NOTICE OF AWARD

1. DATE ISSUED *MM/DD/YYYY*
08/01/2025

1a. SUPERSEDES AWARD NOTICE dated
except that any additions or restrictions previously imposed remain in effect unless specifically rescinded

2. ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBER
15.916 - Outdoor Recreation Acquisition, Development and Planning

3. ASSISTANCE TYPE Project Grant

4. GRANT NO. P25AP01320-00
Originating MCA #

5. TYPE OF AWARD
Other

4a. FAIN P25AP01320

5a. ACTION TYPE New

6. PROJECT PERIOD *MM/DD/YYYY*
From 08/31/2025 **Through** *MM/DD/YYYY* 09/01/2028

7. BUDGET PERIOD *MM/DD/YYYY*
From 08/31/2025 **Through** *MM/DD/YYYY* 09/01/2028

AUTHORIZATION (Legislation/Regulations)

54 U.S.C. § 200305 Land and Water Conservation Fund, Assistance to States

8. TITLE OF PROJECT (OR PROGRAM)
37-01103 Deaverview Mountain AQ (ORLP)

9a. GRANTEE NAME AND ADDRESS
North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
109 E Jones St
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9b. GRANTEE PROJECT DIRECTOR
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Raleigh, NC, 27699-1615
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Main Interior Building National Park Service
1849 C Street NW
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Phone: 111-111-1111

ALL AMOUNTS ARE SHOWN IN USD

11. APPROVED BUDGET (Excludes Direct Assistance)

		I	II
I	Financial Assistance from the Federal Awarding Agency Only		
II	Total project costs including grant funds and all other financial participation		
a.	Salaries and Wages	$ 0.00	
b.	Fringe Benefits	$ 0.00	
c.	Total Personnel Costs	$ 0.00	
d.	Equipment	$ 0.00	
e.	Supplies	$ 0.00	
f.	Travel	$ 0.00	
g.	Construction	$ 0.00	
h.	Other	$ 8,950,000.00	
i.	Contractual	$ 0.00	
j.	TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	$ 8,950,000.00	
k.	INDIRECT COSTS	$ 0.00	
l.	**TOTAL APPROVED BUDGET**	$ 8,950,000.00	
m.	Federal Share	$ 4,475,000.00	
n.	Non-Federal Share	$ 4,475,000.00	

12. AWARD COMPUTATION

a.	Amount of Federal Financial Assistance (from item 11m)	$ 4,475,000.00
b.	Less Unobligated Balance From Prior Budget Periods	$ 0.00
c.	Less Cumulative Prior Award(s) This Budget Period	$ 0.00
d.	**AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THIS ACTION**	$ 4,475,000.00
13.	**Total Federal Funds Awarded to Date for Project Period**	$ 4,475,000.00

14. RECOMMENDED FUTURE SUPPORT
(Subject to the availability of funds and satisfactory progress of the project):

YEAR	TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	YEAR	TOTAL DIRECT COSTS
a. 2	$	d. 5	$
b. 3	$	e. 6	$
c. 4	$	f. 7	$

15. PROGRAM INCOME SHALL BE USED IN ACCORD WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES:
a. DEDUCTION
b. ADDITIONAL COSTS
c. MATCHING
d. OTHER RESEARCH (Add / Deduct Option)
e. OTHER *(See REMARKS)*

e

16. THIS AWARD IS BASED ON AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO, AND AS APPROVED BY, THE FEDERAL AWARDING AGENCY ON THE ABOVE TITLED PROJECT AND IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCORPORATED EITHER DIRECTLY OR BY REFERENCE IN THE FOLLOWING:
a. The grant program legislation
b. The grant program regulations.
c. This award notice including terms and conditions, if any, noted below under REMARKS.
d. Federal administrative requirements, cost principles and audit requirements applicable to this grant.

In the event there are conflicting or otherwise inconsistent policies applicable to the grant, the above order of precedence shall prevail. Acceptance of the grant terms and conditions is acknowledged by the grantee when funds are drawn or otherwise obtained from the grant payment system.

REMARKS (Other Terms and Conditions Attached - (●) Yes ( ) No)
No Program Income.

GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL:
Matthew Russell, N/A
1849 C St NW
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LINE#	FINANCIAL ACCT	AMT OF FIN ASST	START DATE	END DATE	TAS ACCT	PO LINE DESCRIPTION
1	0054008762-00010	$4,475,000.00	08/31/2025	09/01/2028	5035	22GW ORLP DEAVERVIEW MTN AQ (ORLP)

Federal Financial Report Cycle			
Reporting Period Start Date	Reporting Period End Date	Reporting Type	Reporting Period Due Date
10/01/2025	09/30/2026	Annual	12/29/2026
10/01/2026	09/30/2027	Annual	12/29/2027
10/01/2027	09/01/2028	Final	12/30/2028

Performance Progress Report Cycle			
Reporting Period Start Date	Reporting Period End Date	Reporting Type	Reporting Period Due Date
10/01/2025	09/30/2026	Annual	12/29/2026
10/01/2026	09/30/2027	Annual	12/29/2027
10/01/2027	09/01/2028	Final	12/30/2028

AWARD ATTACHMENTS

North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources P25AP01320-00

1. Grant Agreement
2. Categorical Exclusion
3. Detailed Budget

Grant Agreement

Between
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
AND
NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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I. LEGAL AUTHORITY

Agreement Number P25AP01320 was entered into by and between the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, (NPS), and North Carolina Department of Natural Resources (hereafter referred to as 'Recipient') pursuant to:

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act of 1965, as amended (P.L. 88-578; currently codified at 54 U.S.C. § 200301 et seq.)

II. PERFORMANCE GOALS AND PROJECT OBJECTIVES

A. Performance Goal – LWCF financial assistance is provided to ensure that a sufficient quality and/or quantity of outdoor recreation resources are available to serve the present and future outdoor recreation demands and needs of the general public.

B. Project Objectives – This outdoor recreation grant will enhance community well-being by contributing to the maximization of recreational investments, expansion of opportunities, and provision of safe and accessible spaces.

III. PUBLIC PURPOSE

The purposes of the LWCF Act are to assist in preserving, developing, and assuring accessibility to all citizens of the United States of present and future generations, and visitors who are lawfully present within the boundaries of the United States, such quality and quantity of outdoor recreation resources as may be available and are necessary and desirable for individual active participation in such recreation; and to strengthen the health and vitality of U.S. citizens. These purposes are accomplished in part by providing funds for and authorizing Federal financial assistance to States (and through States to local units of government) to plan for, acquire, and develop needed land and water areas and facilities for outdoor recreation.

IV. STATEMENT OF WORK

The recipient, North Carolina Department of Natural Resources, will pass through a subaward/subgrant to the subrecipient, The City of Asheville, to create a park site on Deaverview Mountain. This project will facilitate acquisition of 345 acres for outdoor recreation.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

A. The Recipient agrees to:

1. The Recipient shall carry out the Statement of Work in accordance with the terms and conditions stated herein. The Recipient shall adhere to Federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and codes, as applicable.

2. Comply with the policies and procedures set forth in the LWCF Federal Financial Assistance Manual (v. 72.1, April 2025).

