

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNATORIES

A RESOLUTION BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HOPKINS COUNTY DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR CONTRACTUAL DOCUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS FOR REQUESTING FUNDS PERTAINING TO THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (TXCDBG) CONTRACT NUMBER 7218211.

WHEREAS, Hopkins County has received a 2018 Texas Community Development Block Grant award to provide Water Improvements; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint persons to execute contractual documents and documents requesting funds from the Texas Department of Agriculture, and;

WHEREAS, an original signed copy of the TxCDBG Depository/Authorized Signatories Designation Form (Form A202) is to be submitted with a copy of this Resolution, and;

WHEREAS, Hopkins County acknowledges that in the event that an authorized signatory of the County changes (elections, illness, resignations, etc.) the County must provide TxCDBG with the following:

- a resolution stating who the new authorized signatory is (not required if this original resolution names only the title and not the name of the signatory); and
- a revised TxCDBG Depository/ Authorized Signatories Designation Form (Form A202).

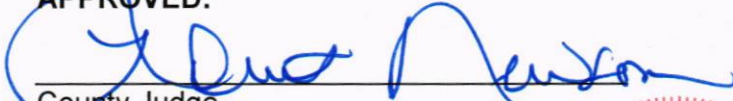
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HOPKINS COUNTY, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

The County Judge and County Auditor are authorized to execute contractual documents between the Texas Department of Agriculture and the County for the 2018 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program


The First Assistant Auditor is authorized to execute the State of Texas Purchase Voucher and Request for Payment Form documents required for requesting funds approved in the 2018 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF THE HOPKINS COUNTY, TEXAS, on November 13, 2018.

APPROVED:

  
County Judge

ATTEST:

  
County Clerk



**Resolution Regarding Civil Rights****Hopkins County, Texas**

Whereas, Hopkins County, Texas, (hereinafter referred to as "Hopkins County") has been awarded TxCDBG funding through a TxCDBG grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as "TDA");

Whereas, Hopkins County, in accordance with Section 109 of the Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act. (24 CFR 6); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-6107); and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and for construction contracts greater than \$10,000, must take actions to ensure that no person or group is denied benefits such as employment, training, housing, and contracts generated by the CDBG activity, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability;

Whereas, Hopkins County, in consideration for the receipt and acceptance of federal funding for the Contract, agrees to comply with all federal rules and regulations including those rules and regulations governing citizen participation and civil rights protections;

Whereas, Hopkins County, in accordance with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, and 24 CFR Part 135 is required, to the greatest extent feasible, to provide training and employment opportunities to lower income residents and contract opportunities to businesses in the TxCDBG project area;

Whereas, Hopkins County, in accordance with Section 104(1) of the Housing and Community Development Act, as amended, and State's certification requirements at 24 CFR 91.325(b)(6), must adopt an excessive force policy that prohibits the use of excessive force against non-violent civil rights demonstrations;

Whereas, Hopkins County, in accordance with Executive Order 13166, must take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to services in federally assisted programs and activities by persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and must have an LEP plan in place specific to the locality and beneficiaries for each TxCDBG project;

Whereas, Hopkins County, in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 does not discriminate on the basis of disability and agrees to ensure that qualified individuals with disabilities have access to programs and activities that receive federal funds;

Whereas, Hopkins County, in accordance with Section 808(e)(5) of the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3608(e)(5)) that requires HUD programs and activities be administered in a manner affirmatively to further the policies of the Fair Housing Act, agrees to conduct at least one activity during the contract period, to affirmatively further fair housing; and

Whereas, Hopkins County, agrees to maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, award and administration of contracts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF Hopkins County, TEXAS, THAT Hopkins County ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING:

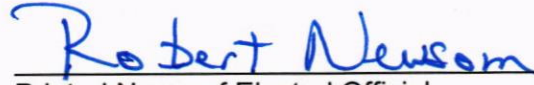
1. Citizen Participation Plan and Grievance Procedures (Form A1013);
2. Section 3 Policy (Form A1002);

3. Excessive Force Policy (Form A1003);
4. Section 504 Policy and Grievance Procedures (Form A1004);
5. Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Standards (Form A1010);
6. Fair Housing Policy (Form 1015); and
7. Code of Conduct Policy.

Passed and approved this 13 day of November, 2018.



Signature of Elected Official  
Hopkins County



Printed Name of Elected Official

**Hopkins County  
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN  
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

*Note to Grant Recipients regarding Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requirements:*

In accordance with federal law, if there is a significant number of the population who are non-English speaking residents and are affected by the TxCDBG project, such citizens should have "meaningful access" to all aspects of the TxCDBG project. To provide 'meaningful access', Grant Recipients may need to provide interpreter services at public hearings or provide non-English written materials that are routinely provided in English. Examples of such vital documents include Citizen Participation notices (e.g. complaint procedures, hearing notices) civil rights notices, and any other published notice that may allow an eligible person with limited English proficiency to participate in discussing proposed CDBG activities.

For more information, see [LEP.gov](http://LEP.gov)

**COMPLAINT PROCEDURES**

These complaint procedures comply with the requirements of the Texas Department of Agriculture's Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program and Local Government Requirements found in 24 CFR §570.486 (Code of Federal Regulations). Citizens can obtain a copy of these procedures at the Hopkins County offices, 118 Church St, PO Box 288, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482, (903) 438-4006 during regular business hours.

Below are the formal complaint and grievance procedures regarding the services provided under the TxCDBG project.

1. A person who has a complaint or grievance about any services or activities with respect to the TxCDBG project, whether it is a proposed, ongoing, or completed TxCDBG project, may during regular business hours submit such complaint or grievance, in writing to the County Judge, at 118 Church St, PO Box 288 or may call (903) 438-4006.
2. A copy of the complaint or grievance shall be transmitted by the County Judge to the entity that is the subject of the complaint or grievance and to the County Attorney within five (5) working days after the date of the complaint or grievance was received.
3. The County Judge shall complete an investigation of the complaint or grievance, if practicable, and provide a timely written answer to person who made the complaint or grievance within ten (10) days.
4. If the investigation cannot be completed within ten (10) working days per 3. above, the person who made the grievance or complaint shall be notified, in writing, within fifteen (15) days where practicable after receipt of the original complaint or grievance and shall detail when the investigation should be completed.
5. If necessary, the grievance and a written copy of the subsequent investigation shall be forwarded to the TxCDBG for their further review and comment.

6. If appropriate, provide copies of grievance procedures and responses to grievances in both English and Spanish, or other appropriate language.

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

When requested, the County shall provide technical assistance to groups that are representative of persons of low- and moderate-income in developing proposals for the use of TxCDBG funds. The County, based upon the specific needs of the community's residents at the time of the request, shall determine the level and type of assistance.

## PUBLIC HEARING PROVISIONS

For each public hearing scheduled and conducted by the County, the following public hearing provisions shall be observed:

1. Public notice of all hearings must be published at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the scheduled hearing. The public notice must be published in a local newspaper. Each public notice must include the date, time, location, and topics to be considered at the public hearing. A published newspaper article can also be used to meet this requirement so long as it meets all content and timing requirements. Notices should also be prominently posted in public buildings and distributed to local Public Housing Authorities and other interested community groups.
2. When a significant number of non-English speaking residents are a part of the potential service area of the TxCDBG project, vital documents such as notices should be published in the predominant language of these non-English speaking citizens.
3. Each public hearing shall be held at a time and location convenient to potential or actual beneficiaries and will include accommodation for persons with disabilities. Persons with disabilities must be able to attend the hearings and the County must make arrangements for individuals who require auxiliary aids or services if contacted at least two days prior to the hearing.
4. A public hearing held prior to the submission of a TxCDBG application must be held after 5:00 PM on a weekday or at a convenient time on a Saturday or Sunday.
5. When a significant number of non-English speaking residents can be reasonably expected to participate in a public hearing, an interpreter should be present to accommodate the needs of the non-English speaking residents.

The County shall comply with the following citizen participation requirements for the preparation and submission of an application for a TxCDBG project:

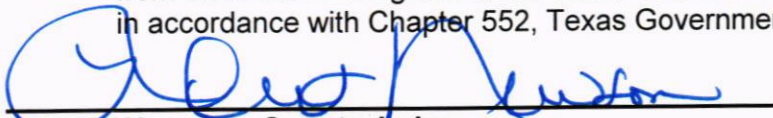
1. At a minimum, the County shall hold at least one (1) public hearing to prior to submitting the application to the Texas Department of Agriculture.
2. The County shall retain documentation of the hearing notice(s), a listing of persons attending the hearing(s), minutes of the hearing(s), and any other records concerning the proposed use of funds for three (3) years from closeout of the grant to the state. Such records shall be made available to the public in accordance with Chapter 552, Texas Government Code.
3. The public hearing shall include a discussion with citizens as outlined in the applicable TxCDBG application manual to include, but is not limited to, the development of housing and community development needs, the amount of funding available, all eligible activities under the TxCDBG program, and the use of past TxCDBG contract funds, if applicable. Citizens, with particular emphasis on persons of low- and moderate-income who are

residents of slum and blight areas, shall be encouraged to submit their views and proposals regarding community development and housing needs. Citizens shall be made aware of the location where they may submit their views and proposals should they be unable to attend the public hearing.

4. When a significant number of non-English speaking residents can be reasonably expected to participate in a public hearing, an interpreter should be present to accommodate the needs of the non-English speaking residents.

