Initial Notice of Award, Grant Agreement

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EPA Funding Information

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Assistance Program (CFDA)	Statutory Authority	Regulatory Authority
66.616 - Environmental and Climate Justice Block Grant Program	Clean Air Act: Sec. 138	2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 1500 and 40 CFR 33

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Site Name	Req No	FY	Approp. Code	Budget Organization	PRC	Object Class	Site/Project	Cost Organization	Obligation / Deobligation
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Attachment 1 - Project Description

This agreement provides funding under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) to City of Hampton, Virginia. Specifically, the project will work to create a sustainable, resilient future by addressing immediate environmental challenges and fostering economic growth through targeted green infrastructure, community engagement, and workforce development initiatives.

The activities include installation of residential stormwater solutions; implementation of outdoor education features at Aberdeen Elementary School; creation of native plant buffers; workforce development certifications; establishment of a community resilience center; infrastructure and connectivity improvements; Aberdeen Creek restoration; and installation of community garden amenities.

The anticipated deliverables include installation of residential stormwater solutions through the creation of 50 rain gardens and deployment of 300 rain barrels; the installation of 27,500 square feet of native plant buffers at the local Aberdeen Elementary School; 85 certifications for an environmental workforce development program; establishment of a resilience center with trailers for emergency relief and medical aid; provision of 600 weatherization kits; improvement of 62,200 L.F. of sidewalks, crosswalks, and pedestrian pathways; restoration of 2,000 L.F. of eroded creek banks of the Aberdeen Creek through vegetative buffers; installation of 3 hydrodynamic separators in Aberdeen Creek; 8,000-10,000 square feet of garden plots will be installed for local food production and community engagement.

The expected outcomes include management and redirection of water away from buildings to minimize property damage and associated health risks; reduction in flooding; alleviation of pressure on local water supplies; increased community awareness about sustainable water management; enhancement of water quality in local water bodies; improvement in overall safety and habitability of homes; increased environmental resilience and biodiversity; increased environmental knowledge among residents and students; increased community connections through educational and recreational activities; job training opportunities created; economic and financial benefits for low income community residents; increased resilience and safety for community members during extreme weather events; safer pedestrian pathways and better connectivity between community assets; improved wildlife habitats; water pollution reduction; greater access to healthy food options to address food insecurity. The intended beneficiaries are disadvantaged communities.

The sub awardee, Wetlands Watch, will support training and educational initiatives through professional certification offerings for implementation and maintenance of sustainable landscapes and green infrastructure; support internships and employment programs to provide locals and youth with employment opportunities; deployment of residential rain barrels to manage and redirect water to minimize flood risks; establish outdoor education features at Aberdeen Elementary School to provide educational opportunities to youth and promote sustained community participation in sustainability practices; provision of weatherization kits to increase community resiliency to climate impacts; attendance at civic meetings and hosting of Joint Committee meetings to provide project updates and convene project leaders.

Administrative Conditions

General Terms and Conditions

The recipient agrees to comply with the current EPA general terms and conditions available at: <u>https:</u>//www.epa.gov/grants/epa-general-terms-and-conditions-effective-october-1-2024-or-later.

These terms and conditions are in addition to the assurances and certifications made as a part of the award and the terms, conditions, or restrictions cited throughout the award.

The EPA repository for the general terms and conditions by year can be found at: <u>https://www.epa.gov/grants/grant-terms-and-conditions#general</u>

A. Correspondence

The terms and conditions of this agreement require the submittal of reports, specific requests for approval, or notifications to EPA. Unless otherwise noted, all such correspondence should be sent to the following email addresses:

- Federal Financial Reports (SF-425): <u>RTPFC-Grants@epa.gov</u> with copy to grant specialist of record.
- MBE/WBE reports (EPA Form 5700-52A):<u>R3_MBE-WBE_Reports@epa.gov</u> with a copy to grant specialist of record.
- All other forms/certifications/assurances, Indirect Cost Rate Agreements, requests for extensions
 of the budget and project period, amendment requests, requests for other prior approvals,
 updates to recipient information (including email addresses, changes in contact information or
 changes in authorized representatives) and other notifications: Grant specialist and project
 officer of record.
- Payment requests (if applicable): <u>RTPFC-Grants@epa.gov</u>.
- Quality Assurance documents, work plan revisions, equipment lists, programmatic reports and deliverables: Project officer of record.

