and necessarily incurred by the University because of this Grant Contract Agreement will not exceed $ Insert total travel budget here. If none, insert $0.00. The University will not be reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses incurred outside Minnesota unless it has received the State’s prior written approval for out of state travel. Minnesota will be considered the home state for determining whether travel is out of state.

The University will be reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses in the same manner and in no greater amount than provided in the current Commissioner’s Plan promulgated by the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget.

* 1. **Invoices.** Payments shall be made by the State after the University’s presentation of invoices for services satisfactorily performed and the written acceptance of such services by the State’s Authorized Representative. Invoices shall be submitted timely, with additional details as requested by the State, and according to the following schedule: Insert invoicing schedule here or refer to Exhibit B: Payment Schedule.

The State will issue payment for services actually performed and that meet all terms, conditions, and specifications of the Contract. If the State disputes in good faith or raises questions regarding any portion of the amount owed to the University or if the State otherwise requires any adjustment to an invoiced amount, the State will notify University in writing of the nature and basis of the dispute or adjustment. The University shall have 30 days from notice of the disputed amount to investigate and respond to the State. The University and the State shall work in good faith to resolve any disputed amount.

* 1. **Federal Funds.** Remove if this is not a federal subaward.
     1. Payments will be subawarded to the University from Name of federal agency through the Program name, Assistance Listing Number XX.XXX and Federal Award Identification Number XXX.
     2. If applicable, the prime award is attached to this Contract as Exhibit C: Other Provisions. The University is responsible for its compliance with all applicable federal requirements detailed within Exhibit C: Other Provisions. The University accepts full financial responsibility for any reimbursement imposed by the University’s noncompliance.
  2. **Unexpended Funds.** The University must promptly return to the State any unexpended funds that have not been accounted for in a financial report to the State.

##### **Conditions of Payment**

All services provided by the University under this Grant Contract Agreement must be performed to the State’s satisfaction, as determined at the sole discretion of the State’s Authorized Representative and in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations. The University will not receive payment for work found by the State to be unsatisfactory or performed in violation of federal, state, or local law. The University accepts full financial responsibility for any reimbursement of grant funds due to the State as a result of the University’s noncompliance.

##### **Contracting and Bidding Requirements**

* 1. Any services and/or materials that are expected to cost $100,000 or more must undergo a formal notice and bidding process.
  2. Services and/or materials that are expected to cost between $25,000 and $99,999 must be competitively awarded based on a minimum of three (3) verbal quotes or bids or awarded to a targeted vendor.
  3. Services and/or materials that are expected to cost between $10,000 and $24,999 must be competitively awarded based on a minimum of two (2) verbal quotes or bids or awarded to a targeted vendor.
  4. The University must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that targeted vendors from businesses with active certifications through these entities are used when possible:
     1. [State Department of Administration's Certified Targeted Group, Economically Disadvantaged and Veteran-Owned Vendor List](http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/process/search/)
     2. [Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business Program](https://mcub.metc.state.mn.us/)
     3. Small Business Certification Program through Hennepin County, Ramsey County, and City of St. Paul: [Central Certification Directory](https://cert.smwbe.com/)
  5. The University must maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, award and administration of contracts.
  6. The University must maintain support documentation of the purchasing or bidding process used to contract services in their financial records, including support documentation justifying a single source bid, if applicable.
  7. Notwithstanding 6.1-6.4 above, the State may waive bidding process requirements when:
     + 1. Vendors included in response to competitive grant request for proposal process were approved and incorporated as an approved work plan for the grant; or
       2. It is determined there is only one reasonably able and available source for such materials or services and that University has established a fair and reasonable price.
  8. The University and any subrecipients must comply with prevailing wage rules per [Minnesota Statutes § 177.41](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/177.41) through [177.50](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/177.50), as applicable.
  9. The University and any subrecipients must not contract with vendors who are suspended or debarred by the State of Minnesota or the federal government: [Suspended and Debarred Vendors, Minnesota Office of State Procurement.](https://mn.gov/admin/osp/government/suspended-debarred/)