3. Recipients that issue subawards/subgrants are responsible for ensuring subaward/subgrant compliance with the requirements of 2 CFR 200. The Recipient must provide a list of selected subawardees/subgrantees and associated budgets to the NPS for review prior to making subawards/subgrants.

4. Recipients must select qualified subcontractors and submit documentation to the NPS showing competitive selection or justification for single source procurement in accordance with 2 CFR 200.318 – 200.327.

B. Substantial involvement is defined as significant NPS participation prior to and during the performance of a financial assistance agreement. For grants, substantial involvement is neither expected nor required. No substantial involvement on the part of the NPS is anticipated for the successful completion of the statement of work detailed in this award. It is anticipated that involvement will be limited to actions related to monitoring project performance, technical assistance at the request of the recipient.

VI. COST SHARE REQUIREMENT

Non-Federal cost-share is required by statutory authority for costs incurred under this Agreement. Cost share must be provided in specified amounts as identified in the attached project budget.

VII. PRE-AWARD COSTS

The Recipient is not authorized to incur pre-award costs.

VIII. AWARD AND PAYMENT

A. NPS will provide funding to the Recipient in an amount not to exceed $4,475,000.00 in accordance with the NPS approved budget. The approved budget detail is incorporated herein. Any award beyond the current fiscal year is subject to availability of funds. Acceptance of a Federal financial assistance award from the Department of the Interior carries with it the responsibility to be aware of, and comply with, the terms and conditions within this award document. Acceptance is defined as the start of work, drawing down funds, or accepting the award via electronic means.

B. Recipient shall request payment as applicable in accordance with the following:

1. **Method of Payment**. Payment will be made by advance and/or reimbursement through the Department of Treasury's Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) system.

2. **Requesting Advances**. Requests for advances must be submitted via the ASAP system. Requests may be submitted as frequently as required to meet the needs of the

Financial Assistance (FA) Recipient to disburse funds for the Federal share of project costs. If feasible, each request should be timed so that payment is received on the same day that the funds are dispersed for direct project costs and/or the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs. If same–day transfers are not feasible, advance payments must be as close to actual disbursements as administratively feasible.

3. **Requesting Reimbursement**. Requests for reimbursements must be submitted via the ASAP system. Requests for reimbursement should coincide with normal billing patterns. Each request must be limited to the amount of disbursements made for the Federal share of direct project costs and the proportionate share of allowable indirect costs incurred during that billing period.

4. **Adjusting Payment Requests for Available Cash**. Funds that are available from repayments to, and interest earned on, a revolving fund, program income, rebates, refunds, contract settlements, audit recoveries, credits, discounts, and interest earned on any of those funds must be disbursed before requesting additional cash payments.

5. **Bank Accounts**. All payments are made through electronic funds transfer to the bank account identified in the ASAP system by the FA Recipient.

6. **Supporting Documents and Agency Approval of Payments**. Additional supporting documentation and prior NPS approval of payments may be required. If prior Agency payment approval is in effect for an award, the ASAP system will notify the FA Recipient when they submit a request for payment. The Recipient must then notify the NPS Financial Assistance Awarding Officer that a payment request has been submitted. The NPS Awarding Officer (AO) may request additional information from the Recipient to support the payment request prior to approving the release of funds, as deemed necessary. The FA Recipient is required to comply with these requests. Supporting documents may include invoices, copies of contracts, vendor quotes, and other expenditure explanations that justify the reimbursement requests.

C. Any award beyond the current fiscal year is subject to availability of funds; funds may be provided in subsequent fiscal years if project work is satisfactory, and funding is available.

D. Unless authorized by provision VII, expenses charged against awards under the Agreement may not be incurred prior to the beginning of the Agreement and may be incurred only as necessary to carry out the approved objectives, scope of work and budget with prior approval from the NPS AO in alignment with CFR 200.407. The Recipient shall not incur costs or obligate funds for any purpose pertaining to the operation of the project, program, or activities beyond the expiration date stipulated in the award.

E. Any non–Federal share, whether in cash or in–kind, is expected to be paid out at the same general rate as the Federal share. Exceptions to this requirement may be granted by the AO based on sufficient documentation demonstrating previously determined plans for or

later commitment of cash or in–kind contributions. In any case, the Recipient must meet their cost share commitment over the life of the award.

IX. REPORTS AND/OR OUTPUTS/OUTCOMES

A. Refer to the second page of the Notice of Award document for FFR frequency and due dates. Performance reports are also required at the same reporting frequency and due dates as the FFR. Reports must be submitted through the Grant Solutions "Manage Reports" functionality.

B. A final Performance Report and a final FFR will be due 120 days after the end-date of the Term of Agreement. If the recipient does not submit the final report before the required due date, NPS is required to submit a finding of non-compliance to SAM.gov. Each report shall be submitted as described above.

C. The Secretary of the Interior and the Comptroller General of the United States, or their duly authorized representatives, will have access, for the purpose of financial or programmatic review and examination, to any books, documents, papers, and records that are pertinent to the Agreement at all reasonable times during the period of retention in accordance with 2 CFR 200.334 *Retention Requirements for Records*.

X. DETERMINATION OF RISK

In accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.205, the application for this award was subjected to a pre-award risk assessment which included a review of information contained within the application, past audits, responsibility and qualification data from SAM.gov, and/or past performance on previous Federal financial assistance awards and other factors. For Master Cooperative Agreements, determination of risk will be defined at the task agreement as applicable.

XI. AWARD SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Part I – Definitions

A. The term "NPS" as used herein means the National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior (DOI).

B. The term "Director" as used herein means the Director of the National Park Service, or any representative lawfully delegated the authority to act for such Director.

C. The term "Secretary" as used herein means the Secretary of the Interior, or any representative lawfully delegated the authority to act for such Secretary.

D. The term "State" as used herein means the State, Territory, or District of Columbia that is a party to the grant agreement to which these general provisions are attached, and, when applicable, the political subdivision or other public agency to which funds are to be

subawarded pursuant to this agreement. Wherever a term, condition, obligation, or requirement refers to the State, such term, condition, obligation, or requirement shall also apply to the political subdivision or public agency, except where it is clear from the nature of the term, condition, obligation, or requirement that it applies solely to the State. For purposes of these provisions, the terms "State," "grantee," and "recipient" are deemed synonymous.

E. The term “Land and Water Conservation Fund” or “LWCF” as used herein means the Financial Assistance to States section of the LWCF Act (Public Law 88-578, 78 Stat 897, codified at 54 U.S.C. § 2003), which is administered by the NPS.

F. The term "Manual" as used herein means the Land and Water Conservation Fund State Assistance Program Manual, Volume 72 (October 1, 2023).

G. The term "project" as used herein refers to an LWCF grant, which is subject to the grant agreement and/or its subsequent amendments.

Part II - Continuing Assurances

The parties to the grant agreement specifically recognize that accepting LWCF assistance for the project creates an obligation to maintain the property described in the agreement and supporting application documentation consistent with the LWCF Act and the following requirements.

Further, it is the acknowledged intent of the parties hereto that recipients of LWCF assistance will use the monies granted hereunder for the purposes of this program, and that assistance granted from the LWCF will result in a net increase, commensurate at least with the Federal cost-share, in a participant's outdoor recreation.

