



**FUEL TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM  
VOLKSWAGEN STATE MITIGATION TRUST  
2022 GRANT AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN THE  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY  
AND GRANTEE**

This Grant Agreement ("Agreement") is made between the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, (EGLE), Materials Management Division, ("State"), and **GRANTEE** ("Grantee").

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide funding from the Volkswagen State Mitigation Trust (VSMT) in exchange for the eligible mitigation actions outlined below and in conformance with Appendix D-2 of the Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for State Beneficiaries. A copy of the Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for State Beneficiaries can be found on the Fuel Transformation Program website at [Michigan.gov/EGLEFTP](http://Michigan.gov/EGLEFTP). This Agreement is subject to the terms and conditions specified herein.

Project Name:

Project #:

Amount of grant (VSMT) funding: \$

Amount of grantee match (subject to change if VSMT funding is adjusted): \$

Project total: \$

Start Date (date executed by EGLE):

End Date:

**GRANTEE CONTACT:**

**STATE'S CONTACT:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address

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Name/Title  
Materials Management Division

\_\_\_\_\_  
Division  
P.O. Box 30241

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Address  
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741

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Address

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Telephone number

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E-mail address

The individuals signing below certify by their signatures that they are authorized to sign this Agreement on behalf of their agencies and that the parties will fulfill the terms of this Agreement, including any attached appendices, as set forth herein.

**FOR THE GRANTEE:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**FOR THE STATE:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
Elizabeth M. Browne, Materials Management Division Director  
Name/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**I. PROJECT SCOPE**

This Agreement and its appendices constitute the entire Agreement between the State and the Grantee and may be modified only by written agreement between the State and the Grantee.

(A) The scope of this project is limited to the activities specified in Appendix A and such activities as are authorized by the State under this Agreement. Any change in project scope requires prior written approval in accordance with Section III, Changes, in this Agreement.

(B) By acceptance of this Agreement, the Grantee commits to complete the project identified in Appendix A within the time period allowed for in this Agreement and in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**II. AGREEMENT PERIOD**

Upon signature by the State, the Agreement shall be effective from the Start Date until the End Date on page 1. The State shall have no responsibility to provide funding to the Grantee for project work performed except between the Start Date and the End Date specified on page 1. Expenditures made by the Grantee prior to the Start Date or after the End Date of this Agreement are not eligible for payment under this Agreement.

**III. CHANGES**

Any changes to this Agreement shall be requested by the Grantee or the State in writing and implemented only upon approval in writing by the State. The State reserves the right to deny requests for changes to the Agreement or to the appendices. No changes can be implemented without approval by the State.

**IV. GRANTEE DELIVERABLES AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

The Grantee shall submit deliverables and follow reporting requirements specified by the state below and in Appendix A of this Agreement.

(A) The Grantee must complete and submit semi-annual progress reports according to a form and format prescribed by the State. These reports shall be due according to the following:

<b>Reporting Period</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
May 1 to October 31	November 30
November 1 to April 30	May 31

The Grantee shall submit to the State semiannual reports in a format approved by the State describing the progress implementing each Eligible Mitigation Action during the six-month period leading up to the reporting date (including a summary of all costs expended on the Eligible Mitigation Action through the reporting date). Such reports shall include a complete description of the status (including actual or projected termination date), development, implementation, and any modification of each approved Eligible Mitigation Action. These reports shall be signed by an official with the authority to submit the report for the Grantee and must contain an attestation that the information is true and correct and that the submission is made under penalty of perjury.

Any reports or deliverables provided to the State shall be submitted to the State's contact at the [EGLE-FTP-VW@michigan.gov](mailto:EGLE-FTP-VW@michigan.gov).

(B) The Grantee shall provide a final project report in a format prescribed by the State. Additionally, the Grantee shall submit the financial status report, including all supporting documentation for expenses, along with the final project report and any other outstanding products within 30 days from

the End Date of the Agreement.

(C) The Grantee must provide one copy of all products and deliverables in accordance with Appendix A.

(D) All products shall acknowledge that the project was supported in whole or in part by the Fuel Transformation Program, per the guidelines provided by the program.

## **V. GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

(A) The Grantee agrees to abide by all applicable local, state, and federal laws, rules, ordinances, and regulations in the performance of this grant.

(B) All local, state, and federal permits, if required, are the responsibility of the Grantee. Award of this grant is not a guarantee of permit approval by the State.

(C) The Grantee shall be solely responsible to pay all applicable taxes and fees, if any, that arise from the Grantee's receipt or execution of this grant.

