

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF FORT BEND

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**SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN FORT BEND COUNTY AND FORT BEND  
COUNTY CHILD ADVOCATES FOR A PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECT**

This Subrecipient Agreement between Fort Bend County and Fort Bend County Child Advocates for a Public Service Project (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement") is by and between Fort Bend County, a body corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas (hereinafter referred to as "County" or "Grantee") and Fort Bend County Child Advocates (hereinafter referred to as "Child Advocates" or "Subrecipient").

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, Grantee has entered into a Grant Agreement with the United States of America, No. B-24-UC-48-0004, acting by and through its Department of Housing and Urban Development (hereinafter referred to as HUD) for federal funding of a Community Development Block Grant Program (hereinafter referred to as CDBG) under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, amended; and

WHEREAS, the Grantee wishes to engage the Subrecipient to assist the Grantee in utilizing such funds;

WHEREAS, included in the CDBG approved grant application for FY24, Child Advocates submitted a project to assist low and moderate income children who have been physically or sexually abused, hereinafter referred to as the "Project"; and,

WHEREAS, the County is the grantee named in the grant charged with compliance of the federal laws, rules, and regulations relating to the expenditure of funds received from the U.S. Government pursuant to the approved Community Development Block Grant application; and,

WHEREAS, the County desires to assure compliance with such laws, rules, and regulations relating to the expenditure of funds under the Community Development Block Grant application; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and Child Advocates do mutually agree as follows:

**I. SCOPE OF SERVICE**

1.01 The Subrecipient agrees to administer the Project in accordance with the guidelines, rules, and regulations required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (hereinafter referred to as HUD).

1.02 The Subrecipient agrees to the respective tasks, assignments, and deliverables for the Project as set forth in the Scope of Service, whose terms are attached as Exhibit A and incorporated in this Agreement as if fully stated herein.

## II. PROJECT BUDGET

2.01. For and in consideration of the Project as herein set forth, the County agrees to fund the Project costs as set forth in the Project Budget ("Project Budget"), whose terms are attached as Exhibit B and incorporated in this Agreement as if fully stated herein.

2.02 The County shall not be liable for the payment of expenses or costs, which are not allowed under the terms of this Agreement and the Grant Agreement with HUD. Payments may be contingent upon certification of the Subrecipient's financial management system in accordance with the standards specified in 24 CFR 84.21.

## III. PAYMENT

3.01 Maximum Compensation. It is expressly agreed and understood that the total amount to be paid by the County under this Agreement shall not exceed the "Total CDBG Funds" as stated in the Project Budget in Exhibit B, set forth in this Agreement as if fully stated herein.

3.02 Child Advocates shall submit monthly invoices against the Project Budget in accordance with performance. Such invoice shall include any other documentation requested by the County. All invoices shall be approved by the Fort Bend County Community Development Department prior to payment.

3.04 Payments may be contingent upon certification of the Subrecipient's financial management system in accordance with the standards specified in 2 CFR 200.302.

## IV. SOURCE OF FUNDING AND LIMIT OF APPROPRIATIONS

4.01 The County has no County funds for the costs of goods and services to be rendered under this Agreement. It is expressly agreed and understood that this Agreement is predicated upon and conditioned on the County receiving funds for the purpose of paying the entire obligation of the County under this Agreement from funds to be received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, by virtue of Grant No. B-24-UC-48-0004, entitled Community Development Block Grant. Accordingly, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the maximum liability of the County under the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall not exceed the lesser of the "Total CDBG Funds" amount as stated in the Project Budget in Exhibit B or the amount actually received by the County from HUD pursuant to the Block Grant for Grant No. B-24-UC-48-0004.

4.02 Child Advocates admits knowledge of the fact that the County's obligation hereunder for payment of compensation and costs, if any, is limited to Federal funds received pursuant to the Grant Agreement in connection with the Community Development Block Grant Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and that unless and until adequate funds

have been received by the County under the Grant Agreement to pay Child Advocates' compensation and expense reimbursement, the County shall have no obligation to Child Advocates.

## V. TERM OF AGREEMENT

The time for performance of the Scope of Service under this Agreement shall begin on January 1, 2025 and end no later than December 31, 2025. Child Advocates shall complete the tasks described in the Scope of Service within this time or within such additional time as may be extended by the County. The term of this Agreement and the provisions herein shall be extended to cover any additional time period during which the Subrecipient remains in control of CDBG funds or other CDBG assets, including program income.

## VI. GENERAL COMPLIANCE

6.01 National Objectives. The Subrecipient agrees to maintain documentation that demonstrates that the activities carried out with funds provided under this Agreement meet one or more of the CDBG program's national objectives - 1) benefit low/moderate income persons, 2) aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, 3) meet community development needs having a particular urgency - as defined in 24 CFR 570.208.

6.02 The Subrecipient agrees to comply with the requirements of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 570 (the U.S. Housing and Urban Development regulations concerning Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)), including subpart K of these regulations, except that (1) the Subrecipient does not assume the County's environmental responsibilities described in 24 CFR 570.604 and (2) the Subrecipient does not assume the County's responsibility for initiating the review process under the provisions of 24 CFR Part 52. The Subrecipient also agrees to comply with all other applicable Federal, state and local laws, regulations, and policies governing the funds provided under this contract. The Subrecipient further agrees to utilize funds available under this Agreement to supplement rather than supplant funds otherwise available.

6.03 State and Local Government Requirements. Subrecipient agrees to comply with the applicable sections of 24 CFR Part 85, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments," and 2 CFR Part 200.

## VII. SUBCONTRACTS

7.01 Approvals. The Subrecipient shall not enter into any subcontracts with any agency or individual in the performance of this contract without the written consent of the Grantee prior to the execution of such agreement.

7.02 Monitoring. The Subrecipient will monitor all subcontracted services on a regular basis to assure contract compliance. Results of monitoring efforts shall be summarized in written reports and supported with documented evidence of follow-up actions taken to correct areas of noncompliance.

7.03 Content. The Subrecipient shall cause all of the provisions of this contract in its entirety to be included in and made a part of any subcontract executed in the performance of this Agreement.