It is intended by both parties hereto that the LWCF assistance will be added to, rather than replace or be substituted for, the State and/or local outdoor recreation funds.

A. The State agrees, as the recipient of the LWCF assistance, that it will meet these LWCF General Provisions, and the terms and provisions as contained or referenced in, or attached to, the NPS grant agreement and that it will further impose these terms and provisions upon any political subdivision or public agency to which funds are subawarded pursuant to the grant agreement. The State also agrees that it shall be responsible for compliance with the terms and provisions of the agreement by such a political subdivision or public agency and that failure by such political subdivision or public agency to so comply shall be deemed a failure by the State to comply.

B. The State agrees that the property described in the grant agreement and depicted on the signed and dated project boundary map made part of that agreement is being acquired or developed with LWCF assistance, or is integral to such acquisition or development, and that, without the approval of the Secretary, it shall not be converted to other than public outdoor recreation use but shall be maintained in public outdoor recreation in perpetuity or for the term of the lease in the case of property leased from a federal agency. The Secretary shall

approve such a conversion only if it is found to be in accord with the then existing statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation plan and only upon such conditions deemed necessary to assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location (54 U.S.C. 200305(f)(3)). The LWCF post-completion compliance regulations at 36 C.F.R. Part 59 provide further requirements. The replacement land then becomes subject to LWCF protection. The approval of a conversion shall be at the sole discretion of the Secretary, or her/his designee.

Prior to the completion of this project, the State and the Director may mutually agree to alter the area described in the grant agreement and depicted in the signed and dated project boundary map to provide the most satisfactory public outdoor recreation unit, except that acquired parcels are afforded LWCF protection as soon as reimbursement is provided.

In the event the NPS provides LWCF assistance for the acquisition and/or development of property with full knowledge that the project is subject to reversionary rights and outstanding interests, conversion of said property to other than public outdoor recreation use as a result of such right or interest being exercised will occur. In receipt of this approval, the State agrees to notify the NPS of the potential conversion as soon as possible and to seek approval of replacement property in accord with the conditions set forth in these provisions and the program regulations. The provisions of this paragraph are also applicable to: leased properties developed with LWCF assistance where such lease is terminated prior to its full term due to the existence of provisions in such lease known and agreed to by the NPS; and properties subject to other outstanding rights and interests that may result in a conversion when known and agreed to by the NPS.

C. The State agrees that the benefit to be derived by the United States from the full compliance by the State with the terms of this agreement is the preservation, protection, and the net increase in the quality and quantity of public outdoor recreation facilities and resources that are available to the people of the State and of the United States, and such benefit exceeds to an immeasurable and unascertainable extent the amount of money furnished by the United States by way of assistance under the terms of this agreement. The State agrees that payment by the State to the United States of an amount equal to the amount of assistance extended under this agreement by the United States would be inadequate compensation to the United States for any breach by the State of this agreement.

   The State further agrees, therefore, that the appropriate remedy in the event of a breach by the State of this agreement shall be the specific performance of this agreement or the submission and approval of a conversion request as described in Part II.B above.

D. The State agrees that the property and facilities described in the grant agreement shall be operated and maintained as prescribed by regulations found in 36 C.F.R Part 59.

E. The State agrees that a notice of the grant agreement shall be recorded in the public property records (e.g., registry of deeds or similar) of the jurisdiction in which the property is located, to the effect that the property described and shown in the scope of the grant agreement and the signed and dated project boundary map made part of that agreement, has been acquired or

developed with LWCF assistance and that it cannot be converted to other than public outdoor recreation use without the written approval of the Secretary as described in Part II.B above.

F. Nondiscrimination

1. By signing the LWCF agreement, the State certifies that it will comply with all Federal laws relating to nondiscrimination as outlined in Section V of the Department of the Interior Standard Award Terms and Conditions.
2. The State shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of residence, except to the extent that reasonable differences in admission or other fees may be maintained on the basis of residence, as set forth in 54 U.S.C. § 200305(i) and the Manual.

Part III - Project Assurances

A. Project Application

1. The Application for Federal Assistance bearing the same project number as the Grant Agreement and associated documents is by this reference made a part of the agreement.
2. The State possesses legal authority to apply for the grant, and to finance and construct the proposed facilities. A resolution, motion, or similar action has been duly adopted or passed authorizing the filing of the application, including all understandings and assurances contained herein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the State to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.
3. The State has the capability to finance the non-Federal share of the costs for the project. Sufficient funds will be available to assure effective operation and maintenance of the facilities acquired or developed by the project.

B. Project Execution

1. The State shall transfer to the project sponsor identified in the Application for Federal Assistance all funds granted hereunder except those reimbursed to the State to cover eligible expenses derived from a current approved negotiated indirect cost rate agreement.
2. The State shall secure completion of the work in accordance with approved construction plans and specifications, and shall secure compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.
3. The State will provide for and maintain competent and adequate architectural/engineering supervision and inspection at the construction site to ensure that the completed work conforms with the approved plans and specifications; and that it will furnish progress reports and such other information as the NPS may require.
4. In the event the project cannot be completed in accordance with the plans and specifications for the project, the State shall bring the project to a point of recreational usefulness agreed upon by the State and the Director or her/his designee in accord with Section III.C below.
5. As referenced in the DOI Standard Terms and Conditions, the State will ensure the

project's compliance with applicable federal laws and their implementing regulations, including: the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (P.L. 90-480) and DOI's Section 504 Regulations (43 CFR Part 17); the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) and applicable regulations; and the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234).

6. The State will comply with the provisions of: Executive Order (EO) 11988, relating to evaluation of flood hazards; EO 11288, relating to the prevention, control, and abatement or water pollution, and EO 11990 relating to the protection of wetlands.
7. The State will assist the NPS in its compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 U.S.C. § 306108) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regulations (36 C.F.R. Part 800) by adhering to procedural requirements while considering the effect of this grant award on historic properties. The Act requires federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertaking (grant award) on historic properties by following the process outlined in regulations. That process includes (1) initiating the process through consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer and others on the undertaking, as necessary, by (2) identifying historic properties listed on or eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places that are subject to effects by the undertaking, and notifying the NPS of the existence of any such properties, by (3) assessing the effects of the undertaking upon such properties, if present, and by (4) resolving adverse effects through consultation and documentation according to 36 C.F.R. §800.11. If an unanticipated discovery is made during implementation of the undertaking, the State in coordination with NPS shall consult per provisions of 36 C.F.R. §800.13.
8. The State will assist the NPS in its compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. §4321 et seq) and the CEQ regulations (40 C.F.R. §1500-1508), by adhering to procedural requirements while considering the consequences of this project on the human environment. This Act requires Federal agencies to take into account the reasonably foreseeable environmental consequences of all grant-supported activities. Grantees are required to provide the NPS with a description of any foreseeable impacts to the environment from grant-supported activities or demonstrate that no impacts will occur through documentation provided to the NPS. The applicant must submit an Application & Revision Form in order to assist the NPS in determining the appropriate NEPA pathway when grant-assisted development and other ground disturbing activities are expected. If a Categorical Exclusion (CE) is the appropriate NEPA pathway, the NPS will confirm which CE, according to NPS Director's Order 12, applies.