(D) The Grantee is responsible for the professional quality, technical accuracy, timely completion, and coordination of all designs, drawings, specifications, reports, and other services submitted to the State under this Agreement. The Grantee shall, without additional compensation, correct or revise any errors, omissions, or other deficiencies in drawings, designs, specifications, reports, or other services.

(E) The State's approval of drawings, designs, specifications, reports, and incidental work or materials furnished hereunder shall not in any way relieve the Grantee of responsibility for the technical adequacy of the work. The State's review, approval, acceptance, or payment for any of the services shall not be construed as a waiver of any rights under this Agreement or of any cause of action arising out of the performance of this Agreement.

(F) The Grantee acknowledges that it is a crime to knowingly and willingly file false information with the State for the purpose of obtaining this Agreement or any payment under the Agreement, and that any such filing may subject the Grantee, its agents, and/or employees to criminal and civil prosecution and/or termination of the grant.

## **VII. ASSIGNABILITY**

The Grantee shall not assign this Agreement or assign or delegate any of its duties or obligations under this Agreement to any other party without the prior written consent of the State. The State does not assume responsibility regarding the contractual relationships between the Grantee and any subcontractor.

## **VIII. SUBCONTRACTS**

The State reserves the right to deny the use of any consultant, contractor, associate, or other personnel to perform any portion of the project. The Grantee is solely responsible for all contractual activities performed under this Agreement. Further, the State will consider the Grantee to be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters, including payment of any and all charges resulting from the anticipated Grant. All subcontractors used by the Grantee in performing the project shall be subject to the provisions of this Agreement and shall be qualified to perform the duties required. The Grantee shall provide all sub-contractors or sub-grantees with a copy of this agreement.

## **IX. NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The Grantee shall comply with the Elliott Larsen Civil Rights Act, 1976 PA 453, as amended, MCL 37.2101 *et seq.*, the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act, 1976 PA 220, as amended, MCL 37.1101 *et seq.*, and all other federal, state, and local fair employment practices and equal opportunity laws and covenants that it shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment, to be employed in the performance of this Agreement, with respect to his or her hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of his or her race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, marital status, or physical or mental disability that is unrelated to the individual's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position. The Grantee agrees to include in every subcontract entered into for the performance of this Agreement this covenant not to discriminate in employment. A breach of this covenant is a material breach of this Agreement.

#### **X. UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES**

The Grantee shall comply with the Employers Engaging in Unfair Labor Practices Act, 1980 PA 278, as amended, MCL 423.321 *et seq.*

#### **XI. LIABILITY**

(A) The Grantee, not the State, is responsible for all liabilities as a result of claims, judgments, or costs arising out of activities to be carried out by the Grantee under this Agreement, if the liability is caused by the Grantee, or any employee or agent of the Grantee acting within the scope of their employment or agency.

(B) Nothing in this Agreement should be construed as a waiver of any governmental immunity by the Grantee, the State, its agencies, or their employees as provided by statute or court decisions.

#### **XII. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No government employee, or member of the legislative, judicial, or executive branches, or member of the Grantee's Board of Directors, its employees, partner agencies, or their families shall benefit financially from any part of this Agreement.

#### **XIII. ANTI-LOBBYING**

Funds under this award cannot be used for lobbying, or intervention in state or federal regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings and cannot be used to sue the state or federal government or any other government entity. Likewise, a recipient may not use state or federal funds as matching funds for federal Supplemental Environmental Project Funds, or Supplemental Environmental Projects required under a consent order.

#### **XIV. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION**

By signing this Agreement, the Grantee certifies that it has checked the federal debarment/suspension list at [www.SAM.gov](http://www.SAM.gov) to verify that its agents, and its subcontractors:

- (1) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or the state.
- (2) Have not within a three-year period preceding this Agreement been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, as defined in 45 CFR 1185; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery,

bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property.

- (3) Are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in subsection (2).
- (4) Have not within a three-year period preceding this Agreement had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (5) Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other state or federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

#### **XV. AUDIT AND ACCESS TO RECORDS**

The State reserves the right to conduct a programmatic and financial audit of the project, and the State may withhold payment until the audit is satisfactorily completed. The Grantee will be required to maintain all pertinent records and evidence pertaining to this Agreement, including grant and any required matching funds, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and other procedures specified by the State. The State or any of its duly authorized representatives must have access, upon reasonable notice, to such books, records, documents, and other evidence for the purpose of inspection, audit, and copying. The Grantee will provide proper facilities for such access and inspection. All records must be maintained for a minimum of five years after the final payment has been authorized by the State.

