

Contract Number: D19364Vendor Number: 46580

### COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

This Grant Agreement (Agreement) is between the New Mexico Department of Transportation (the **Department**) and Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments (the **Grantee**), collectively referred to as “the Parties.” This Agreement is effective as of the date of the last party to sign it on the signature page below. The Parties agree as follows:

1. **Award.** The Department hereby awards the Grantee funding for the following project: Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWRTPO) Regional Work Program for Federal Fiscal Years 2023-2026.
2. **Scope of Work.** The Grantee shall perform the professional services stated in the NWRTPO Regional Work Program available at the following address <http://www.nwnmcog.org/>, for the current fiscal year and the Department’s Planning Procedures Manual, available at the following address: <https://www.dot.nm.gov/planning-research-multimodal-and-safety/planning-division/multimodal-planning-and-programs-bureau/government-to-government/>.
3. **Payment.** To be reimbursed for eligible expenses, the Grantee must submit timely, properly prepared reimbursement requests as provided in the Department’s Planning Procedures Manual.
  - a. The Grantee acknowledges the Department will not pay for any expenses incurred prior to the Parties signing the Agreement, after termination of the Agreement, or in excess of the amount of the federal award noted in Section 1.
  - b. Reimbursement requests must be submitted at least quarterly (federal fiscal year) no later than twenty-five (25) days after the last day of the quarter. Each reimbursement request shall reflect the correct federal/local match ratio as applied to the total of costs incurred by the Grantee for the quarter, as noted in Section 1.
  - c. When the Grantee pays more than its share of the total for a particular period, it must be clearly noted in the reimbursement request, and the amount of overpayment (over-match) will not be applied to future reimbursement requests.
  - d. The Department reserves the right to withhold reimbursement if any of the aforementioned requirements are not met.
  - e. The Grantee shall submit its final reimbursement request no later than thirty (30) days after termination of this Agreement.

f. If the Grantee fails to submit a reimbursement request for two contiguous quarters, the Grantee shall provide written justification for the lack of activity to the Department within fifteen (15) days of the end of the second contiguous quarter.

4. **Records and Audit.** The Grantee shall strictly account for all receipts and disbursements related to this Agreement. The Grantee shall record costs incurred, services rendered, and payment received, and shall maintain these financial records during the Agreement and for five (5) years from the date of submission of the final reimbursement request pursuant to 2 CFR 200.333 and 1.21.2 NMAC. On request, the Grantee shall provide the financial records to the Department and the state auditor, and shall allow the Department and the state auditor to inspect or audit these financial records during business hours at the Grantee's principal office during the Agreement and for five (5) years from the date of submission of the final reimbursement request. If the financial records provided by the Grantee are insufficient to support an audit by customary accounting practices, the Grantee shall reimburse the Department for any expense incurred related to the insufficient documentation within thirty (30) days of written notice from the Department. If an audit or inspection reveals that funds were used for expenses not directly related to the project, or otherwise used inappropriately, or that payments were excessive or otherwise erroneous, the Grantee shall reimburse the Department for those funds or payments within thirty (30) days of written notice from the Department regarding the same.
5. **Officials Not to Benefit.** The parties intend that no member of the New Mexico legislature or the United States Congress, or any public official, public employee, tribal official, tribal council member, or tribal employee, in that person's individual capacity, will benefit from this Agreement.
6. **Termination.** The Department may terminate this Agreement for any reason, by giving the Grantee thirty (30) days written notice. On receipt of a "Notice of Cancellation" from the Department, the Grantee shall suspend work unless otherwise directed by the Department in writing. The Grantee may only terminate this Agreement based on the Department's uncured, material breach of the Agreement, by giving the Department thirty (30) days written notice. The Parties acknowledge that termination will not nullify obligations incurred prior to the date of Notice.
7. **Appropriations.** The Grantee acknowledges that:
  - a. this Agreement is contingent upon sufficient appropriations and authorizations being made by the Congress of the United States or the New Mexico state legislature;
  - b. if sufficient appropriations and authorizations are not made, this Agreement will terminate upon written notice by the Department to the Grantee; and
  - c. the Department will not expend any funds until they are approved for expenditure,

and the Department's determination as to whether approval has been granted will be final.