Part IV – Award Specific Conditions

A. National Environmental Policy Act

Recipients must comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Pub. L. No. 91-190 (1970) (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.) (NEPA), related regulatory requirements including the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508, and the DOI's NEPA-implementing regulations (43 CFR Part 46), DOI policy and procedures for implementing NEPA (Departmental Manual Series 31, Part 516, Chapter 12), NPS

Director's Order #12, “Conservation Planning, Environmental Impact Analysis, and Decision Making.” and National Park Service NEPA Handbook (2015), and NPS LWCF Program-specific policies and procedures.

B. NEPA Clearance

1. Full NEPA clearance with no conditions or restrictions:

   Based on all information provided by the recipient, the NPS has made a NEPA determination for all activities listed in the Statement of Work (SOW) approved by the Financial Assistance Awarding Officer (FAAO) and the NPS LWCF Agency Official responsible for NEPA determination. The recipient is thereby authorized to use federal funds for the defined project activities, except where such activity is subject to a restriction set forth elsewhere in this award.

   This authorization is specific to the project activities and locations as described in the SOW approved by the FAAO and the NPS LWCF Agency Official. Should conditions or the scope of the action change, the Recipient must notify the Federal Project Officer and receive written response and notice prior to proceeding. NPS will evaluate whether this determination remains applicable or if additional environmental review is necessary.

C. Other Award Specific Conditions

1. *This grant requires a signed boundary map that meets all criteria listed in the LWCF manual in effect at the time of this award to support a perpetual accessible public outdoor recreation encumbrance.*

XII. STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS, 2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 1402

   Recipients must comply with all applicable federal statutes, regulations, executive orders (EOs), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circulars. Any inconsistency or conflict in Standard Terms and Conditions, Program-Specific Terms and Conditions, and any Special Award Conditions of this Award will be resolved according to the following order of precedence: federal laws, Executive Orders, federal regulations, applicable notices published in the Federal Register, OMB circulars, NPS Standard Terms and Conditions, Program-Specific Terms and Conditions, and any Special Award Conditions.

   DOI terms and regulatory requirements located at:
   - https://www.doi.gov/grants/doi-standard-terms-and-conditions
   - eCFR :: 2 CFR Part 200 -- Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards
   - eCFR :: 2 CFR Part 1402 -- Financial Assistance Interior Regulation, Supplementing the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards

2. APPROVED INDIRECT RATE

   Indirect costs must be charged consistently in accordance with the approved project budget, which is incorporated into this award as an attachment. In the case of a Master Cooperative agreement, indirect costs will be incorporated at the Task Agreement level. If the recipient has a Federally approved indirect rate, it is the responsibility of the Recipient to work with their cognizant agency in a timely manner to avoid the expiration of the Federally negotiated rate. If the Recipient has never had a Federally approved negotiated indirect rate, they may utilize a 15% minimus rate per 2 CFR 200.414. If the Federally negotiated rate changes during the period of performance, the newly approved rate must be implemented.

3. RESERVED

4. KEY OFFICIALS

   A. Communications - The recipient shall address any communication regarding this Agreement to the ATR/Program Officer with a copy to the Awarding/Grants Management Officer. Communications that relate solely to technical matters may be sent only to the ATR/Program Officer.

   B. Changes in Key Officials - Recipient may not make any permanent change in a key official without written notice to the other party reasonably in advance of the proposed change. The notice will include a justification with sufficient detail to permit evaluation of the impact of such a change on the scope of work specified

within this Agreement. Any permanent change in key officials will be made only by Agency Approval.

5. PRIOR APPROVAL

The Recipient shall obtain prior approval for budget and program revisions, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.308.

6. PROPERTY UTILIZATION

All tools, equipment, and facilities furnished by NPS will be on a loan basis. Tools, equipment, and facilities will be returned in the same condition received except for normal wear and tear in project use. Property management standards set forth in 2 CFR 200.310 through 200.316 apply to this Agreement. All provided items must be consistently tracked and accounted for by the recipient and NPS both when provided to the recipient and upon return.

7. MODIFICATION, REMEDIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE, TERMINATION

A. This Agreement may be modified at any time, prior to the expiration date, only by agreement executed by both parties. Modifications will be in writing and approved by the Financial Assistance Awarding Officer and the authorized representative of Recipient.

B. Additional conditions may be imposed by NPS if it is determined that the Recipient is non–compliant to the terms and conditions of this agreement. Remedies for Noncompliance can be found in 2 CFR 200.339.

C. This Agreement may be terminated consistent with applicable termination provisions for Agreements found in 2 CFR 200.340 through 200.343.

8. REPORTING OF MATTERS RELATED TO RECIPIENT INTEGRITY AND PERFORMANCE

A. General Reporting Requirement

i. If the total value of your currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from all Federal agencies exceeds $10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this Federal award, then you, as the recipient, during that period of time must maintain the currency of information reported to the System for Award Management (SAM) that is made available in the designated integrity and performance system about civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings described in paragraph 2 of this award term and condition. This is a statutory requirement under section 872 of Public Law 110-417, as amended (41 U.S.C. 2313). As required by section 3010 of Public Law 111-212, all information posted in the designated integrity and performance

system on or after April 15, 2011, except past performance reviews required for Federal procurement contracts, will be publicly available.

B. Proceedings You Must Report

i. Submit the information required about each proceeding that:

ii. Is in connection with the award or performance of a grant, cooperative agreement, or procurement contract from the Federal Government.

iii. Reached its final disposition during the most recent five-year period; and

iv. Is one of the following:

a) A criminal proceeding that resulted in a conviction, as defined in paragraph 5 of this award term and condition; or

b) A civil proceeding that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and payment of a monetary fine, penalty, reimbursement, restitution, or damages of $5,000 or more; or

c) An administrative proceeding, as defined in paragraph 5 of this award term and condition, that resulted in a finding of fault and liability and payment of either a monetary fine or penalty of $5,000 or more; or reimbursement, restitution, or damages more than $100,000; or

d) Any other criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding if:

1. It could have led to an outcome described the award terms and conditions.
2. It had a different disposition arrived at by consent or compromise with an acknowledgment of fault on your part; and
3. The requirement in this award term and condition to disclose information about the proceeding does not conflict with applicable laws and regulations.

C. Reporting Procedures

Enter in the SAM Entity Management area the information that SAM requires about each proceeding described in the award terms and conditions. You do not need to submit the information a second time under assistance awards that you received if you already provided the information through SAM because you were required to do so under Federal procurement contracts that you were awarded.

D. Reporting Frequency

During any period when you are subject to the requirement in paragraph 1 of this award term and condition, you must report proceedings information through SAM for the most recent five-year period, either to report new information about any proceeding(s) that you have not reported previously or affirm that there is no new information to report. Recipients that have Federal contract, grant, and cooperative agreement awards with a cumulative total value greater than $10,000,000 must disclose semiannually any information about the criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings.

