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TO: Cass County Commission

FROM: Jim Prochniak, Cass County Emergency Manager

DATE: 9/20/2023

SUBJECT: Grant Award for Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Cass County Emergency Management has received hazard mitigation grant-funding approval for the county multi-hazard mitigation plan update. The total project cost is \$111,764.71, including a 15% local funding match of \$16,764.71, which we intend to meet with in-kind services. Cass County Commission initially agreed to participate in the grant match and mitigation plan update on January 3, 2023.

Emergency Management solicited multiple contractor proposals to manage the plan update and selected KLJ Engineering & Planning. The grant will provide funding for the contracted services to manage the project and complete the mitigation plan update.

Cass County Emergency Management requests the commission's approval to:

- Accept the grant and allow Cass County Emergency Manager Jim Prochniak to sign the grant agreement to begin the mitigation plan update.
- Create the necessary budget account for proper audit tracking of grant funding.

Suggested motion: Accept the grant agreement as written and allow the Cass County Emergency Manager to sign and accept the grant agreement.

Attachments:

1. Hazard Mitigation Grant Agreement
2. KLJ Project Proposal



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DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

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CFDA Title and Number: Disaster Grants – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, 97.039

Disaster Declaration Number: FEMA-4660-DR-ND

Subgrantee: Cass County

Project Number: 2P – Cass County MHMP Update

**Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Subgrant Agreement
for
FEMA-DR-4660-ND**

This Agreement is between the State of North Dakota, Department of Emergency Services (Grantee) and, the undersigned state agency, political subdivision of the state, private nonprofit organization, or federally recognized Tribal Nation or authorized tribal organization (Subgrantee). This Agreement is based on the existence of the following facts and conditions:

- A. WHEREAS, on July 13, 2022, President Joseph Biden issued a major disaster declaration (FEMA-DR-4660-ND) for the State of North Dakota. The declaration authorized Public Assistance, as well as federal monies under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for counties designated eligible in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-State Agreement; and
- B. WHEREAS, the Grantee represents that it is fully qualified and eligible to receive these grant funds to provide the services identified herein and agrees to comply with all the requirements of this Agreement; and
- C. WHEREAS, pursuant to the North Dakota Disaster Act of 1985 as amended, the Grantee has authority to administer federal financial assistance from the FEMA consequent to a presidential declaration of disaster.
- D. WHEREAS, the Subgrantee has submitted an application, which is incorporated herein by reference, to the Grantee setting forth a list of activities (herein referred to individually as

“Project”). The Grantee and FEMA have approved the Project along with any exceptions that have been made prior to signing of this agreement.

- E. WHEREAS, Subgrantee has the legal authority to accept mitigation funds and shall provide all necessary financial and managerial resources to meet the terms and conditions of receiving federal and state mitigation funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Grantee and Subgrantee, based upon the existence of the foregoing conditions, do further agree to the following:

ARTICLE I. Definitions. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings unless another meaning is specified elsewhere:

- A. "Eligible activities" are those activities authorized in the FEMA-State Agreement, and in the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended, 42 U.S.C §§ 5121-5207 (Stafford Act); in accordance with 44 CFR § 206.44; and applicable policies of the FEMA.
- B. "FEMA-State Agreement" is the agreement dated September 30, 2020, between the FEMA and the State of North Dakota, for a presidential major disaster declaration designated FEMA-4660-DR.

ARTICLE II. Applicable Law. The parties agree to all the conditions, obligations, and duties imposed by the FEMA-State Agreement and all applicable state and federal legal requirements including, without any limitation on the generality of the foregoing, the requirements of Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part(s) 13, 80, and 206, and the policies of the FEMA. The Subgrantee further agrees to comply with the Statement of Assurances attached hereto as Attachment B.

ARTICLE III. Funding and Insurance. Grantee shall provide funds to the Subgrantee for eligible activities for the project approved by the Grantee and the FEMA, as specified in Attachment A – Approved Project Data. The federal allowable costs shall be determined as per 44 CFR Part(s) 13 and 206, which shall be up to seventy-five percent of all eligible costs.

- A. The approved project documentation shall be transmitted to Subgrantee, and shall state the cumulative funding allowed, the scope of the eligible project, and the costs eligible under this Agreement. Amendments may obligate or deobligate funding, thereby amending the total funding for the project. The approved project documentation shall document the total eligible costs and the total federal share of those costs, which shall be seventy-five percent of all eligible costs. Contingent upon an appropriation by the State Legislature, the Grantee may provide some portion of any nonfederal share for some sub grantees. As a condition of receipt of the federal funding, the Subgrantee agrees to provide any nonfederal share not paid by the Grantee.
- B. If the Subgrantee is required to repay the Grantee funds already disbursed by the Grantee, the Subgrantee will have 60 days to reimburse the full amount. If Subgrantee has not reimbursed the grantee the full amount within the 60 days, the Grantee will have all the rights and remedies available to them by law; including, but not limited to, the withhold of future fund disbursement to off-set amount due to Grantee.
- C. As a further condition to funding under this Agreement, the Subgrantee agrees to procure insurance sufficient for the type or types of hazards for which the disaster was declared to cover any and all projects to be funded under this Agreement where insurance is available and reasonable. Subgrantee shall provide Grantee with a certificate of such insurance as a condition to funding under this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV. Duplication of Benefits Prohibition. Subgrantee may not receive funding under this Agreement to pay for damage covered by insurance, nor may Subgrantee receive any other duplicate benefits under this Agreement.

- A. Without delay, Subgrantee shall advise Grantee of any insurance coverage for the damage identified on the applicable project application and of any entitlement to compensation or indemnification from such insurance. All such duplicate benefits are “ineligible costs” which the Subgrantee shall reimburse to the Grantee without delay. The Subgrantee shall also reimburse the Grantee if the Subgrantee receives any duplicate benefits from any other source for any damage identified on the applicable project application for which Subgrantee has received payment from Grantee.
- B. In the event that Grantee should determine that Subgrantee has received duplicate benefits, by its execution of this Agreement the Subgrantee gives Grantee the authority to set off the sum of any such duplicate benefits by withholding it from any other funds otherwise due and owing to Subgrantee, or to use such remedies available at law or equity to the repayment of said sums to Grantee.

ARTICLE V. Compliance with Environmental, Planning and Permitting Laws. Subgrantee shall be responsible for the implementation and completion of the approved projects described in Attachment A – Approved Project Data, in a manner acceptable to Grantee, and in accordance with applicable legal requirements. The contract documents for any project undertaken by Subgrantee, and any land use permitted by or engaged in by Subgrantee, shall be consistent with the local ordinances and State law. Subgrantee shall ensure that any development or development order complies with all applicable planning, permitting and building requirements. Subgrantee shall engage such competent, properly licensed engineering, building, and other technical and professional assistance at all project sites as may be needed to ensure that the project complies with the contract documents.

