## CITY OF TEXAS CITY REGULAR CALLED CITY COMMISSION MEETING

## AGENDA

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023- 5:00 P.M. KENNETH T. NUNN COUNCIL ROOM - CITY HALL 1801 9th Ave. N. Texas City, TX 77590

PLEASE NOTE: Public comments and matters from the floor are generally limited to 3 minutes in length. If you would like to request to speak, please do so in advance of the meeting by filling out a Request To Address Commission form. All in attendance are required to remove hats and/or sunglasses (dark glasses) during meetings and to also silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

- (1) ROLL CALL
- (2) INVOCATION
- (3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- (4) REPORTS
  - (a) Human Resources Annual Report (HR)
  - (b) Finance Quarterly Report for quarter ended September 30, 2023.
- (5) PUBLIC COMMENTS
- (6) CONSENT AGENDA
  - (a) Approve City Commission Minutes for the October 18, 2023 meeting. (City Secretary)
  - (b) Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-117, approving a ARKK Engineers, LLC. purchase order change orders for the City of Texas City's GLO Contract No. 22-119-003-D373 Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program Infrastructure Projects Non-Research & Development Mitigation Funding. (Public Works)

- (c) Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2013-118, approving an extension of the agreement for professional services with Public Consulting Group, Inc. (PCG) to continue a program that provides additional revenue to the Fire Department EMS program through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Ambulance Supplemental Pay Program (ASPP). (Fire Department)
- (d) Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-119, authorizing the purchase of 462 Visa gift cards in the amount of \$50.00 each to be given to the City Employees (full time and part-time), as an incentive for continued outstanding customer service and performance. (Human Resources)
- (e) Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-120, ratification of the submission of the application to HUD for the PRO Housing Grant. (Community Development/Grants Administration)
- (f) Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-121, authorizing the purchase of a 2025 International 14 yard dump truck from Santex Truck Center, LTD in San Antonio, Texas through the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program for the total contract price of \$140,381.00. (Public Works)
- (g) Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-122, authorizing the purchase of a Tymco model 600 sweeper from Tymco, Inc. through a BuyBoard purchasing cooperative for the total contract amount of \$358,948.20. (Public Works)
- (h) Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-123, authorizing the purchase of a 2024 F350 truck with utility bed and crane, for the Traffic Department, from Chastang Ford via BuyBoard, a Local Government Purchasing Cooperative for the contract price of \$68,296.00. (Public Works)
- Consider and take action Resolution No. 2023-124, authorizing the purchase, delivery and installation of a Covered Outdoor Commercial Adult Fitness Station for Carver Park from Playpower LT Farmington, Inc through BuyBoard (Contract No. 679-22) – local government purchasing cooperative, in the amount of \$112,073.00. (Recreation and Tourism)
- (j) Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-125 approving the purchase of construction services for Godard Park Buildings from Generocity Services, Inc. (Contract No. 23/016MR-17) - local government purchasing cooperative, in the amount of \$59,732.05. (Recreation and Tourism)
- (7) REGULAR ITEMS
  - (a) Consider and take action on the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2023-37, amending the Texas City Code of Ordinances Title XV Entitled "Land Usage," Chapter 151: Electricity; Section 151.080 Entitled "National Electrical Code Adopted: Conflicting Regulations." (Legal/Building Official)

- (b) Consider and take action on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-39, amending the Texas City Code of Ordinances Title XV Entitled "Land Usage," Chapter 150: Building Regulations; Construction" to adopt the most current International Building Codes. (Legal/Building Official)
- (c) Consider and take action on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-40, amending the Texas City Code of Ordinances Title XV Entitled "Land Usage," Chapter 152: Gas," to adopt the most current International Building Codes. (Legal/Building Official)
- (d) Consider and take action on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-41, amending the Texas City Code of Ordinances Title XV Entitled "Land Usage," Chapter 153: Mechanical Regulations," to adopt the most current International Building Codes. (Legal/Building Official)
- (e) Consider and take action on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-42, amending the Texas City Code of Ordinances Title XV Entitled "Land Usage," Chapter 154: Plumbing," to adopt the most current International Building Codes. (Legal/Building Official)
- (8) COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS
- (9) MAYOR'S COMMENTS
- (10) ADJOURNMENT

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I, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS NOTICE OF MEETING WAS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS AT CITY HALL, 1801 9TH AVENUE NORTH, TEXAS CITY, TEXAS, AT A PLACE CONVENIENT AND READILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE ON OCTOBER 27, 2023, PRIOR TO 5:00 P.M. AND REMAINED SO POSTED CONTINUOUSLY FOR AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRECEDING THE SCHEDULED TIME OF SAID MEETING.

RHOMARI LEIGH CITY SECRETARY

# **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG**

Meeting Date: 11/01/2023

Submitted By: Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary Department: City Secretary

# Information

# ACTION REQUEST

Human Resources Annual Report (HR)

# **BACKGROUND (Brief Summary)**

# RECOMMENDATION

# **Fiscal Impact**

# Attachments

Staff Report attachment

# EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FOR 2024



# **Open Enrollment for 2024**

- In person November 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> in the Surf Room at the Nessler Center.
- Employees will have until November 24<sup>th</sup> to finish up their elections in Employee Self Service (ESS).
- Open enrollment is your only opportunity to make changes to your current benefits outside of having a qualifying event (marriage, divorce, birth of a child, etc.).



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- For a complete list of qualified health care expenses, visit \*\*\*.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-publication-502.
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ZERO also covers many other procedures like, ENT, Sleep Studies, Women's Health, Pain Management, and more.

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With ZERO Smart Shopper Cigna Cigna Cigna Core OAP IN Only for LocalPlus EPO and Core OAP IN HDHP OAP IN LocalPlus EPO **Key Medical Benefits** Plan Participants In-Network Onlu<sup>1</sup> In-Network Onlu<sup>2</sup> In-Network Onlu<sup>1</sup> In-Network Onlu<sup>1</sup> Deductible (per calendar year) Individual / Family \$3,200/\$6,000 \$0/\$0 \$2,000 / \$4,000 \$1,500 / \$2,000 Out-of-Pocket Maximum (per calendar year) \$3,200 / \$6,000 \$0/\$0 \$4,000 / \$8,000 \$3,000 / \$6,000 Individual / Family City of Texas City Contribution to Your Health Savings Account (HSA) (per calendar year; prorated for new hires/newly eligible employees) Individual / Family \$750 / \$1,500 N/A N/A N/A **Covered Services** \$30 / \$60 copay; No PCP charge for \$0\* \$0 for allowable visits Office Visits (physician/specialist) \$30 / \$50 copqu dependents under 19 years old Virtual Visits \$0\* N/A \$30 copau \$10 copqu **Routine Preventive Care** No charge N/A No charge No charge Outpatient Diagnostic (lab/X-ray) \$0\* \$0 for allowable diagnostics 20%\* 20%\* \$0\* 20%\* 20%\* **Complex Imaging** \$0 for allowable diagnostics \$0\* Chiropractic Services \$0 for allowable visits \$60 copou \$50 copau Ambulance \$0\* N/A 20%\* 20%\* \$250 copay, then \$500 copay thereafter; waived if admitted **Emergency Room** \$0\* N/A \$300 copay; waived if admitted **Urgent Care Facility** \$0\* N/A \$50 copay \$35 copay Inpatient Hospital Stay \$0\* N/A 20%\* 20%\* **Outpatient Surgery** \$0\* \$0 for allowable surgery 20%\* 20%\* Prescription Drugs (Generic / Brand / Non-Formulary / Specialty) Retail Pharmacy (30-day supply) \$0\* N/A \$10 / \$40 / \$80 / NA \$10 / \$40 / \$80 / NA \$0\* \$20 / \$80 / \$160 / \$125 Mail Order (90-day supply) N/A \$20 / \$80 / \$160 / \$125