#### **XVI. INSURANCE**

(A) The Grantee must maintain insurance or self-insurance that will protect it from claims that may arise from the Grantee's actions under this Agreement.

(B) The Grantee must comply with applicable workers' compensation laws while engaging in activities authorized under this Agreement.

#### **XVII. OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING**

The Grantee guarantees that any claims for reimbursement made to the State under this Agreement must not be financed by any source other than the VSMT under the terms of this Agreement. If funding is received through any other source, the Grantee agrees to delete from Grantee's billings, notify the State and immediately refund to Wilmington Trust, N.A., the total amount representing such duplication of funding.

#### **XVIII. COMPENSATION**

(A) A breakdown of costs allowed under this Agreement is identified in Appendix A. The State will pay the Grantee a total amount not to exceed the amount on page 1 of this Agreement, in accordance with Appendix A, and only for expenses incurred and paid. All other costs necessary to complete the project are the sole responsibility of the Grantee.

(B) Expenses incurred by the Grantee prior to the Start Date or after the End Date of this Agreement are not allowed under the Agreement,

(C) The State will approve payment requests after approval of reports and related documentation as required under this Agreement.

(D) The State reserves the right to request additional information necessary to substantiate payment requests.

(E) Payments under this Agreement will be processed by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) through Wilmington Trust, N.A. under the directive of the State.

(F) The Grantee is committed to the match percentage of funds on page 1 of the Agreement, in accordance with Appendix A.

**XIX. CLOSEOUT**

(A) A determination of project completion, which may include a site inspection and an audit, shall be made by the State after the Grantee has met mandatory match obligations, satisfactorily completed the activities, provided actual value of any in-kind or leverage match, and provided products and deliverables described in Appendix A.

(B) Upon issuance of final payment from the Wilmington Trust, N.A., the Grantee releases the State of all claims against the State arising under this Agreement. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement or by State law, final payment under this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of the State's claims against the Grantee.

(C) The Grantee shall immediately notify the State of any payments in excess of the costs allowed by this Agreement. The State reserves the right to require the Grantee to repay those costs to Michigan's account with Wilmington Trust, N.A.

**XX. CANCELLATION**

This Agreement may be canceled by the State, upon 30 days written notice, due to Executive Order, budgetary reduction, other lack of funding, upon request by the Grantee, or upon mutual agreement by the State and Grantee. The State may honor requests for just and equitable compensation to the Grantee for all satisfactory and eligible work completed under this Agreement up until 30 days after written notice, upon which time all outstanding reports and documents are due to the State and the State will no longer be liable to pay the grantee for any further charges to the grant.

**XXI. TERMINATION**

(A) This Agreement may be terminated by the State as follows.

(1) Upon 30 days written notice to the Grantee:

- a. If the Grantee fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the Agreement, or with the requirements of the VSMT, or other applicable law or rules.
- b. If the Grantee knowingly and willingly presents false information to the State for the purpose of obtaining this Agreement or any payment under this Agreement.
- c. If the State finds that the Grantee, or any of the Grantee's agents or representatives, offered or gave gratuities, favors, or gifts of monetary value to any official, employee, or agent of the State in an attempt to secure a subcontract or favorable treatment in awarding, amending, or making any determinations related to the performance of this Agreement.
- d. If the Grantee or any subcontractor, manufacturer, or supplier of the Grantee appears in the register of persons engaging in unfair labor practices that is compiled by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs or its successor.
- e. During the 30-day written notice period, the State shall withhold payment for any findings under subparagraphs a through d, above and the Grantee will immediately cease charging to the grant and stop earning match for the project (if applicable).

(2) Immediately and without further liability to the State if the Grantee, or any agent of the Grantee, or any agent of any subcontract is:

- a. Convicted of a criminal offense incident to the application for or performance of a State, public, or private contract or subcontract;
- b. Convicted of a criminal offense, including but not limited to any of the following: embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, or attempting to influence a public employee to breach the ethical conduct standards for State of Michigan employees;
- c. Convicted under State or federal antitrust statutes; or
- d. Convicted of any other criminal offense that, in the sole discretion of the State, reflects on the Grantee's business integrity.
- e. Added to the federal or state Suspension and Debarment list.

(B) If a grant is terminated, the State reserves the right to require the Grantee to repay all or a portion of funds received under this Agreement to Michigan's account with Wilmington Trust, N.A.

## **XXII. IRAN SANCTIONS ACT**

By signing this Agreement the Grantee is certifying that it is not an Iran linked business, and that its contractors are not Iran linked businesses, as defined in MCL 129.312.