ARTICLE VI. Subgrantee Risk Assessment. As required by 2 CFR § 200.331 NDDDES will complete a Financial Assistance Recipient Risk Assessment rating form for every subgrantee receiving an award to evaluate their potential risk of non-compliance. Subgrantees will be evaluated on factors such as their prior experience with the same or similar subawards, results of previous audits including whether or not they received a Single Audit and the extent to which the same or similar subaward has been audited as a major program; if they have new personnel or new or substantially changed systems, and the extent and results of Federal awarding agency monitoring.

A Risk Assessment will be completed immediately prior to executing this Subgrant Agreement. All new and existing active subgrantees will be rated upon new disaster and program funding opportunities. The Business Manager will work with the State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO) or assigned staff, to jointly complete the risk assessment and score subgrantees, as applicable. Results of the Risk Assessment may result in the imposition of specific conditions as allowed in 2 CFR § 200.207, and will be identified within Attachment D of this Subgrant Agreement.

Every January, or as needed, NDDDES will re-evaluate all subgrantee Risk Assessments. Based on overall compliance with project requirements and any issues noticed therein, an updated Financial Assistance Recipient Risk Assessment will be completed and subgrantees can be upgraded or removed from low, medium or high risk status. If a subgrantee is non-compliant with the additional requirements of a subaward due to being considered high risk, the subaward and all federal and state monies can be deobligated at the request of NDDDES. Upon deobligation due to non-compliance, a subgrantee will be considered high risk in perpetuity.

ARTICLE VII. Required Documentation, Reviews, and Inspections. Subgrantee shall create and maintain documentation of work performed and costs incurred sufficient to permit a formal audit comporting with ordinary, customary and prudent public accounting requirements. Upon the failure of Subgrantee to create and maintain such documentation, Grantee may terminate further funding under this Agreement, and Subgrantee shall reimburse to Grantee (within 60 days) all payments disbursed earlier to Subgrantee, together with any and all accrued interest.

To ensure all State and Federal Standards are met, Grantee will conduct a physical inspection of all non-plan projects before a project is started and again before the project is closed.

Throughout the life of an approved project, Grantee will undertake a number of project monitoring activities to ensure successful completion of projects. Grantee will monitor and evaluate project accomplishments and adherence to the project work schedule. Through the review of Subgrantee quarterly reports mitigation staff will attempt to identify any potential problems in grant performance. If problems or concerns exist Grantee will contact Subgrantee to further research potential issues. Technical administration or program assistance may be offered or coordinated if required. In addition, mitigation staff will contact Subgrantee on an as needed basis to provide project management support and to aid in the successful completion and closeout of projects. If a project has not been completed and closed within 120 days of the project's period of performance Grantee will send a letter to the applicant that details project deadlines, includes instructions for project closeout, and gives instructions and deadlines for requesting a time extension if necessary.

For all projects, Subgrantee shall certify that: the project was completed in accordance with FEMA approvals; all required and allowable funds have been paid; all reported costs were incurred in the performance of eligible work; work was completed in compliance with the provisions of the FEMA-State Agreement; payments for the project were made in accordance with the existing requirements of Federal and State laws and regulations; no further requests for funding will be made; and there are no pending bills.

As required by 44 CFR Part 80.14 (d), for all acquisition and relocation projects, every 3 years the Subgrantee (in coordination with any current successor in interest) through the grantee, shall submit to the FEMA Regional Administrator a report certifying that the Subgrantee has inspected the property within the month preceding the report, and that the property continues to be maintained consistent with the provisions of 44 CFR Part 80, the property conveyance and the grant award.

ARTICLE VIII. Cost Sharing. The federal share of the eligible costs specified in Attachment A – Approved Project Data, under this Agreement shall be up to seventy five (75) percent of such costs, and the nonfederal share shall be the remaining amount. Payment of a specified portion of the nonfederal share of such costs is contingent upon a potential future State appropriation defining the apportionment of the nonfederal share. Subgrantee commits to meet any local matching funds required for successful project completion. Further, at the time of project application, Subgrantee must provide Grantee with a Resolution of Commitment from its authorized governing body. Subgrantee also certifies that any matching funds borne by the Subgrantee will come from a nonfederal source as required by 44 CFR § 13.24.

ARTICLE IX. Payment of Costs. Grantee shall disburse the eligible costs to Subgrantee in accordance with the following procedures:

- A. Following the receipt of a project reimbursement request (including supporting documentation in the way of invoices, contracts, force account labor and equipment schedules, and cancelled checks or vouchers), a payment will be issued for any funding that is eligible to be paid to the Subgrantee, as it becomes available. Payment authorizations

shall be calculated in accordance with the federal/non-federal cost share, and on the terms and conditions set forth in the FEMA/State Agreement and this agreement. Authorization for payment will include documentation to substantiate the amount of the authorization.

- B. Grantee may advance funds under this Agreement to Subgrantee up to 90 percent of the 75 percent federal share for projects other than Acquisition/Relocation/Elevation projects. Upon completion of the project, submission of the summary of documentation (cancelled checks, warrants, certified transaction reports, etc.) and final approval by FEMA, the remaining 10 percent share of the federal share and the appropriate state share will be paid. For Acquisition/Relocation/Elevations projects, all conditions for advances listed above shall apply except that the grantee may advance 100 percent of the federal share rather than 90 percent. Subgrantee must meet the following conditions to be eligible for an advance of funds:
 - 1. Subgrantee shall certify to Grantee that Subgrantee has procedures in place to ensure that funds are disbursed to project vendors, contractors, and subcontractors without unnecessary delay;
 - 2. Subgrantee shall submit to Grantee the budget supporting the request;
 - 3. Subgrantee shall submit a statement justifying the advance and the proposed use of the funds and specifying the amount of funds requested; and
 - 4. Subgrantee shall pay over to Grantee any interest earned on advances for remittance to the FEMA as often as practicable, but not later than ten (10) business days after the close of each calendar quarter.
- C. Grantee may, in its discretion, withhold its portion of the nonfederal share of funding under this Agreement from Subgrantee if Grantee has reason to expect a subsequent unfavorable determination by the FEMA that a previous disbursement of funds under this Agreement was improper.