7.04 Selection Process. The Subrecipient shall undertake to insure that all subcontracts let in the performance of this Agreement shall be awarded on a fair and open competition basis in accordance with applicable procurement requirements. Executed copies of all subcontracts shall be forwarded to the Grantee along with documentation concerning the selection process.

## VIII. PROCUREMENT

The Subrecipient shall include the following clauses in every subcontract or purchase order, specifically or by reference, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

8.01 Compliance. The Subrecipient shall comply with current Grantee policy concerning the purchase of equipment and shall maintain inventory records of all non-expendable personal property as defined by such policy as may be procured with funds provided herein. All program assets (unexpended program income, property, equipment, etc.) shall revert to the Grantee upon termination of this Agreement.

8.02 OMB Standards. Unless specified otherwise within this agreement, the Subrecipient shall procure all materials, property, or services in accordance with the requirements of 24 CFR 200.318, and shall subsequently follow, Property Management Standards, covering utilization and disposal of property.

8.03 Uniform Administrative Requirements. The Subrecipient shall comply with 2 CFR Part 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards", as set forth at 24 CFR §570.502.

8.04 Travel. The Subrecipient shall obtain written approval from the Grantee for any travel outside the local metropolitan/county area with funds provided under this Agreement.

8.05 Debarment and Suspension of Contractors. The Subrecipient shall comply and facilitate compliance with the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (U.S. OMB) "Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)," 2 CFR Part 180. A contract award in any tier must not be made to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR Part 180 that implement Executive Orders Nos. 12549 (3 CFR Part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order No. 12549. These provisions apply to each contract at any tier of \$25,000 or more, and to each contract at any tier for a federally required audit (irrespective of the contract amount).

## IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBRECIPIENT

9.01 The Subrecipient agrees to comply with 2 CFR Part 200 and agrees to adhere to the accounting principles and procedures required therein, utilize adequate internal controls, and maintain necessary source documentation for all costs incurred.

9.02 Cost Principles. The Subrecipient shall administer its program in conformance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E, as applicable. These principles shall be applied for all costs incurred whether charged on a direct or indirect basis.

9.03 Documentation and Record Keeping. The Subrecipient shall include the following clauses in every subcontract or purchase order, specifically or by reference, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Subrecipient shall maintain all records required by the Federal regulations specified in 24 CFR 570.506, that are pertinent to the activities to be funded under this Agreement. Such records shall include but not be limited to:

- a) Records providing a full description of each activity undertaken;
- b) Records demonstrating that each activity undertaken meets one of the National Objectives of the CDBG program;
- c) Records required to determine the eligibility of activities;
- d) Records required to document the acquisition, improvement, use or disposition of real property acquired or improved with CDBG assistance;
- e) Records demonstrating compliance with citizen participation requirements;
- f) Records demonstrating compliance regarding acquisition, displacement, relocation, and replacement housing;
- g) Records documenting compliance with the fair housing and equal opportunity components of the CDBG program;
- h) Financial records as required by 24 CFR 570.502;
- i) Agreements and other records related to lump sum disbursements to private financial institutions financing rehabilitation as prescribed in 24 CFR 570.513; and
- j) Other records necessary to document compliance with Subpart K of 24 CFR Part 570.

9.04 Retention. The Subrecipient shall retain all records pertinent to expenditures incurred under this Agreement for a period of five (5) years after the termination of all activities funded under this Agreement, or after the resolution of all Federal audit findings, whichever occurs later. Records for non-expendable property acquired with funds under this Agreement shall be retained for five (5) years from receipt of final payment. Notwithstanding the above, if there is litigation, claims,

audits, negotiations or other actions that involve any of the records cited and that have started before the expiration of the five-year period, then such records must be retained until completion of the actions and resolution of all issues, or the expiration of the five-year period, whichever occurs later.

9.05 Client Data Reports. The Subrecipient shall furnish reports to the Grantee, which include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- a) Client Data Reports submitted monthly to Grantee.
- b) Client Data Summary Reports submitted monthly to Grantee.
- c) Employee Data Reports submitted monthly to Grantee.
- d) Performance Report submitted at the end of Agreement period.

Monthly reports shall be submitted within fifteen (15) working days of the end of the reporting periods. The performance report is due within thirty (30) working days after the end of the Agreement period. Reports shall be submitted in the format provided by Grantee.

9.06 Disclosure. In such case where client data is collected, the Subrecipient understands that client information collected under this contract may be confidential and the use or disclosure of such information, when not directly connected with the administration of the Grantee's or Subrecipient's responsibilities with respect to services provided under this contract, may be prohibited by State or Federal law, unless written consent is obtained from such person receiving service and, in the case of a minor, that of a responsible parent/guardian.

9.07 Close-outs. The Subrecipient's obligation to the Grantee shall not end until all close-out requirements are completed. Activities during this close-out period shall include, but are not limited to: making final payments, disposing of program assets (including the return of all unused materials, equipment, unspent cash advances, program income balances, and accounts receivable to the Grantee), and determining the custodianship of records. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the terms of this Agreement shall remain in effect during any period that the Subrecipient has control over CDBG funds, including program income.

9.08 Audits & Inspections. All Subrecipient records with respect to any matters covered by this Agreement shall be made available to the Grantee, grantor agency, and the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their authorized representatives, at any time during normal business hours, as often as deemed necessary, to audit, examine, and make excerpts or transcripts of all relevant data. Any deficiencies noted in audit reports must be fully cleared by the Subrecipient within 30 days after receipt by the Subrecipient. Subrecipient shall include the above paragraph in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Department of Housing and Urban Development (hereinafter referred to as HUD), funds for federal funding of a Community Development Block Grant Program (hereinafter referred to as CDBG) HUD funds.

9.09 Failure of the Subrecipient to comply with the above audit requirements will constitute a violation of this contract and may result in the withholding of future payments. The Subrecipient hereby agrees to have an annual agency audit conducted in accordance with current Grantee policy concerning Subrecipient audits and 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F.

