



**2021 STATE OF MINNESOTA  
ANNUAL COUNTY BOAT AND WATER SAFETY  
GRANT CONTRACT AGREEMENT**

**ENCUMBRANCE WORKSHEET**

**Contract#**  **PO#**

**State Accounting Information:**

Dept. ID R29	PC Bus. Unit R2901	Fiscal Year 2021	Source Type State	Vendor Number 0000197323-001
Total Amount \$19,108	Project ID R29G70CGBLA19	Billing Location R297000221	DUNS 080234404	

**Accounting Distribution:**

Fund 2100	Fin. Dept. ID R2937714	Appropriation ID R297400	Category 84101501	Account 441302	Activity A4CG002
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Grant Begin Date January 1, 2021	Grant End Date June 30, 2022
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Grantee Name and Address:  
Wright County Sheriff's Office  
3800 Braddock Avenue NE  
Buffalo, MN 55313

Payment Address:  
(where DNR sends the check)  
Wright Co. Auditor  
10 - 2nd St. NW, Rm. 230  
Buffalo, MN 55313-1195

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This grant contract agreement is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Natural Resources, Enforcement Division ("State") and Wright County Sheriff's Office, 3800 Braddock Avenue NE, Buffalo, MN 55313, (080234404) ("Grantee"). The payment address for this grant contract agreement is Wright Co. Auditor, 10 - 2nd St. NW, Rm. 230, Buffalo, MN 55313-1195.

**Recitals**

1. Under Minnesota Statutes § 86B.701 & .705 the State is empowered to enter into this grant.
2. The State is in need of Sheriff's duties to carry out the provisions of Chapter 86B and the Boat and Water Safety Rules, hereinafter referred to as the "Minnesota Rules", including patrol, enforcement, search and rescue, watercraft inspection, issuance of temporary structure & event permits, waterway marking and accident investigation, all hereinafter referred to as the "Sheriff's Duties".
3. The Grantee represents that it is duly qualified and agrees to perform all services described in this grant contract agreement to the satisfaction of the State. Pursuant to [Minn.Stat. §16B.98](#), Subd. 1, the Grantee agrees to minimize administrative costs as a condition of this grant.

**Grant Contract Agreement**

**1 Term of Grant Contract Agreement**

- 1.1 **Effective date:** January 1, 2021 or the date the State obtains all required signatures under [Minn. Stat. §16B.98](#), Subd. 5. Once this grant contract agreement is fully executed, the Grantee may claim reimbursement for 2021 grant expenditures incurred back to effective date. Per [Minn.Stat. §16B.98](#) Subd. 7, no payments will be made to the Grantee until this grant contract agreement is fully executed. Reimbursements will only be made for expenditures made according to the terms of this grant contract agreement.
- 1.2 **Expiration date:** June 30, 2022, or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first. Pursuant to Minnesota Statute §16A.28, Subdivision 6, the encumbrance may be certified for one year beyond the year in which funds were appropriated. The Grantee shall submit a final billing invoice within 30 days of the expiration of the grant as specified herein.
- 1.3 **Survival of Terms.** The following clauses survive the expiration or cancellation of this grant contract agreement: 8. Liability; 9. State Audits; 10. Government Data Practices and Intellectual Property; 12. Publicity and Endorsement; 13. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue; and 15. Data Disclosure.

**2 Grantee's Duties**

The Grantee, who is not a state employee, will provide county sheriff services for boat and water safety activities. As stated in Minnesota Statute § 86B.701, the Grantee will submit to the State a spending plan (Exhibit "A", which is attached and incorporated into this grant) along with this form to carry out the Sheriff's Duties. Boat and water safety activities are those outlined in Minnesota Statutes § 86B, Minnesota Rules, Chapter 6110, search and recovery operations in the waters of the State and the portions of Chapter 169A that are applicable to motorboats. Exhibit "B", which is attached and incorporated into this grant further defines the allowable expenditures. The Grantee is responsible for maintaining an adequate conflict of interest policy throughout the term of this grant contract. The Grantee shall monitor and report any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest to the State's Authorized Representative.

