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1. Public Charity Grant Agreement Sample Provisions

Tax Status. Grantee represents that it is a tax-exempt organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that it is not a “private foundation” as defined in Code Section 509(a), or a “Type III” supporting organization as described in Code Section 509(a)(3)(C), (other than a “functionally integrated” Type III supporting organization as defined in Code Section 4943(f)(5)(B)).

Prohibited Use of Funds. Grantee agrees to not use any portion of the grant funds to any extent for any of the following:

- a. To participate in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office or to otherwise influence the outcome of any specific public election as described in Section 4945(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code; or
- b. For any non-charitable purposes.

Limitations on Lobbying Activity. Grantee attests that the lobbying amount shown on the project budget is a good faith estimate of the lobbying expenses expected to be incurred in connection with the activities described in its proposal. Grantee represents that the amount of this grant, together with the amount of any other grants that Grantee has received from the Foundation for the same project for the same year does not exceed the amount of Grantee’s budget for project activities that are not attempts to influence legislation. Grantee acknowledges that the Foundation has not designated or earmarked any part of the grant funds for the carrying on of propaganda or attempting to influence legislation within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Sections 501(h), 4945(d)(1) and 4945(e) and related regulations (these provisions include local, state, federal, and foreign legislation), and neither Grantee nor the Foundation has entered into any agreement, oral or written, to the contrary. Please note that in the event Grantee uses any of the grant funds to influence governmental action in ways permissible under the Internal Revenue Code and the terms of this Agreement, Grantee may have lobby reporting or other disclosure requirements under the laws of a particular state or other jurisdiction; note further, that state law may include influencing state administrative agencies within the definition of lobbying. Grantee acknowledges that Grantee is solely responsible for complying with any and all applicable lobby reporting or other disclosures.

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Upon the expiration of this Agreement (including any Foundation-approved extensions) or the termination of this Agreement, or at the request of the Foundation at any time, Grantee shall immediately discontinue the use of the Foundation's name and logo in electronic materials and shall discontinue use within a reasonable period of time for printed materials. All uses beyond this period must be pre-approved in writing by the Foundation, which may be granted or withheld in the sole and absolute discretion of the Foundation.

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