##### **Authorized Representatives**

* 1. The State’s Authorized Representative is Name, title, email address, address, telephone number, or their successor, and has the responsibility to monitor the University’s performance and the authority to accept the services provided under this Grant Contract Agreement.
  2. The University’s Authorized Representative is Name, title, email address, address, telephone number, or their successor. If the University’s Authorized Representative changes at any time during this Grant Contract Agreement, the University must immediately notify the state.
  3. The University must clearly post on the University’s website the names of, and contact information for, the University’s leadership and the employee or other person who directly manages and oversees this Grant Contract Agreement on behalf of the University.
  4. Principal Investigator and Key Personnel: The University’s Principal Investigator for this Grant Contract Agreement is Name, title, email address, address, telephone number. The University’s Key Personnel required for this Contract shall be: Name, title. The University shall not add, replace, remove, or substitute the named principal investigator or the key personnel, if named, without the prior written approval of the State.

##### **Assignment, Amendments, Waiver, and Contract Complete**

* 1. **Assignment.** The University may neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this Grant Contract Agreement without the prior consent of the State and a fully executed agreement, executed and approved by the authorized parties or their successors.
  2. **Amendments.** Any amendment to this Grant Contract Agreement must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original Grant Contract Agreement or their successors.
  3. **Waiver.** If the State fails to enforce any provision of this Grant Contract Agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or its right to enforce it.
  4. **Contract Complete.** This Grant Contract Agreement contains all negotiations and agreements between the State and the University. No other understanding regarding this Grant Contract Agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

##### **Subcontracting and Subcontract Payment**

* 1. A subrecipient is a person or entity that has been awarded a portion of the work authorized by this Grant Contract Agreement by University. The University must document any subaward through a formal legal agreement. The University must provide timely notice to the State of any subrecipient(s) prior to the subrecipient(s) performing work under this Grant Contract Agreement.
  2. The University must monitor the activities of the subrecipient(s) to ensure the subaward is used for authorized purposes; is in compliance with the terms and conditions of the subaward, [Minnesota Statutes § 16B.97, Subd.4 (a) 1](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/16B.97#stat.16B.97.4), and other relevant statutes and regulations; and that subaward performance goals are achieved.
  3. During this Grant Contract Agreement, if a subrecipient is determined to be performing unsatisfactorily by the State’s Authorized Representative, the University will receive written notification that the subrecipient can no longer be used for this Grant Contract Agreement.
  4. No subagreement shall serve to terminate or in any way affect the primary legal responsibility of the University for timely and satisfactory performances of the obligations contemplated by the Grant Contract Agreement.
  5. The University must pay any subrecipient in accordance with [Minnesota Statutes § 16A.1245](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/16A.1245).
  6. The University and any subrecipients must not contract with vendors who are suspended or debarred by the State of Minnesota or the federal government.

##### **Liability**

Each party shall be responsible for claims, losses, damages, and expenses which are proximately caused by the wrongful or negligent acts or omissions of that party or its agents, employees or representatives acting within the scope of their duties. The Parties’ liability shall be governed by the Minnesota Tort Claims Act (Minn. Stat. § 3.736). Nothing in this grant contract agreement shall be construed to limit either party from asserting against third parties any defenses or immunities (including common law, statutory and constitutional) it may have or be construed to create a basis for a claim or suit when none would otherwise exist.

##### **State Audits**

Under [Minnesota Statutes §16B.98, Subd. 8](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/16B.98#stat.16B.98.8), the University’s books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this Grant Contract Agreement are subject to examination by the Commissioner of Administration, the State granting agency, the State Auditor, the Attorney General, and the Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the expiration or termination of this Grant Contract Agreement, receipt and approval of all final reports, or the required period of time to satisfy all State and program retention requirements, whichever is later.