**Reporting Requirements:** The Grantee must satisfactorily submit all activity and financial reports by the date(s) requested by the State, unless the State grants an extension in writing. Exhibit "B", which is attached and incorporated into this grant further defines reporting requirements.

**3 Time**

The Grantee must comply with all the time requirements described in this grant contract agreement. In the performance of this grant contract agreement, time is of the essence.

**4 Consideration and Payment**

4.1 **Consideration.** The State will pay for all services performed by the Grantee under this grant contract agreement as follows:

- (a) **Compensation.** The Grantee will be paid for all boat and water safety activities performed by the Grantee during the term of the grant up to Nineteen thousand one hundred eight dollars (\$19,108).
- (b) **Total Obligation.** The total obligation of the State for all compensation and reimbursements to the Grantee under this grant contract agreement will not exceed Nineteen thousand one hundred eight dollars (\$19,108).

4.2 **Payment**

- (a) **Invoices.** The State will promptly pay the Grantee after the Grantee presents an itemized invoice for the services actually performed and the State's Authorized Representative accepts the invoiced services. Submit **one** invoice at the end of the grant period or when all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first in a form prescribed by the State within the dates previously noted in "Term of Grant Contract Agreement" in this contract.

#### 4.3 Contracting and Bidding Requirements

Per [Minn. Stat. §471.345](#), grantees that are municipalities as defined in Subd. 1 must follow the law.

- (a) For projects that include construction work of \$25,000 or more, prevailing wage rules apply per [Minn. Stat. §§177.41](#) through [177.44](#). These rules require that the wages of laborers and workers should be comparable to wages paid for similar work in the community as a whole.
- (b) The grantee must not contract with vendors who are suspended or debarred in MN:  
<http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/debarredreport.asp>

#### 5 Conditions of Payment

All services provided by the Grantee under this grant contract must be performed to the State's satisfaction, as determined at the sole discretion of the State's Authorized Representative and in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations. The Grantee will not receive payment for work found by the State to be unsatisfactory or performed in violation of federal, state, or local law.

#### 6 Authorized Representative

The State's Authorized Representative is Adam Block, Boating Law Administrator, Enforcement Division – Central Office, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), 500 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155-4047, [adam.block@state.mn.us](mailto:adam.block@state.mn.us) or his/her successor, and has the responsibility to monitor the Grantee's performance and the authority to accept the services provided under this grant contract agreement. If the services are satisfactory, the State's Authorized Representative will certify acceptance on each invoice submitted for payment.

The Grantee's Authorized Representative is Sheriff Sean A. Deringer, Wright County Sheriff's Office, 3800 Braddock Avenue NE, Buffalo, MN 55313. If the Grantee's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this grant contract agreement, the Grantee must immediately notify the State.

#### 7 Assignment, Amendments, Waiver, and Grant Contract Agreement Complete

- 7.1 **Assignment.** The Grantee shall neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this grant contract agreement without the prior written consent of the State, approved by the same parties who executed and approved this grant contract agreement, or their successors in office.
- 7.2 **Amendments.** Any amendments to this grant contract agreement must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original grant contract agreement, or their successors in office.
- 7.3 **Waiver.** If the State fails to enforce any provision of this grant contract agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or the State's right to enforce it.
- 7.4 **Grant Contract Agreement Complete.** This grant contract agreement, including Exhibits "A" and "B," contains all negotiations and agreements between the State and the Grantee. No other understanding regarding this grant contract agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

#### 8 Liability

The Grantee must indemnify, save, and hold the State, its agents, and employees harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorney's fees incurred by the State, arising from the performance of this grant contract agreement by the Grantee or the Grantee's agents or employees. This clause will not be construed to bar any legal remedies the Grantee may have for the State's failure to fulfill its obligations under this grant contract agreement.

#### 9 Audits (State and Single)

Under [Minn. Stat. §16B.98, subd. 8](#), the Grantee books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this grant contract agreement are subject to examination by the State and/or the State Auditor or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the end of this grant contract agreement, receipt and approval of all final reports, or the required period of time to satisfy all state and program retention requirements, whichever is later.

