

# MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY GRANT CONTRACT AGREEMENT

This Grant Contract Agreement is between the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency ("MHFA") and **FULL NAME OF THE GRANTEE INCLUDING ADDRESS** ("GRANTEE").

## Recitals

1. Under [Minn. Stat. § 462A.2035, Subdivision 1](#), MHFA is empowered to enter into this Grant Contract Agreement.
2. MHFA is in need of community support to facilitate infrastructure redevelopment and/or acquisition of eligible manufactured home parks through the Manufactured Home Community Redevelopment Program (the "Program").
3. The Grantee represents that it is duly qualified and agrees to perform all services described in this Grant Contract Agreement to the satisfaction of MHFA. Pursuant to [Minn. Stat. § 16B.98](#), Subd.1, the Grantee agrees to minimize administrative costs as a condition of this Grant Contract Agreement.

## Grant Contract Agreement

### 1 Term of Grant Contract Agreement

#### 1.1 *Effective date:*

**April 15, 2025**, or the date MHFA obtains all required signatures, whichever is later. Per [Minn. Stat. § 16B.98](#), Subd. 5, the Grantee must not begin work until this Grant Contract Agreement is fully executed and MHFA's Authorized Representative has notified the Grantee that work may commence. Per [Minn. Stat. § 16B.98](#), Subd. 7, no payments will be made to the Grantee until this Grant Contract Agreement is fully executed.

#### 1.2 *Grant period:*

The Grant Contract Agreement period for the Program begins with the Effective Date of this Grant Contract Agreement and continues through **April 15, 2028**, (the "Grant Period"). All funds provided through this Grant Contract Agreement must be fully expended in compliance with this Grant Contract Agreement by the end of the Grant Period.

#### 1.3 *Expiration date:*

**July 15, 2028** or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.

#### 1.4 *Survival of Terms.*

The following clauses survive the expiration or cancellation of this Grant Contract Agreement: 8. Liability; 9. State Audits; 10. Government Data Practices and Intellectual Property; 12. Publicity and Endorsement; 13. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue; and 15. Data Disclosure.

### 2 Grantee's Duties

The Grantee, who is not a state employee, will:

Comply with required grants management policies and procedures set forth through [Minn. Stat. § 16B.97](#), Subd. 4 (a) (1), and review the State of Minnesota Office of Grants Management policy 08-01, (Conflict of Interest for State Grant-Making). The Grantee is required to have a documented Conflict of Interest policy and must utilize this policy when performing the Grantee duties under the Grant Contract Agreement. If the Grantee has knowledge or becomes aware of any actual, potential, perceived, or organizational conflicts of interest with respect to the Grant Contract Agreement, the Grantee shall immediately disclose the conflict of interest directly to MHFA.

2.1 The Grantee will comply with the Manufactured Home Community Redevelopment Program Procedural Manual (the “Procedural Manual”), located on MHFA’s [website](#), which is incorporated into this Grant Contract Agreement, and may be amended as needed. MHFA will provide notice of any such amendments to the Grantee’s Authorized Representative (defined herein) by email. Unless otherwise indicated in the Procedural Manual, any such amendments are binding on the Grantee as of the date indicated in the notice, which shall not be earlier than the date that MHFA sends the notice.

2.2 In the performance of its obligations under this Grant Contract Agreement, the Grantee will comply with the provisions of any federal, state, or local law prohibiting discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, nation origin, sex, age, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation, or familial status, including but not limited to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11063, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, and the Minnesota Human Rights Act, including any applicable regulations or guidance.

**2.3 *Expend Grant Proceeds for Eligible Uses***

Grantee acknowledges that the grant funds disbursed by MHFA are provided for the purposes of preserving manufactured home parks with affordable rents. All Grant Proceeds (as defined below) must be used by the Grantee to fund the activities described in the scope of work in accordance with the terms of this Grant Contract Agreement, the Procedural Manual, and **Exhibit A** (“Approved Project Activities”), which is attached incorporated into this Grant Contract Agreement.

**2.4 *Abide by the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants:***

Upon execution of this Grant Contract Agreement, the Grantee agrees to a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants to be filed by Grantee with the county in which the manufactured home park is located. A copy of the filing shall be provided by the Grantee to MHFA within 20 days of receiving the executed filing from the county. The Grantee agrees to the following restrictions through the affordability period:

- The property upon which improvements are conducted will remain a manufactured home park;
- The lot rents within the manufactured home park will remain affordable to low- or moderate-income households, as defined by Minnesota Housing and in the program procedural [manual](#);
- The manufactured home park owner will establish and fund an account for replacement reserves for infrastructure and improvement repairs;
- Lot rent increases of the manufactured home park will not increase beyond 5 percent annually, or as agreed upon in writing by Minnesota Housing; and
- Any sale or transfer of ownership of the manufactured home park must be approved by Minnesota Housing

**3 Time**

The Grantee 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.