##### **Government Data Practices and Intellectual Property Rights**

* 1. **Government Data Practices.** The University and State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, [Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13](https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?id=13), as it applies to all data provided by the State under this grant contract, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the University under this grant contract. The civil remedies of [Minnesota Statutes §13.08](https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?id=13.08) apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either the University or the State.

If the University intends to release State data pursuant to this clause, the University must promptly notify and consult with the State’s Authorized Representative regarding the release of state data. The University’s response to a request for public records shall comply with applicable law.

* 1. **Intellectual Property Rights.** Contact your agency’s legal division or assistant attorney general to complete this section.

##### **Workers Compensation**

The University certifies that it is in compliance with [Minnesota Statutes §176.181, Subd. 2](https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?id=176.181), pertaining to workers’ compensation insurance coverage. The University’s employees and agents will not be considered State employees. Any claims that may arise under the Minnesota Workers’ Compensation Act on behalf of these employees and any claims made by any third party as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of these employees are in no way the State’s obligation or responsibility.

##### **Governing Law, Jurisdiction, Venue**

Venue for all legal proceedings out of this Contract, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

##### **Termination**

* 1. **Termination for Convenience.** Only notification period may be changed or negotiated.

This Grant Contract Agreement may be canceled by either party, at any time, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days’ written notice to the other party. In the event of cancellation, the University shall be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for work or services performed and accepted by the State pursuant to clause 3.3 within this Contract.

* 1. **Termination With Cause.** Standard and non-negotiable.

The State may immediately terminate this Grant Contract Agreement if the State finds that there has been a failure to comply with the provisions of this grant contract, that reasonable progress has not been made, or that the purposes for which the funds were granted have not been or will not be fulfilled. The State may take action to protect the interests of the State of Minnesota, including the refusal to disburse additional funds and requiring the return of all or part of the funds already disbursed.

* 1. **Termination by the Commissioner of Administration.** Standard and non-negotiable.

The Commissioner of Administration may immediately and unilaterally terminate this Grant Contract Agreement if further performance under the agreement would not serve agency purposes or performance under the Grant Contract Agreement is not in the best interest of the State.

* 1. **Termination for Insufficient Funding.** Can be modified as necessary.

The State may immediately terminate this Grant Contract Agreement if it does not obtain funding from the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source; or if funding cannot be continued at a level sufficient to allow for the payment of the services addressed within this Grant Contract Agreement. Termination must be by written notice to the University. The State is not obligated to pay for any services that are provided after notice and effective date of termination. However, the University will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed to the extent that dedicated funds are available.

In the event of temporary lack of funding or appropriation, the State may pause its obligations under this Grant Contract Agreement without terminating it. This pause will be for the duration of the lack of funding or appropriation and shall not be considered a termination of the Grant Contract Agreement. The University will be notified in writing of the temporary pause, and the University’s ability to provide services may be temporarily suspended during this period. The State will provide reasonable notice to the University of the lack of funding or appropriation and shall notify the University once funding is restored or appropriated, at which point the provision of services under the Grant Contract Agreement may resume.

The State will not be assessed any penalty if the Grant Contract Agreement is terminated due to insufficient funding. The State must provide the University notice of the lack of funding within a reasonable time of the State’s receiving notice.

**15.5** Additional termination language may be negotiated on a case-by-case basis as determined by the agency and assistant attorney general or agency legal and financial division consultation.

##### **Publicity and Endorsement**

* 1. **Publicity.** Any publicity pertaining to the services resulting from this Grant Contract Agreement shall identify the State as the sponsoring agency. Publicity includes but is not limited to: websites, social media platforms, notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for the University or its employees individually or jointly with others or any subrecipients. Publication of methods and results derived from this project in theses, academic or professional journals or their presentation at symposia or scholarly meetings is hereby authorized, provided they contain the required acknowledgement of State support and necessary steps have been taken to protect copyright and other intellectual property rights resulting from the project.
  2. **Endorsement.** The University must not claim that the State endorses its products or services.

