

HAZ-MIT FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
AWARD OF DOMESTIC GRANT
 Between the
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY
 And the
Wateredge Estates HOA, Inc.
23-14-HAZ-MIT



Program Title: Hazard Mitigation Program-Firewise Community Grant

Upon execution of this document, an award to Wateredge Estates HOA, Inc. hereinafter referred to as “Grant Recipient” in the amount not to exceed \$9,999.00, is made under {the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 as amended, Public Law 95-313; 16 U.S.C.2101-2114, Sec.10b3}.

This award should promote, support and participate in the federal grant program, sponsored by the U. S. Forest Service (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:10-668). Your application for federal assistance, dated 05/02/2023 and the attached provisions by the Virginia Department of Forestry are incorporated into this letter and made part of this award.

The Virginia Department of Forestry and Grant Recipient share the same goal of sustaining the health, diversity and productivity of the Nation and the Commonwealth’s forest and grasslands.

Virginia Department of Forestry, referred to as VDOF, is a state government agency in the governor’s cabinet by the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry. As such, the VDOF is responsible for:

- Protection of 15.9 million acres of forest land from fire, insects and disease,
- Management of 22 State Forests and other state lands totaling 67,920 acres for timber, recreation, water, research, wildlife and biodiversity,
- Assistance to more than 373,000 non-industrial private forest landowners that control 80% of Virginia’s forestland, through professional forestry advice and technical management programs.

Administrative Regulations can located on the internet: http://whitehouse.gov/omb/grants_default/

Cost Principles can be located on the internet: <http://gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html>.

- A. **Legal Authority:** Grant Recipient shall have the legal authority to enter into this award and the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project, which includes funds sufficient to pay the nonfederal share of project costs, when applicable.
- B. **Principal Contacts:** Individuals listed below are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this award:

Virginia Department of Forestry

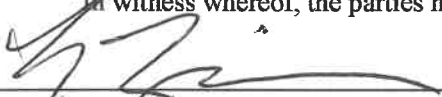
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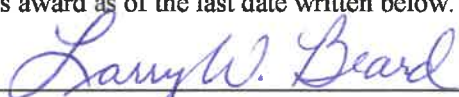
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Plan of Work: Establish and maintain a Firewise program through education and residential removal of primary fuel materials present of the surface that could propagate wildfires, including many uprooted trees and snapped limbs/trees damaged and broken from the 01/03/2022 winter storm. Efforts will include a safety buffer around each residence to help safeguard the homes from wildfires.

- C. **Availability of Funds:** Virginia Department of Forestry funds in the amount not to exceed \$9,999.00 are currently available for performance of this award through December 01, 2024. The Virginia Department of Forestry’s obligation for performance beyond this date is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment can be made. The funding listed above will require a 80%/20% cost share requirement. The Grant Recipient portion of the cost share match can be in “in-kind” contributions. All federal and recipient cost-share contributions are subject to all relevant OMB Circulars and Code of Federal Regulations.
- D. **Reimbursable Payments- Financial Assistance:** See provision K in the attachment, “Virginia Department of Forestry Award Provisions”.
- E. **Pre-Award Costs for State, Local and Indian Tribal:** Pursuant to OMB Circulars A-87, Attachment B, No. 31, Pre-award costs incurred as of October 1, 2012, are hereby authorized under this award.
- F. **Indirect Cost Rates-Provisional:** Indirect Charges are not approved as a reimbursable item. Grant funds are not to be used for indirect overhead; however they may qualify for match requirement. All Federal and recipient cost-share contributions are subject to all relevant OMB Circulars and Code of Federal Regulations.
- G. **Programmatic Changes:** Grant Recipient shall obtain prior approval for any change to the scope objectives of the approved project, key personnel, or transfer of substantive programmatic work to another party.
- H. **Modifications:** Modifications within the scope of this award shall be made by mutual consent of the parties, by the issuance of the written modification signed and dated by all properly authorized, signatory officials, prior to any changes being performed. Requests for modifications should be made, in writing, at least 30 days prior to implementation of the requested change. The Virginia Department of Forestry is not obligated to fund any changes not properly approved in advanced.
- I. **Commencement/Expiration Date:** This award is executed as of the date of the last signature and is effective through December 01, 2024 at which time it will expire, unless extended by an executed modification, signed and dated by all of the properly authorized, signatory officials.
- J. **Authorized Individuals:** By Signature below, each party certifies that the individuals listed in this document as representatives of the individual parties are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this award. In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this award as of the last date written below.