The County must comply with the following citizen participation requirements in the event that the County receives funds from the TxCDBG program:

1. The County shall also hold a public hearing concerning any substantial change, as determined by TxCDBG, proposed to be made in the use of TxCDBG funds from one eligible activity to another again using the preceding notice requirements.
2. Upon completion of the TxCDBG project, the County shall hold a public hearing and review its program performance including the actual use of the TxCDBG funds.
3. When a significant number of non-English speaking residents can be reasonably expected to participate in a public hearing, for either a public hearing concerning substantial change to the TxCDBG project or for the closeout of the TxCDBG project, publish notice in both English and Spanish, or other appropriate language and provide an interpreter at the hearing to accommodate the needs of the non-English speaking residents.
4. The County shall retain documentation of the TxCDBG project, including hearing notice(s), a listing of persons attending the hearing(s), minutes of the hearing(s), and any other records concerning the actual use of funds for a period of three (3) years three (3) years from closeout of the grant to the state. Such records shall be made available to the public in accordance with Chapter 552, Texas Government Code.

  
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Robert Newsom, County Judge

11-13-18  
DATE

## MUESTRAS

### EL CONDADO DE HOPKINS COUNTY PLAN DE PARTICIPACIÓN CIUDADANA PROGRAMA DE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

*Nota a los receptores de subvención en relación a requisitos de Dominio Limitado del Inglés:*

De acuerdo con la ley federal hay un número significativo de población que son residentes y que no hablan inglés y son afectados por el proyecto TxCDBG, estos ciudadanos deben tener "acceso significativo" a todos los aspectos del proyecto TxCDBG. Para proporcionar "acceso significativo", receptores de la subvención pueden ser utilizados para proporcionar servicios de interpretación en las audiencias públicas o proporcionar materiales no escritos en inglés que se proporcionan de manera rutinaria en Inglés.

Para obtener más información, consulte LEP.gov.

### PROCEDIMIENTOS DE QUEJA

Estos procedimientos de queja cumplen con los requisitos del Departamento de Programa de Agricultura de Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) y los requisitos del gobierno local de Texas se encuentran en 24 CFR §570.486 (Código de Regulaciones Federales). Los ciudadanos pueden obtener una copia de estos procedimientos en el Condado de (Dirección postal Hopkins County, 118 Church St, PO Box 288, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482, (903) 438-4006, ( teléfono ) en horario de oficina.

A continuación se presentan los procedimientos formales de quejas y quejas relativas a los servicios prestados en el marco del proyecto TxCDBG.

1. Una persona que tiene una queja o reclamación sobre cualquiera de los servicios o actividades en relación con el proyecto TxCDBG, o si se trata de una propuesta, en curso o determinado proyecto TxCDBG, pueden durante las horas regulares presentar dicha queja o reclamo, por escrito a la County Judge, a Hopkins County, 118 Church St, PO Box 288, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482, (903) 438-4006.
2. Una copia de la queja o reclamación se transmitirá por el County Judge a la entidad que es encargada de la queja o reclamación y al Abogado de el Condado dentro de los cinco (5) días hábiles siguientes a la fecha de la queja o día que la reclamación fue recibida.
3. El County Judge deberá cumplir una investigación de la queja o reclamación, si es posible, y dara una respuesta oportuna por escrito a la persona que hizo la denuncia o queja dentro de los diez (10) días.
4. Si la investigación no puede ser completada dentro de los diez (10) días hábiles anteriormente, la persona que hizo la queja o denuncia sera notificada, por escrito, dentro de los quince (15) días cuando sea posible después de la entrega de la queja original o quejas y detallará cuando se debera completar la investigación.
5. Si es necesario, la queja y una copia escrita de la investigación posterior se remitirán a la TxCDBG para su posterior revisión y comentarios.
6. Se proporcionara copias de los procedimientos de queja y las respuestas a las quejas, tanto en Inglés y Español, u otro lenguaje apropiado.

## ASISTENCIA TÉCNICA

Cuando lo solicite, el Condado proporcionará asistencia técnica a los grupos que son representantes de las personas de bajos y moderados ingresos en el desarrollo de propuestas para el uso de los fondos TxCDBG. El Condado, en base a las necesidades específicas de los residentes de la comunidad en el momento de la solicitud, deberá determinar el nivel y tipo de asistencia.

## DISPOSICIONES AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

Para cada audiencia pública programada y llevada a cabo por el Condado/, se observarán las disposiciones siguientes de audiencias públicas:

1. Aviso público de todas las audiencias deberá publicarse al menos setenta y dos (72) horas antes de la audiencia programada. El aviso público deberá publicarse en un periódico local. Cada aviso público debe incluir la fecha, hora, lugar y temas a considerar en la audiencia pública. Un artículo periodístico publicado también puede utilizarse para cumplir con este requisito, siempre y cuando cumpla con todos los requisitos de contenido y temporización. Los avisos también deben ser un lugar prominente en los edificios públicos y se distribuyen a las autoridades locales de vivienda pública y otros grupos interesados de la comunidad.
2. Cuando se tenga un número significativo de residentes que no hablan inglés serán una parte de la zona de servicio potencial del proyecto TxCDBG, documentos vitales como las comunicaciones deben ser publicados en el idioma predominante de estos ciudadanos que no hablan inglés.
3. Cada audiencia pública se llevará a cabo en un momento y lugar conveniente para los beneficiarios potenciales o reales e incluirá alojamiento para personas con discapacidad. Las personas con discapacidad deben poder asistir a las audiencias y el Condado/ debe hacer los arreglos para las personas que requieren ayudas o servicios auxiliares en caso de necesitarlo por lo menos dos días antes de la audiencia será pública.
4. Una audiencia pública celebrada antes de la presentación de una solicitud TxCDBG debe hacerse después de las 5:00 pm en un día de semana o en un momento conveniente en sábado o domingo.
5. Cuando un número significativo de residentes que no hablan inglés se registra para participar en una audiencia pública, un intérprete debe estar presente para dar cabida a las necesidades de los residentes que no hablan inglés.

El Condado deberá cumplir con los siguientes requisitos de participación ciudadana para la elaboración y presentación de una solicitud para un proyecto TxCDBG:

1. Como mínimo, el Condado deberá tener por lo menos un (1) audiencia pública antes de presentar la solicitud al Departamento de Agricultura de Texas.
2. El Condado conservará la documentación de la convocatoria(s) audiencia, un listado de las personas que asistieron a la audiencia(s), acta de la vista(s), y cualquier otra documentación relativa a la propuesta de utilizar los fondos para tres (3) años a partir de la liquidación de la subvención para el Estado. Dichos registros se pondrán a disposición del público, de conformidad con el Capítulo 552, Código de Gobierno de Texas.

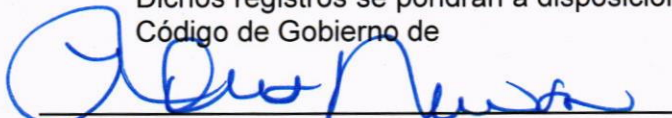


3. La audiencia pública deberá incluir una discusión con los ciudadanos como se indica en el manual correspondiente de aplicación TxCDBG, pero no se limita a, el desarrollo de las necesidades de vivienda y desarrollo comunitario, la cantidad de fondos disponibles, todas las actividades elegibles bajo el programa TxCDBG y el uso de fondos últimos contratos TxCDBG, en su caso. Los ciudadanos, con especial énfasis en las personas de bajos y moderados ingresos que son residentes de las zonas de tugurios y tizón, se fomentará a presentar sus opiniones y propuestas sobre el desarrollo de la comunidad y las necesidades de vivienda. Los ciudadanos deben ser conscientes de la ubicación en la que podrán presentar sus puntos de vista y propuestas en caso de que no pueda asistir a la audiencia pública.
4. Cuando un número significativo de residentes que no hablan inglés se registra para participar en una audiencia pública, un intérprete debe estar presente para dar cabida a las necesidades de los residentes que no hablan inglés.

El Condado debe cumplir con los siguientes requisitos de participación ciudadana en el caso de que el Condado recibe fondos del programa TxCDBG:

1. El Condado celebrará una audiencia pública sobre cualquier cambio sustancial, según lo determinado por TxCDBG, se propuso que se hará con el uso de fondos TxCDBG de una actividad elegible a otro utilizando de nuevo los requisitos de notificación
2. Una vez finalizado el proyecto TxCDBG, el Condado/ celebrará una audiencia pública y revisara el desempeño del programa incluyendo el uso real de los fondos TxCDBG.
3. Cuando un número significativo de residentes que no hablan inglés se puede registra para participar en una audiencia pública, ya sea para una audiencia pública sobre el cambio sustancial del proyecto TxCDBG o para la liquidación del proyecto TxCDBG, publicará un aviso en Inglés y Español u otro idioma apropiado y se proporcionara un intérprete en la audiencia para dar cabida a las necesidades de los residentes.
4. El Condado conservará la documentación del proyecto TxCDBG, incluyendo aviso de audiencia(s), un listado de las personas que asistieron a la audiencia(s), acta de la vista(s), y cualquier otro registro concerniente al uso real de los fondos por un período de a tres (3) años a partir de la liquidación del proyecto al estado.

Dichos registros se pondrán a disposición del público, de conformidad con el Capítulo 552, Código de Gobierno de

  
Robert Newsom, County Judge

11-13-18  
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**SECTION 3 POLICY**

In accordance with 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3), Hopkins County agrees to implement the following steps, which, to the *greatest extent feasible*, will provide job training, employment and contracting opportunities for Section 3 residents and Section 3 businesses of the areas in which the program/project is being carried out.