Programmatic Conditions

Community Change Grants Terms and Conditions

The recipient agrees to comply with the current EPA Community Change Grants Programmatic Terms and Conditions, available at: <u>https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/epa-community-change-grants-program-terms-and-conditions</u>.

These terms and conditions are in addition to the <u>General Terms and Conditions</u>, additional programmatic terms and conditions, and the administrative terms and conditions included in the EPA award document.

Assistance Amendment

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Administrative Conditions

UNILATERAL TERMINATION

1. The Agency is asserting its right under 2 CFR 200.340 and the Termination General Term and Condition of this agreement to unilaterally terminate this award. This amendment serves as required notice under 2 CFR 200.341.

2. Consistent with 2 CFR 200.343 Effect of suspension and termination, costs to the recipient or subrecipient resulting from financial obligations incurred by the recipient or subrecipient after the termination of a Federal award are not allowable. Costs after termination are allowable if:

a. The costs result from financial obligations which were properly incurred by the recipient or subrecipient before the effective date of suspension or termination, and not in anticipation of it; and

b. The costs would be allowable if the Federal award was not suspended or expired normally at the end of the period of performance in which the termination takes effect.

c. The costs are reasonable and necessary termination costs consistent with 2 CFR 200.472.

3. Federal Financial Reporting (FFR) General Terms and Conditions is still in full force and effect. EPA recipients must submit the SF-425 no later than 120 calendar days after the end date of the period of performance of the award.

4. Programmatic Terms and Conditions. Performance reporting is still in full force and effect. The recipient must submit the final report no later than 120 calendar days after the period of performance.

In accordance with 2 CFR 200.329, the recipient agrees to submit performance reports that include information on each of the following areas:

a. A comparison of accomplishments to the outputs/outcomes established in the assistance agreement work plan for the reporting period;

- b. Explanations on why established outputs/outcomes were not met; and
- c. Additional information, analysis, and explanation of cost overruns or high-than-expected-unit costs.
- 5. Waiver of Reports

The following reports are waived:

- a. Utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises General Terms and Conditions, EPA Form 5700-52A.
- b. Tangible Personal Property Report, SF-428, General Terms and Conditions.
- 6. Record Retention

Access to Records, 2 CFR 200.337, is still in full force and effect. The termination of this award does not affect the right of EPA to disallow costs and recover funds on the basis of a later audit or other reviews. Information regarding record retention, property disposition in accordance with EPA regulations, and other frequently asked questions can be accessed at https://www.epa.gov/grants/frequent-questions-about-closeouts.

Programmatic Conditions

All Programmatic Conditions remain the same.

Termination Memo



OFFICE OF MISSION SUPPORT

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

May 1, 2025

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:	Termination of EPA Assistance Agreement 5F-953A0079 under 2 CFR 200.340
FROM:	Kenneth I. Rose III, Region 3 Grants Management Official
TO:	Mary B. Bunting, City Manager (<u>mbunting@hampton.gov</u>) City of Hampton

The purpose of this communication is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hereby terminating Assistance Agreement No. 5F-953A0079 awarded to City of Hampton. This EPA Assistance Agreement is terminated effective immediately on the grounds that the remaining portion of the Federal award will not accomplish the EPA funding priorities for achieving program goals. The objectives of the award are no longer consistent with EPA funding priorities.

The EPA Administrator has determined that, per the Agency's obligations to the constitutional and statutory law of the United States, this priority includes ensuring that the Agency's grants do not conflict with the Agency's policy of prioritizing merit, fairness, and excellence in performing our statutory functions. In addition to complying with the law, it is vital that the Agency assess whether all grant payments are free from fraud, abuse, waste, and duplication, as well as to assess whether current grants are in the best interests of the United States.

The process for closeout is generally outlined in 2 CFR 200.344. EPA is clarifying what reports are required and what reports are waived below. Other requirements are still in effect if applicable to your grant.