The following is a high-level overview of the coverage available. For complete coverage details, please refer to the Summary Plan Description (SPD).

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1. Only In-Network services and discounts are available. You will be responsible for 100% of the cost if you visit an out-of-network provider.

2. \$0 cost services are available when coordinating care through one of ZERO's Personal Health Assistants



## Dental

# Vision

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We are proud to offer you a dental and vision plan.

#### MetLife DPPO

This plan offers you the freedom and flexibility to use the dentist of your choice. However, you will maximize your benefits and lower your out-of-pocket costs if you choose a dentist who participates in the MetLife network.

The following is a high-level overview of the coverage available.

	DPPO		
Key Dental Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network <sup>1</sup>	
Deductible (per calendar ye	ar)		
Individual / Family	\$50 <sup>2</sup> / \$150 <sup>2</sup>	\$50 <sup>2</sup> / \$150 <sup>2</sup>	
Benefit Maximum (per cole	ndar year; preventive, basic and major s	ervices combined)	
Per Individual	\$2,000	\$2,000	
Covered Services			
Preventive Services	No charge	100% of MAC covered	
Basic Services	20%*	20%* of MAC	
Major Services	50%*	50%* of MAC	
Orthodontia (Child Only)	50%; \$750 lifetime maximum	50% of MAC	

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1. If you use an out of network provider, you will be responsible for any charges above the maximum

allowed charges (MAC).

2. Applies to basic and major services only.

#### MetLife

This plan gives you the freedom to seek care from the provider of your choice. However, you will maximize your benefits and lower your out-of-pocket costs if you choose a provider who participates in the MetLife network.

The following is a high-level overview of the coverage available.

	Vision		
Key Vision Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network Reimbursement	
Exam (once every 12 months)	\$10 copay	Up to \$45	
Materials Copay	\$25 copay	N/A	
Lenses (once every 12 months) Single Vision Bifocol	105	Up to \$30	
Trifocal	\$25 copay	Up to \$50 Up to \$65	
Frames (once every 24 months)	\$175 allowance + 20%	Up to \$70	
Contact Lenses (once every 12 months; in lieu of glasses)	\$175 allowance	Elective, up to \$105; Necessary, up to \$210	





# **Payroll Deductions**

The City of Texas City offers a generous discount on your monthly medical premium, by following just a few simple steps:

- Level One Discount can be earned by completing an annual preventive physical screening
- Level Two Discount can be earned by then completing the online Health Risk Assessment at MyCigna.com and emailing your proof of biometric screening and preventive exam to aschmidt@texascitytx.gov before December 31, 2023.

#### Medical

Coverage Tier	City Contribution	Employee (No Discount)	Employee (Level 1 Discount)	Employee (Level 2 Discount)
Cigna HDHP OAP IN				
Employee Only	\$650.48	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$30.00
Employee + Spouse	\$889.36	\$623.64	\$523.64	\$423.64
Employee + Child(ren)	\$785.61	\$583.29	\$483.29	\$383.29
Family	\$1,461.43	\$700.00	\$600.00	\$500.00
Cigna LocalPlus EPO				
Employee Only	\$708.37	\$55.00	\$45.00	\$35.00
Employee + Spouse	\$1,136.07	\$625.00	\$525.00	\$425.00
Employee + Child(ren)	\$1,027.40	\$585.00	\$485.00	\$385.00
Family	\$1,745.11	\$685.00	\$585.00	\$485.00
Cigna Core OAP IN				
Employee Only	\$683.27	\$120.00	\$100.00	\$80.00
Employee + Spouse	\$963.93	\$722.93	\$622.93	\$522.93
Employee + Child(ren)	\$853.08	\$673.13	\$573.13	\$473.13
Family	\$1,584.80	\$825.00	\$725.00	\$625.00



# Payroll Deductions (Cont'd)

Dental			
Coverage Tier	Total Rate	City Contribution	Employee Contribution
MetLife DPPO			
Employee Only	\$23.04	\$23.04	\$0.00
Family	\$67.95	\$49.80	\$18.15

Vision

Coverage Tier	Total Rate	City Contribution	Employee Contribution
MetLife Vision			
Employee Only	\$7.68	\$7.68	\$0.00
Family	\$18.01	\$14.25	\$3.76

#### Retiree

Coverage Tier	Cigna HDHP OAP IN	Cigna LocalPlus EPO	Cigna Core OAP IN	Dental	Vision
Cigna HDHP OAP IN					
Employee Only	\$707.77	\$789.10	\$743.37	\$23.04	\$7.68
Employee + Spouse	\$1,486.32	\$1,657.11	\$1,561.07		-
Employee + Child(ren)	\$1,344.76	\$1,499.29	\$1,412.40	*	-
Family	\$2,123.31	\$2,367.30	\$2,230.11	\$67.95	\$18.01



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#### Healthcare Simplified To \$0

When your doctor recommends a procedure, like an MRI, GI procedure, or even orthopedic surgery, remember you have access to ZERO. When you choose a provider from ZERO, your health plan covers 100% of the cost and you always pay \$0. No copays, no deductibles, no coinsurance. In the Houston area, you can visit these providers and more! Learn more at ZERO.health or check your benefits guide for details.



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 ZER0 will help you find the healthcare provider that works best for you and sends the details to the provider to get your procedure scheduled.
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- Flexible Spending Account an account for pretax contributions you can use to pay for qualified healthcare expenses. \$3,050 is the maximum for 2024.
- Dependent Care Account an account for pretax contributions you can use to pay for eligible dependent care expenses. \$5,000 is the maximum per family or \$2,500 if you and your spouse file separate tax returns.
- Health Savings Account an account for pretax contributions to pay for qualified healthcare expenses. You must be enrolled and covered under a qualified high deductible health plan. \$4,150 is the maximum for 2024 for employee only coverage, \$8,300 for family coverage, and you can also contribute an extra \$1,000 if you are aged 55+.
  - For 2024, the City of Texas City is contributing \$750 into health savings accounts for employee only coverage and \$1,500 for family coverage.



- Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) while you are an active employee, provides a benefit to your named beneficiary after your death.
  - Full time employees are covered with three (3) times their annual base salary up to \$150,000 and \$250,000 for AD&D.
  - Firefighters are covered by a flat \$10,000 benefit per their contract.
- Long Term Disability a benefit to replace part of your lost income when you become unable to work due to a covered injury or illness.
  - Full time employees are eligible and benefits begin after the 180<sup>th</sup> day of disability. The benefit is 60% of your salary up to a maximum monthly benefit of \$6,000.
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP) a confidential program to support employees and their families. The EAP can help with mental health, relationship conflicts, substance abuse, grief, financial or legal issues, and so much more.



- Accident A benefit paid when there are medical expenses related to an off the job accident (broken bones, dislocations, concussions, etc.).
- Cancer and Critical Illness A benefit paid when a major illness (cancer, heart attack, stroke, etc.) is diagnosed.
- Hospital Indemnity A benefit paid for expenses associated with hospital stays.
- GAP Reimburses for copays, coinsurance, deductibles, and other out of pocket expenses.
- Short Term Disability Provides you with pay when you can't work due to an off the job illness or injury. 60% of your weekly earnings. 7 day waiting period and 25 weeks is the maximum benefit.
- Supplemental Life Insurance Additional life insurance for yourself (up to \$300,000), your spouse (up to \$150,000) or your children (up to \$10,000) up to age 26.



# **New Benefit for 2024**





# **Questions?**





January 1 - December 31, 2024

# Welcome

Your benefits are an important part of your overall compensation. We are pleased to offer a comprehensive array of valuable benefits to protect your health, family and way of life. This guide answers some of the basic questions you may have about your benefits. Please read it carefully, along with any supplemental materials you receive.

# Eligibility

You are eligible for benefits if you work 30 or more hours per week. You may also enroll your eligible family members under certain plans you choose for yourself. Eligible family members include:

- Your legally married spouse
- Your biological children, stepchildren, adopted children or children for whom you have legal custody (age restrictions may apply). Disabled children age 26 or older who meet certain criteria may continue on your health coverage.

## When Coverage Begins

**ON/OFF FULL SCREEN** 

- New Hires: You must complete the enrollment process within 30 days of your date of hire. Medical, Dental and Vision benefits are effective after 90 days of employment. Life Insurance and Long Term Disability are effective after 6 months of employment..
- If you fail to enroll on time, you will <u>NOT</u> have benefits coverage (except for city-paid benefits) until you enroll during our next annual Open Enrollment period.
- Open Enrollment: Changes made during Open Enrollment are effective January 1 - December 31, 2024.

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# Choose Carefully!

Due to IRS regulations, you cannot change your elections until the next annual Open Enrollment period, unless you have a qualifying life event during the year. Following are examples of the most common qualifying life events:

- Marriage or divorce
- Birth or adoption of a child
- Child reaching the maximum age limit
- Death of a spouse or child
- You lose coverage under your spouse's plan
- You gain access to state coverage under Medicaid or The Children's Health Insurance Program

## **Making Changes**

To change your benefit elections, you must contact Human Resources within 30 days of the qualifying life event. Be prepared to show documentation of the event, such as a marriage license, birth certificate or a divorce decree. If changes are not submitted on time, you must wait until the next Open Enrollment period to make your election changes.

Click here to watch a video about qualifying life events.

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# Enrollment

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Please complete enrollment forms and submit to Human Resources.

**Required Information**—You will be required to enter a Social Security number (SSN) for all covered dependents when you enroll. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires the city to report this information to the IRS each year to show that you and your dependents have coverage. This information will be securely submitted to the IRS and will remain confidential.

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	In-Network Only <sup>1</sup>	In-Network Only <sup>2</sup>	In-Network Only <sup>1</sup>	In-Network Only <sup>1</sup>
Deductible (per calendar year)				
Individual / Family	\$3,200 / \$6,000	\$0 / \$0	\$2,000 / \$4,000	\$1,500 / \$2,000
Out-of-Pocket Maximum (per cale	endar year)			
Individual / Family	\$3,200 / \$6,000	\$0 / \$0	\$4,000 / \$8,000	\$3,000 / \$6,000
City of Texas City Contribution to	Your Health Savings Account (HSA) (	per calendar year; prorated for new hires/newl	y eligible employees)	
Individual / Family	\$750 / \$1,500	N/A	N/A	N/A
Covered Services				
Office Visits (physician/specialist)	\$0*	\$0 for allowable visits	\$30 / \$60 copay; No PCP charge for dependents under 19 years old	\$30 / \$50 copay
Virtual Visits	\$0*	N/A	\$30 copay	\$10 copay
Routine Preventive Care	No charge	N/A	No charge	No charge
Outpatient Diagnostic (lab/X-ray)	\$0*	\$0 for allowable diagnostics	20%*	20%*
Complex Imaging	\$0*	\$0 for allowable diagnostics	20%*	20%*
Airrosti Physical Therapy <sup>3</sup>	\$0*	\$0 for allowable visits	\$20 copay	\$20 copay
Ambulance	\$0*	N/A	20%*	20%*
Emergency Room	\$0*	N/A	\$300 copay; waived if admitted	\$250 copay, then \$500 copay thereafter; waived if admitted
Urgent Care Facility	\$0*	N/A	\$50 copay	\$35 copay
Inpatient Hospital Stay	\$0*	N/A	20%*	20%*
Outpatient Surgery	\$0*	\$0 for allowable surgery	20%*	20%*
Prescription Drugs (Generic / Bran	ıd / Non-Formulary / Specialty)			
Retail Pharmacy (30-day supply)	\$0*	N/A	\$10 / \$40 / \$80 / NA	\$10 / \$40 / \$80 / NA
Mail Order (90-day supply)	\$0*	N/A	\$20 / \$80 / \$160 / \$125	\$20 / \$80 / \$160 / \$125

Coinsurance percentages and copay amounts shown in the above chart represent what the member is responsible for paying.

\*Benefits with an asterisk ( \* ) require that the deductible be met before the Plan begins to pay.

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1. Only In-Network services and discounts are available. You will be responsible for 100% of the cost if you visit an out-of-network provider.

2. \$0 cost services are available when coordinating care through one of ZERO's Personal Health Assistants.

3. All plans provide a 60-visits Therapy Visit Limitation with an in-network provider. Other in-network providers may charge a specialty fee or copay.

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# **Voluntary Benefits**

Our benefit plans are here to help you and your family live well—and stay well. But did you know that you can strengthen your coverage even further? It's true! Our voluntary benefits through Cigna are designed to complement your health care coverage and allow you to customize our benefits to you and your family's needs. The best part? Benefits from these plans are paid directly to you! Coverage is also available for your spouse and dependents.