- A. Introduce and pass a resolution adopting this plan as a policy to strive to attain goals for compliance to Section 3 regulations by increasing opportunities for employment and contracting for Section 3 residents and businesses.
- B. Assign duties related to implementation of this plan to the designated Civil Rights Officer.
- C. Notify Section 3 residents and business concerns of potential new employment and contracting opportunities as they are triggered by TxCDBG grant awards through the use of: Public Hearings and related advertisements; public notices; bidding advertisements and bid documents; notification to local business organizations such as the Chamber(s) of Commerce or the Urban League; local advertising media including public signage; project area committees and citizen advisory boards; local HUD offices; regional planning agencies; and all other appropriate referral sources. Include Section 3 clauses in all covered solicitations and contracts.
- D. Maintain a list of those businesses that have identified themselves as Section 3 businesses for utilization in TxCDBG funded procurements, notify those businesses of pending contractual opportunities, and make this list available for general Grant Recipient procurement needs.
- E. Maintain a list of those persons who have identified themselves as Section 3 residents and contact those persons when hiring/training opportunities are available through either the Grant Recipient or contractors.
- F. Require that all Prime contractors and subcontractors with contracts over \$100,000 commit to this plan as part of their contract work. Monitor the contractors' performance with respect to meeting Section 3 requirements and require that they submit reports as may be required by HUD or TDA to the Grant Recipient.
- G. Submit reports as required by HUD or TDA regarding contracting with Section 3 businesses and/or employment as they occur; and submit reports within 20 days of federal fiscal year end (by October 20) which identify and quantify Section 3 businesses and employees.
- H. Maintain records, including copies of correspondence, memoranda, etc., which document all actions taken to comply with Section 3 regulations.

As officers and representatives of Hopkins County, we the undersigned have read and fully agree to this plan, and become a party to the full implementation of this program.

  
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Robert Newsom, County Judge

11-13-18  
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Date

**Excessive Force Policy**

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.325(b)(6), Hopkins County hereby adopts and will enforce the following policy with respect to the use of excessive force:

1. It is the policy of Hopkins County to prohibit the use of excessive force by the law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individual engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations;
2. It is also the policy of Hopkins County to enforce applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location that is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction; and
3. Hopkins County will introduce and pass a resolution adopting this policy.

As officers and representatives of Hopkins County, we the undersigned have read and fully agree to this plan, and become a party to the full implementation of this program.

Robert Newson                      Robert Newson  
Signature                                      County Judge

11-13-18  
Date

## **Section 504 Policy against Discrimination based on Handicap and Grievance Procedures**

In accordance with 24 CFR Section 8, Nondiscrimination based on Handicap in federally assisted programs and activities of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), and Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5309), Hopkins County hereby adopts the following policy and grievance procedures:

1. Discrimination prohibited. No otherwise qualified individual with handicaps in the United States shall, solely by reason of his or her handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
2. Hopkins County does not discriminate on the basis of handicap in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs and activities.
3. Hopkins County's recruitment materials or publications shall include a statement of this policy in 1. above.
4. Hopkins County shall take continuing steps to notify participants, beneficiaries, applicants and employees, including those with impaired vision or hearing, and unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the recipients that it does not discriminate on the basis of handicap in violation of 24 CFR Part 8.
5. For hearing and visually impaired individuals eligible to be served or likely to be affected by the TxCDBG program, Hopkins County shall ensure that they are provided with the information necessary to understand and participate in the TxCDBG program.
6. Grievances and Complaints
  - a. Any person who believes she or he has been subjected to discrimination on the basis of disability may file a grievance under this procedure. It is against the law for Hopkins County) to retaliate against anyone who files a grievance or cooperates in the investigation of a grievance.
  - b. Complaints should be addressed to the County Judge, PO Box 288, Sulphur Springs, TX, 75482 or call (903) 438-4006, who has been designated to coordinate Section 504 compliance efforts.
  - c. A complaint should be filed in writing or verbally, contain the name and address of the person filing it, and briefly describe the alleged violation of the regulations.
  - d. A complaint should be filed within thirty (30) working days after the complainant becomes aware of the alleged violation.
  - e. An investigation, as may be appropriate, shall follow a filing of a complaint. The investigation will be conducted by the County Judge. Informal but thorough investigations will afford all interested persons and their representatives, if any, an opportunity to submit evidence relevant to a complaint.

- f. A written determination as to the validity of the complaint and description of resolution, if any, shall be issued by County Judge, and a copy forwarded to the complainant with fifteen (15) working days after the filing of the complaint where practicable.
- g. The Section 504 coordinator shall maintain the files and records of the Hopkins County relating to the complaints files.
- h. The complainant can request a reconsideration of the case in instances where he or she is dissatisfied with the determination/resolution as described in f. above. The request for reconsideration should be made to the Hopkins County within ten working days after the receipt of the written determination/resolution.
- i. The right of a person to a prompt and equitable resolution of the complaint filed hereunder shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies such as the filing of a Section 504 complaint with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Utilization of this grievance procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies.
- j. These procedures shall be construed to protect the substantive rights of interested persons, to meet appropriate due process standards and assure that the Hopkins County complies with Section 504 and HUD regulations.

  
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Robert Newsom, County Judge

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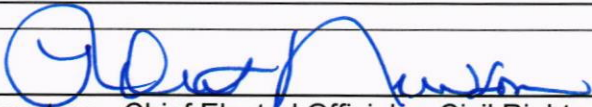
**A1010****Over 5% Limited English Proficiency Plan**

Name Grantee:	Hopkins County
Community Population:	33,429
LEP Population:	5.3%
Languages spoken: 1) by more than 5% of the eligible population or beneficiaries and has more than 50 in number; or 2) By more than 1,000 individuals in the eligible population in the market area or among current beneficiaries.	Spanish

<b>Program activities to be accessible to LEP persons:</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Notices and hearings regarding applications for grant funding, amendments to project activities, and completion of grant-funded project
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Publications regarding Tx CDBG application, grievance procedures, <i>complaint procedures, complaint procedures, answers to complaints, notices, notices of rights and disciplinary action</i> , and other vital hearings, documents, and program requirements
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other program documents: Documents available in Spanish for directly assisted beneficiaries, if applicable.

<b>Resources available to Grant Recipient:</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Translation services: available upon request
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Interpreter services: available upon request with prior notice
	Other resources: _____

<b>Language Assistance to be provided:</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Translation (oral and/or written) of advertised notices and vital documents for: <u>Public hearing, Complaint and Grievance, Equal Opportunity, Policy of Non-discrimination Based on Disability Status and Fair Housing notices are available in Spanish. Other CDBG required program notices are available in Spanish upon request.</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Referrals to community liaisons proficient in the language of LEP persons <u>Spanish-speaking liaisons are available upon request.</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public meetings conducted in multiple languages: <u>Available upon request with two days advance notice.</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notices to recipients of the availability of LEP services: <u>Included in translated notices.</u>
	Other services: _____

  
Signature - Chief Elected Official or Civil Rights Officer

11-13-18  
Date

**Fair Housing Policy**

In accordance with Fair Housing Act, Hopkins County hereby adopts the following policy with respect to the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing:

1. Hopkins County agrees to affirmatively further fair housing choice for all seven protected classes (race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, and national origin).
2. Hopkins County agrees to plan at least one activity during the contract term to affirmatively further fair housing.
3. Hopkins County will introduce and pass a resolution adopting this policy.

As officers and representatives of Hopkins County, we the undersigned have read and fully agree to this plan, and become a party to the full implementation of this program.

  
Signature

  
County Judge

11-13-18  
Date

## Code of Conduct Policy of Hopkins County

As a Grant Recipient of a TxCDBG contract Hopkins County shall avoid, neutralize or mitigate actual or potential conflicts of interest so as to prevent an unfair competitive advantage or the existence of conflicting roles that might impair the performance of the TxCDBG contract or impact the integrity of the procurement process.

For procurement of goods and services, no employee, officer, or agent of Hopkins County shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by TxCDBG funds if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict could arise if the employee, officer or agent; any member of his/her immediate family; his/her partner; or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract.

No officer, employee, or agent of Hopkins County shall solicit or accept gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from contractors or firms, potential contractors or firms, or parties to sub-agreements, except where the financial interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal intrinsic value.

Contractors that develop or draft specifications, requirements, statements of work, or invitations for bids or requests for proposals for proposals must be excluded from competing for such procurements.

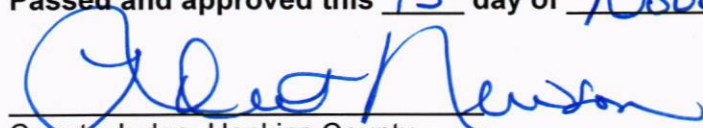
For all other cases, no employee, agent, consultant, officer, or elected or appointed official of the state, or of a unit of general local government, or of any designated public agencies, or subrecipients which are receiving TxCDBG funds, that has any CDBG function/responsibility, or is in a position to participate in a decision-making process or gain inside information, may obtain a financial interest or benefit from the TxCDBG activity.

The conflict of interest restrictions and procurement requirements identified herein shall apply to a benefitting business, utility provider, or other third party entity that is receiving assistance, directly or indirectly, under a TxCDBG contract or award, or that is required to complete some or all work under the TxCDBG contract in order to meet the National Program Objective.

Any person or entity including any benefitting business, utility provider, or other third party entity that is receiving assistance, directly or indirectly, under a TxCDBG contract or award, or that is required to complete some or all work under the TxCDBG contract in order to meet a National Program Objective, that might potentially receive benefits from TxCDBG awards may not participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by CDBG funding.

Any alleged violations of these standards of conduct shall be referred to the Hopkins County Attorney. Where violations appear to have occurred, the offending employee, officer or agent shall be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to dismissal or transfer; where violations or infractions appear to be substantial in nature, the matter may be referred to the appropriate officials for criminal investigation and possible prosecution.