EPA is requiring the following closeout reports due within 120 days of closeout (2 CFR 200.344a:)

- Final Federal Financial Report, SF-425
- Final Technical Report
- Other programmatic reports identified in your terms and conditions

As part of this termination, EPA is waiving the following closeout reports:

- Property Report, SF-428
- Final Minority Business Enterprise/Woman Business Enterprise Utilization Under Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements, EPA Form 5700-52A

The recipient may request payment from the Automated Standard Application Payments (ASAP) system for allowable costs incurred up to the date of this memo provided that such costs were contained in the approved workplan. Costs incurred by you after this termination are allowable only if (a) those costs were properly incurred by you before the effective date of this termination, and not in anticipation of it; and (b) those costs would be allowable if your federal award was not suspended or expired normally at the end of the period of

performance in which the termination takes effect. *See* 2 C.F.R. § 200.343. You are encouraged to carefully review and discharge your closeout responsibilities set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.344-45 and your award agreement. Those responsibilities include, but are not limited to, your obligation to "promptly refund any unobligated funds" that have been paid out but "are not authorized to be retained." *See* 2 C.F.R. § 200.344(g).

Also, per 2 CFR 200.472, a recipient may use grant funds to properly closeout their grant including reasonable and necessary costs that might occur after the date of this memo. If the recipient drew down funds from ASAP for costs beyond the termination date or for costs that exceed the amount necessary to properly closeout their grant, the recipient must contact RTPFC at rtpfc.grants@epa.gov for instructions on how to return the excess funds.

The EPA Grants Management Office has issued an amendment to the agreement to document the termination.

If you wish to dispute this termination decision, the Disputes Decision Official (DDO), Amy Van Blarcom-Lackey, Regional Administrator, must receive the Dispute no later than 30 calendar days from the date this termination notice is electronically sent to you. Disputes must be sent electronically by email to <u>white.lisa@epa.gov</u>, with a copy to the EPA Award Official at <u>rose.kenneth@epa.gov</u> within the 30-day period stated above. The Dispute submitted to the DDO must include: (1) A copy of the disputed Agency Decision; (2) A detailed statement of the specific legal and factual grounds for the Dispute, including copies of any supporting documents; (3) The specific remedy or relief you seek under the Dispute; and (4) The name and contact information, including email address, of your designated point of contact for the Dispute. *See* 2 CFR 1500.15

The requirements on post-closeout adjustments and continuing responsibilities, including audit and record retention requirements, at 2 CFR 200.345 remain in effect.

ATTACHMENT Amendment Document

cc: Ariel Bailey
 Delaney Crosley
 Scott Smith (<u>scott.smith@hampton.gov</u>)

Agency Emails - March 2025 Grants Targeted for Termination From: Sent: To:

Norschay, March 3, 2025 2:14 PM

Cc: Subject

RE Grant terminations

Hi Everyone,

Following up from my email last weak regarding [2] grants that weak reminiated. In a meeting late last weak with 00459000 we laster that the Agency management decision to direct termination of the E1 grants was made with the knowledge that some of the grants do not contrain the TLC about termination for Agency priorities. Based on that conversation with OMS and OOD is a clear then decision to artistic the terminations is forthcorries, it will will go div to the displayer sprocess, or lighting from, for these relations that means.

The termination memoranda contain standard language identifying the following bases for the grant being terminated as inconsistent with Agency priorities:

- The grant provides funding for programs that promote or take part in DEI initiatives that conflict with the Agency's policy of prioritizing merit, fairness, and excellence in performing our statutory functions;
- The grant provides funding for programs that promote or take part in environmental justice initiatives that
 conflict with the Agency's policy of prioritizing ment, fairness, and excellence in performing our statutory
 functions;
- The grant provides funding for other initiatives that conflict with the Agency's policy of prioritizing merit, fairness, and excellence in performing our statutory functions;
- · The grant provides funding for programs that are not free from fraud, abuse, waste, or duplication,
- The grant provides funding for programs that otherwise fail to serve the best interests of the United States.

I would anticipate that recipients that raise objections to the terminations or file disputes will raise certain common arguments that the award should not have been terminated. Outlined below are considerations for responding to potential recipient arguments.

- The sward does not contain a T&C providing that the Agency may unilaterally terminate the award a change in program policy or Agency priorities.
 - Consideration for response EPA may decide the dispute in favor of the recipient because the T&C regarding termination for changes in Agency priorities is not included in the award.
 - Alternative consideration for response Determine the Agency termination of the award is an
 exercise of the requirement to ensure the award is consistent with public policy requirements
 under 2 CFR 200.300. Having determined the award is not consistent with current Agency funding
 prioritise EPA terminated the award.
- The Agency termination is not consistent with the nationwide Preliminary injunction issued on 2/21 in National Association of Diversity Officers in Nigher Education v Trump. The Pr precludes, among other things, termination of equivalence grants.