You can enroll in these plans during Open Enrollment—they're completely voluntary, which means you are responsible for paying for coverage at affordable group rates.

#### **Accident Insurance**

Accident insurance can soften the financial impact of an accidental injury by paying a benefit to you to help cover the unexpected out-of-pocket costs related to treating your injuries. Some accidents, like breaking your leg, may seem straightforward: You visit the doctor, take an X-ray, put on a cast and rest up until you're healed. But in reality, treating a broken leg can cost up to \$7,500<sup>1</sup>. And it's not only broken limbs—an average non-fatal injury could cost you \$6,620 in medical bills<sup>2</sup>. When your medical bill arrives, you'll be relieved you have accident insurance on your side.

Click here to watch a video about how an accident plan works.

### **Cancer & Critical Illness**

Most of us don't have an extra \$7,000 ready to spend—and even if we do, we don't want to spend it on medical expenses. Unfortunately, the average cost to treat a critical illness is just that: \$7,000<sup>3</sup>. But with critical illness insurance, you'll receive a lump-sum benefit if you are diagnosed with a covered condition. You can use this benefit however you like, including to help pay for: treatments, prescriptions, travel, increased living expenses and more.

Click here to watch a video about how a critical illness plan works.

Cancer may not feel like a priority you need to worry about right now, but with almost 2 million new cases of cancer occurring in 2021<sup>4</sup>, it can (literally) pay to be prepared. The cancer indemnity plan pays a flat dollar amount to you when a covered person is diagnosed with internal cancer. Other benefits include payments made directly to you for hospital confinement, medical imaging, radiation, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, transportation and lodging. The plan also includes a cancer screening wellness benefit.

Click here to watch a video about how a critical illness plan works.

#### 1. Why health insurance is important: Protection from high medical costs. HealthCare.gov

2. Average medical cost of fatal and non-fatal injuries by type in the USA, December 2019. National Library of Medicine

MetLife Accident and Critical Illness Impact Study.

4. Cancer Facts & Figures, 2021. American Cancer Society.

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When you or a dependent need to be hospitalized, your family deserves to focus on their well-being, not the stress of the average three-day hospital stay, which can cost you \$30,000<sup>1</sup>. Hospital indemnity insurance can help reduce costs by paying you or a covered dependent a benefit to help cover your deductible, coinsurance and other out-of-pocket costs due to a covered hospitalization.

Click here to watch a video about how a hospital indemnity plan works.



# Dental

# Vision

We are proud to offer you a dental and vision plan.

### MetLife DPPO

This plan offers you the freedom and flexibility to use the dentist of your choice. However, you will maximize your benefits and lower your out-of-pocket costs if you choose a dentist who participates in the MetLife network.

The following is a high-level overview of the coverage available.

Kau Dantal Danafita	DPPO		
Key Dental Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network <sup>1</sup>	
Deductible (per calendar year)			
Individual / Family	\$50 <sup>2</sup> / \$150 <sup>2</sup>	\$50 <sup>2</sup> / \$150 <sup>2</sup>	
Benefit Maximum (per calendar year; preventive, basic and major services combined)			
Per Individual	\$2,000	\$2,000	
Covered Services	Covered Services		
Preventive Services	No charge	100% of MAC covered	
Basic Services	20%*	20%* of MAC	
Major Services	50%*	50%* of MAC	
Orthodontia (Child Only)	50%; \$750 lifetime maximum	50% of MAC	

Coinsurance percentages shown in the above chart represent what the member is responsible for paying.

\*Benefits with an asterisk (\*) require that the deductible be met before the Plan begins to pay.

- 1. If you use an out of network provider, you will be responsible for any charges above the maximum allowed charges (MAC).
- 2. Applies to basic and major services only.

# MetLife

This plan gives you the freedom to seek care from the provider of your choice. However, you will maximize your benefits and lower your out-of-pocket costs if you choose a provider who participates in the MetLife network.

The following is a high-level overview of the coverage available.

	Vision			
Key Vision Benefits	In-Network	Out-of-Network Reimbursement		
Exam (once every 12 months)	<b>\$10</b> copay	Up to \$45		
Materials Copay	\$25 copay	N/A		
Lenses (once every 12 months)				
Single Vision		Up to \$30		
Bifocal	\$25 copay	Up to \$50		
Trifocal		Up to \$65		
Frames (once every 24 months)	\$175 allowance + 20%	Up to \$70		
<b>Contact Lenses</b> (once every 12 months; in lieu of glasses)	\$175 allowance	Elective, up to \$105; Necessary, up to \$210		



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# Flexible Spending Accounts

### We provide you with an opportunity to participate in our flexible spending accounts (FSAs) administered by Wex (Discovery Benefits). FSAs allow you to set aside a portion of your income, before taxes, to pay for qualified health care and/or dependent care expenses. Because that portion of your income is not taxed, you pay less in federal income, Social Security and Medicare taxes.

### **Health Care FSA**

For 2024, you may contribute up to \$3,050 to cover qualified health care expenses incurred by you, your spouse and your children up to age 26. Some qualified expenses include:

- Coinsurance
- Copayments
- Deductibles
- Prescriptions and Over-the-Counter Drugs
- Menstrual Care Products
- Orthodontia

Dental Treatment

Eye Exams, Materials, LASIK

NOTE: If you enroll in the HSA medical plan, you may not participate in a health care FSA.

### **Dependent Care FSA**

For 2024, you may contribute up to \$5,000 (per family) to cover eligible dependent care expenses (\$2,500 if you and your spouse file separate tax returns). Some eligible expenses include:

- Care of a dependent child under the age of 13 by babysitters, nursery schools, pre-school or daycare centers
- Care of a household member who is physically or mentally incapable of caring for themselves and qualifies as your federal tax dependent

For a complete list of eligible expenses, visit

\*\*\*.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p503.pdf.

# FSA Rules YOU MUST ENROLL EACH YEAR TO PARTICIPATE.

Because FSAs can give you a significant tax advantage, they must be administered according to specific IRS rules:

**Health Care FSA:** Unused funds of up to \$610 from one year can carry over to the following year. Carryover funds will not count against or offset the amount that you can contribute annually. Unused funds over \$610 will **NOT** be returned to you or carried over to the following year.

Dependent Care FSA: Unused funds will <u>NOT</u> be returned to you or carried over to the following year.

The IRS and your employer establish the maximum amount you may contribute each year. See the plan documents for details.

# Life and AD&D

**Life insurance** provides your named beneficiary(ies) with a benefit after your death.

#### Accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) insurance

provides specified benefits to you in the event of a covered accidental bodily injury that directly causes dismemberment (i.e., the loss of a hand, foot or eye). In the event that your death occurs due to a covered accident, both the life and the AD&D benefit would be payable.