E. Definitions

i. For purposes of this award term and condition:

a) Administrative proceeding means a non-judicial process that is adjudicatory in nature in order to make a determination of fault or liability (*e.g.,* Securities and Exchange Commission Administrative proceedings, Civilian Board of Contract Appeals proceedings, and Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals proceedings). This includes proceedings at the Federal and State level but only in connection with performance of a Federal contract or grant. It does not include audits, site visits, corrective plans, or inspection of deliverables.
b) Conviction means a judgment or conviction of a criminal offense by any court of competent jurisdiction, whether entered upon a verdict or a plea, and includes a conviction entered upon a plea of nolo contendere.
c) Total value of currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts includes—
   1. Only the Federal share of the funding under any Federal award with a recipient cost share; and
   2. The value of all expected funding increments under a Federal award and options, even if not yet exercised.

9. FUNDING USED FOR THE PURCHASE AND OPERATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (UAS)

If Federal funding is provided to a State, local, tribal, or territorial government for the purchase or use of UAS for their operations, the recipient must have in place policies and procedures to safeguard individuals' privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties prior to expending such funds.

Per National Park Service Director Policy Memorandum 14-05, dated June 19, 2014, the launching, landing, and operating of unmanned aircraft, that is not under the control of the Federal government, on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service is prohibited unless approval is received from the Associate Director for such purposes as:

Scientific study, search and rescue operations, fire operations, and law enforcement. Administrative use includes the use of unmanned aircraft by:

(i) NPS personnel as operators or crew;
(ii) cooperators such as government agencies and universities that conduct unmanned aircraft operations for the NPS pursuant to a written agreement; and
(iii) other entities, including commercial entities, conducting unmanned aircraft operations for the NPS, provided such entities follow all applicable FAA and Department of the Interior requirements.

10. PATENTS AND INVENTIONS (37 CFR 401)

Recipients of agreements which support experimental, developmental, or research work shall be subject to applicable regulations governing patents and inventions, including the government-wide regulations issued by the Department of Commerce at 37 CFR 401, Rights to Inventions Made by Non-profit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under

Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements. These regulations do not apply to any agreement made primarily for educational purposes.

In accordance with 37 CFR 401.3(a), the provision at 37 CFR 401.14(a), with authorized modifications for the National Park Service, is hereby included in this agreement:

(a) Definitions

(1) *Invention* means any invention or discovery which is or may be patentable or otherwise protectable under Title 35 of the United States Code, or any novel variety of plant which is or may be protected under the Plant Variety Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 2321 et seq.).

(2) *Subject invention* means any invention of the recipient conceived or first actually reduced to practice in the performance of work under this agreement, provided that in the case of a variety of plant, the date of determination (as defined in section 41(d) of the Plant Variety Protection Act, 7 U.S.C. 2401(d)) must also occur during the period of agreement performance.

(3) *Practical Application* means to manufacture in the case of a composition or product, to practice in the case of a process or method, or to operate in the case of a machine or system; and, in each case, under such conditions as to establish that the invention is being utilized and that its benefits are, to the extent permitted by law or government regulations, available to the public on reasonable terms.

(4) *Made* when used in relation to any invention means the conception or first actual reduction to practice of such invention.

(5) *Small Business Firm* means a small business concern as defined at section 2 of Public Law. 85-536 (15 U.S.C. 632) and implementing regulations of the Administrator of the Small Business Administration. For the purpose of this provision, the size standards for small business concerns involved in government procurement and subcontracting at 13 CFR 121.3-8 and 13 CFR 121.3-12, respectively, will be used.

(6) *Nonprofit Organization* means a university or other institution of higher education, or an organization of the type described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C. 501(c) and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (25 U.S.C. 501(a)) or any nonprofit scientific or educational organization qualified under a state nonprofit organization statute.

(b) Allocation of Principal Rights.

The Recipient may retain the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world to each subject invention subject to this provision and 35 U.S.C. 203. With respect to any subject

invention in which the Recipient retains title, the Federal government shall have a nonexclusive, nontransferable, irrevocable, paid-up license to practice or have practiced for or on behalf of the United States the subject invention throughout the world.

(c) Invention Disclosure, Election of Title and Filing of Patent Application by Recipient

(1) The Recipient will disclose each subject invention to the National Park Service within two months after the inventor discloses it in writing to Recipient personnel responsible for patent matters. The disclosure to the National Park Service shall be in the form of a written report and shall identify the agreement under which the invention was made and the inventor(s). It shall be sufficiently complete in technical detail to convey a clear understanding to the extent known at the time of the disclosure, of the nature, purpose, operation, and the physical, chemical, biological or electrical characteristics of the invention. The disclosure shall also identify any publication, on sale or public use of the invention and whether a manuscript describing the invention has been submitted for publication and, if so, whether it has been accepted for publication at the time of disclosure. In addition, after disclosure to the National Park Service, the Recipient will promptly notify the National Park Service of the acceptance of any manuscript describing the invention for publication or of any on sale or public use planned by the Recipient.

(2) The Recipient will elect in writing whether or not to retain title to any such invention by notifying the National Park Service within two years of disclosure to the National Park Service. However, in any case where publication, on sale or public use has initiated the one-year statutory period wherein valid patent protection can still be obtained in the United States, the period for election of title may be shortened by the National Park Service to a date that is no more than 60 days prior to the end of the statutory period.

(3) The Recipient will file its initial patent application on a subject invention to which it elects to retain title within one year after election of title or, if earlier, prior to the end of any statutory period wherein valid patent protection can be obtained in the United States after a publication, on sale, or public use. The Recipient will file patent applications in additional countries or international patent offices within either ten months of the corresponding initial patent application or six months from the date permission is granted by the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to file foreign patent applications where such filing has been prohibited by a Secrecy Order.

(4) Requests for extension of the time for disclosure, election, and filing under subparagraphs (1), (2), and (3) may, at the discretion of the National Park Service, be granted.

(d) Conditions When the Government May Obtain Title.

The Recipient will convey to the National Park Service, upon written request, title to any subject inventions

(1) If the Recipient fails to disclose or elect title to the subject invention within the times specified in (c), above, or elects not to retain title; provided that the National Park Service may only request title within 60 days after learning of the failure of the Recipient to disclose or elect within the specified times.

(2) In those countries in which the Recipient fails to file patent applications within the times specified in (c) above; provided, however, that if the Recipient has filed a patent application in a country after the times specified in (c) above, but prior to its receipt of the written request of the National Park Service, the Recipient shall continue to retain title in that country.

(3) In any country in which the Recipient decides not to continue the prosecution of any application for, to pay the maintenance fees on, or defend in reexamination or opposition proceeding on, a patent on a subject invention.

(e) Minimum Rights to Recipient and Protection of the Recipient Right to File

(1) The Recipient will retain a nonexclusive royalty-free license throughout the world in each subject invention to which the Government obtains title, except if the Recipient fails to disclose the invention within the times specified in (c), above. The Recipient's license extends to its domestic subsidiary and affiliates, if any, within the corporate structure of which the Recipient is a party and includes the right to grant sublicenses of the same scope to the extent the Recipient was legally obligated to do so at the time the agreement was awarded. The license is transferable only with the approval of the National Park Service except when transferred to the successor of that party of the Recipient's business to which the invention pertains.

