

## GRANT AGREEMENT

This Grant Agreement (this “Agreement”) made and entered into on the «**ApprovalDate**» (the “Award Date”), by and between the **Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission**, a body corporate and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia (the “Commission”), and «**Organization**». (the “Grantee”).

### WITNESSETH:

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia General Assembly created the Commission to, among other things, stimulate the economic growth and development of communities in the Southern and Southwest regions (the “Region”) of the Commonwealth of Virginia (the “Commonwealth”), and

**WHEREAS**, the Grantee has submitted an application, which by this reference is incorporated herein and made a part of this Agreement (the “Application”), to the Commission for funding to acquire, construct, improve, equip, furnish and/or otherwise undertake the project entitled «**ProjectTitle**» described on **Exhibit A** attached hereto (the “Project”), and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission, in reliance upon the information set forth in the Application, has determined that the Project benefits the Region and is consistent with and in furtherance of the Commission’s public purposes and approved a grant to the Grantee in the amount of «**NetAwardCalc**» (the “Grant”) to fund the Project, the approval and funding of such Grant the Commission has determined constitutes a valid public purpose for the expenditure of public funds and is the animating purpose for the Grant, and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission and the Grantee desire to set forth their understanding and agreement as to the use of the Grant and the obligations of the Grantee regarding the use of the Grant,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing, the mutual benefits, promises and undertakings of the parties to this Agreement, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby represent, warrant, covenant and agree as follows:

**1. Project and Budget.** The Grantee agrees to use the Grant to provide funds for that portion of the Project not being paid from other sources as set forth in the budget for the Project attached hereto as **Exhibit B** (the “Project Budget”).

No portion of the Grant shall be used for any purpose whatsoever other than the Project without the prior written approval of the Executive Director of the Commission (the “Executive Director”).

No material changes shall be made in the scope of the Project or to the Project Budget without the prior written approval of the Executive Director. Any document signed by the Executive Director accepting a change in the scope of the Project or to the Project Budget shall specifically set forth the

accepted change. If the maximum authorized amount of the Grant exceeds the amount necessary to complete the Project, the excess shall not be disbursed to the Grantee but shall remain with the Commission. If excess funds were disbursed, such excess funds shall be returned to the Commission within thirty (30) days of the earlier of the completion of the Project or the expiration of this Agreement.

The Grantee agrees to cause the Project to be acquired, constructed, improved, equipped, furnished and/or otherwise undertaken as described in **Exhibit A** and will cause the Project to be completed on or before the expiration of this Agreement. The Grantee affirms that the Grant funds and funds available from the other sources specified in the Project Budget will be sufficient to cause the Project to be completed.

The Grantee agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations pertaining to the Project and the use and application of Grant funds.

**2. Payment of Grant Funds.** Subject to the terms of this Agreement, and at the sole discretion of the Commission and subject to the conditions set forth in **Exhibit C** attached hereto, the Grant shall be disbursed on a reimbursement basis.

The Grantee shall be eligible for reimbursement upon submission of a signed payment request on the Commission's then-current form ("Payment Request Form") with adequate supporting documentation. The Grantee agrees to comply with the Commission's General Funding Policies, Grant Disbursement Guidelines, and Guidelines for Advance of Funds as adopted by the Commission.

Expenses incurred prior to the execution of this agreement are not eligible for reimbursement. Prior to any disbursement, the Commission shall have on record documentation from the Grantee designating the officers, employees, or agents authorized to make a reimbursement request (such documentation may be in the form of a resolution or minutes of the Grantee appointing such designee).

Reimbursement requests shall be submitted not more frequently than quarterly, unless the Commission otherwise agrees. Appropriate supporting documentation shall be attached to all Payment Request Forms and may include, but is not limited to, invoices from goods purchased and services performed, receipts, vouchers, reporting forms or other evidence of the actual payment of costs related to the Project and consistent with the Project Budget. The Grantee shall also provide appropriate supporting documentation of the expenditure and application of any required matching funds for the Project as set forth on **Exhibit C** attached hereto. The Commission may in its sole discretion refuse to make a disbursement if the Grantee's documentation is not adequate or if such disbursement does not appear to be within the Project Budget or is otherwise contrary to or in violation of the provisions hereof. The Commission in its sole discretion may refuse to disburse any funds to the Grantee if the Grantee has previously received a grant award and a final grant report for the previous grant award has not been received by the Commission.