ARTICLE X. Final Payment. Grantee shall disburse the final payment to Subgrantee upon the performance of the following conditions:

- A. Subgrantee shall have completed the project to the satisfaction of the Grantee;
- B. Subgrantee shall have submitted the documentation specified in Articles VI and VIII of this Agreement;
- C. Grantee shall have performed the final inspection;
- D. Subgrantee shall have requested final reimbursement.
- E. Subgrantee shall have requested project closeout by letter

ARTICLE XI. Records Maintenance. The funding of eligible costs under this Agreement and the performance of all other conditions shall be subject to the following requirements, in addition to such other and further requirements as may be imposed by operation of law:

- A. The “Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments,” as codified in 44 Code of Federal Regulations Part 13, as amended.
- B. Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-87, “Cost Principles for State and Local Governments,” as amended.
- C. Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-110, “Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Other Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Non-Profit Organizations,” as amended.
- D. Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-122, “Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations,” as amended.
- E. Subgrantee shall retain sufficient records to show its compliance with the terms of this Agreement, as well as the compliance of all subcontractors or consultants paid from funds under this Agreement for a period of three years from the date of formal notification from

the Grantee that FEMA has officially closed the disaster program. The Subgrantee shall allow the Grantee or its designee, the Comptroller General of the United States, FEMA, and the North Dakota State Auditor's Office, access to records upon request. The three year period may be extended for the following exceptions:

1. If any litigation, claim or audit is started before the three year period expires, and extend beyond the three year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings involving the records have been resolved.
 2. Records for the disposition of non-expendable personal property valued at \$5,000 or more at the time it is acquired shall be retained for five years after final disposition.
 3. Records relating to real property acquired shall be retained for five years after the closing on the transfer of title.
- F. The Subgrantee shall maintain all records for the Subgrantee and for all subcontractors or consultants to be paid from funds provided under this Agreement, including documentation of all program costs, in a form sufficient to determine compliance with the requirements and objectives under this Agreement and all other applicable laws and regulations.
- G. The Subgrantee, its employees or agents, including all subcontractors or consultants to be paid from funds provided under this Agreement, shall allow access to its records at reasonable times to the Grantee, its employees, and agents. "Reasonable" shall ordinarily mean during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., local time, on Monday through Friday. "Agents" shall include, but not be limited to, auditors retained by the Grantee.

ARTICLE XII. Reimbursement of Funds. If upon final inspection, final audit, or other review by Grantee, the FEMA or other authority determines that the disbursements to Subgrantee under this Agreement exceed the eligible costs, Subgrantee shall reimburse to Grantee the sum by which the total disbursements exceed the eligible costs within sixty (60) days from the date Subgrantee is notified of such determination. If Subgrantee has not reimbursed the grantee the full amount within the 60 days, the Grantee will have all the rights and remedies available to them by law; including, but not limited to, the withhold of future fund disbursement to off-set amount due to Grantee.

ARTICLE XIII. Repayment by Subgrantee. All refunds or repayments due to the Grantee under this Agreement are to be made payable to the order of "North Dakota Department of Emergency Services" and mailed directly to the following address: **PO Box 5511, Bismarck, ND, 58506.**

ARTICLE XIV. Audit.

- A. The Subgrantee agrees to maintain financial procedures and support documents, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, to account for the receipt and expenditure of funds under this Agreement.
- B. These records shall be available at all reasonable times for inspection, review, or audit by state personnel and other personnel duly authorized by the Grantee. "Reasonable" shall be construed according to circumstances, but ordinarily shall mean normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday.
- C. The Subgrantee shall also provide the Grantee or its designee with the records, reports or financial statements upon request for the purposes of auditing and monitoring the funds awarded under this Agreement.
- D. If a Subgrantee is a state or local government or a non-profits organization as defined in OMB Circular A-133, as revised, and if the Subgrantee expends \$750,000 or more, then the Subgrantee shall have a single or program specific audit conducted which meets the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984, 31 U.S.C. ss. 7501-7507, OMB Circular A-133 Part .200 for the purposes of auditing and monitoring the funds awarded under this

Agreement. In connection with the aforementioned audit requirement, the Subgrantee shall fulfill for auditee responsibilities as provided in Subpart C of OMB Circular A-133, as revised.

- E. If the Subgrantee spends less than \$750,000 in federal awards in its fiscal year, an audit conducted in accordance with the provision of OMB Circular A-133, as revised, is not required. In the event the Subgrantee expends less than \$750,000 in federal awards in its fiscal year and chooses to have an audit conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 Part .200, as revise, the cost of the audit must be paid from nonfederal funds.
- F. In the event the audit shows that the entire funds disbursed hereunder, or any portion thereof, were not spent in accordance with the conditions of this Agreement, the Subgrantee shall be held liable for reimbursement to the Grantee of all funds not spent in accordance with these applicable regulations and Agreement provisions within sixty (60) days after the Grantee has notified the Subgrantee of such non-compliance.
- G. If required, the audit is due nine (9) months after the end of the fiscal year of Subgrantee.
- H. If audit is conducted as required by subsection D. above, the Subgrantee shall submit the data collection form and one copy of the reporting package to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse at the following address: **Federal Audit Clearinghouse, Bureau of the Census, 1201 East 10th Street, Jeffersonville, IN 47132**. If the audit documents any finding or questioned costs, Subgrantee shall submit a copy of the reporting package to the State at the following address:

**ND Department of Emergency Services
PO Box 5511
Bismarck ND 58506**

ARTICLE XV. Noncompliance. If the Subgrantee violates this Agreement or any legislation, regulation, statute, rule or other legal requirement applicable to the performance of this Agreement, the Grantee may withhold any disbursement otherwise due Subgrantee for the project with respect to which the violation has occurred until the violation is cured or has otherwise come to final resolution. If the violation is not cured, Grantee may terminate this Agreement and invoke its remedies under the Agreement as per the Articles of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XVI. Nondiscrimination by Contractors. Pursuant to 44 CFR Parts 7 and 16, and 44 CFR Part 206.36, the Subgrantee shall undertake an active program of nondiscrimination in its administration of disaster assistance under this Agreement. Subgrantee shall also be subject to the requirements in the General Services Administrative Consolidated List of Debarred, Suspended and Ineligible Contractors, in accordance with 44 CFR Part 17.

ARTICLE XVII. Modification. A modification extending the time for completion of a project and any other modification shall be in writing. Modifications to any project to be funded under this Agreement may be requested by Subgrantee through Grantee, but the approval of any such modifications shall reside in the sole discretion of the FEMA. Any approved modification to a project shall be noted in an amendment to the project and in any amendment to this Agreement. If otherwise allowed under this Agreement, any extension shall be in writing and shall be subject to the same terms and conditions as those set out in the initial Agreement.

ARTICLE XVIII. Period of Performance (POP). The POP is the period of time during which the Grantee is expected to complete all grant activities and to incur and expend approved funds. The POP begins on the date that the grant is awarded and ends no later than 36 months from the award of the final subgrant under the grant. The POP termination date is established by the subgrant with the latest completion date.

FEMA will not establish activity completion timeframes for individual subgrants. Grantees are responsible for ensuring that all approved activities are completed by the end of the grant POP.

ARTICLE XIX. Contracts with Others. If the Subgrantee contracts with any other contractor or vendor for performance of all or any portion of the work required under this Agreement, the Subgrantee shall incorporate into its contract with such contractor or vendor an indemnification clause holding Grantee and Subgrantee harmless from liability to third parties for claims asserted under such contract. The Subgrantee shall also document in the quarterly report the subcontractor's progress in performing its work under this Agreement.