#### **X. REPORTING & PAYMENT PROCEDURES**

10.01 Program Income. The Subrecipient shall report monthly all program income as defined at 24 CFR 570.500(a) generated by activities carried out with CDBG funds made available under this Agreement. The use of program income by the Subrecipient shall comply with the requirements set forth at 24 CFR 570.504(c). By way of further limitations, the Subrecipient may use such income during the Agreement period for activities permitted under this Agreement and shall reduce requests for additional funds by the amount of any such program income balances on hand. All unused program income shall be returned to the Grantee at the end of the Agreement period as specified in 24 CFR 570.503(b)(8). Any interest earned on cash advances from the U.S. Treasury is not program income and shall be remitted promptly to the Grantee.

10.02 Indirect Costs. If indirect costs are charged, the Subrecipient will develop an indirect cost allocation plan for determining the appropriate Grantee share of administrative costs and shall submit such plan to the Grantee for approval.

10.03 Payment Procedures. The Grantee will pay to the Subrecipient funds available under this Agreement based upon information submitted by the Subrecipient and consistent with any approved Project Budget and Grantee policy concerning payments and in accordance with Section III "Payment". With the exception of certain advances, payments will be made for eligible expenses actually incurred by the Subrecipient. Payments will be adjusted by the Grantee in accordance with advance fund and program income balances available in Subrecipient accounts. In addition, the Grantee reserves the right to liquidate funds available under this Agreement for costs incurred by the Grantee on behalf of the Subrecipient.

#### **XI. USE AND REVERSION OF ASSETS**

11.01 The use and disposition of real property and equipment under this Agreement shall be in compliance with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 570 Subpart J as applicable, which include but are not limited to the following:

- a) The Subrecipient shall transfer to the Grantee any CDBG funds on hand and any accounts receivable attributable to the use of funds under this Agreement at the time of expiration, cancellation, or termination of this Agreement or the Grantee's Agreement with HUD.
- b) Real property under the Subrecipient's control that was acquired or improved, in whole or in part, with funds under this Agreement in excess of \$25,000 shall be used to meet one of the CDBG National Objectives pursuant to 24 CFR 570.208 until five (5) years after expiration of this Agreement or such longer period of time as the Grantee deems appropriate.

- c) If the Subrecipient fails to use CDBG-assisted real property in a manner that meets a CDBG National Objective for the prescribed period of time, the Subrecipient shall pay the Grantee an amount equal to the current fair market value of the property less any portion of the value attributable to expenditures of non-CDBG funds for acquisition of, or improvement to, the property. Such payment shall constitute program income to the Grantee. The Subrecipient may retain real property acquired or improved under this Agreement after the expiration of the five-year period or such longer period of time as the Grantee deems appropriate. The Grantee, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether the Subrecipient use of any property meets a national objective contained in 24 CFR 570.200 (a)(2) and (3).
- d) In all cases in which equipment acquired, in whole or in part, with funds under this Agreement is sold, the proceeds shall be program income (prorated to reflect the extent to that funds received under this Agreement were used to acquire the equipment). Equipment not needed by the Subrecipient for activities under this Agreement shall be (a) transferred to the Grantee for the CDBG program or (b) retained after compensating the Grantee an amount equal to the current fair market value of the equipment less the percentage of non-CDBG funds used to acquire the equipment.

## XII. NOTICE

12.01 Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, any notice provided for or permitted to be given must be in writing and delivered in person or by depositing same in the United States mail, postpaid and registered or certified, addressed to the party to be notified, with return receipt requested, or by delivering the same to an officer of such party. Notice deposited in the mail as described above shall be conclusively deemed to be effective, unless otherwise stated in this Agreement from and after the expiration of three (3) days after it is so deposited.

12.02 For the purpose of notice, the addresses of the parties shall, until changed as hereinafter provided, be as follows:

If to the County, then to:	Fort Bend County Community Development Department 301 Jackson Street Richmond, Texas 77469
With a copy to:	Fort Bend County Attn: County Judge 401 Jackson Street Richmond, Texas 77469
If to the Subrecipient, then:	Fort Bend County Child Advocates Ruthanne Mefford, Chief Executive Officer 5403 Rosenberg, Texas 77471

12.03 Each party shall have the right, from time to time at any time, to change its respective address and each shall have the right to specify as its new address, provided that at least fifteen (15) days written notice is given of such new address to the other party.

### XIII. GRANTEE RECOGNITION

The Subrecipient shall insure recognition of the role of the Grantee in providing services through this Agreement. All activities, facilities and items utilized pursuant to this Agreement shall be prominently labeled as to funding source. In addition, the Subrecipient will include a reference to the support provided herein in all publications made possible with funds made available under this Agreement.

### XIV. SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION

14.01 Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving written notice to the other party of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of such termination. Partial terminations of the Scope of Service may only be undertaken with the prior approval of Grantee. In the event of any termination for convenience, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, maps, models, photographs, reports or other materials prepared by Subrecipient under this Agreement shall, at the option of the Grantee, become the property of the Grantee, and Subrecipient shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents or materials prior to the termination, subject to the provisions and limitation of Section III "Payment".

14.02 Grantee may suspend or terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, if Subrecipient materially fails to comply with any term of this Agreement, or with any of the rules, regulations, executive orders, HUD guidelines, policies or directives or provisions referred to herein; failure, for any reason, of the Subrecipient to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement; ineffective or improper use of funds provided under this Agreement; or submission by the Subrecipient to the Grantee reports that are incorrect or incomplete in any material respect.

14.03 Grantee may declare the Subrecipient ineligible for any further participation in Grantee Agreements, in addition to other remedies as provided by law. Release of funds may be withheld in full or in part upon a finding by the County that the Subrecipient is in noncompliance with any applicable rules or regulations.

### XV. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended to, or shall be construed in any manner, as creating or establishing the relationship of employer/employee between the parties. The Subrecipient shall at all times remain an "independent contractor" with respect to the services to be performed under this Agreement. The Grantee shall be exempt from payment of all Unemployment Compensation, FICA, retirement, life and/or medical insurance and Workers' Compensation Insurance, as the Subrecipient is an independent contractor.

#### XVI. HOLD HARMLESS

To the extent allowed by law, the Subrecipient shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify the Grantee from any and all claims, actions, suits, charges and judgments whatsoever that arise out of the Subrecipient's performance or nonperformance of the services or subject matter called for in this Agreement.