Passed and approved this 13 day of November, 2018.

  
County Judge, Hopkins County

*These procedures are intended to serve as guidelines for the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction services and professional services for the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program. The regulations related to conflict of interest and nepotism may be found at the Texas Government Code Chapter 573, Texas Local Government Code Chapter 171, Uniform Grant Management Standards by Texas Comptroller, 24 CFR 570.489(g) &(h), and 2 CFR 200.318*



**PROCLAMATION OF APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

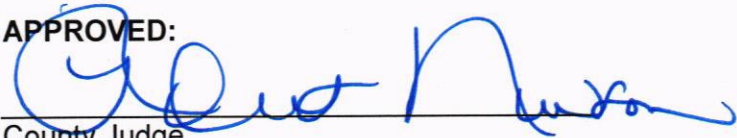
WHEREAS Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination in housing and declares it a national policy to provide, within constitutional limits, for fair housing in the United States; and

WHEREAS The principle of Fair Housing is not only national law and national policy, but a fundamental human concept and entitlement for all Americans; and

WHEREAS The National Fair Housing Law, during the month of April, provides an opportunity for all Americans to recognize that complete success in the goal of equal housing opportunity can only be accomplished with the help and cooperation of all Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Commissioners Court of Hopkins County, do proclaim April as Fair Housing Month in Hopkins County and do hereby urge all the citizens of this locality to become aware of and support the Fair Housing law.

Passed and adopted by the Commissioners Court of Hopkins County, State of Texas, on the 13 day of November, 2018.

**APPROVED:**  
  
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County Judge

**ATTEST:**  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk



**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AND  
THE COUNTY OF HOPKINS  
CONTRACT NO. 7218211  
FOR  
THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND**

**SECTION 1. PARTIES TO CONTRACT**

This contract and agreement is made and entered into by and between the Texas Department of Agriculture (herein referred to as the "Department"), an agency of the State of Texas, and the County of Hopkins (herein referred to as "Contractor"). The parties to this contract agree to the mutual obligations and performance of the tasks described herein.

**SECTION 2. CONTRACT PERIOD**

This contract and agreement shall commence on November 1, 2018, and shall terminate on October 31, 2020, unless otherwise specifically provided by the terms of this contract.

**SECTION 3. PURPOSE**

The Department has been designated as the state agency to administer, and the United States Government has awarded the Department funds for, the Texas Community Development Block Grant ("TxCDBG") Program under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), herein referred to as the "HCD Act." Contractor has submitted, and the Department has approved, Contractor's application for a TxCDBG award to undertake eligible community and/or economic development activities in a non-entitlement area (herein referred to as the "Application"). This contract sets forth the obligations of the parties along with the terms and conditions under which the Department will provide funds to Contractor.

**SECTION 4. CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE**

A. Contractor shall conduct the activities approved under this award in a manner satisfactory to the Department and consistent with any standards required as a condition of providing these funds. The authorized use of TxCDBG funds is premised upon, and conditioned on, Contractor fulfilling a CDBG national objective as a result of the TxCDBG-assisted activities. Contractor shall perform all activities in accordance with the terms of the Performance Statement (Exhibit A); Budget (Exhibit B); Project Implementation Schedule (Exhibit C); Special Conditions (Exhibit D); Applicable Laws and Regulations (Exhibit E); Certifications (Exhibit F); and with all other terms, provisions, and requirements set forth in this contract. The Application, in addition to any certifications, assurances, information and documentation required to meet award conditions, are hereby incorporated into this contract.

B. Contractor shall ensure that the national program objective identified in the Performance Statement has been met and that the persons expected to benefit from the activities performed under this contract are receiving such benefit before submitting the Project Completion Report to the Department. If Contractor fails to meet a national program objective, Contractor must repay to the Department any associated disallowed costs as specified by the Department.

C. Contractor shall adhere to the Project Implementation Schedule timelines for key project activities. As described in the TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual and policy directives, the Department may require Contractor to submit written justification and take remedial action for any contract activity that is not completed by the date specified on the Project Implementation Schedule.

## SECTION 5. DEPARTMENT OBLIGATIONS

A. Payment for Allowable Costs. In consideration of full and satisfactory performance of the activities referred to in Section 4 of this contract, the Department shall be liable for actual and reasonable costs incurred by Contractor during the contract period subject to the limitations set forth in this Section.

1. The parties agree that the Department's obligations under this contract are contingent upon the actual receipt of adequate state or federal funds to meet the Department's liabilities under this contract. If adequate funds are not available to make payments under this contract, the Department shall notify Contractor in writing within a reasonable time after such fact is determined. In such event, the Department shall terminate this contract and will not be liable for failure to make payments to Contractor under this contract.
2. The Department shall not be liable to Contractor for any costs incurred by Contractor which are not allowable costs, as set forth in Section 7 of this contract. Expenses paid by or financed from other funding sources are not allowable costs under this contract.
3. The Department shall not be liable to Contractor for any costs incurred by Contractor or for any performances rendered by Contractor which are not in accordance with the terms of this contract.
4. The Department shall not be liable for costs incurred or performances rendered by Contractor before commencement of this contract or after termination of this contract. The Department may reimburse allowable administrative and engineering costs incurred by Contractor prior to this contract's execution date, if prior to the award Contractor requested and received written approval from the Department, and Contractor complied with all requirements for the release of such funds.
5. The Department shall not be liable to Contractor for any costs incurred by Contractor in the performance of this contract which have not been submitted to the Department by Contractor within 60 days following termination of this contract, with the exception of administrative costs for preparation of a Single Audit. Administration funds reserved on the Certificate of Expenditures for audit costs and eligible for reimbursement shall be billed to the Department within nine (9) months after the end of Contractor's fiscal year that follows the termination date of this contract. The Department shall deobligate all funds not requested under this paragraph.

B. Excess Payments. Contractor shall refund to the Department any sum of money which has been paid to Contractor by the Department which the Department determines has resulted in overpayment to Contractor, or which the Department determines has not been spent by Contractor in accordance with the terms of this contract. Such refund shall be made by Contractor to the Department within 30 calendar days after such refund is requested by the Department.

C. Limit of Liability. Notwithstanding any other provision of this contract, it is expressly agreed and understood that the total amount to be paid by the Department to Contractor for allowable expenses incurred under this contract shall not exceed Two Hundred Seventy-four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$274,950).

## SECTION 6. GENERAL CONDITIONS

A. General Compliance. Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 570, Subpart I (the U.S. Housing and Urban Development [HUD] regulations concerning the state CDBG program). Contractor also agrees to comply with all other applicable Federal, state and local laws, regulations, and policies as now in effect and as may be amended from time to time, including those specified in the Applicable Laws and Regulations attached to this contract. Contractor further agrees to utilize funds available under this contract to supplement rather than supplant funds otherwise available.

B. Independent Contractor. Nothing contained in this contract is intended to, or shall be construed in any manner, as creating or establishing the relationship of employer/employee between the parties to this contract. Contractor shall at all times remain an "independent contractor" with respect to the services to be performed under this contract.

C. Indemnification. Contractor agrees, to the extent allowed by law, to hold harmless, defend and indemnify the Department from any and all claims, actions, suits, charges and judgments whatsoever that arise out of Contractor's performance or nonperformance of the activities, services or subject matter called for in this contract.

D. Department Recognition

1. Public buildings, facilities, and centers, including infrastructure visible to the general public, constructed with funds provided under this contract shall have permanent signage placed in a prominent visible public area with the wording provided below.

2. Other construction projects, e.g., water transmission lines, sewer collection lines, drainage, roadways, housing rehabilitation, etc., utilizing funds provided under this contract shall have temporary signage erected in a prominent location at the construction project site or along a major thoroughfare within the locality as directed by the owner.

3. Wording, Size and Formatting. The signage must be legible from a distance of at least three feet and comply with the wording, size and formatting requirements set forth in the TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual.

E. Changes and Amendments

1. Except as specifically provided otherwise in this contract or the TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual, any alterations, additions, or deletions to the terms of this contract shall be by amendment in writing and executed by both parties to this contract. Such amendments shall not invalidate this contract, nor release the Department or Contractor from its obligations under this contract, except as specifically set out therein.

2. A request for an extension must be supported by documentation of extenuating circumstances beyond Contractor's control which prevented completion of the project within the contract period.

3. A request to extend the contract period should be submitted in writing to the Department as soon as a delay is foreseen. Contract extension requests must be submitted to the Department approximately 60 days but no later than 30 days prior to the expiration of the contract and include a revised implementation schedule showing when major milestones will be completed for each activity. A request for an exception to the requirements specified in this paragraph will be evaluated in accordance with the applicable section of the TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual.

4. It is understood and agreed by the parties that performances under this contract must be rendered in accordance with the HCD Act; the policies, procedures and regulations of the Department; assurances and certifications made to the Department by Contractor; and assurances and certifications made to HUD by the State of Texas with regard to the operation of the TxCDBG Program. Based on these considerations, and in order to ensure the legal and effective performance of this contract by both parties, it is agreed by the parties that performance is subject to and governed by the provisions of the TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual and any amendments thereto. Further, the Department may from time to time during the period of performance of this contract issue policy directives which serve to establish, interpret, or clarify performance requirements under this contract. Such policy directives shall be promulgated by the Department in the form of TxCDBG issuances, shall have the effect of qualifying the terms of this contract and shall be binding upon the Contractor, as if written herein, provided, however, that the policy directives and any amendments to the TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual shall not alter the terms of this contract so as to release the Department from any obligation specified in Section 5 of this contract to reimburse costs incurred by the Contractor prior to the effective date of such amendments or policy directives.