## **XXIII. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

All reports and other printed or electronic material prepared by or for the Grantee under the Agreement will not be distributed without the prior written consent of the State except for items disclosed in response to a Freedom of Information Act request, Court Order or subpoena.

The parties hereto understand and agree that it is the intent of the State to make all materials submitted as part of this project available to the public.

## **XXIV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Grantees will notify the State's contact as identified on page 1 within 5 days of becoming aware of a conflict of interest. A conflict of interest is an actual or potential situation that undermines or may undermine, the impartiality of an individual or entity because their self-interest conflicts, or may conflict, with their duty and obligations in performing a grant. The term also includes situations that create, or may create, an unfair competitive advantage, or the appearance of such, for an applicant in competing for a grant.

## **XXV. DRUG FREE WORKPLACE**

Grantee agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding smoke-free and drug-free work places and shall make a good faith effort to ensure that none of its employees or permitted subcontractors engaged in the work being performed hereunder purchase, transfer, use, or possess alcohol, illegal drugs, or abuse prescription drugs in any way during the performance of this Agreement.

## **XXVI. VICTIM PROTECTION**

The Grantee certifies that the grantee, the grantee's employees, subrecipients under this award, and subrecipients' employees will not: a) engage in any form of trafficking in persons during the period of time that this award is in effect; b) procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that this award is in effect; or c) use forced labor in the performance of the award or sub awards under the award.

## **PROGRAM SPECIFIC BOILERPLATE REQUIREMENTS**

### **XXVII. VEHICLE, EQUIPMENT AND/OR ENGINE REQUIREMENTS**

The vehicle, equipment and/or engine being replaced must be fully operational and in current, regular service.

The Grantee shall permanently decommission i.e., scrap/junk/salvage the eligible engine, vehicle, or equipment, and provide the specified documentation as prescribed below to EGLE.

Scrap shall mean to render permanently inoperable and available for recycle, and, at a minimum, to specifically cut a 3-inch hole in the engine block for all engines. Vehicle, equipment and/or engines may be crushed only if preapproved by EGLE and the required documentation is obtained.

If any Eligible Vehicle will be replaced as part of an Eligible project, Scrapped shall also include the disabling of the chassis by cutting the vehicle's frame rails completely in half. Photographs of the permanently disabled vehicle are required including those of the vehicle identification number (VIN), hole in engine block, and cut frame rails. If delivered to a scrap yard, a signed affidavit from the scrap yard including the date, business/dealer license number of the scrapping/recycling company, VIN of the scrapped vehicle(s) and statement that the 3-inch hole in the engine block was cut and the frame rails were cut is required. If the scrapped vehicle remains on site, a signed affidavit from the project manager, including the date, VIN of the scrapped vehicle(s), and statement that the 3-inch hole in the engine block was cut and the frame rails were cut is required.

For vehicles that are titled, the title must be scrapped/junked/salvaged, and grantee shall provide documentation from the scrapping/recycling company to EGLE.

Failure to comply with scrapping requirements may result in the forfeiture of grant funds.

The replacement vehicle, equipment and/or engine will continue to perform similar function and operation and serve the same or similar geographic area as the vehicle, equipment and/or engine that is being replaced.

The replacement vehicle, equipment and/or engine will be of similar type and similar gross vehicle weight rating or horsepower as the vehicle, equipment and/or engine being replaced unless otherwise approved by EGLE.

The Grantee shall insure and maintain the new vehicle, engine, or equipment according to the manufacturer's specifications.

The Grantee shall title and register the new vehicle, engine, or equipment in the state of Michigan for at least five years after the grant agreement closes. Non-titled vehicles, engines, and equipment must remain in the state of Michigan for at least five years after the grant agreement closes.

The Grantee shall list the State of Michigan as a lien holder on the vehicle title and send the title to EGLE using the Special Mailer form MDOS-TR114. For non-titled vehicles and equipment, the equivalent of a lien as determined by EGLE is required.

EGLE will retain a lien equal to its share in the purchase price of the fair market value on all vehicles purchased with grant funds. Vehicle liens or the equivalent will be retained for five (5) years from the date the new vehicle is titled in Michigan. Grantees are required to use grant funded vehicle(s), engines, and equipment in Michigan for at least five (5) years after purchase and delivery. After the five (5) year period, EGLE will submit a vehicle lien release request and provide a lien release statement to the grantee upon request. Grantees cannot sell, discard, transfer or dispose of equipment without formal lien release approval from EGLE.