ARTICLE XX. Termination. Either of the parties may terminate this Agreement by notice in writing. Such termination shall take effect thirty (30) days after the date of such notice. Such termination shall not affect the rights, interests, duties or responsibilities of either of the parties or any allowable costs that have accrued as of the date of the notice of termination.

ARTICLE XXI. Liability. Grantee assumes no liability to third parties in connection with this agreement. The Subgrantee shall be solely responsible to any and all contractors, vendors, and other parties with whom it contracts in performing this Agreement. Unless the Subgrantee is a political subdivision under NDCC 32-12.2-13, the Subgrantee shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless Grantee from claims asserted by third parties in connection with the performance of this Agreement. Contractors hired by a Subgrantee, including political subdivisions, shall be required to agree in writing to defend, indemnify and hold the State of North Dakota harmless for any claims arising out the contractor's or any subcontractor's performance under the agreement. For the purposes of this Agreement, the Grantee and Subgrantee agree that neither one is an employee or agent of the other, but that each one stands as an independent entity in relation to one another. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver by the Grantee or Subgrantee of any legal immunity, nor shall anything in this Agreement be construed as consent by either of the parties to be sued by third parties in connection with any matter arising from the performance of this Agreement. Subgrantee represents to the best of its knowledge any hazardous substances at its projected site or sites are present in quantities within statutory and regulatory limitations, and do not require remedial action under any federal, state or local legal requirements concerning such substances, Subgrantee further represents that the presence of any such substance or any condition at the site caused by the presence of any such substance shall be addressed in accordance with all applicable legal requirements.

ARTICLE XXII. Reports. Subgrantee shall provide Quarterly Reports to Grantee using forms provided by the Grantee for each specific project. The first Quarterly Report shall be due at such time as Subgrantee is notified. All subsequent Quarterly Reports shall be due no later than fifteen (15) days after each calendar quarter through final inspection. Quarterly Reports shall indicate the anticipated completion date for each project, together with any other circumstances that may affect the completion date, the scope of work, the project costs, or any other factors that may affect compliance with this Agreement. Interim inspections may be scheduled by Subgrantee before the final inspection, and may be required by Grantee based on information supplied in the Quarterly Reports. Grantee may require additional reports as needed, and Subgrantee shall provide any additional reports requested by Grantee as soon as practicable.

ARTICLE XXIII. Monitoring. The Subgrantee shall monitor its performance under this Agreement, as well as that of its subcontractors, Subgrantees and consultants who are paid from funds provided under this Agreement, to ensure that performance under this Agreement are achieved and satisfactorily performed and in compliance with applicable state and federal laws and rules.

In addition to reviews of audits conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, as revised, monitoring procedures may include, but not be limited to, on-site visits by Grantee staff, limited scope audits as defined by OMB Circular A-133, as revised, and/or other procedures. By entering into this Agreement, the Subgrantee agrees to comply and cooperate with all monitoring procedures/processes deemed appropriate by the Grantee. In the event that the Grantee determines that a limited scope audit of the Subgrantee is appropriate, the Subgrantee agrees to comply with any additional instructions provided by the Grantee to the Subgrantee regarding such audit. The Subgrantee further agrees to comply and cooperate with any inspections, reviews, investigations or audits deemed necessary by the Comptroller or Auditor General. In addition, the Grantee will monitor the performance and financial management by the Subgrantee throughout the contract term to ensure timely completion of all tasks.

ARTICLE XXIV. Mandated Conditions. Subgrantee agrees to the following conditions:

- A. The performance and obligation of Grantee to pay under this Agreement is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature.
- B. Bills for fees or other compensation for services or expenses must be submitted in detail sufficient for a proper pre-audit and post-audit.
- C. Grantee may unilaterally terminate this Agreement for refusal by the Subgrantee or its contractors or subcontractors to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters or other material that are made or received by Subgrantee or its contractors and subcontractors in connection with this Agreement.
- D. Subgrantee agrees that no funds or other resources received from the Grantee disbursed to it under this Agreement will be used directly or indirectly to influence legislation or any other official action by the North Dakota Legislature or any state agency.
- E. Subgrantee certifies that it possesses the legal authority to receive the funds under this Agreement and that its governing body (if applicable) has authorized the execution and acceptance of this Agreement. The Subgrantee also certifies that the undersigned person has the authority to legally execute and bind Subgrantee to the terms of this Agreement.
- F. Subgrantee agrees that responsibility for compliance with this Agreement rests with Subgrantee, and further agrees that noncompliance with this Agreement shall be cause for the rescission, suspension or termination of funding under this Agreement, and may affect eligibility for funding under future Subgrantee Agreements.
- G. The Grantee will not intentionally award publicly-funded contracts to any contractor who knowingly employs unauthorized alien workers, constituting a violation of the employment provisions contained in 8 U.S.C. Section 1324a(e) [Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (“INA”)]. The Department shall consider the employment by any contractor of unauthorized aliens a violation of Section 274A (e) of the INA. Such violation by the Subgrantee of the employment provisions contained in Section 274A (e) of the INA shall be grounds for unilateral cancellation of this Agreement by the Department.
- H. A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime or on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with a public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of Category Two for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list or on the discriminatory vendor list.
- I. The Subgrantee agrees to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336, 42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq.), if applicable, which prohibits discrimination by

public and private entities on the basis of disability in the areas of employment, public accommodations, transportation, State and local government services, and in telecommunications.

- J. With respect to any Subgrantee which is not a local government or state agency, and which receives funds under this Agreement from the federal government, by signing this Agreement, the Subgrantee certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
1. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by a federal department or agency;
 2. have not, within a five-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for:
 - a) the commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state or local) transaction or contract under public transaction.
 - b) violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property.
 - c) have not within a five-year period preceding this Agreement had one or more public transactions (federal, state or local) terminated for cause or default.

Where the Subgrantee is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such Subgrantee shall attach an explanation to this Agreement. In addition, the Subgrantee shall submit to the Grantee (by email or facsimile) the completed "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion" for each prospective subcontractor which Subgrantee intends to fund under this Agreement. See Attachment C. Such form must be received by the Grantee prior to the Subgrantee entering into a contract with any prospective subcontractor.

- K. The validity of this Agreement is subject to the truth and accuracy of all the information, representations, and materials submitted or provided by the Subgrantee in this Agreement, in any subsequent submission or response to Grantee request, or in any submission or response to fulfill the requirements of this Agreement, and such information, representations, and materials are incorporated by reference. The lack of accuracy thereof or any material changes shall, at the option of the Department and with thirty (30) days written notice to the Subgrantee, cause the termination of this Agreement and the release of the Grantee from all its obligations to the Subgrantee.
- L. This Agreement shall be construed under the laws of the State of North Dakota, and venue for any actions arising out of this Agreement shall lie in Burleigh County. If any provision hereof is in conflict with any applicable statute or rule, or is otherwise unenforceable, then such provision shall be deemed null and void to the extent of such conflict, and shall be deemed severable, but shall not invalidate any other provision of this Agreement.
- M. The Subgrantee certifies, by its signature to this Agreement, that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief:
1. No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement.

2. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
 3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub grantees shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.
- O. All unmanufactured and manufactured articles, materials and supplies which are acquired for public use under this Agreement have been produced in the United States as required 41 U.S.C. 10a, unless it would not be in the public interest or unreasonable in cost.

ARTICLE XXV. Term. This Agreement shall take effect upon its execution by both parties, and shall terminate upon approval of closeout by the FEMA, unless terminated earlier as specified elsewhere in this Agreement. Subgrantee shall commence project(s) specified by this Agreement without delay.

ARTICLE XXVI. Events of Default, Remedies, and Termination.

1. Upon the occurrence of any one or more of the following events, all obligations of Grantee to disburse further funds under this Agreement shall terminate at the option of Grantee. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, Grantee may at its option continue to make payments or portions of payments after the occurrence of any one or more such events without waiving the right to exercise such remedies and without incurring liability for further payment. Grantee may at its option terminate this Agreement and any and all funding under this Agreement upon the occurrence of any one or more of the following:
 1. Any representation by Subgrantee in this Agreement is inaccurate or incomplete in any material respect, or Subgrantee has breached any condition of this Agreement with Grantee and has not cured in timely fashion, or is unable or unwilling to meet its obligations under this Agreement.
 2. Subgrantee suffers any material adverse change in its financial condition while this Agreement is in effect, as compared to its financial condition as represented in any reports or other documents submitted to Grantee, if Subgrantee has not cured the condition within thirty (30) days after notice in writing from Grantee.
 3. Any reports required by this Agreement have not been submitted to Grantee or have been submitted with inaccurate, incomplete, or inadequate information.
 4. The monies necessary to fund this Agreement are unavailable due to any failure to appropriate or other action or inaction by the State Legislature, Congress or Office of Management and Budget.
2. Upon the occurrence of any one or more of the foregoing events, Grantee may at its option give notice in writing to Subgrantee to cure its failure of performance if such failure may be cured. Upon the failure of Subgrantee to cure, Grantee may exercise any one or more of the following remedies:

1. Terminate this Agreement upon not less than fifteen (15) days' notice of such termination by certified letter to the Subgrantee, such notice to take effect when delivered to Subgrantee;
 2. Commence a legal action for the judicial enforcement of this Agreement;
 3. Withhold the disbursement of any payment or any portion of a payment otherwise due and payable under this agreement or any other agreement with Subgrantee; and
 4. Take any other remedial actions that may otherwise be available under law.
3. Grantee may terminate this Agreement for any misrepresentation of material fact, for failure or nonperformance of any Agreement condition or obligation, or for noncompliance with any applicable legal requirement.
 4. Any deobligation of funds or other determination by the FEMA shall be addressed in accordance with the regulations of that Agency.
 5. Upon the rescission, suspension or termination of this Agreement, the Subgrantee shall refund to Grantee all funds disbursed to Subgrantee under this Agreement.
 6. The venue of any action or proceeding by either Grantee or Subgrantee for enforcement of this Agreement or for adjudication rights, interest, or duties of the parties to it shall lie in South Central District Court, Burleigh County, North Dakota.
 7. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary elsewhere in this Agreement, the rescission, suspension or termination of this Agreement by Grantee shall not relieve Subgrantee of liability to Grantee for the restitution of funds advanced to Subgrantee under this Agreement, and Grantee may set off any such funds by withholding future disbursements otherwise due Subgrantee under this Agreement or any other Agreement until such time as the exact amount of restitution due Grantee from Subgrantee is determined. In the event the FEMA should deobligate funds formerly allowed under this Agreement or under any other Agreement funded by the Agency and administered by Grantee, then Subgrantee shall immediately repay such funds to Grantee. If the Subgrantee fails to repay any such funds, then Grantee may recover the same from funding otherwise due Subgrantee.

ARTICLE XXVII. Attachments.

- A. All attachments to this Agreement are incorporated into this Agreement by reference as if set out fully in the text of the Agreement itself.
- B. In the event of any inconsistencies between the language of this Agreement and the Attachments to it if any, the language of the Attachments shall be controlling, but only to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Note: All other grant administrative and electronic forms will be provided by Grantee as necessary or posted on the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services website: <http://www.nd.gov/des/>.

ARTICLE XXVIII. Notice and Contact. All notices under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered by email, by facsimile, by hand, or by letter to the following respective addresses:

Grantee:

Justin Messner, Disaster Recovery Chief
 Department of Emergency Services
 PO Box 5511
 Bismarck, ND 58506
 Email: jmessner@nd.gov

Subgrantee:

Jim Prochniak
 Cass County Emergency Manager
 4630 15th Ave. N.
 Fargo, ND 58102
 Email: prochniakj@casscountynd.gov

ARTICLE XXIX. Designation of Agent. Subgrantee hereby designates the following agents to execute any Request for Advance or Reimbursement, certification, or other necessary documentation:

Primary Agent

Alternate Agent

Name and Title

Name and Title

Phone Number

Phone Number

E-mail

E-mail

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

SIGNATURE PAGE

**HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM SUBGRANT AGREEMENT
FOR
(FEMA-DR-4660-ND)**

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the Grantee and Subgrantee have executed this Agreement:

FOR THE SUBGRANTEE:

Name and Title

Signature

Date

Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN): _____

SAM-UEI Number: JRNDKLLS2949

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

SIGNATURE PAGE

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FOR
(FEMA-DR-4660-ND)**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantee and Subgrantee have executed this Agreement:

FOR THE GRANTEE:

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES



Justin Messner – Disaster Recovery Chief

9-18-2023

Date

ATTACHMENT A

Approved Project Data

CFDA Title and Number: Disaster Grants – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, 97.039

Disaster Declaration Number: FEMA-DR-4660-ND

Subgrantee: Cass County

Project Number: 2P – Cass County MHMP Update

Project Cost: 100% - \$111,764.71

Federal Funding: 75% - \$83,823.53

State Funding: 10% - \$11,176.47

Local Funding: 15% - \$16,764.71

Work Schedule: 13 July 2022 – 11 October 2026

Scope of Work:

Cass County proposes to complete FEMA approved Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) Update in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) of 2000 and 44 CFR 201.6. The Emergency Manager (EM) and County Auditor will identify local planning team members, and then select a contractor to complete the new countywide MHMP. Public meetings will be held in the respective jurisdictions to gather information and complete a rough draft of the plan. The contractor will complete a new risk assessment, prioritize mitigation strategies, perform GIS analysis, and update Mitigation goals and actions as needed. The previous plan's crosswalk will be reviewed to identify and address any deficiencies. Public notices will be advertised in local newspapers and county buildings to create awareness of the MHMP meetings and solicit public input. Any information still applicable from the current MHMP will be kept and updated as needed. Once the draft plan has been developed, it will be submitted to NDDDES for final review. Per the delegated authority identified in the Program Administration by State (PAS) Operation Agreement for DR-4553, NDDDES has the authority to approve local multi hazard mitigation plans. If this plan meets all federal mitigation plan requirements, NDDDES will notify the applicant that the plan is approvable pending adoption. After all participating jurisdictions adopt the local MHMP, NDDDES will consider the plan complete and notify FEMA Region VIII that the plan meets all requirements and is approved. Upon notification of approval, FEMA Region VIII will provide a full FEMA approval letter for the plan.