## Basic Life/AD&D (Employer-paid)

This benefit is provided at <u>NO COST</u> to you through Voya.

Benefit Amount		
Employee	3 times your base salary up to \$150,000; accidental death benefit is \$250,000. Firefighters get a flat \$10,000 in life insurance.	

## Supplemental Life/AD&D (Employee-paid)

If you determine you need more than the basic coverage, you may purchase additional coverage through Voya for yourself and your eligible family members.

	Benefit Option	Guaran- teed Issue <sup>1</sup>
Employee	\$10,000 increments; minimum of \$10,000 up to \$300,000	\$110,000
Spouse	\$5,000 increments; minimum \$5,000 up to \$150,000	\$30,000
Child(ren)	\$2,500 increments; minimum of \$2,500 up to \$10,000	\$10,000

 During your initial eligibility period only, you can receive coverage up to the Guaranteed Issue amounts without having to provide Evidence of Insurability (EOI, or information about your health). Coverage amounts that require EOI will not be effective unless approved by the insurance carrier.

Click here to watch a video about how life insurance works.

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# Disability

# **Medical GAP Insurance**

Disability insurance provides benefits that replace part of your lost income when you become unable to work due to a covered injury or illness.

#### Voluntary Short-Term Disability

Provided at an affordable group rate through Voya

Benefit Percentage	60%			
Weekly Benefit Maximum	\$1,500			
When Benefits Begin	After 7th day of disability			
Maximum Benefit Duration	25 weeks			
Long-Term Disability				
Provided at an affordable grou	p rate through Voya. The city contributes 50% towards the cost of coverage.			
Benefit Percentage	60%			
Monthly Benefit Maximum	\$6,000			
When Benefits Begin	After 180th day of disability			

Click here to watch a video about how disability insurance works.

# **Employee Assistance Program**

Life is full of challenges, and sometimes balancing them all can be difficult. We are proud to provide a confidential program dedicated to supporting the emotional health and well-being of our employees and their families. The EAP is provided at <u>NO COST</u> to you through Voya.

#### The EAP can help with the following issues, among others:

Mental health

- Substance abuse
- Relationships or marital conflicts
- Child and eldercare

- Grief and loss
- Legal or financial issues

### **EAP Benefits**

- Assistance for you and your household members
- Up to three (3) Telephonic sessions with a counselor per issue, per year, per individual

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Unlimited toll-free phone access and online resources

Medical GAP Insurance can provide benefits in tandem with your major medical plan, reimbursing you for a portion of the costs associated with your health plan's deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments. This coverage is a guaranteed issue. Separate GAP insurance options are available for the HDHP vs. the Core Plan.

# Valuable Extras

#### We also offer the following additional benefits:

- Funeral Planning, Will Prep, and Concierge Services
- Travel Assistance Program



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# **Payroll Deductions**

The City of Texas City offers a generous discount on your monthly medical premium, by following just a few simple steps:

- Level One Discount can be earned by completing an annual preventive physical screening
- Level Two Discount can be earned by then completing the online Health Risk Assessment at MyCigna.com and emailing your proof of biometric screening and preventive exam to aschmidt@texascitytx.gov before December 31, 2023.

### Medical

Coverage Tier	City Contribution	Employee (No Discount)	Employee (Level 1 Discount)	Employee (Level 2 Discount)
Cigna HDHP OAP IN				
Employee Only	\$650.48	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$30.00
Employee + Spouse	\$889.36	\$623.64	\$523.64	\$423.64
Employee + Child(ren)	\$785.61	\$583.29	\$483.29	\$383.29
Family	\$1,461.43	\$700.00	\$600.00	\$500.00
Cigna LocalPlus EPO				
Employee Only	\$708.37	\$55.00	\$45.00	\$35.00
Employee + Spouse	\$1,136.07	\$625.00	\$525.00	\$425.00
Employee + Child(ren)	\$1,027.40	\$585.00	\$485.00	\$385.00
Family	\$1,745.11	\$685.00	\$585.00	\$485.00
Cigna Core OAP IN				
Employee Only	\$683.27	\$120.00	\$100.00	\$80.00
Employee + Spouse	\$963.93	\$722.93	\$622.93	\$522.93
Employee + Child(ren)	\$853.08	\$673.13	\$573.13	\$473.13
Family	\$1,584.80	\$825.00	\$725.00	\$625.00

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# **Payroll Deductions** (Cont'd)

### Dental

Coverage Tier	Total Rate	City Contribution	Employee Contribution	
MetLife DPPO				
Employee Only	\$23.04	\$23.04	\$0.00	
Family	\$67.95	\$49.80	\$18.15	

## Vision

Coverage Tier	Total Rate	City Contribution	Employee Contribution	
MetLife Vision				
Employee Only	\$7.68	\$7.68	\$0.00	
Family	\$18.01	\$14.25	\$3.76	

### Retiree

Coverage Tier	Cigna HDHP OAP IN	Cigna LocalPlus EPO	Cigna Core OAP IN	Dental	Vision
Cigna HDHP OAP IN					
Employee Only	\$707.77	\$789.10	\$743.37	\$23.04	\$7.68
Employee + Spouse	\$1,486.32	\$1,657.11	\$1,561.07	-	-
Employee + Child(ren)	\$1,344.76	\$1,499.29	\$1,412.40	-	-
Family	\$2,123.31	\$2,367.30	\$2,230.11	\$67.95	\$18.01

## Supplemental Life/AD&D

Deductions for supplemental Life/AD&D are taken from your paycheck after taxes. Rates are available during enrollment.

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# **Contact Information**

Coverage	Carrier	Phone #	Website/Email
Medical	Cigna	1-800-244-6224	www.mycigna.com
ZERO Smart Shopper	ZERO	1-855-816-0001	www.thezerocard.com Email: help@zero.health
Medical GAP	Allstate Benefits / The Loomis Company	1-855-521-9355	www.loomislive.com
Prescription Drug Coverage	Express Scripts	1-800-711-0917	www.express-script.com
Voluntary Benefits	Cigna	1-800-754-3207	www.cigna.com/supphealthclaims
Dental	MetLife	1-800-275-4638	www.metlife.com/mybenefits
Vision	MetLife	1-855-638-3931	www.metlife.com/mybenefits
Health Savings Account (HSA) & Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs)	Discovery Benefits	1-866-451-3399	www.discoverybenefits.com
Life/AD&D	νομα	1-800-955-7736	www.voya.com/claims
Disability	νομα	1-800-955-7736	www.voya.com/claims
Employee Assistance Program (EAP)	ComPsych Guidance Resources	1-877-533-2363	www.guidanceresources.com

# **Questions?**

If you have additional questions, you may also contact:

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Anete Schmidt at 1-409-643-5912 | aschmidt@texascitytx.gov

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# CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG

Meeting Date:11/01/2023Finance Quarterly ReportSubmitted For:Laura Boyd, FinanceDepartment:Finance

Submitted By: Laura Boyd, Finance

# Information

# ACTION REQUEST

Finance Quarterly Report for quarter ended September 30, 2023.

