

261—215.7(15F) Administration.**215.7(1) Administration of awards.**

a. Each applicant receiving an award of financial assistance from the board shall enter into an agreement with the authority. The agreement shall contain such terms and conditions as the board may place on the award or the authority may deem necessary for the efficient administration of the program established in this chapter. The agreement will also include the terms and conditions under which financial assistance must be repaid or penalties incurred in the event the applicant does not fulfill all obligations under the agreement.

b. These rules and applicable state laws shall be part of the agreement.

c. The applicant must execute and return the contract to the board within 90 days of the transmittal of the final contract from the board. Failure to do so may be cause for the board to terminate the award.

d. Awards may be conditioned upon commitment of other sources of funds necessary to complete the project.

e. Awards may be conditioned upon authority receipt and board approval of an implementation plan for the funded project.

215.7(2) Reports. An applicant receiving financial assistance shall provide an annual report to the authority for years in which it receives financial assistance under this rule. The report shall include the information the authority deems relevant. The report shall be submitted in the manner and on forms prescribed by the authority. The authority may perform any reviews or site visits necessary to ensure performance by the applicant.

215.7(3) Requests for funds. Recipients shall submit requests for funds in the manner and on forms prescribed by the authority. Individual requests for funds shall be made in an amount equal to or greater than \$500 per request, except for the final draw of funds.

215.7(4) Record keeping and retention. The recipient shall retain all financial records, supporting documents and all other records pertinent to the sports tourism award for three years after contract closeout. Representatives of the authority shall have access to all recipient records that pertain to sports tourism funds.

215.7(5) Amendments to contracts. Any substantive change to a contract shall be considered an amendment. Substantive changes include time extensions, budget revisions and significant alteration of the funded project that change the scope, location, objectives or scale of the approved project. Amendments must be approved by the economic development authority board. The authority may execute nonsubstantive or ministerial changes to the contract without board approval.

215.7(6) Project closeout. Upon expiration of the agreement, the authority shall initiate project closeout procedures.

215.7(7) Compliance. If the board finds that an applicant is not in compliance with the requirements of this program or the terms and conditions of the agreement, the board may find the applicant noncompliant. Remedies for noncompliance may include penalties up to and including the return of program funds to the board. Reasons for a finding of noncompliance include but are not limited to the applicant's use of funds for activities not described in the contract, the applicant's failure to complete funded projects in a timely manner, the applicant's failure to comply with applicable state or local rules, or the lack of a continuing capacity of the applicant to carry out the approved project in a timely manner.

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