##### **Data Disclosure**

Under [Minnesota Statutes § 270C.65](https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?id=270C.65), Subd. 3, and other applicable law, the University consents to disclosure of its social security number, federal employer tax identification number, or Minnesota tax identification number, already provided to the State, to federal and state tax agencies and state personnel involved in the payment of state obligations. These identification numbers may be used in the enforce­ment of federal and state tax laws which could result in action requiring the University to file state tax returns and pay delinquent state tax liabilities, if any.

### Exhibits

The following Exhibits are attached and incorporated into this Grant Contract Agreement. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Grant Contract Agreement and its Exhibits, or between Exhibits, the order of precedence is first the Grant Contract Agreement, and then in the following order:

**Exhibit A: Specifications, Duties, and Scope of Work** Strike if not required

**Exhibit B: Payment Schedule** Strike if not required

**Exhibit C: Other Provisions** Strike if not required. Exhibit may be used for special funding requirements or other contract terms not already included in this Contract. **This includes any additional conditions as needed to mitigate any risks identified in the preaward risk assessment.**

**State Encumbrance Verification**

*Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minnesota Statutes §§ 16A.15*

Print Name:

Signature:

Title: Date:

SWIFT Contract No.

**University**

*With delegated authority*

Print Name:

Signature:

Title: Date:

**State Agency**

*With delegated authority*

Print Name:

Signature:

Title: Date

**Exhibit A: Specifications, Duties, and Scope of Work** [Strike if not required]

The University shall comply with all applicable grants management policies and procedures, set forth through Minnesota Statutes 2023, section 16B.97, subd. 4 (a).

Project Description

Provide a comprehensive description of the core functions, activities, tasks, or products associated with the grant award. Include the role of stakeholders.

Deliverables and Milestones

Deliverables:

* + - 1. List all services, goods, products, work product, data, items, materials, and property to be created, developed, produced, delivered, performed, or provided by or on behalf of, or made available through, the University in connection with the Grant Contract Agreement.
      2. List specific and targeted results expected from the activities outlined in the Project Description. Include who the beneficiaries of both the results and the activities are.

Milestones:

List important events that must occur at specified points throughout the term of the agreement to effectively achieve goals.

Include timelines, dates, or other measurements as appropriate.

Performance Measures

Outline performance-related reporting requirements and describe the performance measures to be evaluated throughout the grant term.

* Identify data points the University must provide.
* include method and timeframe for submitting performance reports.
* Include outcome measures that represent the ultimate impact.
* Include output measures that reflect the University’s activities.
* Include notification that, for awards greater than $25,000, a University performance evaluation will be posted publicly at <https://osp.admin.mn.gov/granteval/grant-eval-uploader>, per Minnesota Statutes, Section 16B.98, subdivision 12, and OGM Policy 08-13.

Specific Conditions

If the preaward risk assessment resulted in any specific conditions, include them here.

**Exhibit B: Payment Schedule** Strike if not required

Include sufficient detail about invoicing and payments:

* the frequency with which invoices are required to be submitted.
* how and to whom invoices should be submitted.
* Indicate if any additional or supporting documentation is required to be submitted concurrently.
* Include any other payment specifications.

In accordance with [Minnesota Management and Budget Statewide Operating Policy 0801-01](https://mn.gov/mmb-stat/documents/accounting/fin-policies/chapter-8/0801-01-prompt-payment-policy.pdf), payment shall be made within 30 days following the State’s Authorized Representative approval of an invoice. Payments will not be made if reports or other deliverables are outstanding.

**Exhibit C: Other Provisions**

Strike if not required. Exhibit may be used for special funding requirements or other contract terms not already included in this Contract. **This includes any additional conditions as needed to mitigate any risks identified in the preaward risk assessment.**

If this is a federal subaward, please attach either the prime award or the applicable federal flow-down terms.