

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**AGENCY AGREEMENT for**  
**FEDERAL AIRPORT EXPENSES REIMBURSEMENT**

This agreement is entered into by and between the Grand Rapids-Itasca County Airport Commission (“Local Government”) and the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Transportation (“MnDOT”).

**RECITALS**

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1. Local Government has received an Airport Rescue Grant (“ARG”) under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R. 1319, Public Law 117-2) (“ARPA”) directly from the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) to reimburse eligible airport expenses at Local Government’s airport.
2. This agreement is not a subgrant of the ARG funds. The FAA will be conducting oversight and monitoring the ARG funding (see ARPA FAQs for more information, at: [https://www.faa.gov/airports/airport\\_rescue\\_grants/media/20211124\\_ARPA\\_FAQs.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/airports/airport_rescue_grants/media/20211124_ARPA_FAQs.pdf)).
3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Sections 360.016 and 360.039, subd. 2, the Local Government desires MnDOT to act as the Local Government’s agent in accepting the federal funds on the Local Government’s behalf and disbursing the federal funds to the Local Government for expenses at the airport.

**AGREEMENT TERMS**

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**1. Term of Agreement**

- 1.1. Effective Date: This agreement will be effective on the date the MnDOT obtains all required signatures under Minn. Stat. §16C.05, Subd. 2.
- 1.2. Expiration Date: This agreement will expire on September 30, 2024.

**2. Local Government’s Duties**

- 2.1. The Local Government designates MnDOT to act as its agent in accepting the federal funds on its behalf and disbursing the federal funds to the Local Government for airport expenses deemed allowable by the FAA under the ARPA Act.
- 2.2. The Local Government will prepare reports, keep records, and perform work so as to meet federal requirements and to enable MnDOT to disburse the federal aid sought by the Local Government.
- 2.3. The Local Government will comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations. The Local Government will comply with all requirements and assurances in the ARG Grant, which is incorporated into this contract by reference.

**3. MnDOT’s Duties**

- 3.1. MnDOT accepts designation as agent of the Local Government for the receipt of the federal funds and disbursement of the federal funds to the Local Government and will act in accordance herewith.
- 3.2. MnDOT will make the necessary requests to the FAA for authorization to disburse federal funds for airport expenses and for reimbursement of eligible costs under the ARPA Act.
- 3.3. MnDOT may withhold federal funds where the FAA determines that airport expenditures were not made in compliance with federal requirements.
- 3.4. MnDOT, the FAA, or duly authorized representatives of the state and federal government will have the right to audit the work performed under this agreement. The Local Government will make available all books, records, and documents pertaining to the work hereunder, for a minimum of six years following the closing of the contract.

#### 4. Payment

- 4.1. **Eligibility.** Eligible expenses under the act include costs related to operations, personnel, cleaning, sanitization, janitorial services, combating the spread of pathogens at the airport, and debt service payments for the Grand Rapids-Itasca County Airport. Eligible expenses will be determined by the Federal Aviation Administration. Eligible expenses will be determined in accordance with FAA's Policy and Procedures Concerning the Use of Airport Revenues, 64 Federal Register 7696 (64 FR 7696), as amended by 79 Federal Register 66282 (79 FR 66282), which is incorporated into this agreement by reference, and the ARPA Act.
- 4.2. **Reimbursement.** Local Government has been awarded \$59,000 in Federal ARPA Act funding to reimburse federally-eligible expenses at airport(s) it operates. Local Government will be reimbursed for 100% of federally-eligible expenses not reimbursed by any other source. The Local Government will pay any part of the cost or expense that is not paid by federal, state, or other funds. MnDOT will receive the federal funds to be paid by the FAA for eligible expenses and will reimburse the Local Government from said federal funds for each payment request, subject to the limits of those funds.
- 4.3. **Payment Requests.** The Local Government will prepare payment requests in accordance with the terms of the federal award.
- 4.3.1. In the event MnDOT does not obtain funding from the Minnesota Legislature or other funding source, or funding cannot be continued at a sufficient level to allow for the processing of the federal aid reimbursement requests, the Local Government may work directly with FAA to receive the federal funds under the ARPA Act grant pursuant to any terms and conditions imposed by FAA.
- 4.4. **Federal Funds.** Payments under this Agreement will be made from federal funds. The Local Government is responsible for compliance with all federal requirements imposed on these funds and accepts full financial responsibility for the Local Government's failure to comply with federal requirements. The Local Government agrees to pay any and all lawful claims arising out of or incidental to the performance of the work covered by this Agreement in the event the federal government does not pay the same.
- 4.5. **Closeout.** The Local Government must liquidate all obligations incurred under this Agreement and submit all financial, performance, and other reports as required by the terms of the Federal award. The FAA will determine whether a closeout audit is required prior to final payment approval. If a closeout audit is required, final payment will be held until the audit has been completed.

5. **Conditions of Payment.** Local Government's use of federal funds disbursed under this agreement must be in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations. The Local Government will not receive reimbursement under this Agreement for expenses that are not eligible as described in Section 4.1 above.

#### 6. Authorized Representatives

- 6.1. MnDOT's Authorized Representative is:  
 Name: Jessica McBroom, or her successor or designee.  
 Title: Grants Specialist  
 Email: jessica.mcbroom@state.mn.us
- 6.2. The Local Government's Authorized Representative is:  
 Name: Matt Wegwerth  
 Title: Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Email: mwegwerth@ci.grand-rapids.mn.us

If the Local Government's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this agreement, the Local Government will immediately notify MnDOT.