- Consideration for response (As of 3/3/2025) The Federal government's position is that the Pindees not extend to non-Detendant agencies such as EPA. The PI Order by its terms limited the injunction to Defendants and parties acting in direct concert with Defendants in the case. EPA is not acting in direct concert with a Defendant in terminating the grant.
- EPA has not made a particularized showing that recipient has violated a term of the sward and is not free from fraud, abuse, waste, or duplication.
- Consideration for response Review the information pertinent to the grant at issue to determine whether there are facts that would support a particularized justification for concluding the recipient has failed to satisfy the terms of the award. Document the basis for the justification. Uphold the termination on those grounds.
 - Atternative consideration for response Determine that no particularized justification would support termination. Decide the dispute in favor of the recipient.

Office of General Counsel US Environmental Protection Agency

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Subject: Grant terminations

Importance: High

Hi Grants ORCs:

It has come to our attention (see attached email from OEJECR) that Regions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, have issued notices of termination to incidents of Regional Triving Communities Technical Assistance Center grants advised that the grants have been station of the common termination at the common station of 2CFR advised to the DFA General Termination proteins grants are under the station of the CFR grants do not contain a Term and Condition indicates the clinical and termination notices on terminate the grant bases on changes in Agency priorities. OEJECR has provided to account and the infected TCTAC grants are manoid at various times in December 2020 bioincorporate the General Termination notices and the infected TCTAC grants are amended at various times in December 2020 bioincorporate the General Termination notices at the mendments to the Regional TCTAC grants eveloped the termination protocorporate the mandments to the Begional TCTAC grants eveloped the termination protocorporate termination to the Regional TCTAC grants eveloped the termination protocorporate termination at the tot to the Regional TCTAC grants eveloped the termination protocorporate ter

Notwithstanding the General Term and Condition "Termination", EPA maintains the right to terminate the Assistance Agreement only as specified to 2 CFR 200.338 and the version of 2 CFR 200.340 applicable to EPA gainst as of Alv). J 2024 prustant to 58 FR532C (July 3, 2024), when the noncompliance with the terms and conditions is substantial such that effective performance of the Assistance Agreement in materially impaired or there is adequate set/disco effective, or abuse, prompting adverse action by EPA per 2 CFR 200.339, through either a partial or full termination. In accordance with 2 CFR 200.341, EPA will provide the Recipient notice of termination.

If EPA partiality or fully terminates the Assistance Agreement, EPA must (1) de-obligate uncommitted funds and reobligate them to another Eligible Recipient to effectuate the objectives of the Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (TCAC) Program within 50 days of the de-obligation and (2) amend the Recipient's Assistance Agreement to reflect the reduced amount, based on the deobligation.

(emphasis added)

In the referenced July 3, 2004, Federal Register Nocise EPA Advises the public that for awards issued or amended to add funds after July 3, 2004, EPA would include terms and conditions expressly indicating when the Agency is preserving the right to unitaterally terminate awards on the grounds that the awards no longer effectuate program goals for agency priorities. The Federal Register Nocise is also attached.

Additionally, on February 21, 2025, the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryana Issued a Preliminary Injunction in National Association of Diversity Officers in Nighter Education et. al. v. Trum the may limit EPA's discretion to terminate grants based on concerns regarding funding programs that the promote equity and environmental justice. The termination actions taken against the Regional TCLAC's may also be encompased in the Preliminary injunction. We will coordinate appropriately within EPA and extensity as necessary and advies further when information regarding the implementation of the preliminary injunction becomes available.

For those of you in Regions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 please kiert your Grants Management Officer and Dispute Decision Official of the potential error. Given that the terminiation innoises cortain dispute rights is is probably that the recipients will file a dispute based on the error. ORC attorneys in other regions are copied here for awareness of the issue in cases similar grants are identified for termination in your region. Going forward please remember to check for this issue i.e., whether the wards has a stare and condition that allows for termination for changes an Agency florithis, if you are asked to provide advice on any legal concerns or considerations for an award being considered to transmission.

Please consult with me if you'd like to discuss a particular termination.

Assistant General Counsel