# **BACKGROUND (Brief Summary)**

Report on the City's investment activity for the quarter July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

# RECOMMENDATION

No City Commission action is needed.

**Fiscal Impact** 

Attachments

Staff Report

# CITY OF TEXAS CITY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

The City's Investment Policy requires the Director of Finance to submit quarterly reports to the City Commission.

A summary of the transactions in the portfolio for the quarter ending September 30, 2023 are as follows:

	B		Μ	ARKET VALUE
INVESTMENTS-BEG. OF PERIOD INVESTMENT PURCHASES/ADDITIONS/TRANSFERS IN	\$	104,879,965 5,175,000	\$	101,753,570 5,175,000
INVESTMENT MATURITIES/DELETIONS/TRANSFERS OUT AMORTIZATION(PREMIUM/DISCOUNT)		(10,491,716) (7)		(10,653,065)
CHANGE IN FAIR MARKET VALUE INVESTMENTS-END OF PERIOD	Ś	-	Ś	847,642 97,123,147
Interest received quarter ending 09-30-23	\$	424,369		424,369
INVESTMENTS-END OF PERIOD PLUS	Ŷ	727,303	Ŷ	424,303
INTEREST	\$	99,987,611	\$	97,547,516

# CITY OF TEXAS CITY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

# **Portfolio Composition:**

Certificates of Deposit (CDARS)	6.176%
Bank Deposits	9.259%
Treasury Securities	9.024%
Agency Securities	75.542%

# **Benchmark Rate of Return:**

	@ 09/30/2023	@ 06/30/2023	@ 03/31/2023	@ 12/31/2022	@ 09/30/2022
1 Year Treasury Rate	5.46	5.40	4.64	4.73	4.05
6 Month T-Bill Rate	5.32	5.24	4.72	4.60	3.82
3 Month T-Bill Rate	5.32	5.17	4.68	4.30	3.22
City's Portfolio	3.61	3.57	2.10	1.49	1.32

# Weighted Average Maturity of Portfolio:

218.72 days

# **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG**

**Meeting Date:** 11/01/2023

**Submitted By:** Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary **Department:** City Secretary

## Information

ACTION REQUEST Approve City Commission Minutes for the October 18, 2023 meeting. (City Secretary)

# BACKGROUND (Brief Summary)

# RECOMMENDATION

# **Fiscal Impact**

# Attachments

Minutes

## REGULAR CALLED CITY COMMISSION MEETING

## MINUTES

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023 – 5:00 P.M. KENNETH T. NUNN COUNCIL ROOM – CITY HALL

A Regular Called Meeting of the City Commission was held on Wednesday, OCTOBER 18, 2023, at 5:00 P.M. in the Kenneth T. Nunn Council Room in City Hall, Texas City, Texas. A quorum having been met, the meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Dedrick D. Johnson.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:	Dedrick D. Johnson, Mayor
	Thelma Bowie, Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem
	Abel Garza, Jr., Commissioner At-Large
	DeAndre' Knoxson, Commissioner District 1
	Jami Clark, Commissioner District 4
Absent:	Felix Herrera, Commissioner District 2
	Dorthea Jones Pointer, Commissioner District 3

## 2. INVOCATION

Led by Pastor A. Berry of New Life Church of Texas.

## 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza, Jr.

## 4. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

## a. Service Awards

Justin Moseley	Water Distribution	10/21/2013	10 years
Christopher Rice	Water Distribution	10/07/2013	10 years
Andre Roberts	Parks & Recreation	10/05/2013	10 years
Rudolph Montoya	Public Works	10/23/2003	20 years
Edward Guerrero	Water Distribution	10/29/1998	25 years
Carolyn Golden	Library	10/13/1993	30 years

## b. Medal of Valor

Detective Larry Williamson

### Life Saving Award

Officer Irvin Cornejo Officer Adrian Martinez Officer Michael Turner Officer Logan Kelley

Detective Larry Williamson received the Medal of Valor for his swift action, which saved the life of a hostage. Officers Michael Turner, Logan Kelley, and Adrian Martinez received the Life Saving Award for rescuing a person from a burning vehicle. Officer Irvin Cornejo received the Life Saving Award for resuscitating a person by performing CPR.

c. Proclaiming October as National Physical Therapy Month.

Mayor Dedrick D. Johnson presented a proclamation to Sharon Deshotel, Physical Therapist at HCA Mainland, naming October as National Physical Therapy Month in Texas City.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie motioned to approve Consent Agenda items a, b, c. d. and e. The motion was seconded by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark.

a. Approve City Commission Minutes for the October 4, 2023 meeting. (City Secretary)

Vote: 5 - 0 CARRIED

b. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-113, authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Public Consulting Group for services related to the federally legislated ground ambulance collections data report. (Fire Department)

Vote: 5 - 0 CARRIED

c. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-114, authorizing the purchase of two (2) ancillary vehicles for use in the Fire Department and Neighborhood Improvement Services. (Fire Department)

Vote: 5 - 0 CARRIED

Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-115, authorizing the purchase of thirteen (13) vehicles, for an approximate total of \$909,863.97, to be utilized by various departments within the Texas City Police Department. (Police)

Vote: 5 - 0 CARRIED

e. Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-116, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with CFG Industries, LLC., for Bid No. 2023-438 Lift Stations 21 and 25 Rehabilitation Project. (Public Works)

# 7. REGULAR ITEMS

 Consider and take action on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-37, amending the Texas City Code of Ordinances Title XV Entitled "Land Usage," Chapter 151: Electricity; Section 151.080 Entitled "National Electrical Code Adopted: Conflicting Regulations." (Legal/Building Official)

Motion by Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza, Jr., Seconded by Commissioner District 1 DeAndre' Knoxson

Vote: 5 - 0 CARRIED

b. Consider and take action on Ordinance No. 2023-38, amending the Code of Ordinances, City of Texas City, Texas, Title III "Administration", Chapter 32 "Law Enforcement and Fire Department", Section 32.009 "Fire Department; Classes of Positions." by increasing the number of positions within the classification of Captain by five (5), increasing the number of positions within the classification of Engineers by six (6) and decreasing the number of positions within the classification of Firefighters by ten (10); prescribing the number of positions within each classification of the classified service of the Fire Department. (Fire Department)

David Zacherl, Fire Chief, stated that previously, the number of positions within the classification of Firefighter was increased by eighteen (18) in anticipation of the construction and opening of Fire Station 4, the number of positions within the classification of Captain was decreased to ten (10) with the assignment of an Engineer to Fire Marshal, a position formerly held by a Captain, and the recently approved budget for FY 23/24 authorized a Training Officer within the classification of Captain. Since then, a recent Captain Examination resulted in the Fire Marshal scoring within the top five (5). Therefore, the fire department requests to classify the Fire Marshal position as a Captain. The increase in the number within the classification of Engineers by six (6) and the three (3) additional Captains are in conjunction with the anticipated opening of Fire Station 4.