#### XVII. WORKERS' COMPENSATION

The Subrecipient shall provide Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage for all of its employees involved in the performance of this Agreement.

#### XVIII. INSURANCE AND BONDING

The Subrecipient shall carry sufficient insurance coverage to protect contract assets from loss due to theft, fraud and/or undue physical damage, and as a minimum shall purchase a blanket fidelity bond covering all employees in an amount equal to cash advances from the Grantee. The Subrecipient shall comply with the bonding and insurance requirements of 2 CFR 200.304 and 2 CFR 200.310.

#### XIX. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

19.01 The Subrecipient and the Grantee, through its Director of the Fort Bend County Community Development Department may, by prior written agreement, mutually agree to re-allocate the funds among the various line items of the Project Budget or to new line items created in the Project Budget. No more than two (2) budget re-allocation requests shall be allowed during the contract period, to be submitted no later than ninety (90) days before the end of the Agreement period, as defined in Section V "Term of Agreement" of this Agreement. Budget re-allocation requests submitted within ninety (90) days before the end of the Agreement period will not be approved.

19.02 Grantee or Subrecipient may amend this Agreement at any time provided that such amendments make specific reference to this Agreement, and are executed in writing, signed by a duly authorized representative of both organizations, and approved by the Grantee's governing body.

19.03 Such amendments shall not invalidate this Agreement, nor relieve or release the Grantee or Subrecipient from its obligations under this Agreement.

19.04 The Grantee may, in its discretion, amend this Agreement to conform with Federal, state or local governmental guidelines, policies and available funding amounts, or for other reasons. If such amendments result in a change in the funding, the Scope of Service, or schedule of the activities to be undertaken as part of this Agreement, such modifications will be incorporated only by written amendment signed by both Grantee and Subrecipient.

## **XX. RELOCATION, ACQUISITION & DISPLACEMENT**

The Subrecipient agrees to comply with (1) the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (URA), and implementing regulations at 24 CFR 570.606(b); (2) the requirements of 24 CFR 570.606(c) governing the Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan under section 104(d) of the HCD Act; and (3) the requirements in 24 CFR 570.606(d) governing optional relocation policies. The Grantee may, however, preempt the optional policies. The Subrecipient shall provide relocation assistance to displaced persons as defined by 24 CFR 570.606(b)(2) that are displaced as a direct result of acquisition, rehabilitation, demolition or conversion for a CDBG assisted project. The Subrecipient also agrees to comply with applicable Grantee ordinances, resolutions and policies concerning the displacement of persons from their residences. Displacement of persons (including families, individuals, businesses, non-profit organizations and farms) as a result of activities assisted with CDBG funds is generally discouraged.

## **XXI. PERSONNEL & PARTICIPANT CONDITIONS**

The Subrecipient shall include the following clauses in every Subcontract or purchase order, specifically or by reference, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

### **21.01 Civil Rights**

- a) Compliance. The Subrecipient agrees to comply with all local and state civil rights ordinances and with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 as amended, Section 104(b) and Section 109 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Executive Order 11063, as amended by 12259, and Executive Order 11246 as amended by Executive Orders 11375, 11478, 12107 and 12086.
- b) Nondiscrimination. The Subrecipient agrees to comply with the non-discrimination in employment and contracting opportunities laws, regulations, and executive orders referenced in 24 CFR 570.607, as revised by Executive Order 13279, including the applicable non-discrimination provisions in Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act which are still applicable. The Subrecipient will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, disability or other handicap, age, marital status, or status with regard to public assistance. The Subrecipient will take affirmative action to insure that all employment practices are free from such discrimination. Such employment practices include, but are not limited to, the following: hiring, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff, termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Subrecipient agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for

employment, notices to be provided by the contracting agency setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

- c) Land Covenants. This Agreement is subject to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) and 24 CFR 570.601 and 570.602. In regard to the sale, lease, or other transfer of land acquired, cleared or improved with assistance provided under this Agreement, the Subrecipient shall cause or require a covenant running with the land to be inserted in the deed or lease for such transfer, prohibiting discrimination as herein defined, in the sale, lease or rental, or in the use or occupancy of such land, or in any improvements erected or to be erected thereon, providing that the Grantee and the United States are beneficiaries of and entitled to enforce such covenants. The Subrecipient, in undertaking its obligation to carry out the program assisted hereunder, agrees to take such measures as are necessary to enforce such covenant, and will not itself so discriminate.
- d) Section 504 - Discrimination against the Handicapped. The Subrecipient agrees to comply with any federal regulations issued pursuant to compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (29 U.S.C. 706) which prohibits discrimination against the handicapped in any federally assisted program. The Grantee shall provide the Subrecipient with any guidelines necessary for compliance with that portion of the regulations in force during the term of this Agreement.
- e) Fair Housing Act. Subrecipient will not violate the Fair Housing Act which prohibits discrimination in housing practices on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap or familial status and provides protections from discrimination in any aspect of the sale or rental of housing for families with children and persons with disabilities. Subrecipient will abide by all requirements as set by the Fair Housing Act for the design and construction of new rental or for-sale multi-family housing to ensure a minimum level of accessibility for persons with disabilities.

21.02 Affirmative Action. The Subrecipient shall include the following clauses in every Subcontract or purchase order, specifically or by reference, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

- a) Approved Plan. The Subrecipient agrees that it shall be committed to carry out pursuant to the Grantee's specifications, an Affirmative Action Program in keeping with the principles as provided in President's Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965. When requested, the Grantee shall provide Affirmative Action guidelines to the Subrecipient to assist in the formulation of such program. The Subrecipient shall submit a plan for an Affirmative Action program for approval prior to the award of funds.
- b) Small, Women and Minority-Owned Businesses (W/MBE). The Subrecipient will use its best efforts to afford small businesses, minority and women-owned business enterprises the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of this Agreement. As used in this Agreement, the terms "small business" means a business that meets the criteria set forth in section 3(a) of the Small Business Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 632), the term "minority and female business enterprise" means a business at least fifty-one percent

(51%) owned and controlled by minority group members or women. For the purpose of this definition, "minority group members" are Afro-Americans, Spanish-speaking, Spanish surnamed or Spanish-heritage Americans, Asian-Americans, and American Indians. The Subrecipient may rely on written representations by subcontractors regarding their status as minority and female business enterprises in lieu of an independent investigation.