 Ed Zimmer, Deputy State Forester
 Virginia Department of Forestry
 Date 05/23/2023



 Larry Beard
 Wateredge Estates HOA, Inc.
 Date May 19, 2023

Attachment A: Virginia Department of Forestry Award Provisions

- A. **Collaborative Arrangements:** Where permitted by terms of the award, Grant Recipient may enter into collaborative arrangements with other organizations to jointly carry out activities with grant funds.
- B. **Non-Liability:** The Virginia Department of Forestry does not assume liability for any third party damages arising out of this award.
- C. **Notices:** Any notice given by the U.S. Forest Service or Virginia Department of Forestry will sufficient only if in writing and delivered in person, mailed, or transmitted electronically by e-mail or fax, as follows: The Virginia Department of Forestry, at Virginia Department of Forestry's address shown in the grant or such other address designated within the grant. Notices will be effective when delivered in accordance with this provision or on the effective date of the notice, whichever is later.
- D. **Federal Cost and Administrative Regulations:**
Sub recipient agrees to comply with the following federal Cost Principles and Administrative Regulations as applicable:

Sub Recipient Type	Administrative Requirements	Cost Principles
Non-Profits	2CFR215	2CFR230
Local and Tribal governments (when state is recipient)	State & Federal Laws, regulations 7 CFR 3016	2 CFR 225
Local and Tribal governments (when recipient is non-state)	7 CFR 3016	2 CFR 225
State Agencies	State & Federal Laws, regulations 7 CFR 3016	2 CFR 225
Universities	2 CFR 215	2 CFR 220

- E. **Use of U.S. Forest Service or Virginia Department of Forestry Insignia:** In order for the Grant Recipient to use either agencies insignia's on any published media, such as webpage, printed publication, or audiovisual production, permission must be granted from the Virginia Department of Forestry. A written request must be submitted and approval granted in writing prior to use of the insignia.
- F. **Metric System of Measurement:** Wherever measurements are required or authorized, they shall be made, computed and recorded U.S. Standard Units of Measurements applicable during administration of current and future Forest Service grants. If the metric system is utilized you must seek authorization from the Virginia Department of Forestry Program Manager in writing when it has found such usage is impractical or is likely to cause U.S. firms to experience significant inefficiencies or the loss of markets. When the U.S. Standard Units of Measurement is not the predominant standard for a particular application, measurements can be expressed in both U.S. Standard Units of the Metric System, provided by the U.S. Standard Units are listed.
- G. **Members of Congress:** Pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 22, no United States member of, or United States delegate to, Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this award, or benefits that may arise therefrom, either directly or indirectly.
- H. **Trafficking in Persons:** Human Trafficking is prohibited; additional information can be found under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104 (g)).
- I. **Drug- Free Workplace:**
1. Grant Recipient agree(s) that it will publish a drug-free workplace statement and provide a copy of any project/program that receives federal funding. The statement must:

