Public Funding Contracts

What is a public funding contract?

A contract is a legally binding agreement between multiple parties. A public funding contract is a type of contract between a government agency and another organization for a project or service.



What does a contract have to do with a grant?

Successful grant proposals are awarded a contract. Buncombe County administers all grant awards via funding contracts that the amount of funding being provided, what project/services are being delivered, and the various terms/conditions of the award.

Common Elements in Public Funding Contracts

Supplier The name of your organization that is supplying the service	Project Name & Contract ID Unique name for each contract	<i>Fiscal Year & Effective</i> <i>Period</i> The time period for the contract; Fiscal year = July 1 – June 30
<i>Funding</i> The total amount of the grant	Budget How funds can be used (allowable expenses) & how to request budget adjustments	Payment How you will be paid (e.g. reimbursement, installments, invoices & back-up documentation requirements)
Bookkeeping Practices Accounting for restricted funds in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles	<i>Open Books</i> Public disclosure of financial information	<i>Financial Statements</i> (nonprofits) Audit = \$300k > budget Review = \$100k-\$300k Compilation = < \$100k Or request waiver
<i>Scope of Work</i> The grant-related activities that are allowable under the contract	<i>Subcontracting</i> Contracting with other parties to carry out the work	<i>Reporting</i> Required performance measures & report timing/format/submission
<i>Legal Compliance</i> Applicable laws such as 990 filing, E-Verify, Workers Compensation, Equal Employment, O.S.H.A, Building Code Regulations	<i>Insurance Coverage</i> Required types & levels (e.g. commercial general liability with Buncombe County named on certificate as additional insured)	<i>Indemnification</i> Liability for damage or losses
<i>Amendment</i> How to modify the contract	<i>Termination</i> Cancellation of the contract	<i>Signatures</i> Execution by authorized representatives of each party

The text of the contract you sign may be different; the exact language is subject to change. You should consult an attorney for information about how this relates to your organization.