5. Any alterations, additions, or deletions to the terms of this contract which are required by changes in Federal or State laws or regulations are automatically incorporated into this contract without written amendment and shall become effective on the date designated by such law or regulation.

F. Remedies for Noncompliance. The Department may take one or more corrective or remedial actions as specified in this contract and 2 CFR 200.338, "Remedies for Noncompliance."

1. Suspension or Termination

a. The Department may suspend or terminate this contract, in whole or in part, if Contractor materially fails to comply with any term of this contract, including but not limited to:

(1) Failure to comply with any of the rules, regulations or provisions referred to herein, or such statutes, regulations, executive orders, and HUD guidelines, policies or directives as may become applicable at any time;

(2) Failure, for any reason, of Contractor to fulfill its obligations under this contract within the timeframes and manner as specified by the Department;

(3) Failure to complete activities in accordance with the Project Implementation Schedule;

(4) Failure to submit to the Department, within the timeframes and manner as specified by the Department, any report required by this contract;

(5) Submission of reports to the Department that are incorrect or incomplete in any material respect; or

(6) Misuse or improper use of funds provided under this contract.

b. Knowingly making false statements or providing false information on a grant application, certification, or report submitted to the Department is grounds for termination of the contract award.

c. The contract may also be terminated for convenience, in whole or in part, only as follows:

(1) by the Department with the consent of Contractor in which case the two parties shall agree upon the termination conditions, including the effective date and in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated; or

(2) by Contractor upon written notification to the Department, setting forth the reasons for such termination, the effective date, and in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated. However, if, in the case of a partial termination, the Department determines that the remaining portion of the award will not accomplish the purposes for which the award was made, the Department may terminate the award in its entirety.

d. Upon termination or receipt of notice to terminate, whichever occurs first, Contractor shall cancel, withdraw, or otherwise terminate any outstanding orders or subcontracts related to the performance of this contract or the portion of this contract to be terminated, as applicable, and shall cease to incur costs thereunder. The Department shall not be liable to Contractor for costs incurred after termination of this contract.

e. Notwithstanding any exercise by the Department of its right of suspension or termination as provided in this Section, Contractor shall not be relieved of any liability to the Department for damages due to the Department by virtue of any breach of this contract by Contractor. The Department may withhold payments to Contractor until such time as the exact amount of damages due to the Department from Contractor is agreed upon or is otherwise determined.

2. If Contractor materially fails to comply with any term of the award, whether stated in a federal or state statute or regulation, an assurance, in a state plan or application, a notice of award, or elsewhere, the Department,

until it is satisfied that there is no longer any such failure to comply, will take one or more of the following actions, or impose other sanctions, as appropriate in the circumstances:

- a. Terminate payments to Contractor under this contract;
- b. Temporarily withhold payments pending correction of the deficiency by Contractor;
- c. Reduce the grant award or disallow all or part of the cost of the activity or action not in compliance;
- d. Wholly or partly suspend or terminate the current award;
- e. Withhold further awards for the program; or
- f. Take other remedies that may be legally available.

3. Reduction of Payments. In addition to, or in lieu of, any other right or remedy specified in this contract, as determined by the Department, in its sole discretion, violations or breaches by the Contractor of certain contractual and TxCDBG program requirements will result in the reduction of Administration funds awarded under this contract in accordance with the Administrative Penalty Matrixes set out in the TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual.

4. Withholding of Payments. In addition to any other remedy specified in this contract, if Contractor fails to submit to the Department in a timely and satisfactory manner any report required by this contract, the Department shall, at its sole option and in its sole discretion, withhold any or all payments otherwise due or requested by Contractor. If the Department withholds such payments, it shall notify Contractor in writing of its decision and the reasons therefore. Payments withheld pursuant to this section may be held by the Department until such time as the delinquent obligations for which funds are withheld are fulfilled by Contractor.

5. Ineligibility Period

a. Delinquent audit. If Contractor fails to comply with the single audit requirements specified in this contract and fails to submit an acceptable audit report within 90 days after the receipt of notice by the Department that the audit is past due, Contractor shall be ineligible to receive other TxCDBG grant funding opportunities for a period of one year after the 90-day period.

b. Delinquent debt. If the Department requests or requires Contractor to repay funds to the Department as a result of Contractor's noncompliance with contractual or TxCDBG program requirements and Contractor fails to repay the funds by such date as specified by the Department, Contractor shall be ineligible to receive any future TxCDBG grant funding until Contractor has repaid the entire obligation to the Department.

6. Opportunity to cure. The Department shall give Contractor an opportunity to cure a breach of contract as follows:

- a. Department shall provide written notice to Contractor, detailing all elements of the breach or noncompliance.
- b. Contractor must commence cure within 30 days of the Department's notice.
- c. Contractor must notify the Department in writing within 30 days that cure has begun and provide detailed explanation of the steps being made to cure the breach or noncompliance.
- d. Contractor must complete the cure within 90 days of the Department's notice.
- e. Failure to commence cure within 30 days, or failure to complete cure within 90 days, will result in the Department's right to immediately terminate this contract or take other remedial action that may be legally available.

## SECTION 7. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

### A. Financial Management

1. Uniform Administrative Requirements and Accounting Standards. Except as specifically modified by law or the provisions of this contract, the Contractor shall comply with applicable uniform requirements in 2 CFR Part

200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards," as described in 24 CFR 570.502, and, to the extent applicable, the standards promulgated by the Office of the Comptroller under the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Act (Tex. Gov't. Code Chapter 783, referred to as "UGCMS"). Contractor agrees to adhere to the accounting principles and procedures required therein, utilize adequate internal controls, and maintain necessary source documentation for all costs incurred.

2. Cost Principles. The allowability of costs incurred for performances rendered under this contract shall be determined in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200 subpart E, "Cost Principles," UGCMS, and this contract.

**B. Documentation and Record Keeping**

1. Records to be Maintained. Contractor shall maintain all records required by the Federal regulations specified in 24 CFR 570.490 that are pertinent to the activities to be funded under this contract. Such records shall include but are not 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 TxCDBG assistance;
- e. Records documenting compliance with the fair housing and equal opportunity components of the CDBG program (Such records must include data on the racial, ethnic, and gender characteristics of persons who are applicants for, participants in, or beneficiaries of the funds provided under this contract);
- f. Financial records, including but not limited to source documentation; invoices; records pertaining to obligations, expenditures, and drawdowns;
- g. Records documenting compliance with labor standards and environmental review; and
- h. Other records necessary to document compliance with Subpart K of 24 CFR Part 570.

2. Audits & Inspections/Access to Records

a. Contractor shall give HUD, the Inspector General, the General Accounting Office, the Auditor of the State of Texas, an authorized office or agency of the State of Texas, and the Department, or any of their representatives or successors, access to all books, accounts, records, reports, files, and other papers or property pertaining to the administration, receipt and use of TxCDBG funds as may be necessary to facilitate review and audit of the Contractor's administration and use of TxCDBG funds received under this contract. Such rights to access shall continue as long as the records are retained by Contractor. Contractor agrees to maintain such records in an accessible location and to provide citizens reasonable access to such records consistent with the Texas Public Information Act (Tex. Gov't. Code, Chapter 552). Contractor shall include the substance of this clause concerning the authority to audit funds and the requirement to cooperate in all subcontracts it awards.

b. Any deficiencies noted in audit reports must be fully cleared by Contractor within 30 days after receipt by Contractor. Failure of Contractor to comply with the audit requirements will constitute a violation of this contract and will result in Contractor's ineligibility to receive other TxCDBG funding opportunities for a period of one year as provided in Section 6 of this contract.

c. Contractor understands and agrees that it shall be liable to the Department for any costs disallowed pursuant to financial and compliance audit(s) of funds received under this contract. Contractor further understands and agrees that reimbursement to the Department of such disallowed costs shall be paid by Contractor from funds which were not provided or otherwise made available to Contractor under this contract.

3. Records Retention. Contractor shall retain all financial and programmatic records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other records required to be maintained in accordance with 24 CFR 570.490, 2 CFR 200.333, and this contract for the greater of: (i) three years after close-out of the grant from HUD to the State of Texas (not the closeout of this contract); (ii) the period required by other applicable laws and regulations described in 24 CFR 570.487 and 570.488; or (iii) other record retention obligations specific to Contractor's contract or project. Contractor may be required to meet record retention requirements greater than those specified in this Section until audit issues are resolved to the Department's satisfaction and all other pending matters are closed. The Department posts a list on its website of contracts that HUD has closed out with the State of Texas. These contracts are listed by closed Program Year, updated once a year or as needed. In the event Contractor has a question regarding the record retention requirements under this contract, it should contact the Department. Contractor shall include the substance of this clause in all subcontracts it awards.

4. Close-outs. Contractor's obligation to the Department 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 unspent funds, program income balances, and accounts receivable to the Department), and determining the custodianship of records. Contractor shall submit all required close-out reports to the Department, in a format prescribed by the Department, no later than 60 days after the contract termination date or at the conclusion of all contract activities as determined by the Department. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the terms of this contract shall remain in effect during any period that Contractor has control over TxCDBG funds, including program income.

#### C. Reporting and Payment Procedures

1. Program Income. In the same manner as required for all other funds under this contract, Contractor shall maintain records of the receipt, accrual, and disposition of all program income (as defined at 24 CFR 570.489(e)) generated by activities carried out with TxCDBG funds made available under this contract. The use of program income by Contractor shall comply with the requirements set forth at 24 CFR 570.489(e). Contractor shall use such income during the contract period for activities permitted under this contract prior to requesting additional funds from the Department. Contractor shall provide reports of program income to the Department with each payment request form submitted by Contractor in accordance with the payment procedures described herein, and at the termination of this contract. All unexpended program income shall be returned to the Department at the end of the contract period, unless otherwise specifically provided within this contract.