- a. Tell the employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of the controlled substance is prohibited in its workplace.
 - b. Specify the actions Grant Recipient will take against employees for violating that prohibition; and let each employee know that, as a condition of employment under any instrument, he or she must abide by the terms of the statement, and must notify you in writing if he or she is convicted for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace, and must do so no more than five calendar days after the conviction.
2. Grant Recipient agree(s) that it will establish an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, internal policies, assistance programs and the penalties that may be imposed with drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace.
 3. Without the Virginia Department's expressed written approval, the policy statement and program must be in place as soon as possible, no later than 30 days after the effective date of this award, or completion date of this award, whichever occurs first.
 4. Grant Recipient agree(s) to immediately notify the Virginia Department of Forestry if an employee is convicted of a drug violation in the workplace. The notification must be in writing, identify the employee's position title, the award number of each award on which the employee worked. The notification must be sent to the Virginia Department of Forestry within ten calendar days after Grant Recipient learn(s) of the conviction.
 5. Within 30 calendar days of learning about an employee's conviction, Grant Recipient must either, take appropriate personnel action against the employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794) as amended or require the employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug assistance or rehabilitation program approved for these purposes by Federal, State or Local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.
- J. **Eligible Workers:** Grant Recipient shall ensure that all employees complete the I-9 form to certify that they are eligible for lawful employment under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.C.S. 1324a). Grant Recipient shall comply with regulations regarding certification and retention of the completed forms. These requirements also apply to any contract or supplemental instruments awarded under this award.
- K. **Advance/Reimbursable Payments:** Only costs for those project activities approved in (1) the initial award, or (2) modifications thereto, are allowable. Requests for payment should be submitted to Program Managers to review such requests to ensure they are in compliance and otherwise consistent with the proper policies and procedures. If Grant Recipient receive(s) an advance payment and subsequently request(s) an advance or reimbursement payment, then the request must clearly demonstrate that the previously advanced funds have been fully expended before the Virginia Department of Forestry can approve the request for payment. Any funds, advanced, but not spent, upon expiration of this award shall be returned to the Virginia Department of Forestry. Source documentation, including canceled checks, time and attendance records, and copies of invoices and/or detailed printouts, will be submitted with the request for funds. Invoices will be marked "paid" and referenced as to how payment was made (i.e. check number).
- L. **Award Closeout:** Award will be closed out either on the expiration date or with the notice of termination. Any unobligated funding at that time will be reverted to the Department of Forestry.
- M. **Program Performance Reports:** Grant Recipient shall monitor the performance of the grant activities to ensure that performance goals are being achieved. Performance Reports will include: A comparison of actual accomplishments to the goals achieved for the period; reason(s) for delay if established goals were not met; additional pertinent information pertaining to the grant. Performance Reports shall be submitted to the Program Manager(s) Fred X. Turck.
- N. **Notification:** Grant Recipient should immediately notify the Virginia Department of Forestry of developments that have a significant impact on the activities supported under this grant. Also, notification shall be given in

the case of problems, delays or adverse conditions that materially impair the ability to meet the objectives of the award. This notification shall include a statement of the action taken or contemplated, and any assistance needed to resolve the situation.

- O. **Changes in Key Positions and Personnel:** Any revisions to key positions and personnel identified in the application for this award require prior, written approval from the Department of Forestry. Failure to obtain prior, written approval when required may result in the disallowance of costs.
- P. **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA):** Public access to grant or agreement records shall not be limited, except when such records must be kept confidential and would have been exempted from disclosure pursuant to "Freedom of Information" regulations (5 U.S.C. 552).
- Q. **Text Messaging while driving:** In accordance with Executive Order (EO) 13513, "Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging while driving" any and all text messaging by Federal Employees is banned. All sub recipients are encouraged to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving while on government business.
- R. **Public Notices/Acknowledgement:** It is the U.S. Forest Service's policy to inform the public as fully as possible of its programs and activities. It is encouraged to give public notice of the receipt of this award from time to time, to announce progress and accomplishments. Acknowledge the U.S. Forest Service as well as the Virginia Department of Forestry support in publications, audiovisuals and electronic media developed as a result of this award. A mandatory provision if development of publications or production of audiovisuals, or if information is shared via electronic format (including websites).
- S. **Acknowledgment in Publications, Audiovisuals and Electronic Media:** Grant Recipient shall acknowledge the Virginia Department of Forestry and U.S. Forest Service's support in any publications, audiovisuals, and electronic media developed as a result of this award.
- T. **Nondiscrimination Statement-Printed, Electronic or Audiovisual Materials:** Grant Recipient shall include the following statement, in full, in any printed audiovisual material or electronic media for public distribution developed or printed with any federal funding.
"In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability."
If the material is too small to permit the full statement to be included, the material must, at a minimum, include the following statement, in print size no smaller than the text:
"This institution is an equal opportunity provider."
To file a Complaint of Discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (202)720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
- U. **Termination by Mutual Agreement:** This award may be terminated, in whole or part, as follows: when Grant Recipient and the Virginia Department of Forestry agree upon termination conditions, By 30 days written notification from the Virginia Department of Forestry and in the case of partial termination when the U.S. Forest Service determines that the remaining portion of the award will not accomplish the purposes for which the award was made, the U.S. Forest may terminate the award at its entirety.
Upon termination of an award, Grant Recipient shall not incur any new obligations for the terminated portion of the award after the effective date, and shall cancel as many outstanding obligations as possible. The Virginia Department of Forestry shall allow full credit to Grant Recipient for the United States Federal share of the non-cancelable obligations properly incurred by Grant Recipient upon the effective date of termination.
- V. **Disputes:** Any disputes under this award shall be decided by the Program Manager. The Program Manager shall furnish Grant Recipient a written copy of the decision. Decisions of the Program Manager shall be final unless, within 30 days of receipt of the decision of the Program Manager, Grant Recipient appeal(s) the decision to the Virginia Department of Forestry. Any appeal made under this provision shall be in writing. In

order to facilitate review, Grant Recipient shall be given an opportunity to submit written evidence in support of its appeal. No hearing will be provided.