- c) Access to Records. The Subrecipient shall furnish and cause each of its subcontractors to furnish all information and reports required hereunder and will permit access to its books, records and accounts by the Grantee, HUD or its agent, or other authorized federal officials for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with the rules, regulations and provisions stated herein.
- d) Notifications to Labor Unions. The Subrecipient will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other Agreement or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency Contracting officer, advising the labor union or worker's representative of the Subrecipient's commitments hereunder, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
- e) Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action (EEO/AA) Statement. The Subrecipient will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Subrecipient, state that it is an Equal Opportunity or Affirmative Action employer.
- f) Subcontract Provisions. The Subrecipient will include the provisions of Paragraphs 22.01 Civil Rights, and 22.02 Affirmative Action, in every subcontract or purchase order, specifically or by reference, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

21.03 Employment Restrictions. The Subrecipient shall include the following clauses in every Subcontract or purchase order, specifically or by reference, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

- a) Prohibited Activity. The Subrecipient is prohibited from using funds provided herein or personnel employed in the administration of the program for political activities; lobbying, political patronage, and nepotism activities.
- b) OSHA. Where employees are engaged in activities not covered under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, they shall not be required or permitted to work, be trained, or receive services in buildings or surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous to the participant's health or safety.
- c) Labor Standards. The Subrecipient agrees to comply with the requirements of the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act as amended, the provisions of the Contract Work Hours and the Safety Standards Act, the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 276, 327-333) and all other applicable federal, state and local laws and

regulations pertaining to labor standards insofar as those acts apply to the performance of this Agreement. The Subrecipient shall maintain documentation, which demonstrates compliance with hour, and wage requirements of this part. Such documentation shall be made available to the Grantee for review upon request.

The Subrecipient agrees that, except with respect to the rehabilitation or construction of residential property designed for residential use for less than eight (8) households, all Contractors engaged under Agreements in excess of \$2,000.00 for construction, renovation or repair of any building or work financed in whole or in part with assistance provided under this Agreement, shall comply with federal requirements adopted by the Grantee pertaining to such Agreements and with the applicable requirements of the regulations of the Department of Labor, under 29 CFR Subtitle A governing the payment of wages and ratio of apprentices and trainees to journeymen; provided, that if wage rates higher than those required under the regulations are imposed by state or local law, nothing hereunder is intended to relieve the Subrecipient of its obligation, if any, to require payment of the higher wage. The Subrecipient shall cause or require to be inserted in full, in all such Agreements subject to such regulations, provisions meeting the requirements of this paragraph, for such Agreements subject to such regulations.

The Subrecipient shall also comply with 24 CFR Part 70, which sets out the circumstances under which individuals who volunteer their services, may be used.

d) "Section 3" Clause

1. Compliance

Compliance with the provisions of Section 3, the regulations set forth in 24 CFR Part 75, and all applicable rules and orders issued hereunder prior to the execution of this Agreement, shall be a condition of the federal financial assistance provided under this Agreement and binding upon the Grantee, the Subrecipient and any subcontractor. Failure to fulfill these requirements shall subject the Grantee, the Subrecipient and any subcontractors, their successors and assigns, to those sanctions specified. Subrecipient certifies and agrees that no contractual or other disability exists which would prevent compliance with these requirements.

The Subrecipient further agrees to comply with these "Section 3" requirements and to include the following "Section 3 Clause" language in all Contracts executed under this Agreement:

"THE WORK TO BE PERFORMED UNDER THIS CONTRACT IS SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 3 OF THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1968, AS AMENDED, 12 U.S.C. 1701U (SECTION 3). THE PURPOSE OF SECTION 3 IS TO ENSURE THAT EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES GENERATED BY HUD ASSISTANCE OR HUD-ASSISTED PROJECTS COVERED BY SECTION 3, SHALL, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE, BE DIRECTED TO LOW- AND VERY LOW-

INCOME PERSONS, PARTICULARLY PERSONS WHO ARE RECIPIENTS OF HUD ASSISTANCE FOR HOUSING.

THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTRACT AGREE TO COMPLY WITH HUD'S REGULATIONS IN 24 CFR PART 75, WHICH IMPLEMENT SECTION 3. AS EVIDENCED BY THEIR EXECUTION OF THIS CONTRACT, THE PARTIES TO THIS CONTRACT CERTIFY THAT THEY ARE UNDER NO CONTRACTUAL OR OTHER IMPEDIMENT THAT WOULD PREVENT THEM FROM COMPLYING WITH THE PART 75 REGULATIONS.

THE CONTRACTOR AGREES TO SEND TO EACH LABOR ORGANIZATION OR REPRESENTATIVE OF WORKERS WITH WHICH THE CONTRACTOR HAS A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT OR OTHER UNDERSTANDING, IF ANY, A NOTICE ADVISING THE LABOR ORGANIZATION OR WORKERS' REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONTRACTOR'S COMMITMENTS UNDER THIS SECTION 3 CLAUSE, AND WILL POST COPIES OF THE NOTICE IN CONSPICUOUS PLACES AT THE WORK SITE WHERE BOTH EMPLOYEES AND APPLICANTS FOR TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS CAN SEE THE NOTICE. THE NOTICE SHALL DESCRIBE THE SECTION 3 PREFERENCE, SHALL SET FORTH MINIMUM NUMBER AND JOB TITLES SUBJECT TO HIRE, AVAILABILITY OF APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING POSITIONS, THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR EACH; AND THE NAME AND LOCATION OF THE PERSON(S) TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR EACH OF THE POSITIONS; AND THE ANTICIPATED DATE THE WORK SHALL BEGIN.

THE CONTRACTOR AGREES TO INCLUDE THIS SECTION 3 CLAUSE IN EVERY SUBCONTRACT SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS IN 24 CFR PART 75, AND AGREES TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION, AS PROVIDED IN AN APPLICABLE PROVISION OF THE SUBCONTRACT OR IN THIS SECTION 3 CLAUSE, UPON A FINDING THAT THE SUBCONTRACTOR IS IN VIOLATION OF THE REGULATIONS IN 24 CFR PART 75. THE CONTRACTOR WILL NOT SUBCONTRACT WITH ANY SUBCONTRACTOR WHERE THE CONTRACTOR HAS NOTICE OR KNOWLEDGE THAT THE SUBCONTRACTOR HAS BEEN FOUND IN VIOLATION OF THE REGULATIONS IN 24 CFR PART 75.