#### 2. Payment Procedures

a. The Department shall pay Contractor based upon information submitted by Contractor, consistent with the approved budget and Department policy concerning payments. Payments shall be made for allowable costs actually incurred by Contractor, not to exceed actual, properly documented, cash expenditures. Payments will be adjusted by the Department in accordance with program income balances available in Contractor accounts.

b. The Department shall not be liable to Contractor for any costs incurred by Contractor under this contract until Contractor submits to the Department a properly completed Form A202, Depository/Authorized Signatories Designation Form, found in Chapter 2 of the TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual.

c. Contractor shall submit to the Department at its offices in Austin, Texas, a properly completed Request for Payment form as specified by the Department. Contractor should submit a request for payment under each budget line item, or a written justification for the delay in drawdown of funds, at least annually or as directed by the Department. Drawdowns for the payment of eligible expenses shall be made against the line item budgets specified in the Budget and in accordance with performance. Expenses for general administration shall also be paid against the line item budgets specified in the Budget and in accordance with performance. The Department shall determine the reasonableness of each amount requested and shall not make disbursement of any such payment until the Department has reviewed and approved such Request.



d. Notwithstanding the provisions of clauses C.2.a to C.2.c of this Section, it is expressly understood and agreed by the parties to this contract that payments under this contract are contingent upon Contractor's full and satisfactory performance of its obligations under this contract.

3. Progress Reports. Contractor shall submit regular Progress Reports to the Department in the form, content, and frequency as required by the Department. Contractor shall comply with all reporting and submission requirements of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (Public Law 109-282, as amended by section 6202 of Public Law 110-252), as well as the reporting and submission requirements of HUD as prescribed by the Department.

D. Procurement. Unless specified otherwise within this contract, Contractor shall procure all materials, property, and services in accordance with: (1) current Department policy concerning procurements, (2) the procurement standards in 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart D, and (3) Chapter 252 or 262 of the Texas Local Government Code, as applicable. Contractor shall ensure that all purchase orders and contracts include all applicable references to statutes, implementing regulations and executive orders. In addition, Contractor shall maintain records of all materials, property, and services as may be procured with funds provided herein.

E. Use and Reversion of Assets. The use and disposition of real property and equipment acquired or improved in whole or in part using TxCDBG funds shall be in compliance with the requirements of 2 CFR 200.311 and 200.313, and 24 CFR 570.489(j).

## **SECTION 8. PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

A. The Department shall monitor the performance of Contractor against the goals stated in the Performance Statement and the milestones listed in the Project Implementation Schedule. The Department reserves the right to perform periodic on-site monitoring of Contractor's compliance with the terms and conditions of this contract, and of the adequacy and timeliness of Contractor's performances under this contract. After each monitoring visit, the Department shall provide Contractor with a written report of the monitor's findings. If the monitoring reports note deficiencies in Contractor's performances under the terms of this contract, the monitoring report shall include requirements for the timely correction of such deficiencies by Contractor. Failure by Contractor to take action specified in the monitoring report may be cause for suspension or termination of this contract, as provided in Section 6 of this contract, or the Department may withhold other grant awards.

B. As stipulated in Section 4.B. of this contract, if the contract ends without any project beneficiaries resulting from the use of contract funds, Contractor shall reimburse to the Department all contract funds disbursed to Contractor, including but not limited to funds disbursed for administration and engineering services. Contractor shall be required to repay the funds within the timeframe specified by the Department.

## **SECTION 9. SUBCONTRACTS**

A. Except for subcontracts to which the federal labor standards requirements apply, Contractor may subcontract for performances described in this contract without obtaining the Department's prior written approval. Contractor shall only subcontract for work to which the federal labor standards requirements apply after Contractor has verified the subcontractor's eligibility under the federal System for Award Management and has followed the subcontracting requirements in the TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual. Contractor, in subcontracting for any performances described in this contract, expressly understands that in entering into such subcontracts, the Department is in no way liable to the subcontractor(s).

### **B. Selection Process**

1. Contractor shall insure that all subcontracts are awarded as a result of fair and open competition in accordance with applicable procurement requirements.

2. Documentation concerning the selection process, including evidence of competitive procurement as specified in the TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual, must be submitted to the Department prior to drawdown of funds relating to the appropriate subcontract.

3. Executed copies of all subcontracts shall be forwarded to the Department upon request.

C. Contractor shall ensure that the applicable prevailing wage rate is included in the advertising and solicitation of bids in accordance with the TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual.

D. Monitoring. Contractor shall monitor all subcontracted services on a regular basis to assure contract compliance. In no event shall any provision of this Section be construed as relieving Contractor of the responsibility for ensuring that all subcontracts comply with all terms of this contract, as if performed by Contractor. The Department's approval under this Section does not constitute adoption, ratification, or acceptance of Contractor's or subcontractor's performance. The Department maintains the right to insist upon Contractor's full compliance with the terms of this contract, and by the act of approval under this Section, the Department does not waive any right of action which may exist or which may subsequently accrue to the Department under this contract.

E. Content. Contractor shall insert appropriate clauses in all subcontracts to bind subcontractors to the terms and conditions of this contract insofar as they are applicable to the work of subcontractors.

F. Bonding. Contractor shall comply with the bonding requirements of Chapter 2253 of the Texas Government Code and 2 CFR 200.325, as applicable.

G. Contractor shall retain five percent (5%) of each construction or rehabilitation subcontract entered into by Contractor until the Department determines that the Federal labor standards requirements applicable to each such subcontract have been satisfied.

#### **SECTION 10. LEGAL AUTHORITY**

A. Contractor assures and guarantees that Contractor possesses the legal authority to enter into this contract, receive funds authorized by this contract, and perform the services it has obligated itself to perform.

B. The person or persons signing and executing this contract on behalf of Contractor hereby warrant and guarantee that he, she or they have been duly authorized by Contractor to execute this contract and have authority to validly and legally bind the Contractor to all terms, performances, and provisions set forth herein.

C. The Department shall have the right to suspend or terminate this contract if there is a dispute as to the legal authority of either Contractor, the person signing this contract, or the party rendering services under the contract. Contractor is liable to the Department for any money it has received from the Department pursuant to this contract, if the Department has suspended or terminated this contract for reasons stated in this Section.

#### **SECTION 11. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS**

Contractor shall give the Department immediate notice in writing of (1) any action, including any proceeding before an administrative agency, filed against Contractor arising out of the performance of any subcontract; and (2) any claim against Contractor, the cost and expense of which Contractor may be entitled to be reimbursed by the Department. Except as otherwise directed by the Department, Contractor shall furnish immediately to the Department copies of all pertinent papers received by Contractor with respect to such action or claim. Contractor shall provide a notice to the Department within 30 days upon filing under any bankruptcy or financial insolvency provision of law.

## SECTION 12. AUDIT

A. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws, policies and regulations, including 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart F, "Audit Requirements," and the audit requirements set forth in the TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual.

B. Audit Certification. Within 60 days after the end of each fiscal year in which Contractor has an open contract with the Department, Contractor shall submit an Audit Certification Form (ACF) in accordance with the requirements of the current TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual. Failure by Contractor to submit a complete ACF by the required due date will adversely affect funding for all existing contracts, eligibility to apply for assistance under the TxCDBG Program, and the issuance of new contracts for funding awards.

C. Single Audit Report. If Contractor expends \$750,000 or more in Federal awards, including TxCDBG funds or other Federal financial assistance received indirectly from pass-through entities, during a fiscal year, Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining an audit in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (31 U.S.C. 7501-7507) and other applicable federal regulations. The audit shall be made by an independent auditor in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards covering financial audits.

1. Contractor shall submit required audit documentation (single audit package), as specified in the TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual, to the Department within 30 days after completion of the audit, but no later than nine (9) months after the end of the audit period (i.e., after Contractor's fiscal year end).
2. Contractor shall ensure that the audit report is made available for public inspection within 30 days after completion of the audit.
3. Failure by Contractor to submit a completed single audit package as described in the audit requirements by the required due date will adversely affect funding for all existing contracts, eligibility to apply for assistance under the TxCDBG Program, and the issuance of new contracts for funding awards.

D. Contractor shall take such action to facilitate the performance of such audit or audits conducted pursuant to this Section and Section 7 as the Department may require of Contractor. Contractor shall establish written standard operating procedures and internal controls to include the timely procurement of a CPA firm to start and complete the year end single audit report if applicable, in order to comply with contractual and regulatory requirements. The Department shall not release any funds for any costs incurred by Contractor under this contract until the Department has received a copy of any audit report required by this Section.

## SECTION 13. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS

A. Contractor understands and agrees that it is responsible for environmental review, decision-making, and action under 42 U.S.C. 5304(g), the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.], and other provisions of law which further the purposes of NEPA, as specified in 24 CFR 58.5. Contractor shall comply with the environmental review procedures set forth in 24 CFR Part 58, the TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual, and all other applicable federal, state, and local laws insofar as they apply to the performance of this contract. Contractor must certify that it has complied with the requirements that would apply under the laws and authorities cited in 24 CFR 58.5 and must consider the criteria, standards, policies and regulations of these laws and authorities. In addition, Contractor must comply with the requirements specified in 24 CFR 58.6.

Contractor shall be responsible for complying with all applicable requirements; for issuing public notifications; for submitting a request for release of funds and related certifications, when required; and for ensuring the Environmental Review Record is complete.