(2) The Recipient's domestic license may be revoked or modified by the National Park Service to the extent necessary to achieve expeditious practical application of the subject invention pursuant to an application for an exclusive license submitted in accordance with applicable provisions at 37 CFR part 404 and the National Park Service licensing regulations (if any). This license will not be revoked in that field of use or the geographical areas in which the Recipient has achieved practical application and continues to make the benefits of the invention reasonably accessible to the public. The license in any foreign country may be revoked or modified at the discretion of the National Park Service to the extent the Recipient, its licensees, or the domestic subsidiaries or affiliates have failed to achieve practical application in that foreign country.

(3) Before revocation or modification of the license, the National Park Service will furnish the Recipient a written notice of its intention to revoke or modify the license, and the Recipient will be allowed thirty days (or such other time as may

be authorized by the National Park Service for good cause shown by the Recipient) after the notice to show cause why the license should not be revoked or modified. The Recipient has the right to appeal, in accordance with applicable regulations in 37 CFR part 404 and National Park Service regulations (if any) concerning the licensing of Government-owned inventions, any decision concerning the revocation or modification of the license.

(f) Recipient Action to Protect the Government's Interest

(1) The Recipient agrees to execute or to have executed and promptly deliver to the National Park Service all instruments necessary to

(i) establish or confirm the rights the Government has throughout the world in those subject inventions to which the Recipient elects to retain title, and
(ii) convey title to the National Park Service when requested under paragraph (d) above and to enable the government to obtain patent protection throughout the world in that subject invention.

(2) The Recipient agrees to require, by written agreement, its employees, other than clerical and non-technical employees, to disclose promptly in writing to personnel identified as responsible for the administration of patent matters and in a format suggested by the Recipient each subject invention made under agreement in order that the Recipient can comply with the disclosure provisions of paragraph (c), above, and to execute all papers necessary to file patent applications on subject inventions and to establish the government's rights in the subject inventions. This disclosure format should require, as a minimum, the information required by (c)(1), above. The Recipient shall instruct such employees through employee agreements or other suitable educational programs on the importance of reporting inventions in sufficient time to permit the filing of patent applications prior to U.S. or foreign statutory bars.

(3) The Recipient will notify the National Park Service of any decisions not to continue the prosecution of a patent application, pay maintenance fees, or defend in a reexamination or opposition proceeding on a patent, in any country, not less than thirty days before the expiration of the response period required by the relevant patent office.

(4) The Recipient agrees to include, within the specification of any United States patent applications and any patent issuing thereon covering a subject invention, the following statement, “This invention was made with government support under (identify the agreement) awarded by (identify the Federal agency). The government has certain rights in the invention.”

(g) Subcontracts. The Recipient will include this provision, suitably modified to identify the parties, in all sub-agreements or subcontracts, regardless of tier, for experimental,

developmental or research work. The sub-recipient or subcontractor will retain all rights provided for the Recipient in this provision, and the Recipient will not, as part of the consideration for awarding the sub-agreement or subcontract, obtain rights in the sub-recipient's or subcontractor's subject inventions.

(h) Reporting on Utilization of Subject Inventions. The Recipient agrees to submit on request periodic reports no more frequently than annually on the utilization of a subject invention or on efforts at obtaining such utilization that are being made by the Recipient or its licensees or assignees. Such reports shall include information regarding the status of development, date of first commercial sale or use, gross royalties received by the Recipient, and such other data and information as the National Park Service may reasonably specify. The Recipient also agrees to provide additional reports as may be requested by the National Park Service in connection with any march-in proceeding undertaken by the National Park Service in accordance with paragraph (j) of this provision. As required by 35 U.S.C. 202(c)(5), the National Park Service agrees it will not disclose such information to persons outside the government without permission of the Recipient.

(i) Preference for United States Industry. Notwithstanding any other part of this provision, the Recipient agrees that neither it nor any assignee will grant to any person the exclusive right to use or sell any subject inventions in the United States unless such person agrees that any products embodying the subject invention or produced through the use of the subject invention will be manufactured substantially in the United States. However, in individual cases, the requirement for such an agreement may be waived by the National Park Service upon a showing by the Recipient or its assignee that reasonable but unsuccessful efforts have been made to grant licenses on similar terms to potential licensees that would be likely to manufacture substantially in the United States or that under the circumstances domestic manufacture is not commercially feasible.

(j) March-in Rights. The Recipient agrees that with respect to any subject invention in which it has acquired title, the National Park Service has the right in accordance with the procedures in 37 CFR 401.6 and any supplemental regulations of the National Park Service to require the Recipient, an assignee or exclusive licensee of a subject invention to grant a nonexclusive, partially exclusive, or exclusive license in any field of use to a responsible applicant or applicants, upon terms that are reasonable under the circumstances, and if the Recipient, assignee, or exclusive licensee refuses such a request the National Park Service has the right to grant such a license itself if the National Park Service determines that:

(1) Such action is necessary because the Recipient or assignee has not taken or is not expected to take within a reasonable time, effective steps to achieve practical application of the subject invention in such field of use.

(2) Such action is necessary to alleviate health or safety needs, which are not reasonably satisfied by the Recipient, assignee, or their licensees.

(3) Such action is necessary to meet requirements for public use specified by Federal regulations and such requirements are not reasonably satisfied by the Recipient, assignee, or licensees; or

(4) Such action is necessary because the agreement required by paragraph (i) of this provision has not been obtained or waived or because a licensee of the exclusive right to use or sell any subject invention in the United States is in breach of such agreement.

(k) Special Provisions for Agreements with Nonprofit Organizations.

If the Recipient is a nonprofit organization, it agrees that:

(1) Rights to a subject invention in the United States may not be assigned without the approval of the National Park Service, except where such assignment is made to an organization which has as one of its primary functions the management of inventions, provided that such assignee will be subject to the same provisions as the Recipient;

(2) The Recipient will share royalties collected on a subject invention with the inventor, including Federal employee co-inventors (when the National Park Service deems it appropriate) when the subject invention is assigned in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 202(e) and 37 CFR 401.10;

(3) The balance of any royalties or income earned by the Recipient with respect to subject inventions, after payment of expenses (including payments to inventors) incidental to the administration of subject inventions, will be utilized for the support of scientific research or education; and

(4) It will make efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to attract licensees of subject invention that are small business firms and that it will give a preference to a small business firm when licensing a subject invention if the Recipient determines that the small business firm has a plan or proposal for marketing the invention which, if executed, is equally as likely to bring the invention to practical application as any plans or proposals from applicants that are not small business firms; provided, that the Recipient is also satisfied that the small business firm has the capability and resources to carry out its plan or proposal. The decision whether to give a preference in any specific case will be at the discretion of the Recipient. However, the Recipient agrees that the National Park Service may review the Recipient's licensing program and decisions regarding small business applicants, and the Recipient will negotiate changes to its licensing policies, procedures, or practices with the National Park Service when this review discloses that the Recipient could take reasonable steps to implement more effectively the requirements of this paragraph (k)(4).

(l) Communication. Communications regarding matters relating to this provision shall be directed to the Deputy Associate Solicitor, Branch of Procurements and Patents, Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

11. ENSURING THE FUTURE IS MADE IN ALL OF AMERICA BY ALL OF AMERICA'S WORKERS PER E.O. 14005 (dated January 25, 2021)

Per Executive Order 14005, entitled "Ensuring the Future Is Made in All of America by All of America's Workers" the Recipient shall maximize the use of goods, products, and materials produced in, and services offered in, the United States, and whenever possible, procure goods, products, materials, and services from sources that will help American businesses compete in strategic industries and help America's workers thrive.