**4 Consideration and Payment**

**4.1 *Consideration.***

MHFA will pay for all services performed by the Grantee under this Grant Contract Agreement as follows:

**(a) *Compensation***

The Grantee will be paid a maximum of **\$xxx,xxx.00**. The funds will be disbursed as described in clause 4.2 (a).

**(b) *Travel Expenses***

Reimbursement for travel and subsistence expenses actually and necessarily incurred by the Grantee

as a result of this Grant Contract Agreement will not exceed \$0.00; provided that the Grantee 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 (MMB). The Grantee will not be reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses incurred outside Minnesota unless it has received MHFA's prior written approval for out of state travel. Minnesota will be considered the home state for determining whether travel is out of state.

**(c) Total Obligation.**

The total obligation of MHFA for all compensation and reimbursements to the Grantee under this Grant Contract Agreement will not exceed \$xxx,xxx.00 (the "Grant Proceeds").

**4.2 Payment**

**(a) Invoices**

MHFA will promptly pay the Grantee after the Grantee presents an itemized invoice for the services actually performed and MHFA's Authorized Representative accepts the invoiced services. Invoices must be submitted timely and according to the following schedule:

- The Grantee must submit the Request for Funds Form, which is attached as **Exhibit B** and incorporated into this Grant Contract Agreement, with each request for disbursement.
- The Grantee may request disbursement of an administrative fee at any time following execution of the Grant Contract Agreement. Administrative fees may not exceed 10% of the total Grant Proceeds. If MHFA's Authorized Representative approves the disbursement request, Grantee must submit an itemized invoice showing Grant Proceeds were expended on eligible administrative activities within the scope of work. The itemized invoice must be submitted with the request for funds form.

The Grant Proceeds shall be disbursed following a request by the Grantee with an itemized invoice for eligible services or project activities within the scope of work. Payment will be issued after MHFA's Authorized Representative reviews and approves the disbursement request. All disbursement requests and invoices must be submitted timely and prior to the expiration of the Grant Contract Agreement.

**(b) Unexpended Funds**

The Grantee must promptly return to MHFA any unexpended funds that have not been accounted for annually in a financial report to MHFA due at grant closeout. Any amounts that are to be repaid under this paragraph are payable within 30 days of the end of the Grant Period

**4.3 Contracting and Bidding Requirements**

**(a)** Any services and/or materials that are expected to cost \$100,000 or more must undergo a formal notice and bidding process.

**(b)** 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.

**(c)** 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.

**(d)** The Grantee must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that targeted vendors from businesses with active certifications through these entities are used when possible:

- a. [State Department of Administration's Certified Targeted Group, Economically Disadvantaged and Veteran-Owned Vendor List](#)
  - b. Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business Program: MCUB: [Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business Program](#)
  - c. Small Business Certification Program through Hennepin County, Ramsey County, and City of St. Paul: [Central Certification Directory](#)
- (e) The Grantee 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.
- (f) The Grantee must maintain support documentation of the purchasing or bidding process used to contract services in their financial records, including support documentation justifying a single/sole source bid, if applicable.
- (g) Notwithstanding (a) - (d) above, MHFA may waive bidding process requirements when:
- Vendors included in response to competitive grant request for proposal process were approved and incorporated as an approved work plan for the grant.
  - It is determined there is only one legitimate or practical source for such materials or services and that the Grantee has established a fair and reasonable price.
- (h) For projects that include construction work of \$25,000 or more, prevailing wage rules apply per [Minn. Stat. §§ 177.41](#) through [177.44](#). These rules require that the wages of laborers and workers should be comparable to wages paid for similar work in the community as a whole.
- (i) The Grantee must not contract with vendors who are suspended or debarred in MN: <http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/debarredreport.asp>

## 5 Conditions of Payment

All services provided by the Grantee under this Grant Contract Agreement must be performed to MHFA's satisfaction, as determined at the sole discretion of the MHFA's Authorized Representative and in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations. The Grantee will not receive payment for work found by MHFA to be unsatisfactory or performed in violation of federal, state, or local law.

## 6 Authorized Representative

MHFA's Authorized Representative is Kayla Schuchman, Assistant Commissioner – Single Family, 651-297-3137, [kayla.schuchman@state.mn.us](mailto:kayla.schuchman@state.mn.us), or his/her successor, and has the responsibility to monitor the Grantee's performance and the authority to accept the services provided under this Grant Contract Agreement. If the services are satisfactory, the MHFA's Authorized Representative will certify acceptance on each invoice submitted for payment. The Authorized Representative may delegate certain responsibilities to the Program Manager: Monica Tucker, Program Manager, 400 Wabasha Street North, Ste. 400, 651-296-5602, [monica.tucker@state.mn.us](mailto:monica.tucker@state.mn.us).