## B. Limitations on Activities Pending Clearance

1. Neither Contractor nor any participant in the development process, or any of their contractors, may commit TxCDBG funds on an activity or project, or execute a legally binding agreement for property acquisition, rehabilitation, conversion, repair or construction pertaining to a specific site, until Contractor has completed the 24 CFR Part 58 environmental review process and the Department has authorized use of grant funds or approved the Contractor's request for release of funds and related certification. In addition, until Contractor's request for release of funds and related certification have been approved, neither the Contractor nor any participant in the development process may commit non-TxCDBG funds on or undertake an activity or project if the activity or project would have an adverse environmental impact or limit the choice of reasonable alternatives.

2. If an activity is exempt under 24 CFR 58.34, or is categorically excluded (except in extraordinary circumstances) under 24 CFR 58.35(b), a request for release of funds is not required but Contractor must document its determination as required in 24 CFR 58.34(b) and 58.35(d). Contractor shall comply with the requirements and procedures in the current TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual, and shall submit to the Department a Determination of Exemption or Determination of Categorical Exclusion, as applicable, and other required environmental compliance documentation as specified in the Implementation Manual. Contractor shall also comply with other applicable requirements, as specified in 24 CFR 58.6, regardless of whether the activity is exempt under 24 CFR 58.34 or categorically excluded under 24 CFR 58.35(b).

C. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.77(b), Contractor shall handle inquiries and complaints from persons and agencies seeking redress in relation to environmental reviews covered by approved certifications.

## SECTION 14. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

A. Contractor shall provide for and encourage citizen participation, particularly by low and moderate income persons who reside in slum or blighted areas and areas in which the funds provided under this contract are used, in accordance with 24 CFR 570.486 and this contract.

B. Contractor shall hold a public hearing concerning any activities proposed to be added, deleted, or substantially changed, as determined by the Department, from the activities specified in the Application or the Performance Statement.

C. Prior to the programmatic closure of this contract, Contractor shall hold a public hearing to review its performance under this contract.

D. For each public hearing scheduled and conducted by Contractor under this Section, Contractor shall comply with the hearing requirements specified in the TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual.

E. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7 of this contract, Contractor shall retain documentation of public hearing notices, a list of the attendees at each hearing, and minutes of each hearing held in accordance with this section for a period of three (3) years after the termination of this contract. Contractor shall make such records available to the public in accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 552.

F. Complaint Procedures. Contractor shall maintain written citizen complaint procedures that provide a timely written response to complaints and grievances. Such procedures shall comply with the Department's requirements. Contractor shall ensure that its citizens are aware of the location and hours at which they may obtain a copy of the written procedures and the address and phone number for submitting complaints.

## SECTION 15. DEBARMENT

By signing this contract, Contractor certifies that it is not debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549 and 2 CFR Part 2424. Contractor is required to immediately report to the Department if it is debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded

from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs. Additionally, Contractor certifies that it will not award any funds provided under this contract to any party which is debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs. Contractor shall verify the eligibility status of each proposed subcontractor under this contract and its principals and retain documentation in the local files.

## **SECTION 16. PERSONNEL AND PARTICIPANT CONDITIONS**

### **A. Civil Rights and Anti-discrimination**

1. Contractor agrees to ensure that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity assisted in whole or in part with TxCDBG funds.
2. Contractor agrees to comply with all federal, state and local civil rights laws and ordinances, including but not limited to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d *et seq.*), as amended; the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 *et seq.*), as amended; Section 104(b) and Section 109 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304(b) and 24 CFR Part 6, respectively), as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794); the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*); the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4151 *et seq.*); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C., 6101 *et seq.*); and Executive Order 11063 (Equal Opportunity in Housing), as amended by Executive Order 12259.
3. Contractor agrees to comply with the non-discrimination laws, regulations, and executive orders referenced in 24 CFR 570.607 in employment and contracting opportunities.
4. Contractor shall include the terms and conditions of this civil rights clause in every subcontract or purchase order so that these terms and conditions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

### **B. Employment Restrictions**

1. Prohibited Activity. Contractor agrees that no funds provided, nor personnel employed, under this contract shall be used for: political activities or to further the election or defeat of any candidate for public office; lobbying; inherently religious activities; political patronage; and nepotism activities.
2. Labor Standards
  - a. Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of the U.S. Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141 *et seq.*) as amended, the provisions of Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.*), 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 contract.
  - b. Contractor agrees to comply with the Copeland Anti-Kick Back Act (18 U.S.C. 874 *et seq.*; 40 U.S.C. 3145) and its implementing regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor at 29 CFR Part 3. Contractor shall maintain documentation that demonstrates compliance with hour and wage requirements of this part. Such documentation shall be made available to the Department for review upon request.
  - c. Contractor agrees that, except with respect to the rehabilitation of residential property containing less than eight (8) units, all subcontractors engaged under contracts in excess of \$2,000 for construction, alteration or repair work financed in whole or in part with assistance provided under this contract, shall comply with Federal requirements adopted by the Department pertaining to such contracts and with the applicable requirements of the regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor, under 29 CFR Parts 1, 3, and 5 governing the payment of wages and ratio of apprentices and trainees to journey workers; 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 Contractor of its obligation, if any, to require payment of the higher wage.

Contractor shall cause or require to be inserted in full, in all such contracts subject to such regulations, provisions meeting the requirements of this paragraph.

3. “Section 3” Clause

a. 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). Section 3 requires that, to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for training, employment, contracting and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3 be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

b. The parties to this contract will comply with HUD’s regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 135 regulations.

c. Contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which Contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers’ representative of 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, set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each, the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions, and the anticipated date the work shall begin.

d. Contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, 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 135. Contractor will not subcontract with any entity where Contractor has notice or knowledge that the entity has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135.

e. Contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after Contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR Part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent Contractor’s obligations under 24 CFR Part 135.

f. Noncompliance with HUD’s regulations in 24 CFR Part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.

C. Conflict of Interest. Contractor agrees to abide by the provisions of Chapter 171, Texas Local Government Code, 2 CFR 200.318-200.319, and 24 CFR 570.489, which include but are not limited to the following:

1. Contractor 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 TxCDBG funds.

2. No employee, officer or agent of Contractor shall participate in the selection, or in the award, or administration of, a contract supported by TxCDBG 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 TxCDBG-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 TxCDBG-assisted activity, or with respect to the proceeds from the TxCDBG-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 Department, the Contractor, or any designated public agency.

4. Contractor shall include in all subcontracts any necessary provisions to eliminate or neutralize conflicts of interest.

**D. Lobbying**

1. No funds provided under this contract shall be used to pay any person to communicate with (a) a member of the legislative or executive branch of state government, as defined in Chapter 305 of the Texas Government Code, which includes a member-elect, officer-elect, officer or employee of the legislature or a legislative committee, and officer or employee of any state agency, department or office in the executive branch; (b) a Member of Congress; or (c) an officer or employee of Congress or a federal agency, to influence legislation or administrative action.

2. The following activities are excepted from the coverage of paragraph 1: technical and factual presentations on topics directly related to the performance of this contract in response to a documented request made by the Department.

**SECTION 17. FRAUD, ABUSE, AND MISMANAGEMENT**

Contractor must take steps, as directed by the Department, to avoid or mitigate occurrences of fraud, abuse, and mismanagement especially with respect to the financial management of this contract and procurements made under this contract. Upon the discovery of such alleged or suspected fraud or any incident of misapplication of TxCDBG funds associated with this contract, Contractor shall immediately notify the Department and appropriate law enforcement authorities, if necessary, of the theft of any assets provided for under this contract, malfeasance, abuse of power or authority, kickbacks, or the embezzlement or loss of any funds under this contract.

**SECTION 18. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This contract is not effective unless signed by the Commissioner of the Department or by his authorized designee.

**SECTION 19. WAIVER**

Any right or remedy provided for in this contract shall not preclude the exercise of any other right or remedy under this contract or under any provision of law, nor shall any action taken by the Department in the exercise of any right or remedy be deemed a waiver of any other rights or remedies. The Department's failure to act with respect to a breach by Contractor does not waive its right to act with respect to subsequent or similar breaches. The failure of the Department to exercise or enforce any right or provision shall not constitute a waiver of such right or provision.

**SECTION 20. ORAL AND WRITTEN AGREEMENTS**

A. All oral and written agreements between the parties to this contract relating to the subject matter of this contract that were made prior to the execution of this contract have been reduced to writing and are contained in this contract.

B. The attachments specified in Section 4.A. above are hereby made a part of this contract and constitute promised performances by Contractor in accordance with Section 4 of this contract.

**SECTION 21. VENUE**

For purposes of litigation pursuant to this contract, venue shall lie in Travis County, Texas.

**Signed:**

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Approved and accepted on behalf of the Texas Department of Agriculture.

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**EXHIBIT A**

**PERFORMANCE STATEMENT**

**COUNTY OF HOPKINS**

All activities funded with TxCDBG funds must meet one of the CDBG program's National Objectives: benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or meet community development needs having a particular urgency.

Contractor shall carry out the following activities in the target area identified in the Application. The Contractor shall ensure that the amount of funds expended for each activity described does not exceed the amount specified for such activity in the Budget.

**CURRENT NEED**

The Cornersville Water Supply Corporation (Cornersville WSC), located in Hopkins County, has an inlet pipe and water mains that are aged and undersized per TCEQ requirements, resulting in frequent maintenance issues and interruptions in service.