- W. **Debarment and Suspension:** Grant Recipient shall immediately inform the Virginia Department of Forestry if they or any of their principals are presently excluded, debarred, or suspended from entering into covered transactions with the federal government according to the terms of 2CFR Part180. Additionally, should Grant Recipient_ or any of their principals receive a transmittal letter or other official federal notice of debarment or suspension, then they shall notify the Virginia Department of Forestry without undue delay. This applies, whether the exclusion, debarment or suspension is voluntary or involuntary.
- X. **International Travel:** When Virginia Department of Forestry funds are used and no Federal, statutory exceptions apply, Grant Recipient shall ensure that any air transportation of passengers and property is provided by a carrier holding a United States government issued certificate in compliance with the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974, 49 U.S.C. 40118 (Fly American Act).
- Y. **Copyrighting:** Virginia Department of Forestry is granted sole and exclusive right to copyright any publications developed as a result of this award. This includes the right to publish and vend throughout the world in any language and in all media and forms, in whole or in part, for the full term of copyright and all renewals thereof in accordance with this award. No original text or graphics produced and submitted by the US Forest Service shall be copyrighted. The U.S. Forest Service reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish or otherwise use and to authorize others to use the work for federal government purposes. This right shall be transferred to any sub-awards, sub-agreements or sub-contracts. This provision includes: The copyright in any work developed by Virginia Department of Forestry under this award and any rights to copyright which Virginia Department of Forestry purchase(s) ownership with federal contributions.
- Z. **Program Income:** If any program income is generated as a result of this award, it must be deducted from the gross expenditures that are being charged to the award in accordance with the applicable Cost Principles.

Note: This section does not apply for Grant Recipients who receive less than \$25,000 during the current federal fiscal year.

AA. **Central Contractor Registration and Universal Identifier Requirements:**

1. **Requirements for Central Contractor Registration (CCR)**

Unless you are exempted from this requirement under 2 CFR 25.110, you as the recipient must maintain the currency of your information in the CCR until you submit the final financial report required under this award or receive the final payment, whichever is later. This requires that you review and update the information at least annually after the initial registration and more frequently if required by changes in your information or another award term.
2. **Requirement for Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Numbers**
3. **Definitions:** For the purposes of this award term:
 - a. *Central Contractor Registration (CCR)* means the Federal repository into which an entity must provide information required for the conduct of business as a recipient. Additional information about the registration procedures may be found at the CCR Internet site (currently at <http://www.ccr.gov>).
 - b. *Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number:* means the nine-digit number established and assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B) to uniquely identify business entities. A DUNS number may be obtained from D&B by telephone (Currently 866-705-5711) or the Internet (currently at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>).

- c. *Entity*, as it is used in this award term, means all of the following as defined at 2 CFR part 25, subpart C: A governmental organization, which is a state, local government or Indian Tribe; A foreign public entity; A domestic or foreign nonprofit organization; A domestic or foreign for-profit organization; and A Federal agency, but only as a sub recipient under and award or sub award to a nonfederal entity.

BB. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (Sub-award Reporting System): Effective October 1, 2010 all sub-awards that receives \$25,000 or more from a federal award will need to be reported. The sub-award is responsible for providing the Department of Forestry with the following information for timely reporting: Name, Address, Federal Tax Identification Number, DUNS Number, Principal place of performance and names of Highly Compensated Officers.

Attachment B: Virginia Department of Forestry Plan of Work

Note: “Plan of Work” is as noted on the related grant request application. Provide an additional attachment only if further clarification is needed in regards to the actual scope of work.

SPECIAL: additional understanding between the community, Grant Recipient, and the Virginia Department of Forestry.

The Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF), in approving funding to help reimburse a portion of the expenses related to this project, provides no warranty of the work that is to be performed; maintains no responsibility to ensure compliance with any related codes, requirements or permits; and understands that all landowners whose property is to be impacted by the planned work, have agreed to the impacts to their individual properties, have volunteered to donate a portion of their property to support the improvements, and have already given written permission to the homeowner’s association to complete this project.