**7. Assignment Amendments, Waiver, and Agreement Complete**

- 7.1. **Assignment.** The Local Government may neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this agreement without the prior written consent of MnDOT and a fully executed Assignment Agreement, executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved this agreement, or their successors in office.
- 7.2. **Amendments.** Any amendments to this 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 agreement, or their successors in office.
- 7.3. **Waiver.** If MnDOT fails to enforce any provision of this agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or MnDOT's right to subsequently enforce it.
- 7.4. **Agreement Complete.** This agreement contains all negotiations and agreements between MnDOT and the Local Government. No other understanding regarding this agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.
- 7.5. **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof is found invalid or unenforceable to any extent, the remainder of the Agreement, including all material provisions and the application of such provisions, will not be affected and will be enforceable to the greatest extent permitted by the law.
- 7.6. **Electronic Records and Signatures.** The parties agree to contract by electronic means. This includes using electronic signatures and converting original documents to electronic records.

**8. Liability and Claims**

- 8.1. **Tort Liability.** Each party is responsible for its own acts and omissions and the results thereof to the extent authorized by law and will not be responsible for the acts and omissions of any others and the results thereof. The Minnesota Tort Claims Act, Minnesota Statutes Section 3.736, governs MnDOT liability. Minnesota Statutes Section 466.04 governs Local Government Liability.
- 8.2. **Claims.** The Local Government acknowledges that MnDOT is acting only as the Local Government's agent for acceptance and disbursement of federal funds, and not as a principal or co-principal with respect to this agreement. The Local Government will indemnify, defend (to the extent permitted by the Minnesota Attorney General), and hold MnDOT harmless from any and all lawful claims or costs arising out of or incidental to Local Government's acts or omissions under this agreement and any *ultra vires* acts, including reasonable attorney fees incurred by MnDOT.

**9. Audits**

- 9.1. Under Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, Subd.5, the Local Government's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the Local Government, or other party relevant to this agreement or transaction, are subject to examination by MnDOT and/or the State Auditor or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the end of this 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. The Local Government will take timely and appropriate action on all deficiencies identified by an audit.
- 9.2. All requests for reimbursement are subject to audit by FAA or MnDOT.

**10. Government Data Practices.** The Local Government and MnDOT must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, as it applies to all data provided by MnDOT under this agreement, and as it

applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Local Government under this agreement.

11. **Workers Compensation.** The Local Government certifies that it is in compliance with [Minn. Stat. §176.181](#), Subd. 2, pertaining to workers' compensation insurance coverage. The Local Government's employees and agents will not be considered MnDOT 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 MnDOT's obligation or responsibility.
12. **Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue.** Minnesota law, without regard to its choice-of-law provisions, governs this agreement. Venue for all legal proceedings out of this agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.
13. **Termination for Cause.** MnDOT may terminate this agreement if Local Government fails to observe or perform any of the terms, conditions, or covenants required to be observed or performed by it pursuant to this agreement and such failure continues for a period of 30 calendar days after MnDOT has given written notice to Local Government of such default or, in the event that such default shall be incapable of cure with reasonable diligence during said 30 day period, shall have failed to commence to cure said default within 30 days of the date of said notice and to diligently pursue the same to completion.
14. **Data Disclosure.** Under Minn. Stat. § 270C.65, Subd. 3, and other applicable law, the Local Government consents to disclosure of its federal employer tax identification number, and/or Minnesota tax identification number, already provided to MnDOT, 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 Local Government to file state tax returns and pay delinquent state tax liabilities, if any.
15. **Fund Use Prohibited.** The Local Government will not utilize any funds received pursuant to this Agreement to compensate, either directly or indirectly, any contractor, corporation, partnership, or business, however organized, which is disqualified or debarred from entering into or receiving a federal or state contract. This restriction applies regardless of whether the disqualified or debarred party acts in the capacity of a general contractor, a subcontractor, or as an equipment or material supplier. This restriction does not prevent the Local Government from utilizing these funds to pay any party who might be disqualified or debarred after the Local Government's contract award on this agreement.
16. **Discrimination Prohibited by Minnesota Statutes §181.59.** The Local Government will comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes §181.59, if applicable, which requires that every contract for or on behalf of the State of Minnesota, or any county, city, town, township, school, school district or any other district in the state, for materials, supplies or construction will contain provisions by which Contractor agrees: 1) That, in the hiring of common or skilled labor for the performance of any work under any contract, or any subcontract, no Contractor, material supplier or vendor, will, by reason of race, creed or color, discriminate against the person or persons who are citizens of the United States or resident aliens who are qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates; 2) That no Contractor, material supplier, or vendor, will, in any manner, discriminate against, or intimidate, or prevent the employment of any person or persons identified in clause 1 of this section, or on being hired, prevent or conspire to prevent, the person or persons from the performance of work under any contract on account of race, creed or color; 3) That a violation of this section is a misdemeanor; and 4) That this contract may be canceled or terminated by the state of Minnesota, or any county, city, town, township, school, school district or any other person authorized to contracts for employment, and all money due, or to become due under the contract, may be forfeited for a second or any subsequent violation of the terms or conditions of this Agreement.
17. **Limitation.** Under this contract, MnDOT is only responsible for disbursing funds. Nothing in this contract will be construed to make MnDOT a principal, co-principal, partner, or joint venturer with respect to this agreement.

MnDOT may provide technical advice and assistance as requested by the Local Government, however, the Local Government will remain responsible for all aspects of administering this agreement.

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Local Government certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed the contract on behalf of the Local Government as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions or ordinances

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

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

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

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

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

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

**STATE ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION**

The individual certifies funds have been encumbered as required by Minn. Stat. 16A.15 and 16C.05

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

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

SWIFT Contract # \_\_\_\_\_

SWIFT Purchase Order # \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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

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

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

**MnDOT CONTRACT MANAGEMENT**

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

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

**MnDOT GRANT UNIT**

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

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