Work Schedule:

Kickoff Meeting	1 Month
Data Collection / Review current plan	2 Months
Public Meetings	1 Month
Risk Assessments / Vulnerability Assessments	3 Months
Mitigation Goals and Strategies	1 Month
Develop Plan Draft / Review	3 Months
Submit Plan to State and Edit	3 Months
Adopt Plan	2 Months
Reimbursement and Project Closeout	1 Months
Total:	17 Months

This work schedule is to keep project on track, the official period of performance is listed on top of the Attachment A. The period of performance will be the date used to determine if a time extension is needed.

Cost Estimate:

Pre-award (Organization and project development)	\$ 8,000.00
Data collection and mapping	\$ 15,000.00
Outreach	\$ 21,000.00
Hazard and Vulnerability Assessment	\$ 25,000.00
Mitigation Strategy and Implementation	\$ 22,000.00
Plan Review and Project Completion	\$ 4,000.00
<u>In Kind</u>	<u>\$ 16,764.71</u>
Total	\$ 111,764.71

Other Conditions:

None – Project is a MHMP Update

ATTACHMENT B

Statement of Assurances

To the extent the following provisions apply to this Agreement, the Subgrantee agrees to comply with the following:

1. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act of 1962, 40 U.S.C. 327 et seq., requiring that mechanics and laborers (including watchmen and guards) employed on federally assisted contracts be paid wages of not less than one and one-half times their basic wage rates for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in a workweek.
2. Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. Section 201 et seq., requiring that covered employees be paid at least the minimum prescribed wage, and also that they be paid one and one-half times their basic wage rates for all hours worked in excess of the prescribed work-week.
3. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), and the regulations issued pursuant thereto, which provides that no person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin (including limited English proficiency per Executive Order 13166), be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Subgrantee receives federal financial assistance and will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this assurance. If any real property or structure thereon is provided or improved with the aid of federal financial assistance extended to the Subgrantee, this assurance shall obligate the Subgrantee, or in the case of any transfer of such property, any transferee, for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for which the federal financial assistance is extended, or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits.
4. Any prohibition against discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C.: 6101-6107) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age or with respect to otherwise qualified handicapped individuals as provided in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
5. Executive Order 11246 as amended by Executive Orders 11375 and 12086, and the regulations issued pursuant thereto, which provide that no person shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in all phases of employment during the performance of federal or federally assisted construction contracts; affirmative action to insure fair treatment in employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff/termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and election for training and apprenticeship.
6. It will comply with the Anti-Kickback Act of 1986, 41 U.S.C. Section 51 which outlaws and prescribes penalties for "kickbacks" of wages in federally financed or assisted construction activities.
7. It will comply with the provisions of 18 USC 594, 598, 600-605 (further known as the Hatch Act) which limits the political activities of employees.
8. It will comply with the flood insurance purchase and other requirements of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 as amended, 42 USC 4002-4107, including requirements regarding the purchase of flood insurance in communities where such insurance is available as a condition for the receipt of any federal financial assistance for construction or acquisition purposes for use in any area having special flood hazards. The phrase "Federal financial assistance" includes any form of loan, grant, guaranty, insurance payment, rebate, subsidy, disaster assistance loan or grant, or any other form of direct or indirect federal assistance.
9. It will require every building or facility (other than a privately owned residential structure) designed, constructed, or altered with funds provided under this Agreement to comply with

the "Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards," (AS) which is Appendix A to 41 CFR Section 101-19.6 for general type buildings and Appendix A to 24 CFR Part 40 for residential structures. The Subgrantee will be responsible for conducting inspections to ensure compliance with these specifications by the contractor.

10. It will, in connection with its performance of environmental assessments under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (U.S.C. 470), Executive Order 11593, 24 CFR Part 800, and the Preservation of Archaeological and Historical Data Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 469a-1, et seq.) by:

- a) Consulting with the State Historic Preservation Office to identify properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places that are subject to adverse effects (see 36 CFR Section 800.8) by the proposed activity.
- b) Complying with all requirements established by the state to avoid or mitigate adverse effects upon such properties.
- c) When any of Subgrantee's projects funded under this Agreement may affect a historic property, as defined in 36 CFR 800. (2)(e), the FEMA may require Subgrantee to review the eligible scope of work in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and suggest methods of repair or construction that will conform with the recommended approaches set out in the "Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings 1992 (Standards), the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Archeological Documentation (Guidelines) (48 Federal Register 44734-37)," or any other applicable Secretary of Interior standards. If FEMA determines that the eligible scope of work will not conform with the Standards, Subgrantee agrees to participate in consultations to develop, and, after execution by all parties, to abide by, a written agreement that establishes mitigation and recondition measures, including but not limited to, impacts to archeological sites, and the salvage, storage, and reuse of any significant architectural features that may otherwise be demolished.
- d) Subgrantee agrees to notify FEMA and the Grantee if any project funded under this Agreement will involve ground disturbing activities, including, but not limited to: subsurface disturbance; removal of trees; excavation for footings and foundations; and installation of utilities (such as water, sewer, storm drains, electrical, gas, leach lines and septic tanks) except where these activities are restricted solely to areas previously disturbed by the installation, replacement or maintenance of such utilities. FEMA will request the SHPO's opinion on the potential that archeological properties may be present and be affected by such activities. The SHPO will advise Subgrantee on any feasible steps to be accomplished to avoid any National Register eligible archeological property or will make recommendations for the development of a treatment plan for the recovery of archeological data from the property. If Subgrantee is unable to avoid the archeological property, develop, in consultation with the SHPO, a treatment plan consistent with the Guidelines and take into account the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Council) publication "Treatment of Archeological Properties." Subgrantee shall forward information regarding the treatment plan to FEMA, the SHPO and the Council for review. If the SHPO and the Council do not object within 15 calendar days of receipt of the treatment plan, FEMA may direct Subgrantee to implement the treatment plan. If either the Council or the SHPO object, Subgrantee shall not proceed with the project until the objection is resolved.