#### 10 Government Data Practices and Intellectual Property

- 10.1 **Government Data Practices.** The Grantee and State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, [Minn. Stat. Ch. 13](#), as it applies to all data provided by the State under this grant contract agreement, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Grantee under this grant contract agreement. The civil remedies of [Minn. Stat. §13.08](#) apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either the Grantee or the State. If the Grantee receives a request to release the data referred to in this Clause, the Grantee must immediately notify the State. The State will give the Grantee instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released. The Grantee's response to the request shall comply with applicable law.

#### 11 Workers' Compensation

The Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with [Minn. Stat. §176.181](#), Subd. 2, pertaining to workers' compensation insurance coverage. The Grantee's employees and agents will not be considered State employees. Any claims that may arise under the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Act on behalf of these employees and any claims made by any third party as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of these employees are in no way the State's obligation or responsibility.

**12      Publicity and Endorsement**

- 12.1 **Publicity.** Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this grant contract agreement must identify the State as the sponsoring agency and must not be released without prior written approval from the State's Authorized Representative. For purposes of this provision, publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for the Grantee individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors with respect to the program, publications, or services provided resulting from this grant contract agreement. All projects primarily funded by state grant appropriations must publicly credit the State of Minnesota, including on the grantee's website when practicable.
- 12.2 **Endorsement.** The Grantee must not claim that the State endorses its products or services.

**13      Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue**

Minnesota law, without regard to its choice-of-law provisions, governs this grant contract agreement. Venue for all legal proceedings out of this grant contract agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

**14      Termination**

- 14.1 **Termination by the State.** The State may immediately terminate this grant contract agreement with or without cause, upon 30 days' written notice to the Grantee. Upon termination, the Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed.
- 14.2 **Termination for Cause.** The State may immediately terminate this grant contract if the State finds that there has been a failure to comply with the provisions of this grant contract, that reasonable progress has not been made or that the purposes for which the funds were granted have not been or will not be fulfilled. The State may take action to protect the interests of the State of Minnesota, including the refusal to disburse additional funds and requiring the return of all or part of the funds already disbursed.
- 14.3 **Termination for Insufficient Funding.** The State may immediately terminate this grant contract if:
- (a) It does not obtain funding from the Minnesota Legislature.
  - (b) Or, if funding cannot be continued at a level sufficient to allow for the payment of the services covered here. Termination must be by written or fax notice to the Grantee. The State is not obligated to pay for any services that are provided after notice and effective date of termination. However, the Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed to the extent that funds are available. The State will not be assessed any penalty if the contract is terminated because of the decision of the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source, not to appropriate funds. The State must provide the Grantee notice of the lack of funding within a reasonable time of the State's receiving that notice.

**15      Data Disclosure**

Under [Minn. Stat. § 270C.65](#), Subd. 3, and other applicable law, the Grantee consents to disclosure of its social security number, federal employer tax identification number, and/or Minnesota tax identification number, already provided to the State, to federal and state tax agencies and state personnel involved in the payment of state obligations. These identification numbers may be used in the enforcement of federal and state tax laws which could result in action requiring the Grantee to file state tax returns and pay delinquent state tax liabilities, if any.

**16      American Disabilities Act**

The Grantee is subject to complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and all applicable regulations and guidelines.

**17      Non-Discrimination Requirements**

No person in the United States must, on the ground of race, color, national origin, handicap, age, religion, or sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under, any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. Including but not limited to:

- (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.) and DOC implementing regulations published at 15 C.F.R. Part 8 prohibiting discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin under programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.) prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex under Federally assisted education programs or activities;
- (b) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794), and DOC implementing regulations published at 15 C.F.R. Part 8b prohibiting discrimination on the basis of handicap under any program or activity receiving or benefiting from Federal assistance.
- (c) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.), and DOC implementing regulations published at 15 C.F.R. Part 20 prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- (d) Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 which prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in services, programs, and activities of public entities.
- (e) Any other applicable non-discrimination law(s).

**18      Invasive Species Prevention**

The DNR requires active steps to prevent or limit the introduction, establishment, and spread of invasive species during contracted work. The contractor shall prevent invasive species from entering into or spreading within a project site by cleaning equipment prior to arriving at the project site.