12. SECTION 508 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 (29 U.S.C. §794 (d))

While the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794d), do not apply to financial assistance agreements, the NPS is subject to the Act's requirements that all documents posted on an NPS, or NPS-hosted website comply with the accessibility standards of the Act. Accordingly, final deliverable reports prepared under this agreement and submitted in electronic format must be submitted in a format whereby NPS can easily meet the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. *NOTE: Progress Reports and financial reports are not considered final deliverables and therefore the following requirements do not apply.*

All electronic documents prepared under this Agreement must meet the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The Act requires that all electronic products prepared for the Federal Government be accessible to persons with disabilities, including those with vision, hearing, cognitive, and mobility impairments. View Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, Standards and Guidelines for detailed information.

The following summarizes some of the requirements for preparing NPS reports in conformance with Section 508 for eventual posting by NPS to an NPS-sponsored website. For specific detailed guidance and checklists for creating accessible digital content, please go to Section 508.gov, Create Accessible Digital Products. All accessible digital content must conform to the requirements and techniques of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 or later, Level AA Success Criteria.

a. Electronic documents with images
Provide a text equivalent for every non-text element (including photographs, charts, and equations) in all publications prepared in electronic format. Use descriptions such as "alt" and "longdesc" for all non-text images or place them in element content. For all documents prepared, vendors must prepare one standard HTML format as described in this statement of work AND one text format that

includes descriptions for all non-text images. "Text equivalent" means text sufficient to reasonably describe the image. Images that are merely decorative require only a very brief "text equivalent" description. However, images that convey information that is important to the content of the report require text sufficient to reasonably describe that image and its purpose within the context of the report.

b. Electronic documents with complex charts or data tables
When preparing tables that are heavily designed, prepare adequate alternate information so that assistive technologies can read them out. Identify row and column headers for data tables. Provide the information in a non-linear form. Markups will be used to associate data cells and header cells for data tables that have two or more logical levels of row and column headers.

c. Electronic documents with forms
When electronic forms are designed to be completed on-line, the form will allow people using assistive technology to access the information, field elements, and functionality required for completion and submission of the form, including all directions and cues.

13. ANTI–DEFICIENCY ACT

Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. §1341 nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as binding the NPS to expend in any one fiscal year any sum in excess of appropriations made by Congress, for the purposes of this Agreement for that fiscal year, or other obligation for the further expenditure of money in excess of such appropriations.

14. ASSIGNMENT

No part of this Agreement shall be assigned to any other party without prior written approval of the NPS and the Assignee.

15. MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Pursuant to 41 U.S.C. § 22, no Member of Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of any contract or agreement made, entered into, or adopted by or on behalf of the United States, or to any benefit to arise thereupon.

16. AGENCY

The Recipient is not an agent or representative of the United States, the Department of the Interior, NPS, or the Park, nor will the Recipient represent itself as such to third parties. NPS employees are not agents of the Recipient and will not act on behalf of the Recipient.

17. NON-EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT

This Agreement in no way restricts the Recipient or NPS from entering into similar agreements, or participating in similar activities or arrangements, with other public or private agencies, organizations, or individuals.

18. PARTIAL INVALIDITY

If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any party or circumstance shall, to any extent, be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement or the application of such provision to the parties or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby and each provision of this Agreement shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

19. NO EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP

This Agreement is not intended to and shall not be construed to create an employment relationship between NPS and Recipient or its representatives. No representative of Recipient shall perform any function or make any decision properly reserved by law or policy to the Federal government.

20. NO THIRD-PARTY RIGHTS

This Agreement creates enforceable obligations between only NPS and Recipient. Except as expressly provided herein, it is not intended, nor shall it be construed to create any right of enforcement by or any duties or obligation in favor of persons or entities not a party to this Agreement.

21. PROGRAM INCOME

If the Recipient earns program income, as defined in 2 CFR §200.1, during the period of performance of this agreement, to the extent available the Recipient must disburse funds available from program income, and interest earned on such funds, before requesting additional cash payments (2 CFR§200.305 (5)). As allowed under 2 CFR §200.307, program income may be added to the Federal award by the Federal agency and Recipient. The program income must be used for costs incurred during the period of performance or allowable closeout costs. Disposition of program income remaining after the end of the period of performance shall be negotiated as part of the agreement closeout process.

22. RIGHTS IN DATA

The Recipient must grant the United States of America a royalty–free, non–exclusive and irrevocable license to publish, reproduce and use, and dispose of in any manner and for any purpose without limitation, and to authorize or ratify publication, reproduction or use by others, of all copyrightable material first produced or composed under this Agreement

by the Recipient, its employees or any individual or concern specifically employed or assigned to originate and prepare such material.

23. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

(a) Applicability.

1. This section intends to ensure that non-Federal entities and their employees take appropriate steps to avoid conflicts of interest in their responsibilities under or with respect to Federal financial assistance agreements.

2. In the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction, and services by recipients and by subrecipients, the conflict-of-interest provisions in 2 CFR 200.318 apply.

(b) Requirements.

1. Non-Federal entities must avoid prohibited conflicts of interest, including any significant financial interests that could cause a reasonable person to question the recipient's ability to provide impartial, technically sound, and objective performance under or with respect to a Federal financial assistance agreement.
2. In addition to any other prohibitions that may apply with respect to conflicts of interest, no key official of an actual or proposed recipient or subrecipient, who is substantially involved in the proposal or project, may have been a former Federal employee who, within the last one (1) year, participated personally and substantially in the evaluation, award, or administration of an award with respect to that recipient or subrecipient or in development of the requirement leading to the funding announcement.

3. No actual or prospective recipient or subrecipient may solicit, obtain, or use non-public information regarding the evaluation, award, or administration of an award to that recipient or subrecipient or the development of a Federal financial assistance opportunity that may be of competitive interest to that recipient or subrecipient.

(c) Notification.

1. Non-Federal entities, including applicants for financial assistance awards, must disclose in writing any conflict of interest to the DOI awarding agency or pass-through entity in accordance with 2 CFR 200.112, Conflicts of interest.

(d) Recipients must establish internal controls that include, at a minimum, procedures to identify, disclose, and mitigate or eliminate identified conflicts of interest. The recipient is responsible for notifying the Financial Assistance Officer in writing of

any conflicts of interest that may arise during the life of the award, including those that have been reported by subrecipients. Restrictions on Lobbying. Non-Federal entities are strictly prohibited from using funds under this grant or cooperative agreement for lobbying activities and must provide the required certifications and disclosures pursuant to 43 CFR Part 18 and 31 USC 1352.

(e) Review Procedures. The Financial Assistance Officer will examine each conflict-of-interest disclosure on the basis of its particular facts and the nature of the proposed grant or cooperative agreement and will determine whether a significant potential conflict exists and, if it does, develop an appropriate means for resolving it.