The Contractor certifies that the activity (ies) carried out under this contract will meet the National Objective of benefitting LMI persons with at least 51% of the beneficiaries qualifying as LMI.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Water Improvements** Contractor shall replace the inlet pipe and water mains to increase water pressure in the Cornersville WSC to TCEQ regulations. Contractor shall replace the inlet pipe, thirteen thousand eight hundred linear feet (13,800 l.f.) of eight-inch (8") water main, boring, service reconnections and all associated appurtenances. Construction shall take place at Plant #4, along FM 2393, and the following location:

STREET	FROM	TO
State Highway 11	FM 2391	FM 2393

These activities shall benefit two hundred eighty-one (281) persons, of which one hundred seventy-one (171) or sixty-one percent (61%) are of low- to moderate-income.

**Engineering**

Contractor shall ensure that the amount of Department funds expended for all eligible project-related engineering services, including preliminary and final design plans and specifications, all interim and final inspections, and all special services does not exceed the amount specified for engineering in the Budget.

**General Administration**

Contractor shall ensure that the amount of Department funds expended for all eligible project-related administration activities, including the required annual program compliance and fiscal audit does not exceed the amount specified for administration in the Budget.

**EXHIBIT B****BUDGET****COUNTY OF HOPKINS**

<u>Project Activities</u>	<u>Contract Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
03J_W Water Improvements - Total	\$246,450	\$13,750	\$260,200
Water Improvements-Construction	\$214,450	\$13,750 <sup>1</sup>	\$228,200
Water Improvements-Engineering	\$32,000	\$0	\$32,000
21A General Program Administration - Total	\$28,500	\$0	\$28,500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$274,950</b>	<b>\$13,750</b>	<b>\$288,700</b>

Source of Other Funds:

1 – Cornersville Water Supply Corporation

**EXHIBIT C**  
**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE**  
**COUNTY OF HOPKINS**

CONTRACT START DATE  
November 1, 2018

CONTRACT END DATE  
October 31, 2020

**If Contractor fails to meet milestones in accordance with this schedule, the Department will withhold payments to Contractor until such milestone has been completed.**

Activity To Be Completed by Date Specified:		<b>Milestone Date</b>
Procurement of Professional Services Completed	Month 2	1/1/2019
4-Month Conference Call / Meeting Completed <sup>(1)</sup>	Month 4	3/1/2019
Plans and Specifications Completed	Month 6	5/1/2019
Plans and Specifications Submitted for Approval (as required <sup>1</sup> )	Month 6	5/1/2019
Environmental Review Completed	Month 6	5/1/2019
Clearance of Pre-Construction Special Conditions	Month 8	7/1/2019
Wage Rate 10-Day Confirmation	Month 8	7/1/2019
Construction Contract Awarded & Executed	Month 9	8/1/2019
Construction - 50% TxCDBG project complete	Month 14	1/1/2020
Construction - 75% TxCDBG project complete	Month 17	4/1/2020
Construction - 90% TxCDBG project complete	Month 19	6/1/2020
Construction & Final Inspections Completed	Month 20	7/1/2020
End Date of Contract	Month 24	10/31/2020
Close-out documents submitted to Department (60 days after End Date)	Month 26	12/30/2020

<sup>(1)</sup> See TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual

**EXHIBIT D**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND**

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

**COUNTY OF HOPKINS**

**A. Special Conditions for Release of Construction Funds**

Funds for construction activities under this contract will not be released to Contractor by the Department until the following special conditions for release of funds are met. These special conditions must be satisfactorily completed no later than twelve (12) months after the contract start date. In accordance with Section 6 of the contract, the Department may terminate this contract twelve (12) months after the commencement date specified in Section 2 if these special conditions are not met by such date. Contractor shall submit to the Department:

1. Documentation evidencing Contractor's completion of its responsibilities for environmental review and decision-making pertaining to the project as required by Section 13 (Environmental Review) of this contract, and its compliance with NEPA and other provisions of law as specified in 24 CFR 58.5.
2. Certification that Contractor has received all required pre-construction permits or approvals from the appropriate federal, state, or local entity or regulatory agency prior to beginning construction activities under this contract.
3. Other documentation required by the Department for release of construction funds as specified in Chapter 2 of the TxCDBG Project Implementation Manual.

**B. Other Special Conditions**

**1. Project Mapping/Design Information and Copyright**

a. Contractor shall receive and maintain a copy of the final project record drawing(s) engineering schematic(s), as constructed using funds under this contract. These maps shall be provided in digital format containing the source map data (original vector data) and the graphic data in files on machine readable media, such as compact disc (CD), which are compatible with computer systems owned or readily available to Contractor. The digital copy provided shall not include a digital representation of the engineer's seal but the accompanying documentation from the engineer shall include a signed statement of when the map was authorized, that the digital map is a true representation of the original sealed document, and that a printed version with the seal has been provided to Contractor. In addition, complete documentation as to the content and layout of the data files and the name of the software package(s) used to generate the data and maps shall be received and maintained by Contractor in written form. Contractor shall provide the Department upon request a copy of all the electronic files and other data received, including the original vector data, and all documentation in electronic format, on a CD or other media in a file format determined by the Department. If requested by the Department, Contractor shall ensure that the CD copy of all the electronic files and other data provided to the Department are properly identified. Specifically, the CD label shall show Contractor's name, the Department's assigned contract number, the contents of CD, the preparer's name, and the name of the software package(s) used to generate the maps on the CD.

b. Where activities supported by this contract produce copyrightable material, Contractor shall not assert any rights at common law or in equity or establish any claim to statutory copyright in such material without the Department's prior written approval. The Department reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to copy, produce, publish, and use such material, and to authorize others to do so.

c. Provisions appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this subsection must be in all employment contracts, consultant contracts, including engineering consultant contracts, and other contracts or agreements in which funds received by Contractor under this contract are involved.

## EXHIBIT E

### APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Contractor shall comply with the HCD Act; laws and regulations specified in this contract; and with all other federal, state, and local laws and regulations insofar as they apply to the performance of this contract, including but not limited to the laws and regulations specified in this Exhibit.

#### I. LEAD-BASED PAINT

Any construction or rehabilitation of residential structures with assistance provided under this contract shall be subject to the Lead-Based Paint laws cited in 24 CFR 570.608, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 35.

#### II. ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND AUTHORITIES

- A. Council on Environmental Quality regulations contained in 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508
- B. Historic Properties
  - National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (54 U.S.C. 300101 *et seq.*)
  - Executive Order 11593, Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment
  - Federal historic preservation regulations at 36 CFR part 800
  - Reservoir Salvage Act of 1960 as amended by the Archeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (54 U.S.C. 312501-312508), as amended
- C. Floodplain management and wetland protection - Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management; Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands; and HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 55
- D. Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*), as amended
- E. Water systems
  - Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 300f *et seq.*) as amended
  - Sole Source Aquifers (Environmental Protection Agency - 40 CFR part 149)
- F. Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) as amended
- G. Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. 1271 *et seq.*) as amended
- H. Air quality
  - Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*) as amended
  - Determining Conformity of General Federal Actions to State or Federal Implementation Plans (Environmental Protection Agency - 40 CFR parts 6, 51, and 93)
- I. Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981 (7 U.S.C. 4201 *et seq.*), and implementing regulations at 7 CFR part 658
- J. HUD environmental criteria and standards at 24 CFR part 51
- K. Executive Order 12898, Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations

#### III. ACQUISITION/RELOCATION

Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, 42 U.S.C. 4601 *et seq.*, and HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 42 and 24 CFR 570.606

#### IV. FAITH-BASED ACTIVITIES

Executive Order 13279, Equal Protection of the Laws for Faith-Based and Community Organizations, as amended by Executive Order 13559, Fundamental Principles and Policymaking Criteria for Partnerships with Faith-Based and Other Neighborhood Organizations, and HUD regulations at 24 CFR 570.200(j)

#### V. OTHER UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- A. English Language - 2 CFR 200.111
- B. Mandatory Disclosures - 2 CFR 200.113

**EXHIBIT F**  
**CERTIFICATIONS**

NOTE: Certain of these certifications and assurances may not be applicable to Contractor's project or program.

As the duly authorized representative of the County of Hopkins, I certify that:

**Affirmatively Further Fair Housing** -- It will comply with the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 *et seq.*), as amended, and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 100; and it will affirmatively further fair housing, as specified by the Department.

**Anti-discrimination Laws** -- It will administer the grant in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d *et seq.*) and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 1; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), as amended, and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 8; and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-6107), as amended, and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 146.

**Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan** -- It will minimize displacement of persons as a result of activities assisted with TxCDBG funds; it will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4601), and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24 and 24 CFR 42 Subpart A; and it has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with TxCDBG funding.

**Anti-Lobbying** -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

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 paragraphs 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying 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.

**Citizen Participation** -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105 and the Department.

**Environmental Review** -- It will comply with environmental requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and related Federal authorities prior to the commitment or expenditure of funds for property acquisition and physical development activities subject to implementing regulations at 24 CFR Parts 50 or 58.

**Excessive Force** -- It has adopted and is enforcing a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations, and a

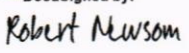
policy of enforcing applicable state and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

**Lead-Based Paint** -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35.

**Section 3** -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

**Use of Funds (Special Assessments)** -- It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted in whole or part with CDBG funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements, unless (A) such funds are used to pay the proportion of such fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of such public improvements that are financed from other revenue sources; or (B) for purposes of assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of moderate income, the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks sufficient CDBG funds to comply with the requirements of subclause (A).

**Compliance with Laws** -- It will comply with applicable laws.

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 Robert Newsom  
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These certifications are material representations of fact upon which the Department can rely when entering into and executing this contract. If it is later determined that the knowingly made an erroneous certification, it may be subject to criminal prosecution. The Department may also terminate the award and take other available remedies.