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| **Guide for Review of ESG Financial Management and Cost Allowability** | | | |
| **Name of Recipient:** | | | |
| **Name of Subrecipient(s):** | | | |
| **Grant Number:** | | | |
| **Staff Consulted:** | | | |
| **Name(s) of Reviewer(s)** |  | **Date** |  |

**NOTE:** All questions that address requirements contain the citation for the source of the requirement (statute and regulation). If the requirement is not met, HUD must select “NO” in response to the question and make a finding of noncompliance. All other questions (questions that do not contain the citation for the requirement) do not address requirements, but are included to assist the reviewer in understanding the participant's program more fully and/or to identify issues that, if not properly addressed, could result in deficient performance. Negative conclusions to these questions may result in a "concern" being raised, but not a "**finding.**"

**Instructions:** This Exhibit is designed to assess a recipient’s and/or its subrecipient’s financial management system, as well as the eligibility of the program’s expenditures. The basis for the requirements in this Exhibit are the ESG Interim Rule, the Uniform Administrative Requirements (24 CFR Part 84 and 85), and the cost principles at 2 CFR 225 (OMB Circular A-87) and 2 CFR Part 230 (OMB Circular A-122), as in effect prior to 12/26/14. When completing this Exhibit, completion of Exhibit 28-7, *Guide for Review of ESG Match Requirements*, is **mandatory**.

This Exhibit can be used to either monitor the recipient alone, the recipient with a single subrecipient, or the recipient with multiple subrecipients. It is the responsibility of the HUD reviewer to ensure that the responses provide sufficient documentation to support the basis for the conclusions. Keep in mind that, if multiple entities are reviewed and a deficiency is identified for a single entity, a “No” response is required.

**Questions:**

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| Did the recipient and its subrecipients have written policies and procedures to ensure that ESG funds are used in accordance with ESG requirements and sufficient records to enable HUD and the recipient to determine whether ESG requirements are being met?  [24 CFR 576.500(a)] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| Did the recipient and its subrecipients maintain records that identify adequately the source and application of funds for federally-sponsored activities?  NOTE: These records shall contain information pertaining to Federal awards, authorizations, obligations, unobligated balances, assets, outlays, income and interest.  [24 CFR 84.21(b)(2); 24 CFR 85.20] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| Eligible Activities: Are the recipient’s and its subrecipients’ expenses allowable, allocable, and reasonable?  [24 CFR 576.100-576.109; 24 CFR 576.500(u)(2); 24 CFR 84.21(b)(6); 24 CFR 85.22] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| Do the fiscal records indicate evidence that the recipient and its subrecipients have effective internal control over, and accountability of, all grant funds, property and other assets?  [24 CFR 576.500(u); 24 CFR 84.21(b)(3); 24 CFR 85.20] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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Internal Controls (Reference for some of the questions: GAO/AIMD-98-21.2.1, “Framework for Federal Financial Management System Checklist,” May 1998)

