

Amended Grant Agreement in accordance with Title 45 Chapter 10 of the O.C.G.A, 18 U.S.C. § 666, 18 U.S.C. § 1031, and 2 C.F.R. § 200.318.

2.11 Fraud, Waste and Abuse

The Grantee acknowledges and assents that the State of Georgia shall not tolerate fraud, waste or misuse of funds received from any state entity (*See* Title 45 Chapter 10 of the O.C.G.A.) and that any violation of state or federal law, state policies or standards of ethical conduct shall result in penalties including, but not limited to, suspension of current and future fund disbursements, suspension or debarment from federal and state grants, recoupment of monies previously disbursed or provided under an award, remedies set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.338, and civil and/or criminal penalties.

In the event the Grantee becomes aware of any allegation or a finding of fraud, waste or misuse of funds received from OPB that is made against the Grantee or of fraud, waste, false statements, or other errors in any submission for disbursement, the Grantee is required to immediately report said allegation or finding to the U.S. Department of the Treasury Office of the Inspector General¹ and to OPB and must continue to inform OPB of the status of any such on-going investigations. The Grantee must also promptly refer to OPB as well as the appropriate federal authorities, including, but not limited to, the U.S. Department of the Treasury Office of the Inspector General, any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, grantee, contractor, subcontractor or other person has -- (1) submitted a claim for disbursement of grant funds that violates the False Claims Act; or (2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity or similar misconduct involving disbursement of Grant funds. Grantees must also immediately notify OPB in writing of any misappropriation of funds, fraud, theft, embezzlement, forgery, or any other serious irregularities indicating noncompliance with grant requirements. Grantees must notify the local prosecutor's office of any possible criminal violations. Grantees must immediately notify OPB in writing if this Grant Project or personnel, as it pertains to the scope of this Grant, become involved in any litigation, whether civil or criminal, and the Grantee must immediately forward a copy of any demand, notices, subpoenas, lawsuits or indictments to OPB.

2.12 Termination of the Amended Agreement

The State may, at its sole discretion, terminate this Amended Grant Agreement, without recourse, liability, or penalty against the State, upon written notice to the Grantee. In the event the Grantee fails to perform or comply with an obligation or a term, condition or provision of this Amended Grant Agreement, the State may, upon written notice to the Grantee, terminate this Amended Grant Agreement for cause, without further notice or opportunity to cure. Such notification of termination for cause will state the effective date of such termination, and if no effective date is specified, the effective date will be the date of the notification.

¹ See 2 C.F.R. § 200.113. Disclosure, in a timely manner, to the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity is mandatory for all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award. Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in 2 C.F.R. § 200.338.