(f) Enforcement. Failure to resolve conflicts of interest in a manner that satisfies the Government may be cause for termination of the award. Failure to make required disclosures may result in any of the remedies described in 2 CFR 200.338, Remedies for Noncompliance, including suspension or debarment (see also 2 CFR Part 180).

24. BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA

Pursuant to 2 CFR Part 184 – Buy America Preferences for Infrastructure Projects. None of the funds under an award may be obligated for an infrastructure project unless all the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the U.S., unless subject to an approved waiver. This part applies to an entire infrastructure project even if funded by Federal and non-Federal funds under one or more awards. Recipients must include this preference in all subawards, contracts, and purchase orders related to infrastructure projects under Federal awards.

The Buy America preference only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought to the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a Buy America preference apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.

For further information on the Buy America preference, please visit "Buy America" Domestic Sourcing Guidance and Waiver Process for DOI Financial Assistance Agreements | U.S. Department of the Interior. Additional information can also be found at the White House Made in America Office website: Made In America | OMB | The White House.

Waivers
There may be instances where an award qualifies, in whole or in part, for an existing DOI general applicability waiver as described at: Approved DOI General Applicability Waivers | U.S. Department of the Interior.

When necessary, recipients may apply for, and the Department of the Interior (DOI) may grant, a waiver from these requirements, subject to review by the Made in America Office. If a general applicability waiver does not already apply, a request to waive the application of the domestic content procurement preference may be submitted to the Financial Assistance Awarding Officer in writing. Waiver request submission requirements are described at: "Buy America" Domestic Sourcing Guidance and Waiver Process for DOI Financial Assistance Agreements | U.S. Department of the Interior.

Questions pertaining to waivers should be directed to the *Financial Assistance Awarding Officer*.

Definitions

The definitions applicable to this term are set forth at 2 CFR §184.3, the full text of which is incorporated by reference. For additional legal definitions and sourcing requirements, the recipient must consult the "Buy America" Domestic Sourcing Guidance and Waiver Process for DOI Financial Assistance Agreements | U.S. Department of the Interior, 2 CFR Part 184, and the OMB Memorandum M-24-02, Implementation Guidance on Application of Buy America Preference in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure.

25. SIGNATURES

Recipients are NOT required to sign the Notice of Financial Assistance Award letter or any other award document. As per DOI standard award terms and conditions, the recipient's acceptance of a financial assistance award is defined as the start of work, drawing down funds, or accepting the award via electronic means.

26. EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR SERCRETARY ORDERS

Recipients must comply with all applicable Presidential Executive Orders found at: https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/ and all applicable DOI Secretary's Orders found at: https://www.doi.gov/document-library/secretary-order that are in effect at the time of award, or that may take effect during the period of performance of the award.

LWCF

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

State and Local Assistance Programs

37-01103, Deaverview Mountain (Buncombe County) Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina

Proposed Federal Action

Approval of a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant to partially fund grant number 37-01103, Deaverview Mountain (Buncombe County), which includes acquiring approximately 345 acres of property to create a passive public park.

Categorical Exclusion

This grant has been environmentally certified F(2) which states: "Grants for acquisition of areas that will continue in the same or lower density use with no additional disturbance to the natural setting. [516 DM 12.5F(2)]"

No extraordinary circumstances apply.

Executive Order 14154, Unleashing American Energy (Jan. 20, 2025), and a Presidential Memorandum, Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity (Jan. 21, 2025), require the Department to strictly adhere to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 et seq. Further, such Order and Memorandum repeal Executive Orders 12898 (Feb. 11, 1994) and 14096 (Apr. 21, 2023). Because Executive Orders 12898 and 14096 have been repealed, complying with such Orders is a legal impossibility. The NPS verifies that it has complied with the requirements of NEPA, including the Department's regulations and procedures implementing NEPA at 43 C.F.R. Part 46 and Part 516 of the Departmental Manual, consistent with the President's January 2025 Order and Memorandum

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Supervisory Compliance Officer
Competitive Programs
Land and Water Conservation Fund
National Park Service

Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program Recommended Budget Narrative Format (5-Page limit)

Budget must agree with budget information in the SF424, *Application for Federal Assistance*, and 424C, *Budget Information for Construction Programs.* **Each category must be broken down detailed items to determine eligibility and reasonableness of individual cost** (insert lines under each category as needed).

Cost Categories –	Unit of Measure & # of Units	Cost Per Unit	Federal Share	Match Share	Total Cost	If Pre-Agreement Cost - Dates Incurred	$ subject to 25% budget cost restrictions
1. Administration and Legal expenses							
2. Land, Structures, Rights-of-Way, Appraisals							
Land Acquisition	Lump sum	$8,950,000	$4,475,000	$4,475,000	$8,950,000	0	0
3. Relocation Expenses and Payments (N/A)							
4. Architectural and Engineering Fees (N/A)							
5. Other Architectural and Engineering Fees (N/A)							
6. Project Inspection Fees (N/A)							
7. Site Work (N/A)							
8. Demolition and Removal (N/A)							
9. Construction (N/A)							
10. Equipment (N/A)							
11. Miscellaneous * (N/A)							
12. Contingencies ** (N/A)							
13. Indirect Costs (N/A)							
GRAND TOTAL		**$ 8,950,000**	**$4,475,000**	**$4,475,000**	**$8,950,000**		

*If tribal monitoring costs are expected, they must be included under “miscellaneous costs,” additional federal funds to help cover these costs may not be requested after the application is submitted.

2 CFR 200 states the contingency amounts "must be estimated using broadly accepted cost estimating methodologies, specified in the budget documentation of the Federal award." **The applicant must, using their 424C cost categories, state what the contingencies are under each category and note how each was determined; typically, contingencies are not the same rate for all cost categories. Please also identify who determined these rates, such as a city estimator. If it is an engineer/architect, documentation that they are licensed and attest to the contingency rates must be included with the application.

List Each Matching Share Contributor. Each entry must have a corresponding signed and dated letter of support stating their commitment of the contribution (this includes a letter from the project sponsor if it is a contributing match).

Matching Share Contributors (Name and funding source):	Match Amount/Value	Type (cash, donated land, etc.)	Is Match Secure or firmly committed. If committed, list date expected to be secured.
North Carolina Land and Water Fund	$4,250,000	Cash	Firmly Committed, secured prior to closing (est. 03/2026)
Private Philanthropic Donor	$ 225,000	Cash	Firmly Committed, secured prior to closing (est. 03/2026)
GRAND TOTAL	**$4,475,000**		

On remaining pages provide the information required within the Budget Narrative under **Criterion 6 – Project Feasibility and Likelihood of Success (20 points)**

The total project value of $8,950,000 is an estimate. Folded into this purchase price is interest and other holding costs that will increase over time. Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy (SAHC) may incur additional interest after acquisition of the land until it is sold to Buncombe County. The timing of that transfer is uncertain and may take one or more years after SAHC purchases the land.

The private philanthropic donor approved $225,000 in acquisition funds for this project in December 2022. This was the first funding source that leveraged the state funds described below.

The North Carolina Land and Water Fund grant was awarded to SAHC in September 2023. The effective date of the grant contract is March 8, 2024 and it expires on May 31, 2026. The grant includes $4,250,000 towards land acquisition and $122,130 in transaction costs.