- e) Subgrantee shall notify the Grantee and FEMA as soon as practicable: (i) of any changes in the approved scope of work for a National Register eligible or listed property; (ii) of all changes to a project that may result in a supplemental DSR or modify an HMGP project for a National Register eligible or listed property; (iii) if it appears that a project funded under this Agreement will affect a previously unidentified property that may be eligible for inclusion in the National Register or affect a known historic property in an unanticipated manner. Subgrantee acknowledges that FEMA may require Subgrantee to stop construction in the vicinity of the discovery of a previously unidentified property that may be eligible for inclusion in the National Register or upon learning that construction may affect a known historic property in an unanticipated manner. Subgrantee further acknowledges that FEMA may require Subgrantee to take all reasonable measures to avoid or minimize harm to such property until FEMA concludes consultation with the SHPO. Subgrantee also acknowledges that FEMA will require, and Subgrantee shall comply with, modifications to the project scope of work necessary to implement recommendations to address the project and the property.
 - f) Subgrantee acknowledges that, unless FEMA specifically stipulates otherwise, it shall not receive funding for projects when, with intent to avoid the requirements of the NHPA, Subgrantee intentionally and significantly adversely affects a historic property, or having the legal power to prevent it, allowed such significant adverse effect to occur.
11. It will comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C.: 1681-1683 and 1685 - 1686) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex.
 12. It will comply with the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970, (42 U.S.C. 4521-45-94) relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism.
 13. It will comply with 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. 290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records.
 14. It will comply with Lead-Based Paint Poison Prevention Act (42 U.S.C.: 4821 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead based paint in construction of rehabilitation or residential structures.
 15. It will comply with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (P.L. 94-163; 42 U.S.C. 6201-6422), and the provisions of the state Energy Conservation Plan adopted pursuant thereto.
 16. It will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966, 7 U.S.C. 2131-2159, pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by an award of assistance under this agreement.
 17. It will comply with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 2000c and 42 3601-3619, as amended, relating to non-discrimination in the sale, rental, or financing of housing, and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or nation origin.
 18. It will comply with the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401-7642.
 19. It will comply with the Clean Water Act of 1977, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7419-7626.
 20. It will comply with the Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 U.S.C. 1531-1544.
 21. It will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970, 42 U.S.C. 4728-4763.
 22. It will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 270.
 23. It will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347.
 24. It will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with the Preservation of Archeological and Historical Preservation Act of 1966, 16 U.S.C. 469a, et seq.

25. It will comply with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504, 29 U.S.C. 794, regarding non-discrimination.
26. It will comply with the environmental standards, which may be prescribed pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. 300f-300j, regarding the protection of underground water sources.
27. It will comply with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, 42 U.S.C. 4621-4638, which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of federal or federally assisted programs.
28. It will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, 16 U.S.C. 1271-1287, related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
29. It will comply with the following Executive Orders: EO 11514 (NEPA); EO 11738 (violating facilities); EO 11988 (Floodplain Management); EO 11990 (Wetlands); and EO 12898 (Environmental Justice).
30. It will comply with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act of 1977, 16 U.S.C. 3510.
31. It will assure project consistency with the approved state program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, 16 U.S.C. 1451-1464.
32. It will comply with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1958; 16 U.S.C. 661-666.
33. With respect to demolition activities, it will:
 - a) Create and make available documentation sufficient to demonstrate that the Subgrantee and its demolition contractor have sufficient manpower and equipment to comply with the obligations as outlined in this Agreement.
 - b) Return the property to its natural state as though no improvements had ever been contained thereon.
 - c) Furnish documentation of all qualified personnel, licenses and all equipment necessary to inspect buildings located in Subgrantee's jurisdiction to detect the presence of asbestos and lead in accordance with requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the State health authority and the county health authority.
 - d) Provide documentation of the inspection results for each structure to indicate: safety hazards present; health hazards present; and/or hazardous materials present.
 - e) Provide supervision over contractors or employees employed by Subgrantee to remove asbestos and lead from demolished or otherwise applicable structures.
 - f) Leave the demolished site clean, level and free of debris.
 - g) Notify the Grantee promptly of any unusual existing condition which hampers the contractors work.
 - h) Obtain all required permits.
 - i) Provide addresses and marked maps for each site where water wells and septic tanks are to be closed along with the number of wells and septic tanks located on each site. Provide documentation of closures.
 - j) Comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Public Law 94-163).
 - k) Comply with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under Section 112 and 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857 (h), Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR Part 15 and 61). This clause shall be added to any subcontracts.
 - l) Provide documentation of public notices for demolition activities.

ATTACHMENT D

Risk Assessment Conditions

Per Article VI of this contract, NDDDES is required to complete a Financial Assistance Risk Assessment rating form for every subgrantee receiving an award to evaluate their potential risk of non-compliance. Subgrantees will be evaluated on factors such as their prior experience with the same or similar subawards, results of previous audits including whether or not they received a Single Audit and the extent to which the same or similar subaward has been audited as a major program; if they have new personnel or new or substantially changed systems, and the extent and results of Federal awarding agency monitoring. Results of the Risk Assessment may result in the imposition of specific conditions, as allowed in 2 CFR § 200.207, and contained within this attachment.

Based upon the Risk Assessment completed for Year 2023, Cass County has been determined to be a Low Risk based upon the above-mentioned criteria.

The specific conditions for a subgrantee determined to be Low Risk are the following:

- Subgrantees identified as Low Risk have no further conditions and may continue with their projects as approved by FEMA. This must include the completion of all project-specific conditions, to include environmental requirements and/or permitting, placed upon individual projects by FEMA at the time of award or amendment. **Subgrantees that fail to comply with project specific conditions could potentially jeopardize their current and future federal funding.**

Every January, or as needed, NDDDES will re-evaluate all subgrantee Risk Assessments. Based on overall compliance with project requirements and any issues noticed therein, an updated Financial Assistance Recipient Risk Assessment will be completed and subgrantees can be upgraded or removed from low, medium or high-risk status. If a subgrantee is non-compliant with the additional requirements of a subaward due to being considered high risk, the subaward and all federal and state monies can be deobligated at the request of NDDDES. Upon deobligation due to non-compliance, a subgrantee will be considered high risk in perpetuity.

CASS COUNTY MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PROPOSAL BY KLJ

The following pages summarize KLJ's approach to updating the Cass County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. We are available to answer questions about additional details, but also want to emphasize that we envision the planning process as a collaboration between KLJ staff and key stakeholders within the Cass County emergency management community. Therefore, some details are best determined as the planning process occurs.