THE CONTRACTOR WILL CERTIFY THAT ANY VACANT EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS, INCLUDING TRAINING POSITIONS, THAT ARE FILLED (1) AFTER THE CONTRACTOR IS SELECTED BUT BEFORE THE CONTRACT IS EXECUTED, AND (2) WITH PERSONS OTHER THAN THOSE TO WHOM THE REGULATIONS OF 24 CFR PART 75 REQUIRE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO BE DIRECTED, WERE NOT FILLED TO CIRCUMVENT THE CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER 24 CFR PART 75.

NONCOMPLIANCE WITH HUD'S REGULATIONS IN 24 CFR PART 75 MAY RESULT IN SANCTIONS, TERMINATION OF THIS CONTRACT FOR

DEFAULT, AND DEBARMENT OR SUSPENSION FROM FUTURE HUD ASSISTED CONTRACTS.

- e) Notifications to Labor Unions. The Subrecipient agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other Agreement or understanding, if any, a notice advising said labor organization or worker's representative of its commitments under this Section 3 clause and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment or training.
- f) Subcontractor Agreements. The Subrecipient will include this Section 3 clause in every subcontract agreement and will take appropriate action pursuant to the Agreement upon a finding that the subcontractors is in violation of regulations issued by the Grantor Agency. The Subrecipient will not subcontract with any subcontractors where it has notice or knowledge that the latter has been found in violation of regulations under 24 CFR 135 and will not enter into an Agreement with the subcontractor unless the subcontractor has first provided it with a preliminary statement of ability to comply with the requirements of these regulations.

21.04 Conduct. The Subrecipient shall include the following clauses in every subcontract or purchase order, specifically or by reference, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

- a) Assignability. The Subrecipient shall not assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Grantee thereto; provided, however, that claims for money due or to become due to the Subrecipient from the Grantee under this Agreement may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution without such approval. Notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished promptly to the Grantee.
- b) Hatch Act. The Subrecipient agrees that no funds provided, nor personnel employed under this Agreement, shall be in any way or to any extent engaged in the conduct of political activities in violation of Chapter 15 of Title V United States Code.
- c) Conflict of Interest. The Subrecipient agrees to abide by the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200 and 24 CFR 570.611, which includes (but is not limited to) the following:
  - 1. The Subrecipient shall maintain a written code or standards of conduct that shall govern the performance of its officers, employees or agents engaged in the award and administration of contracts supported by Federal funds.
  - 2. No employee, officer or agent of the Subrecipient shall participate in the selection, or in the award, or administration of, a contract supported by Federal funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved.

3. No covered persons who exercise or have exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to CDBG-assisted activities, or who are in a position to participate in a decision-making process or gain inside information with regard to such activities, may obtain a financial interest in any contract, or have a financial interest in any contract, subcontract, or agreement with respect to the CDBG-assisted activity, or with respect to the proceeds from the CDBG-assisted activity, either for themselves or those with whom they have business or immediate family ties, during their tenure or for a period of one (1) year thereafter. For purposes of this paragraph, a "covered person" includes any person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or elected or appointed official of the Grantee, the Subrecipient, or any designated public agency.
4. No member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States, and no resident Commissioner, shall be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement or to any benefit direct or indirect which arises from the Agreement.

d) Lobbying. The Subrecipient certifies that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph (4) of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all Subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly:
4. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S.C. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

e) Eligibility Restrictions for Certain Resident Aliens. The Subrecipient agrees to abide by the provisions of 24 CFR 570.613 with respect to the eligibility restrictions for certain resident aliens. Certain newly legalized aliens, as described in 24 CFR Part 49, are not eligible to apply for benefits under covered activities funded by the programs listed in this part of the regulation. The Grantee shall provide the Subrecipient with any guidelines necessary for compliance with that portion of the regulation.

- f) Architectural Barriers Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Subrecipient agrees to comply with any federal regulations issued pursuant to compliance with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4151-4157) which requires certain Federal and Federally funded buildings and other facilities to be designed, constructed, or altered in accordance with the standards that insure accessibility to, and use by, physically handicapped people. The Subrecipient also agrees to comply with any federal regulations issued pursuant to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12131 U.S.C. 155, 201, 218 and 225) which provides comprehensive civil rights to individuals with disabilities in the areas of employment, public accommodations, State and local government services, and telecommunications. The Grantee shall provide the Subrecipient with any guidelines necessary for compliance with that portion of the regulation in force during the term of this Agreement.
- g) Copyright. If this Agreement results in any copyrightable material, the Grantee and/or grantor agency reserves the right to royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use and to authorize others to use, the work for government purposes.
- h) Equal Participation of Faith-Based Organizations. The Subrecipient shall include the following clauses in every Subcontract or purchase order, specifically or by reference, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Subrecipient agrees that funds provided under this Agreement will not be directly utilized for explicitly religious activities, such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization in accordance with the federal regulations specified in 24 CFR 5.109 "Equal Participation of Faith-based Organizations in HUD Programs and Activities." The Subrecipient must also document their compliance with the faith-based activities regarding disposition and change in use of real property as required under 24 CFR §576.406.

## XXII. ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

The Subrecipient shall include the following clauses in every Subcontract or purchase order, specifically or by reference, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

22.01 Environmental Requirements (with respect to the use of funds). The Subrecipient agrees to comply with the following regulations insofar as they apply to the performance of this Agreement:

- Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C., 1857, et seq.
- Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251, et seq., as amended 1318 relating to inspection, monitoring, entry, reports, and information, as well as other requirements specified in said Section 114 and Section 308, and all regulations and guidelines issued thereunder.
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations pursuant to 40 CFR, Part 50, as amended.
- National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.
- HUD Environmental Review Procedures (24 CFR, Part 58).