**3. Right of Inspection.** The Commission, and its members, employees and agents, shall have the right to inspect the Project upon reasonable notice to the Grantee provided, however, that in the

event of an emergency, inspection may be made, to preserve the integrity of the Grant and its original intended purpose, with notice to the Grantee being given at the earliest practicable time.

**4. Parties' Relationship.** In connection with the award or the administration of the Grant, the Commission does not and shall not assume any liability for any financial or other obligations of the Grantee made to third parties, whether or not related to the Project. The Grantee is and will be acting as an independent contractor in the performance of the Project, and agrees to be responsible, to the extent permitted by the Virginia Tort Claims Act and all other applicable Virginia law, for negligent acts or omissions of its employees, agents or officers arising out of its obligations under this Agreement. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an express or implied waiver of the sovereign immunity of the Commission or the Commonwealth.

In the event the Commission is required to take legal action under this Agreement, the Grantee shall be liable, to the extent allowable by Virginia law, for all of the Commission's costs expended for the administration and enforcement of this Agreement, including but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.

**5. Recordkeeping.** The Grantee shall maintain proper books of record and account with respect to the Grant and the Project in which accurate and timely entries shall be made in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, during the term of this Agreement. The Grantee shall retain all invoices from goods purchased and services performed, receipts, vouchers, reporting forms or other evidence of the actual payment of costs related to the Project. All books of record and account and all records of receipts and expenditures with respect to the Grant and the Project and copies of Payment Request Forms with supporting documentation and annual and final reports submitted to the Commission shall be retained for at least three (3) years after the later of the completion of the Project or the expiration of this Agreement. The Commission, and its members, employees, and agents, shall have the right to inspect and make copies of the books and records of the Grantee related to the Project.

**6. Annual Reports.** The Grantee shall submit to the Commission annual financial and narrative reports reflecting activity related to the Project and progress made toward completion of the Project. Annual financial and narrative reports shall be presented on the Commission's grant reporting form then in effect (the "Grant Reporting Form"). Annual reports shall be due one year from the Award Date and annually thereafter until the Project is complete. The Commission reserves the right to request additional information to supplement the information provided in the Grant Reporting Form, including but not limited to, the Grantee's audited financial statements.

**7. Final Report.** The Grantee shall provide a final financial and narrative report to the Commission upon submission of the final payment request. The final report shall contain the type of information contained in the annual reports, including a narrative as to the success of the Project and a description of the long-term achievements and expectations for the Project. The Commission may withhold disbursement of the final payment until receipt of a final report that is in all respects satisfactory to the Commission. After the completion of the Project and expiration of this Agreement, the Commission may in its sole discretion require additional reporting on the long-term achievements and expectations of the Project.

**8. Interim Reports.** In addition to the annual reports and final report required by Sections 6 and 7 of this Agreement, the Commission may reasonably request that the Grantee submit additional or interim information from time to time to ensure that the provisions of this Agreement are properly carried out, administered and enforced.

**9. Misuse of Award; Rights of Commission.** If the Commission determines that any part of a Grant has not been used for the Project or for a purpose otherwise approved in writing by the Executive Director, or that the Grantee has failed to comply with any material term or condition of this Agreement, or has made any materially false or misleading statement to the Commission in this Agreement, the Application, or in communications with the Commission or its agents, the Commission in its sole discretion may withhold any further disbursements to the Grantee. In addition, the Commission may:

- (a) rescind the Grant by written notice to the Grantee, in which event the Grantee shall be obligated to return to the Commission, within five (5) days following receipt of such notice, an amount, from legally available funds, equal to all Grant payments received pursuant to this Agreement, plus interest from the date of receipt of such notice at the prime rate set forth in the Wall Street Journal on the date of such notice;
- (b) take any action as necessary to preserve the integrity of the Grant and to preserve Grant funds for appropriate uses;
- (c) determine that the Grantee is ineligible to receive future grant funding through the Commission;
- (d) withhold any and all disbursements requested by the Grantee from the Commission under any other grant approved by the Commission; and/or
- (e) take such judicial action as is necessary to collect any amounts owed, including legal action for breach of this Agreement.

The Grantee agrees to pay the Commission's attorneys' fees and actual costs incurred in the collection of funds or for the enforcement of any obligations of the Grantee set forth in this Agreement.