There are 6 major tasks to the process we envision. These and their component activities are briefly summarized in the following outline:

A. Project Organization and Management

1. Organizational structure and activity. There are three main groups of people that are critical to the development of Cass County's MHMP.
 - i. The Management Team is comprised of emergency management staff from Cass County, Fargo and West Fargo. This team is responsible for making final decisions pertaining to the plan document and critical questions throughout the planning process. We will meet with the Management Team as needed throughout the planning process, but anticipate approximately 15 meetings.
 - ii. The Planning Team is comprised of the Management Team and stakeholders selected by the Management Team to provide input on goals, priorities, risk, vulnerability, issues, capacity, mitigation needs, and other topics that need to be addressed by the MHMP update. It will likely include LEPC members and additional stakeholders. We anticipate 8 meetings with the Planning Team.
 - iii. Community Liaisons are recruited individuals from each small community to help provide effective communication and community involvement in the planning process. This will allow us to ensure representation from each community in the planning process. There may be overlap between Community Liaisons and the Planning Team.
2. Collaboration. KLJ will meet with the Management Team at the beginning of the project to make some initial decisions and establish key working protocols for accomplishing the MHMP update. This is essential because the number of organizations and people that the MHMP will serve is so large that KLJ staff cannot know the best way to ensure appropriate input and decision-making. While KLJ staff will frequently provide recommendations for key decisions, this plan will be more effective if it can incorporate input from the appropriate stakeholders throughout the process.
3. Timetable. Especially in the emergency management environment, things happen to cause delays in the anticipated MHMP development process. It is a significant advantage to start the planning process far before the actual updated plan needs to become effective. One of the key decisions KLJ wants collaboration on is the timetable. We envision a process of between 14 and 18 months from Kickoff to Final DES and FEMA approval. Milestones needing target dates include completion of hazard risk and vulnerability assessment, mitigation strategy development, community review, draft document completion, and document submittal for review.

4. Accounting. KLJ will provide invoices and succinct progress reports monthly. Additionally, we recommend a mid-month status check-in conference call with the Management Team to alert them to any pending issues needing to be addressed.

B. **Data Collection and Mapping.** Data collection is a multi-faceted process for multi-hazard mitigation plans. In general, sources include:

1. Public databases and other sources. We use these sources with every MHMP we prepare. We welcome supplemental information that may be provided by the Planning Team. When information is available in a GIS format, we prefer to map it so that we can more efficiently assess hazard risks and vulnerabilities.
2. Key stakeholders and organizations. Sometimes, public databases do not provide a very full picture of desired information. In these cases, it is important to obtain information from local stakeholders and organizations. As an example, wildland fire reporting to public database(s) varies widely by fire department/district. We will ask each fire department/district for statistics about their activity to supplement or replace public database statistics. In other cases, no public database exists, and we are fully dependent on key stakeholders and organizations to help us assess details regarding hazards, capacity, and other important topics. Another key piece of information we want to identify or verify is the location and conditions of critical facilities in each community. This information often comes from key stakeholders or organizations.
3. Public feedback. Through the Outreach activities we will also provide opportunities for any person to share specific information pertaining to hazards and mitigation needs. Oftentimes this illustrates issues or expands understanding of impacts, needs, and opportunities.

C. **Outreach.** FEMA requires a significant outreach process. KLJ has a public engagement group in place to allow any project we undertake to efficiently accomplish that project's public engagement objectives. Three aspects of our recommended approach are:

1. Opportunity and community participation. We want to publicize opportunity for key stakeholders and the public in general to provide input at various stages in the planning process. At the beginning of the process, we want to alert people that the project is underway and invite them to participate. Later in the process we want them to be aware of opportunities to provide input about their observations and concerns pertaining to hazards in their communities. And near the end of the process, we want them to be able to review the proposed plan and offer feedback about it. To this end we envision outreach to each community and their governing body.
2. Efficiency. Because response to public meetings is often low, it is often better to select other approaches. We envision hosting a round of public meetings in the middle of the planning process that have in-person and on-line participation opportunities. But in general, we expect to use other tools that are more efficient.
3. Tools. We will use social media, traditional media, posters and email blasts to publicize the project and input opportunities. We will use a project website, community surveys, social media, public meetings with online access, and other targeted approaches to gather feedback during the planning process.

- D. **Hazard and Vulnerability Assessment.** During the initial Management Team meeting we will discuss the hazards to be addressed in the MHMP update. It is important to note that FEMA's recent policy changes on topics such as climate change will need to be incorporated into this MHMP and be a part of the hazard and vulnerability assessment. KLJ intends this to be a collaborative decision instead of a foregone conclusion for the project. Some key facets of this assessment process include:
1. The importance of quantifying vulnerability wherever possible. As part of this effort, KLJ will seek to identify the number of people in certain age groups, those living in group quarters, those living in housing that has a higher vulnerability level than normal, or those having other characteristics that may have special vulnerabilities. Quantification of property and critical facilities will also be important to do. KLJ will work with local jurisdictions to map as much of this data as can be done efficiently so as to better identify vulnerability by hazard and community characteristic.
 2. Defining probability, location, and impact of various hazards. As FEMA requirements have become more stringent, it is important to document the basis for these components of each hazard assessed.
 3. Succinct summarization. In order to provide a basis for mitigation action selection we will provide the critical information in a manner that doesn't leave your head spinning trying to understand hundreds of pages of detail. Our approach to the assessment process, and the entire document, is to use maps, tables and short lists throughout the assessment documentation in order to make it easy to understand.
- E. **Mitigation Strategy and Implementation.** The most important element of the MHMP is the selection of mitigation actions and strategies for implementation. According to FEMA public input and Planning Team input should be used to help identify the hazards most needing to be mitigated. It is important that the significant hazards for each community be evaluated for potential mitigation actions. FEMA requires a Plan Maintenance as part of the MHMP document. Our preferred approach is to assign champions to each mitigation action and provide a simple approach to tracking progress and promoting implementation. This may vary from community to community. A key part of this task is identifying ways to integrate the mitigation strategies into other planning and administrative processes. It is also one of FEMA's current emphases.
- F. **Plan Review and Project Completion.** A key part of the project is giving the Planning Team and the Management Team an organized and not overwhelming way to review and refine the new Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. KLJ does this by completing five chapters and five appendices for the full document at different stages in the process. The five chapters are:
- Introduction
 - Context
 - Hazard Assessment
 - Mitigation Strategy
 - Plan Implementation

This means at the end of the process the majority of review is already completed, and you can focus on nagging questions or smaller details pertaining mostly to implementation. We prefer

to begin with the end in mind, so the outline of the full document will be approved by the Management Team early in the process. Then the outline can be used as a checklist to track our progress, and assure us that the full plan is ready for review and approval at the state/federal level. We will work with the Management Team to address any comments received from the review process. The final step is obtaining resolutions of adoption from each jurisdiction. We will provide the completed document with all documentation in the format you choose.

Cost Estimate

Due to the complexity of the process for a county with as many jurisdictions and people as Cass County, our approach to the Cost Estimate for the Tasks we have summarized above is designed to allow flexibility for the decisions that you will want to make as go through the planning process. It may be that actual costs will be different. The estimated costs for each of the 6 tasks and the total are listed below.

Project Organization and Management	\$ 8,000
Data Collection and Mapping	\$15,000
Outreach	\$21,000
Hazard and Vulnerability Assessment	\$25,000
Mitigation Strategy and Implementation	\$22,000
Plan Review and Project Completion	\$ 4,000
Total	\$95,000