The Grantee's Authorized Representative is [Grantee's NAME, TITLE, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, EMAIL]. If the Grantee's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this Grant Contract Agreement, the Grantee must immediately notify MHFA. The Authorized Representative may delegate certain responsibilities of the grant contract agreement to a Designated Representative.

## 7 Assignment Amendments, Waiver, and Grant Contract Agreement Complete

### 7.1 Assignment

The Grantee shall neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this Grant Contract

Agreement without the prior written consent of MHFA, approved by the same parties who executed and approved this Grant Contract Agreement, or their successors in office.

## **7.2 Amendments**

Any amendments 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 in office.

## **7.3 Waiver**

If MHFA fails to enforce any provision of this Grant Contract Agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or MHFA's right to enforce it.

## **7.4 Grant Contract Agreement Complete**

This Grant Contract Agreement contains all negotiations and agreements between MHFA and the Grantee. No other understanding regarding this Grant Contract Agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

## **8 Liability**

The Grantee must indemnify, save, and hold MHFA, its agents, and employees harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorney's fees incurred by MHFA, arising from the performance of this Grant Contract Agreement by the Grantee or the Grantee's agents or employees. This clause will not be construed to bar any legal remedies the Grantee may have for the MHFA's failure to fulfill its obligations under this Grant Contract Agreement.

## **9 State Audits**

Under [Minn. Stat. § 16B.98, Subd.8](#), the Grantee's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the Grantee or other party relevant to this Grant Contract Agreement or transaction are subject to examination by the Commissioner of Administration, MHFA and/or the State Auditor or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the end 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.

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

### **10.1 Government Data Practices**

The Grantee and MHFA must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, [Minn. Stat. Ch. 13](#), as it applies to all data provided by MHFA under this Grant Contract Agreement, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Grantee under this Grant Contract Agreement. The civil remedies of [Minn. Stat. § 13.08](#) apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either the Grantee or MHFA. If the Grantee receives a request to release the data referred to in this Clause, the Grantee must immediately notify MHFA. MHFA will give the Grantee instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released. The Grantee's response to the request shall comply with applicable law.

### **10.2 Intellectual Property Rights**

(a) MHFA owns all rights, title, and interest in all of the intellectual property rights, including copyrights, patents, trade secrets, trademarks, and service marks in the works and documents created and paid for under this Grant Contract Agreement. The "works" means all inventions, improvements, discoveries (whether or not patentable), databases, computer programs, reports, notes, studies, photographs, negatives, designs, drawings, specifications, materials, tapes, and disks conceived, reduced to practice, created or originated by the Grantee, its employees, agents, and subcontractors, either individually or jointly with others in the performance of this Grant Contract Agreement. "Works" includes documents. The "documents" are the originals of any databases,

computer programs, reports, notes, studies, photographs, negatives, designs, drawings, specifications, materials, tapes, disks, or other materials, whether in tangible or electronic forms, prepared by the Grantee, its employees, agents, or subcontractors, in the performance of this Grant Contract Agreement. The documents will be the exclusive property of MHFA and all such documents must be immediately returned to MHFA by the Grantee upon completion or cancellation of this Grant Contract Agreement. To the extent possible, those works eligible for copyright protection under the United States Copyright Act will be deemed to be “works made for hire.” The Grantee assigns all right, title, and interest it may have in the works and the documents to MHFA. The Grantee must, at the request of MHFA, execute all papers and perform all other acts necessary to transfer or record MHFA’s ownership interest in the works and documents.

*(b) Obligations*

- (1) Notification. Whenever any invention, improvement, or discovery (whether or not patentable) is made or conceived for the first time or actually or constructively reduced to practice by the Grantee, including its employees and subcontractors, in the performance of this Grant Contract Agreement, the Grantee will immediately give MHFA’s Authorized Representative written notice thereof, and must promptly furnish MHFA’s Authorized Representative with complete information and/or disclosure thereon.
- (2) Representation. The Grantee must perform all acts, and take all steps necessary to ensure that all intellectual property rights in the works and documents are the sole property of MHFA, and that neither the Grantee nor its employees, agents, or subcontractors retain any interest in and to the works and documents. The Grantee represents and warrants that the works and documents do not and will not infringe upon any intellectual property rights of other persons or entities. The Grantee will indemnify; defend, to the extent permitted by the Attorney General; and hold harmless MHFA, at Grantee’s expense, from any action or claim brought against MHFA to the extent that it is based on a claim that all or part of the works or documents infringe upon the intellectual property rights of others. The Grantee will be responsible for payment of any and all such claims, demands, obligations, liabilities, costs, and damages, including but not limited to, attorney fees. If such a claim or action arises, or in the Grantee’s or MHFA’s opinion is likely to arise, the Grantee must, at the MHFA’s discretion, either procure for MHFA the right or license to use the intellectual property rights at issue or replace or modify the allegedly infringing works or documents as necessary and appropriate to obviate the infringement claim. This remedy of MHFA will be in addition to and not exclusive of other remedies provided by law.

