571—30.55(455A,461A,462A) Grant requirements. By submitting a proposal pursuant to this division, a sponsor will agree to the following terms and conditions:

**30.55(1)** Agreements. Before funds are disbursed, the sponsor will enter into a project agreement with the department. The agreement shall detail and further define the relationship of the parties.

**30.55(2)** *Timely commencement of projects.* Funds must be completely expended within two years of the award. If the sponsor is not able to complete a project within the original time period, the sponsor must seek and receive a written extension from the department to receive reimbursements for expended funds. Any advanced funds must be returned after either the completion date or extension date if the department determines the project cannot be completed in a timely manner.

**30.55(3)** *Expenditures.* The sponsor shall expend all funds in accordance with the sponsor's governance documents, which may include applicable provisions of the Iowa Code.

**30.55(4)** *Recordkeeping.* The sponsor shall keep all project records for three years after the final report is completed. These records are to be available for audit by the state.

**30.55(5)** *Permits and licenses.* The sponsor must obtain any and all required licenses and permits from federal, state, and local authorities before commencing any activity pursuant to a grant award.

**30.55(6)** Control of project site. The sponsor must demonstrate that the project site or sites are under the physical control of the sponsor or its partners, either by fee title, lease, management agreement, or easement. The sponsor assumes long-term maintenance of the integrity of the project and shall enter into such agreements with landowners or other relevant parties as may be necessary to ensure such long-term maintenance.

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