Motion by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark, Seconded by Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie

Vote: 5 - 0 CARRIED

c. Consider and take action on the first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-39, amending the Texas City Code of Ordinances Title XV Entitled "Land Usage," Chapter 150: Building Regulations; Construction" to adopt the most current International Building Codes. (Legal/Building Official)

Motion by Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza, Jr., Seconded by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark

Vote: 5 - 0 CARRIED

d. Consider and take action on the first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-40, amending the Texas City Code of Ordinances Title XV Entitled "Land Usage," Chapter 152: Gas," to adopt the most current International Building Codes. (Legal/Building Official) Motion by Commissioner District 4 Jami Clark, Seconded by Commissioner District 1 DeAndre' Knoxson

Vote: 5 - 0 CARRIED

e. Consider and take action on the first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-41, amending the Texas City Code of Ordinances Title XV Entitled "Land Usage," Chapter 153: Mechanical Regulations," to adopt the most current International Building Codes. (Legal/Building Official)

Motion by Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza, Jr., Seconded by Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie

Vote: 5 - 0 CARRIED

f. Consider and take action on the first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-42, amending the Texas City Code of Ordinances Title XV Entitled "Land Usage," Chapter 154: Plumbing," to adopt the most current International Building Codes. (Legal/Building Official)

Motion by Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie, Seconded by Commissioner District 1 DeAndre' Knoxson

Vote: 5 - 0 CARRIED

- 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION
  - a. Convene for Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code to discuss the following:

§551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property

Convened for Executive Session at 5:29 p.m.

b. Reconvene from Executive Session

Reconvened for Executive Session at 5:47 p.m.

c. Consideration and Possible Action: To take any and all action necessary deriving from the Executive Session(s).

Motion by Commissioner At-Large, Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie, Seconded by Commissioner District 1 DeAndre' Knoxson to enter into a Lease Agreement for property located at Shoal Point, as discussed in Executive Session.

Vote: 5 - 0 CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT
Having no further business, Commissioner At-Large Abel Garza, Jr. made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 5:53 p.m.; the motion was SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie. All present voted AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

DEDRICK D. JOHNSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary Date Approved:

# CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG

Meeting Date: 11/01/2023

GLO Contract No. 22-1199-003-D373 ARKK Engineers Purchase Order Change Orders **Submitted For:** Mike McKinley, Public Works Works

Department: Public Works

# Information

# ACTION REQUEST

Approval of ARKK Engineers, LLC. purchase order change orders for the City of Texas City's GLO Contract No. 22-119-003-D373 Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program Infrastructure Projects Non-Research & Development Mitigation Funding.

# BACKGROUND (Brief Summary)

As the overall amount of the grant funding did not change, the contract amendment needed only to be signed by the Mayor and Director of Finance. However, in order to make each of the four (4) engineering purchase orders match the revision requested by the GLO in their Texas Integrated Grant Reporting (TIGR) system, all four (4) individual purchase order amounts must be changed via Change Order. One of these changes is in excess of 25% of the original approved amount, and therefore, it must go before the City Commission.

Contract Amendment No. 1 with a full break down of all the changes requested, and change order is attached for your review.

# RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Public Works Department that these changes be approved.

Thank you.

**Fiscal Impact** 

Attachments

Exhibit A Resolution (6) (b)



# CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 1

# 1509.22.1

This Contract Amendment No. 1 shall amend and supplement the existing Contract between the City of Texas City and ARKK Engineers, LLC. for the "City of Texas City's GLO Contract No. 22-119-003-D373 Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program Infrastructure Projects Non-Research & Development Mitigation Funding"

The original contract was approved by City of Texas City Commission at their Commission Meeting on July 6, 2022 (Resolution No. 2022-058).

- Replace Pages 10 and 11 of 13 from Attachment 'A' of the original contract with the revised Pages 10 and 11. The fee breakdown schedule for each project area has been revised per request by the GLO in their Texas Integrated Grant Reporting (TIGR) system. The budget allocated for each project have been adjusted, but the total fee does not change.
- 2. See attached Change Order No. 1 that breaks down the adjustments for each project Purchase Order.

Approved By: **City of Texas City** 

Date:

ATTEST:

Director of Finance

#### CITY OF TEXAS CITY

#### CHANGE ORDER NO. 1

PROJECT:City of Texas City's GLO Contract No. 22-119-003-D373 Community Development<br/>Block Grant Mitigation Program Infrastructure Projects Non-Research &<br/>Development Mitigation FundingPROJECT NO.:22-038TO:ARKK Engineers, LLC<br/>7322 Southwest Freeway, Suite 1040

Houston, TX 77074

#### **DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES** 1.01 CONTRACT CHANGE AMOUNT TIME This Change Order shall amend existing ITEM No. 1 Scope: \$229,891.00 0 DAYS Purchase Order NO. 22205947-00 (see Attachment "A") and supplement the existing Contract between the City of Texas City and ARKK Engineers, LLC. for the "Moses Lake Drainage Improvements Project" funded by the CDBG Mitigation Program Infrastructure Projects Non-Research & Development Mitigation Funding - GLO Contractor No. 22-119-003-D373"

- ITEM No. 2 Scope: This Change Order shall amend existing (\$59,965.00) 0 DAYS Purchase Order NO. 22205948-00 (see Attachment "A") and supplement the existing Contract between the City of Texas City and ARKK Engineers, LLC. for the "Amburn Park Subdivision Drainage Improvements" funded the by CDBG Mitigation Program Infrastructure Projects Non-Research & Development Mitigation Funding - GLO Contractor No. 22-119-003-D373"
- ITEM No. 3 Scope:This Change Order shall amend existing(\$97,937.00)0DAYSPurchaseOrderNO.22205962-00(seeAttachment "A") and supplement the existing<br/>Contract between the City of Texas City and<br/>ARKK Engineers, LLC. for the "Southpoint<br/>Drainage Improvements Project" funded by<br/>the CDBG Mitigation Program Infrastructure<br/>Projects Non-Research & Development<br/>Mitigation Funding GLO Contractor No. 22-<br/>119-003-D373"

ITEM No. 4 Scope: This Change Order shall amend existing (\$71,989	(00.08	(\$71,989.00)	DAYS
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**Purchase Order NO. 22205963-00** (see Attachment "A") and supplement the existing Contract between the City of Texas City and ARKK Engineers, LLC. for the **"Freeway Park Drainage Improvements Project"** funded by the CDBG Mitigation Program Infrastructure Projects Non-Research & Development Mitigation Funding – GLO Contractor No. 22-119-003-D373"

JUSTIFICATION: The budget allocated for this project has been amended per the request by the GLO in their Texas Integrated Grant Reporting (TIGR) system.