22.02 Energy Conservation and Resource Recovery. The Subrecipient agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act. The Subrecipient agrees to provide a preference for those products and services that conserve natural resources, protect the environment, and are energy efficient by complying with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), "Comprehensive Procurement Guideline for Products Containing Recovered Materials" at 40 C.F.R. Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

22.03 National Flood Insurance Program. If a community has had notice for more than a year that an area has been identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as having special flood hazards, the Subrecipient agrees that CDBG funds cannot be spent for acquisition or construction purposes in the area unless the community is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program and such insurance has been purchased for the properties in question. Subrecipient also acknowledges that there is a statutory prohibition against providing Federal assistance to a person who had previously received Federal flood disaster assistance conditioned on obtaining and maintaining flood insurance and the person failed to obtain and maintain such insurance. (24 CFR 58.6(b)).

22.04 Floodplain Management (24 CFR Part 55). Subrecipient will select sites that are located outside of special flood hazard areas for projects proposing new construction or substantial improvement of existing buildings. Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, directs agencies "to avoid direct or indirect support of floodplain development wherever there is a practicable alternative" (24 CFR Part 55).

22.05 Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973. The Subrecipient agrees to comply with the requirements of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L.-2234) in regard to the sale, lease or other transfer of land acquired, cleared or improved under the terms of this Agreement, as it may apply to the provisions of this Agreement.

22.06 Lead-Based Paint. The Subrecipient agrees that any construction or rehabilitation of residential structures with assistance provided under this Agreement shall be subject to HUD Lead-Based Paint Regulations at 24 CFR 570.608, and 24 CFR Part 35, and in particular Sub-Part B thereof. Such regulations pertain to all HUD-assisted housing and require that all owners, prospective owners, and tenants or properties constructed prior to 1978 be properly notified that such properties may include lead-based paint. Such notification shall point out the hazards of lead-based paint and explain the symptoms, treatment and precautions that should be taken when dealing with lead-based paint poisoning.

22.07 Historic Preservation. The Subrecipient agrees to comply with the Historic Preservation requirements set forth in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470) and the procedures set forth in 36 CFR, Part 800, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Procedures for Protection of Historic Properties, insofar as they apply to the performance of this Agreement. In general, this requires concurrence from the Texas Historical Commission for all rehabilitation and demolition of historic properties that are fifty (50) years old or older or that are included on a Federal, State, or local historic property list.

#### XXIII. USE OF DEBARRED, SUSPENDED, OR INELIGIBLE CONTRACTORS OR SUBRECIPIENTS

The Subrecipient shall not use CDBG funds assistance to directly or indirectly employ, award contracts to, or otherwise engage the services of, or fund any entity during any period of debarment, suspension or placement in ineligibility status under provisions of 24 CFR Part 24. "Subrecipients" includes eligible entities under 24 CFR Part 570.204(a)(2) or private entities as described under 24 CFR 570.202(c)(1).

#### XXIV. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, REGULATIONS, AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Subrecipient's attention is called to the fact that this Agreement between County and Subrecipient will be subject to financial assistance contracts between the County and various State or Federal agencies. The Agreement to be awarded, therefore, is subject to the terms of these agreements and will not proceed without these agreements having been duly executed. The Subrecipient will be required to comply with, in addition to other provisions of the agreement, the conditions required by applicable federal regulations. Subrecipient will comply with all applicable federal law, regulations, executive orders, policies, procedures, and directives.

#### XXV. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

25.01 Waste, Fraud, Abuse, and Whistleblower Protections. Any person who becomes aware of the existence or apparent existence of fraud, waste or abuse of any HUD award must report such incidents to both the HUD official responsible for the award and to HUD's Office of Inspector General (OIG). HUD OIG is available to receive allegations of fraud, waste, and abuse related to HUD programs via its hotline number (1-800-347-3735) and its online hotline form. Subrecipient must comply with 41 U.S.C. § 4712, which includes informing Subrecipient's employees in writing of their rights and remedies, in the predominant native language of the workforce. Under 41 U.S.C. § 4712, employees of a government contractor, subcontractor, grantee, and sub grantee—as well as a personal services contractor—who make a protected disclosure about a Federal grant or contract cannot be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as long as they reasonably believe the information they disclose is evidence of: 1. Gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or grant; 2. Waste of Federal funds; 3. Abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract or grant; 4. Substantial and specific danger to public health and safety; or 5. Violations of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract or grant.

25.02 The Grantee will comply with the right to report crime and emergencies protections at 34 U.S.C. 12495 of the Violence Against Women Act.

#### **XXVI. SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, the remainder of the Agreement shall not be affected thereby and all other parts of this Agreement shall nevertheless be in full force and effect.

#### **XXVII. SECTION HEADINGS AND SUBHEADINGS**

The section headings and subheadings contained in this Agreement are included for convenience only and shall not limit or otherwise affect the terms of this Agreement.

#### **XXVIII. WAIVER**

The Grantee's failure to act with respect to a breach by the Subrecipient does not waive its right to act with respect to subsequent or similar breaches. The failure of the Grantee to exercise or enforce any right or provision shall not constitute a waiver of such right or provision.

#### **XXIX. APPLICABLE LAW**

The laws of the State of Texas govern all disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement. The parties hereto acknowledge that venue is proper in Fort Bend County, Texas, for all legal actions or proceedings arising out of or relating to this Agreement and waive the right to sue or be sued elsewhere. Nothing in the Agreement shall be construed to waive the County's sovereign immunity.

#### **XXX. CERTAIN STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTS**

The contents of this Section are required by Texas Law. The Subrecipient shall include the following clauses in every Subcontract or purchase order, specifically or by reference, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

30.01 Certification that Subrecipient is not on Comptroller's Listed Companies. Unless affirmatively declared by the United States government to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan or Iran or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization, Subrecipient verifies that Subrecipient is not identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 2252.153 or 2270.0201 of the Texas Government Code.

30.02 Agreement to Not Boycott Israel under Chapter 2271 Texas Government Code. If employing ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000.00 or more, Subrecipient does not boycott Israel and is authorized to agree in such contracts not to boycott Israel during the term of such contracts. "Boycott Israel" has the meaning provided in section 808.001 of the Texas Government Code.