8. **Compliance with Law.** The Grantee, its employees, agents and contractors, shall comply with the following:
- a. Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, the Environmental Justice Act of 1994, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, and 49 C.F.R. part 21;
  - b. all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations, and executive orders of the Governor of the state of New Mexico pertaining to equal employment opportunity, including the Human Rights Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 28-1-1 through 28-1-15 (and in accordance with such, the Grantee states that no person, on the grounds of race, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, spousal affiliation, serious medical condition, age, disability, or other protected class will be excluded from employment with or participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to, discrimination in any activity performed under this Agreement; if the Grantee is found to be in violation of any of these requirements, the Grantee shall take prompt and appropriate steps to correct such violation and failure to do so may be regarded a material breach of this Agreement);
  - c. state laws applicable to workers compensation benefits for the Grantee's employees, including the Workers' Compensation Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 52-1-1 through 52-1-70, and related regulations.
9. **Notices.** For a notice under this Agreement to be valid, it must be in writing; be delivered by hand, registered or certified mail return receipt requested and postage prepaid, or e-mail; and be addressed as follows:

**Department**

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NMDOT Government to Government Unit  
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505-231-2632  
Neala.Krueger@state.nm.us

**Grantee**

Robert Kuipers, NWRTPPO Planning Program Manager  
106 W. Aztec Ave.  
Gallup, NM 87301  
505-722-4327

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10. **Severability.** The terms of this Agreement are lawful; performance of all duties and obligations shall conform with and do not contravene any state, local, or federal statute, regulation, rule, or ordinance. The Parties intend that if any provision of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable, the rest of the Agreement will remain in effect as written.
11. **Liability.** Neither party shall be responsible for liability incurred as a result of the other party's acts or omissions in connection with this Agreement. Any liability incurred in connection with the Agreement is subject to the immunities and limitations of the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 41-4-1, *et seq.*, as amended. This paragraph is intended only to define the liabilities between the Parties, and is not intended to modify in any way, the Parties' liabilities as governed by common law or the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, and any other applicable law.
12. **Jurisdiction and Venue.** The Grantee acknowledges the jurisdiction of the courts of the state of New Mexico for any adversarial proceeding arising out of this Agreement, and that venue for any such proceeding will be in the First Judicial District Court for the county of Santa Fe, New Mexico.
13. **Project Responsibility.** The Grantee acknowledges that it bears sole responsibility for performing the services referred to in Section 2.
14. **Term.** This Agreement takes effect upon signature of all Parties. If the Grantee does not deliver the signed Agreement to the Department within sixty (60) days of the Department's signature, the Agreement will be voidable by the Department. The Agreement terminates at 12:00 a.m. on September 30, 2026, unless earlier terminated as provided in Section 6 or Section 7.
15. **Applicable Law.** The laws of the state of New Mexico, without giving effect to its choice of law principles, govern all adversarial proceedings arising out of this Agreement. Venue is proper in a New Mexico Court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with NMSA 1978, Section 38-3-1(G).
16. **Amendment.** This Agreement may only be altered, modified, or amended by an instrument in writing executed by the Parties.
17. **No Third-party Beneficiary.** This Agreement does not confer any rights or remedies on anyone other than the Department and the Grantee.
18. **Merger.** This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of the Agreement and supersedes all other agreements, whether written or oral, between the Parties, except that this Agreement does not

supersede the Grantee's rights under any other grant agreement.

19. **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise.** The following provision applies to a federally funded agreement only. The Grantee shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or other protected class in the award and performance of any federal-assisted contract or in the administration of its DBE program or the requirements of 49 CFR part 26. The Grantee shall take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49 CFR part 26 to ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of federal-assisted contracts. The recipient's DBE program, as required by 49 CFR part 26 and as approved by USDOT, is incorporated by reference in this Agreement. Implementation of this program is a legal obligation and failure to carry out its terms shall be treated as a violation of this Agreement. Upon notification to the recipient of its failure to carry out its approved program, the USDOT may impose sanctions as provided for under 49 CFR part 26 and may, in appropriate cases, refer the matter for enforcement under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and/or the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 (31 U.S.C. 3801 *et seq.*).

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Each party is signing this Agreement on the date stated opposite that party's signature. This Agreement is effective as of the date of the last party to sign it on the signature page below.

**NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

By: Justin Reese Date: 7/12/2022  
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Cabinet Secretary or Designee

**NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

By: Evan Williams Date: 7/12/2022  
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Title: Executive Director

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

By: John Howell Date: 7/11/2022  
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Department of Transportation

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