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| 1. Do the recipient and its subrecipients have an organization chart that illustrates the actual lines of authority/responsibility? | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| 1. Are primary duties for key employees of the recipient and its subrecipients defined? | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| 1. Does the recipient’s and its subrecipients’ chart of accounts include a complete listing of the account numbers used to support the control required to ensure that resources used do not exceed resources authorized? | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| 1. Do the approval controls provide reasonable assurance that appropriate individuals approve recorded transactions in accordance with management’s general or specific criteria? | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| 1. Do the controls over the design and use of documents and records provide reasonable assurance that transactions and events are properly documented, recorded, and auditable? | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| 1. In the normal course of the position’s requirements, are duties segregated to effectively reduce the opportunity for someone to perpetrate or conceal errors or irregularities? | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| 1. Is it clear that all personnel are responsible for communicating to appropriate supervisory officials the recipient’s or its subrecipients’ operating problems and noncompliance with laws and regulations? | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| 1. Do the internal control procedures support the ability to prepare financial statements that are accurately presented in conformity with generally accepted or other relevant and appropriate accounting principles and regulatory requirements? (One level of assurance of the accuracy and integrity of data is provided by the recipient attaining an unqualified opinion on the audited annual financial statements and internal controls.) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| Do the recipient and its subrecipients identify expenditures in their accounting records according to eligible program activities identified in the program regulation, the recipient’s Action Plan, and the drawdown activity information?  [24 CFR 576.100; 24 CFR 576.500(u); 24 CFR 84.21(b)(2); 24 CFR 85.20] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| Does a review of the sample transaction records indicate that grant expenditures were eligible costs under regulations, were necessary and reasonable for proper and efficient administration of the program, were allocable to the program, and supported by adequate source documentation (invoices, contracts, or purchase orders)?  [24 CFR 576.100-576.109; 24 CFR 576.500(u); 24 CFR 84.21(b); 24 CFR 85.20(b)] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| Does the source documentation support the amount drawn down from the payment requests?  [24 CFR 576.500(u); 24 CFR 84.21(b); 24 CFR 85.20] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| Do the recipient’s financial information (e.g., drawdowns, unexpended balances) records match the information in HUD’s financial systems (e.g., Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS), Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS)) for the period under review?  [24 CFR 85.20; 24 CFR 576.500(aa)] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| Are payments for salaries and wages supported by documented payrolls and personnel activity reports as specified in the applicable cost principles?  [24 CFR 576.500(u)(2); OMB Circular A-122, Attachment B, 8(m); OMB Circular A-87, Attachment B, 8(h)] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| Are charges to the grant by both governmental units and nonprofit organizations for salaries and wages, whether treated as direct or indirect costs, based on payrolls documented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and approved by a responsible official(s) of the organization being monitored?  [24 CFR 576.500(u)(2); OMB Circular A-122, Attachment B, 8(m); OMB Circular A-87, Attachment B, 8(h)] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| For government employees working solely on the grant, are charges for their salaries and wages supported by periodic certifications that the employees worked solely on that program for the period covered by the certification?  [OMB Circular A-87, Attachment B, 8(h)(3)] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| For government employees, were the certifications prepared at least semi-annually and signed by the employee or a supervisory official having first-hand knowledge of the work performed by the employee?  [OMB Circular A-87, Attachment B, 8(h)(3)] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| Does a random selection of administrative costs reflect that grant funds were used for eligible administrative costs?  [24 CFR 576.108; 24 CFR 84.21; 24 CFR 85.20] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| Are all of the administrative costs reviewed allocable to the program, and necessary and reasonable for proper and efficient administration of the program?  [24 CFR 576.108; 24 CFR 576.500(u)(2); OMB Circular A-122; OMB Circular A-87] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| Is the recipient in compliance with the component or activity caps imposed by program regulations, and are all costs subject to the expenditure caps properly classified?  [24 CFR 576.100; 24 CFR 576.500(u)] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| If the recipient advances grant funds to subrecipients, are there procedures to minimize the time elapsed between the transfer of funds to, and disbursement by, the subrecipients?  [24 CFR 84.22(b)(1); 24 CFR 85.21(c)] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| If the recipient uses advances, is there evidence that any interest earned on grant advances over the amount specified in the uniform administrative requirements has been remitted to the U.S. Treasury as required by HUD?  [24 CFR 85.21(i)] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| If indirect costs are charged to the grant program by the recipient or its subrecipients, are the costs supported by an Indirect Cost Rate Proposal or Cost Allocation Plan prepared in accordance with OMB Circular A-87 (for governments) or OMB Circular A-122 (for nonprofit organizations)?  [OMB Circular A-87; OMB Circular A-122] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| a. If single audits are required, does the recipient or its subrecipients have a system or methodology to ensure that such audits are conducted?  [24 CFR 576.407(c); 24 CFR 85.26; 24 CFR 84.26] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| 1. If single audits are required for any recipient or subrecipient, is there documentation that the audits have been reviewed for compliance and that the recipient or subrecipient has taken appropriate follow-up actions, if necessary?   [24 CFR 576.407(c); 24 CFR 85.26; 24 CFR 84.26] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| Do the recipient and its subrecipients maintain records of their receipt and use of program income?  [24 CFR 576.500(u)(3)] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| Do the recipient and its subrecipients use program income as the nonfederal share of eligible costs (i.e., match)?  [24 CFR 84.24(b) or 24 CFR 85.25(g); 24 CFR 576.201(f); 24 CFR 576.407(c)] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| Does a review of program expenditures indicate the absence of any unallowable costs including entertainment, contributions and donations, fines and penalties, or general governmental expenditures including salary and expenses of the chief executive officer of the recipient or its subrecipients?  [24 CFR 576.100(d); 24 CFR 576.500(u)(2); OMB Circular A-87 or OMB Circular A-122] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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| Does a review of the expenditures indicate that costs related to lobbying political activities have not been charged to the program?  [24 CFR 576.100(d); 24 CFR 576.500(u)(2); OMB Circular A-87 or OMB Circular A-122] | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Yes** | **No** | **N/A** | |
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