30.03 Agreement to Not Boycott Energy Companies. If employing ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000.00 or more, Subrecipient does not boycott energy companies and is authorized to agree in such contracts not to boycott energy companies during the term of such contracts. "Boycott energy company" has the meaning provided in section 809.001 of the Texas Government Code.

30.04 Agreement to Not Discriminate Against a Firearm Entity or Trade Association. If employing ten (10) or more full-time employees and this Agreement has a value of \$100,000.00 or more, Subrecipient does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and is authorized to agree in such contracts not to discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association during the term of such contracts. "Discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" has the meaning provided in section 2274.001(3) of the Texas Government Code. "Firearm entity" and "firearm trade association" have the meanings provided in section 2274.001(6) and (7) of the Texas Government Code.

#### XXXI. HUMAN TRAFFICKING

BY ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT, SUBRECIPIENT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT FORT BEND COUNTY IS OPPOSED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND THAT NO COUNTY FUNDS WILL BE USED IN SUPPORT OF SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES THAT VIOLATE HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAWS.

#### XXXII. AGREEMENT DOCUMENTS

This Agreement includes the following Attachments and such Attachments are attached hereto and make a part hereof for all purposes:

Exhibit A	Scope of Service
Exhibit B	Project Budget
Attachment A	Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans and Cooperative Agreements

#### XXXIII. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Grantee and the Subrecipient for the use of funds received under this Agreement and it supersedes all prior or contemporaneous communications and proposals, whether electronic oral, or written between the Grantee and the Subrecipient with respect to this Agreement.

#### XXXIV. EXECUTION

This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by County.

*{Execution Pages Follows}*  
*{Remainder Intentionally Left Blank}*

**GRANTEE: FORT BEND COUNTY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
KP George, County Judge

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Richard, County Clerk

REVIEWED BY COUNTY PROJECT MANAGER:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert E. Sturdivant, Fort Bend County Auditor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Huma Ahmed*  
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Huma Ahmed, Assistant County Attorney

**SUBRECIPIENT: FORT BEND COUNTY CHILD ADVOCATES**

By Ruthanne Mefford  
Ruthanne Mefford, Chief Executive Officer

5/05/2025  
Date

ATTEST:

B. Longaker  
Signature

BRUCE LONGAKER, VP  
Printed Name, Title

### **AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that funds are available in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to accomplish and pay the obligation of the Fort Bend County under this contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert E. Sturdivant, County Auditor

## **EXHIBIT A**

EXHIBIT A  
SCOPE OF SERVICE  
CHILD-ADVOCATES

I. Activities.

The Subrecipient will be responsible for administering a CDBG Program Year 2024 funded personnel positions in a manner satisfactory to the Grantee and consistent with any standard required as a condition of providing these funds. Such personnel positions will include salaries of personnel to provide direct services to children. The Subrecipient will serve abused children

II. Program Delivery.

Subrecipient shall utilize its grant to provide prorated salaries and prorates fringe benefits, for personnel. The Forensic Interviewer/Therapist provides forensic interviews and therapy services for abused children.

Activity #1     Schedule Interviews and Coordinate Intervention

Activity #2     Provide Case Management and follow up with children

Activity #3     Provide therapeutic tailored to the client's demographic characteristics and developmental age

Activity #4     Coordinate Crisis Intervention/Information/ ongoing parent support

III. General Administration.

The Subrecipient, or its Representatives, shall be responsible for the administration of the child advocacy program by hiring a Forensic Interviewer and Therapist.

IV. National Objectives.

The Subrecipient agrees to maintain documentation that demonstrates that the activities carried out with funds provided under this Agreement meet one or more of the CDBG program's national objectives - 1) benefit low/moderate income persons. 2) aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, 3) meet community development needs having a particular urgency - as defined in 24 CFR Part 570.208.

V. Levels of Accomplishment.

Activity

Minimum

VI. Performance Monitoring.

The Grantee will monitor the performance of the Subrecipient against levels of accomplishments required herein. Substandard performance as determined by the Grantee will constitute non-compliance with this Agreement. If action to correct such substandard performance is not taken by the Subrecipient within a reasonable period of time after being notified by the Grantee, Agreement suspension or termination procedures will be initiated.

The Subrecipient shall assist the Grantee in measuring program impact to determine the extent to which the activities yield the desired outcomes in the community or in the lives of persons assisted. The Subrecipient shall assist the Grantee in selecting indicators that relate to the local goals established in the Consolidated Plan.

VII. Service Area.

The Subrecipient will use the grant funds to pay for activities benefiting clients who live within the unincorporated areas of Fort Bend County, or within the incorporated limits of the following cities: Arcola, Beasley, Fairchilds, Fulshear, Kendleton, Meadows Place, Needville, Orchard, Pleak, Richmond, Rosenberg, Sugar Land, Simonton, Stafford and Thompsons. The Subrecipient will not use the grant funds to pay for activities benefiting clients who live within the cities of Houston, Katy, Missouri City, Pearland, and Weston Lakes.

## **EXHIBIT B**

**EXHIBIT B**  
**PROJECT BUDGET**

**CHILD ADVOCATES**

I. Maximum Compensation.

It is expressly agreed and understood that the total amount to be paid for and in consideration of the Project as herein set forth by the County shall not exceed the total sum of **Eighty-three Thousand two hundred fifty-five and No/100 dollars (\$83,255.00)** as set forth below, “**Total CDBG Funds**”, which shall be in full and total compensation allocated by the County for payment of all expenses allowed under this Agreement and the Grant Agreement with HUD.

II. Budget for CDBG Funds.

Line Item:	Amount:
Personnel (Salaries and Benefits) for a Forensic Interviewer and Therapist, and Digital evidence storage	\$83,255.00
<b>TOTAL CDBG Funds</b>	<b>\$83,255.00</b>

## **ATTACHMENT A**

**ATTACHMENT A**  
Certification for Contracts, Grants,  
Loans and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement.

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This certification is material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making for entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Executed this 05 date of May, 2025  
By Ruthanne Mefford  
(Signature)  
RUTHANNE MEFFORD  
(Typed or printed name)  
CEO  
(Title, if any)

Covered Action: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
(Type and identity of program, project or activity)