The Commission reserves the right to modify or withhold any disbursement of Grant funds if the Commission in its sole discretion determines that it is necessary in order to protect the purposes and objectives of the Commission and the Grant or to comply with any law or regulation applicable to the Commission, the Grant and/or the Grantee.

**10. Sale or Encumbrance; Security Interest.** None of the assets or property acquired, constructed, improved, equipped, and/or furnished as part of the Project shall be leased, sold, exchanged, disposed of, hypothecated, mortgaged or encumbered without the prior written approval of the Executive Director. In the event that such asset or property is leased, sold, exchanged, disposed of, hypothecated, mortgaged or encumbered without the prior written approval of the Executive Director, the Commission may assert its interest in the asset or property to recover the Commission's

share of the value of such asset or property and/or recover from the Grantee, unless otherwise prohibited by law.

Grantee hereby pledges, delivers and assigns to the Commission a security interest in all property purchased with the Grant. Upon the request of the Commission, Grantee will execute, provide and sign all documents necessary to establish and/or perfect Commission's security interest in such property, including deeds of trust, supplemental deeds of trust, amendments or modifications thereto, financing statements, continuation statements or other instruments and documents which may be reasonably required from time to time.

**11. Press Releases.** The Grantee agrees that it shall not issue any press releases or other public statements regarding the Grant without the prior written consent of the Commission.

**12. Future Funding.** The Grant provided pursuant to this Agreement shall not be deemed to be an actual or implied promise of the Commission to fund the Project except as provided for herein. No representation by the Commission, or its members, employees or agents, shall be binding unless set forth in writing and signed by the Executive Director. In addition to the other remedies provided by law or in this Agreement, if the Grantee fails to comply with the terms of this Agreement, the Grantee shall not be entitled to additional funding for the Project.

**13. Entire Agreement.** To the extent there are inconsistencies between this Agreement and its supporting documents, including the Application and the exhibits attached hereto, this Agreement shall control. This Agreement expresses the entire understanding and all agreements between the Commission and the Grantee and may not be modified except in a writing signed by the Commission and the Grantee.

**14. Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Venue.** This Agreement shall be governed by the applicable laws of the Commonwealth. The venue of any judicial action shall be in the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond, Virginia, and such litigation shall only be brought in such court.

**15. Limitation of Commission's Liability.** No member, employee, or agent of the Commission shall incur any personal liability with respect to any action taken by him or her pursuant to this Agreement.

**16. Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate any other provision hereof.

**17. Public Documents.** Unless specifically exempted pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (Virginia Code Section 2.2-3700 *et seq.*, as amended), all reports, documents, financial data and other information provided to the Commission shall be public records.

**18. Notices.** Unless otherwise provided for herein, all notices, approvals, consents, correspondence and other communications pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed received upon receipt or refusal after mailing of the same in the United States Mail by certified mail, postage fully pre-paid or by overnight courier (refusal shall mean return of certified mail or overnight courier package not accepted by the addressee) to (a) the Commission at 701 East

Franklin Street, Suite 501, Richmond, Virginia 23219, Attention: Executive Director, or (b) the Grantee at the address set forth below.

**19. Conditional Funding.** In the event that disbursement of Grant funds is contingent upon the happening of an event or events described herein that have not yet occurred as of the Award Date, the Commission may withdraw the Grant if such contingency has not been satisfied within twelve (12) months of the Award Date.

**20. Expiration.** Thirty-six (36) months after the date on which the Grant is approved, the Grant shall be automatically rescinded with respect to all funds not yet disbursed by the Commission, unless an extension is granted in writing by the Commission.

**21. Survival.** The rights and remedies available to the Commission shall survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement.

**22. Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original, and all of which together shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**TOBACCO REGION REVITALIZATION COMMISSION, a body corporate and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia**

Signature of Executive Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Executive Director: Evan Feinman

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

**«Organization»**

Signature of Grantee's Chief Executive: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Chief Executive: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Grantee Information:**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Federal ID # \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Description**



**Project Budget**

**Due to the fact that the original request amount was not awarded in full; a revised budget worksheet is required and should be returned with the signed grant agreement.**

**Grant Conditions**

1. No less than 50% of the total Project Budget shall be funded by non-commission sources and satisfactory evidence thereof submitted to the Commission prior to disbursement of any Commission money. Un-approved applications to other funding sources are not satisfactory evidence.