## **11 Workers Compensation**

The Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with [Minn. Stat. § 176.181](#), Subd. 2, pertaining to workers’ compensation insurance coverage. The Grantee’s employees and agents will not be considered MHFA 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 MHFA’s obligation or responsibility.

## **12 Publicity and Endorsement**

### **12.1 Publicity**

Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this Grant Contract Agreement must identify MHFA as the sponsoring agency and must not be released without prior written approval from MHFA’s Authorized Representative. For purposes of this provision, publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for the Grantee individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, with respect to the program, publications, or services provided resulting from this Grant Contract Agreement. All projects primarily funded by state grant appropriations must publicly credit MHFA, including on the Grantee’s website when practicable.

## 12.2 *Endorsement*

The Grantee must not claim that MHFA endorses its products or services.

## 13 **Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue**

Minnesota law, without regard to its choice-of-law provisions, governs this Grant Contract Agreement. Venue for all legal proceedings out of this Grant Contract Agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

## 14 **Termination**

### 14.1 *Termination by MHFA*

#### *(a) Without Cause*

MHFA may terminate this Grant Contract Agreement without cause, upon 30 days' written notice to the Grantee. Upon termination, the Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed.

#### *(b) With Cause*

MHFA may immediately terminate this Grant Contract Agreement if MHFA finds that there has been a failure to comply with the provisions of this Grant Contract Agreement, 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. MHFA may take action to protect the interests of MHFA, including the refusal to disburse additional funds and requiring the return of all or part of the funds already disbursed.

### 14.2 *Termination by The Commissioner of Administration*

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

### 14.3 *Termination for Insufficient Funding*

MHFA may immediately terminate this Grant Contract Agreement if:

*(a)* It does not obtain funding from the Minnesota Legislature

*(b)* Or, if funding cannot be continued at a level sufficient to allow for the payment of the services covered here. Termination must be by written notice to the Grantee. MHFA is not obligated to pay for any services that are provided after notice and effective date of termination. However, the Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed to the extent that funds are available. MHFA will not be assessed any penalty if this Grant Contract Agreement is terminated because of the decision of the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source, not to appropriate funds. MHFA must provide the Grantee notice of the lack of funding within a reasonable time of MHFA's receiving that notice.

## 15 **Data Disclosure**

Under [Minn. Stat. § 270C.65](#), Subd. 3, and other applicable law, the Grantee consents to disclosure of its social security number, federal employer tax identification number, and/or Minnesota tax identification number, already provided to MHFA, 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 Grantee to file state tax returns and pay delinquent state tax liabilities, if any.

## 16 **Fraud Disclosure**

Fraud is any intentionally deceptive action made for personal gain or to damage another. Any person or entity (including its employees and affiliates) that enters into an agreement with MHFA and witnesses,

discovers evidence of, receives a report from another source, or has other reasonable basis to suspect that fraud or embezzlement has occurred must immediately make a report to:

- MHFA's Chief Risk Officer at 651.296.7608 or 800.657.3769 or by email at [MHFA.ReportWrongdoing@state.mn.us](mailto:MHFA.ReportWrongdoing@state.mn.us);
- Any member of MHFA's [Servant Leadership Team](#) as denoted on MHFA's current organizational chart (Go to [mnhousing.gov](http://mnhousing.gov), scroll to the bottom of the screen and select About Us, select Servant Leadership Team); or
- [Report Wrongdoing or Concerns \(mnhousing.gov\)](#) (Go to [mnhousing.gov](http://mnhousing.gov), scroll to the bottom of the screen and select Report Wrongdoing).

## 17. Suspension

By entering into any agreement with MHFA, a contracting party represents that the contracting party (including its employees or affiliates that will have direct control over the subject of the agreement) has not been suspended from doing business with MHFA. Please refer to MHFA's website for a list of [suspended individuals and organizations](#). (Go to [mnhousing.gov/suspensions](http://mnhousing.gov/suspensions))

## 18. Conflicts

In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Grant Contract Agreement, its exhibits, and the Procedural Manual, or between exhibits, the order of precedence is first the Grant Contract Agreement, and then in the following order:

- Procedural Manual
- Exhibit A
- Exhibit B

**1. MHFA ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION**

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SWIFT Contract/PO No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

**2. GRANTEE**

The Grantee certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed the Grant Contract Agreement on behalf of the Grantee as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions, or ordinances.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(with delegated authority)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution:

Agency

Grantee

MHFA's Authorized Representative