If the equipment, vehicles, gear, or clothing arrives at the project site with soil, aggregate material, mulch, vegetation (including seeds) or animals, it shall be cleaned by contractor furnished tool or equipment (brush/broom, compressed air or pressure washer) at the staging area.

The contractor shall dispose of material cleaned from equipment and clothing at a location determined by the DNR Contract Administrator. If the material cannot be disposed of onsite, secure material prior to transport (sealed container, covered truck, or wrap with tarp) and legally dispose of offsite.

The contractor shall ensure that all equipment and clothing used for work in infested waters has been adequately decontaminated for invasive species (ex. zebra mussels) prior to being used in non-infested waters. All equipment and clothing including but not limited to waders, tracked vehicles, barges, boats, turbidity curtain, sheet pile, and pumps that comes in contact with any infested waters must be thoroughly decontaminated.

**19 Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions**

- 19.1 The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this grant contract agreement, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- 19.2 Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this grant contract agreement.

**20 Whistleblower Protection Rights**

41 USC §4712, Enhancement of Recipient and Subrecipient Employee Whistleblower Protection

- (a) This award and employees working on this financial assistance agreement will be subject to the whistleblower rights and remedies in the pilot program on Award Recipient employee whistleblower protections established at 41 U.S.C. 4712 by section 828 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub.L. 112-239).
- (b) Recipients, their subrecipients, and their contractors awarded contracts over the simplified acquisition threshold related to this award, shall inform their employees in writing, in the predominant language of the workforce, of the employee whistleblower rights and protections under 41 USC 4712.
- (c) The recipient shall insert this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subawards and in contracts over the simplified acquisition threshold related to this award.

Attachments:

- \_\_\_\_\_ A. State Boat Grant Contract Agreement
- \_\_\_\_\_ B. Exhibit A
- \_\_\_\_\_ C. Exhibit B
- \_\_\_\_\_ D. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

**1. STATE ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION**

*Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minnesota Statutes §16A.15.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

SWIFT Contract # \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Order # \_\_\_\_\_

**2. GRANTEE:**

The Grantee certifies that the appropriate person(s) have executed the grant contract agreement on behalf of the Grantee as required by applicable articles, bylaws, resolutions, or ordinances.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. STATE AGENCY: NATURAL RESOURCES**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(With delegated authority)

Distribution:

- 1. DNR - OMBS
- 2. Grantee
- 3. State's Authorized Representative

## **ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES & REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

### **2021 BOAT & WATER SAFETY STATE GRANT PROGRAM**

Use these guidelines when completing the proposed Budget --- Exhibit "A" form.

**GENERAL** - All of the expenditures listed below must be directly related to the boat and water safety program. When personnel or equipment costs are split between general law enforcement duties and boat and water safety work, the percentage paid out of the boat and water safety account may not exceed the percentage of time the individual or piece of equipment is actually used for boat and water safety enforcement. Boat and water safety activities are those activities outlined in: 1) M.S. § Chapter 86B, 2) Minn. Rules - Chapter 6110, 3) search and recovery operations in the waters of the state and 4) the portions of Chapter 169A that are applicable to motorboats.

**(SPENDING PLAN, INVOICES, ACCOUNTING and REPORTS)** – Submit **one** reimbursement invoice at the end of the grant period or when all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first. The proposed expenditures listed on your spending plan (Exhibit A) must reasonably match both your invoice and annual year-end report. If you need to purchase or pay for something that was not on the original Spending Plan, you will need to first send in a revised plan (Exhibit A) signed by the sheriff or designee, and if approved by the State, proceed from there. The Grantee must satisfactorily submit all annual performance reports and reimbursement requests for each year of participation in this Program by the date(s) requested by the State, unless the Grantee requests an extension in writing and the State approves an extension in writing. Minnesota statutes and rules require that you have a separate account for the state boat & water safety funds.

**PERSONNEL** - Personnel expenses (including salary, insurance, social security, retirement, worker's compensation, etc.) for persons who are actually engaged in boating and water safety duties. Records or logs of time spent on the program are necessary to support these expenses and should be retained not less than three years. If officer hours are a part of your reimbursement, please send **one** (1) completed officer log for the time period in which reimbursement is being requested.

**SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES** - This includes uniforms, fuel, oil, lubricants, repairs, rental/lease costs (docks, buildings, office facilities, equipment, etc.), insurance, travel costs, training expenses and expendable supplies (fuel, rope, paint, printing, etc.). No cell phone charges will be allowed. All expenditures need to be verifiable as allowable expenditures under this grant. Items must be listed on Exhibit A (proposed spending plan) of this grant and be descriptive in nature.

**EQUIPMENT** - Includes boats, motors, trailers, buoys, depth locators, radios, etc. Equipment that is being used for general duties may be either charged to the boat and water safety account according to percentage of use or by mile/hour of operation. Mileage logs showing dates, odometer readings and assignment are necessary to support all vehicle use and should be retained not less than three years. If you purchase equipment and it is greater than \$5,000, please submit a copy of the purchase invoice. The purchase of snowmobiles and ATVs with boat and water funds is not allowed.

County sheriff's departments are urged to contact Boat and Water Safety at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for a determination prior to any questionable proposed expenditure. All expenditures are subject to state audit. Be sure to keep accurate documentation and records of all expenditures.

## Conflict of Interest Disclosure

### **Conflict of Interest:**

A conflict of interest (actual, potential, or perceived) occurs when a person has actual or apparent duty or loyalty to more than one organization and the competing duties or loyalties may result in actions which are adverse to one or both parties. A conflict of interest exists even if no unethical, improper, or illegal act results from it.

### **Actual Conflict of Interest:**

An actual conflict of interest occurs when a decision or action would compromise a duty to a party without taking immediate appropriate action to eliminate the conflict. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- One party uses his or her position to obtain special advantage, benefit, or access to the other party's time, services, facilities, equipment, supplies, badge, uniform, prestige, or influence.
- One party receives or accepts money (or anything else of value) from another party or has equity or a financial interest in or partial or whole ownership of the other party's organization.
- One party is an employee, board member or family member of the other party.

### **Potential Conflict of Interest:**

A potential conflict of interest may exist if one party has a relationship, affiliation, or other interest that could create an inappropriate influence if the person is called on to make a decision or recommendation that would affect one or more of those relationships, affiliations, or interests. For example, when one party serves in a volunteer capacity for another party, it has the potential to, but does not necessarily, create a conflict of interest, depending on the nature of the relationship between the two parties. A disclosed potential conflict of interest warrants additional discussion in order to identify the nature of the relationship, affiliation, or other interest and take action to mitigate any potential conflicts.

### **Perceived Conflict of Interest:**

A perceived conflict of interest is any situation in which a reasonable third party would conclude that conflicting duties or loyalties exist. A disclosed perceived conflict of interest warrants additional discussion in order to identify the nature of the relationship, affiliation, or other interest and take action to mitigate any potential conflicts.

### **Organizational Conflict of Interest:**

A conflict of interest can also occur with an organization that is a grant applicant or grantee of a state agency.

Organizational conflicts of interest occur when:

- A grantee is unable or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice to the State due to competing duties or loyalties
- A grantee's objectivity in carrying out the grant is or might be otherwise impaired due to competing duties or loyalties
- A grantee or potential grantee has an unfair competitive advantage through being furnished unauthorized proprietary information or source selection information that is not available to all competitors.



**This section to be completed by Grantee's Authorized Representative (AR):**

I certify that we will maintain an adequate Conflict of Interest Policy and throughout the term of our agreement we will monitor and report any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest to the State's Authorized Representative.

I also certify that I have read and understand the description of conflict of interest above and as of this date

(Check one of the two boxes below):

I do not have any conflicts of interest relating to this project.

I have an actual, potential, perceived, or organizational (*circle*) conflict of interest. The nature of the conflict is as follows:

If at any time during the grant project I discover a conflict of interest, I will disclose that conflict immediately to the State's Authorized Representative.

Grantee AR's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grantee AR's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: **2021 MN DNR State Boating Grant**

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State AR's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

State AR's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_