TOTALS	\$0.00	0	DAYS
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#### PROJECT SUMMARY

1.02	CONTRACT PRICE SUMMARY	DOLLAR AMOUNT	PERCENT
Α.	Original Contract Price	\$2,072,041.00	100.00%
В.	Previous Change Orders	\$0.00	0.00%
С.	This Change Order	\$2,072,041.00	0.00%
D.	Final Contract Price	\$2,072,041.00	100.00%

1.03 ACCEPTANCE BY THE ENGINEER

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**ARKK Engineers, LLC** 

11/28/2022

Date

1.04 ACCEPTANCE BY THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY

City of Texas City

END OF DOCUMENT

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### ATTACHMENT "A"

PURCHASE ORDER NO.	PROJECT NAME	ORIGINAL PO AMOUNT	NEW PO AMOUNT
22205947-00	Moses Lake Drainage Improvements Project	\$756,545.00	\$986,436.00
22205948-00	Amburn Park Subdivision Drainage Improvements Project	\$380,920.00	\$320,955.00
22205962-00	Southpoint Drainage Improvements Project	\$505,388.00	\$407,451.00
22205963-00	Freeway Park Drainage Improvements Project	\$429,188.00	\$357,199.00

FEE

The fee for the services for the four (4) projects is outlined below:

# Moses Lake Drainage Improvements Project

Design Phase Services: lump sum amount of:	\$590,125.00
Geotechnical Investigation: lump sum amount of:	\$29,500.00
Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan: lump sum amount of:	\$10,000.00
Reproduction: lump sum amount of:	\$2,500.00
Traffic Control Plan: lump sum amount of:	\$10,000.00
Permitting: lump sum amount of:	\$25,000.00
Bid Phase Services - Lump Sum Amount of:	\$7,500.00
Construction Administration Services: Lump Sum Amount of:	\$ 109,309.00
Construction Observation Services: lump sum amount of:	\$172,502.00
Construction Materials Testing: lump sum amount of: <b>*TOTAL MOSES LAKE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FEE:</b>	<u>\$30,000.00</u> <b>\$986,436.00</b>

Moses Lake Drainage Improvements Project has an additional land acquisition budget of \$350,000.00

#### Amburn Park Subdivision Drainage Improvements Project

Design Phase Services: lump sum amount of:	\$139,771.00
Surveying: lump sum amount of;	\$10,000.00
Geotechnical Investigation: lump sum amount of:	\$7,000.00
Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan: lump sum amount of:	\$3,500.00
Traffic Control Plan: lump sum amount of:	\$3,500.00
Reproduction: lump sum amount of:	\$1,250.00
Bid Phase Services - Lump Sum Amount of:	\$2,000.00
Construction Administration Services: Lump Sum Amount of:	\$ 34,184.00
Construction Observation Services: lump sum amount of:	\$99,750.00
Construction Materials Testing: lump sum amount of: AMBURN PARK SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FEE:	<u>\$20,000.00</u> <b>\$320,955.00</b>

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#### Southpoint Drainage Improvements Project

Design Phase Services: lump sum amount of:	\$157,420.00
Surveying: lump sum amount of;	\$49,050.00
Geotechnical Investigation: lump sum amount of:	\$10,000.00
Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan: lump sum amount of:	\$3,000.00
Traffic Control Plan: lump sum amount of:	\$1,500.00
Reproduction: lump sum amount of:	\$1,000.00
Bid Phase Services - Lump Sum Amount of:	\$2,750.00
Construction Administration Services: Lump Sum Amount of:	\$ 38,818.00
Construction Observation Services: lump sum amount of:	\$124,750.00
Construction Materials Testing: lump sum amount of: TOTAL SOUTHPOINT DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FEE:	<u>\$19,163.00</u> <b>\$407,451.00</b>
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Southpoint Drainage Improvements Project has an additional land acquisition budget of \$250,000.00

#### Freeway Park Drainage Improvements Project

TOTAL FREEWAY PARK DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FEE:	\$357,199.00
Construction Materials Testing: lump sum amount of:	\$20,000.00
Construction Observation Services: lump sum amount of:	\$99,750.00
Construction Administration Services: Lump Sum Amount of:	\$ 38,979.00
Bid Phase Services - Lump Sum Amount of:	\$2,000.00
Reproduction: lump sum amount of:	\$1,000.00
Traffic Control Plan: lump sum amount of:	\$2,500.00
Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan: lump sum amount of:	\$2,500.00
Geotechnical Investigation: lump sum amount of:	\$10,000.00
Surveying: lump sum amount of;	\$13,000.00
Design Phase Services: lump sum amount of:	\$167,470.00

# TOTAL FEE (ALL PROJECTS approved by GLO):\$ 2,072,041.00

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-117**

### A RESOLUTION APPROVING ARKK ENGINEERS, LLC. PURCHASE ORDER CHANGE ORDERS FOR THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY'S GLO CONTRACT NO. 22-119-003-D373 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT MITIGATION PROGRAM INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS NON-RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT MITIGATION FUNDING; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID CHANGE ORDER NO. 2; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND ADOPTION.

WHEREAS, on July 6, 20122, Resolution No. 2022-058 was approved, Engineering Services Agreement with ARKK Engineers, LLC, to provide engineering and construction phase services for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program: Supplemental Program - CDBG-MIT Contract No. 22-119-003-D373, in the amount of \$2,072,041.00;

**WHEREAS**, Contract Amendment No. 1 with a full breakdown of all the changes requested, and change order is attached for your review; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department recommends that these changes be approved.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1:** That Change Order No. 1 to the agreement with ARKK Engineers, LLC, to provide engineering and construction phase services for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program: Supplemental Program - CDBG-MIT Contract No. 22-119-003-D373.

**<u>SECTION 2</u>**: That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 1.

**<u>SECTION 3</u>**: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption.

#### PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of November 2023.

Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr., Mayor City of Texas City, Texas ATTEST:

# APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rhomari D. Leigh City Secretary Kyle L. Dickson City Attorney

L: Res 11-059 Change Order No.2-DMS Painting Water Tnnk

# CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG

Meeting Date:11/01/2023Ambulance Supplemental Pay ProgramSubmitted For:David Zacherl, Fire DepartmentSubmitted By:David Zacherl, Fire DepartmentDepartment:Fire Department

# Information

# ACTION REQUEST

Consider and take action on Resolution No. 23-118, approving an extension of the agreement for professional services with Public Consulting Group, Inc. (PCG) to continue a program that provides additional revenue to the Fire Department EMS program through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Ambulance Supplemental Pay Program (ASPP).

# BACKGROUND (Brief Summary)

The City initially contracted with PCG in 2015 to assist the City with its participation in the ASPP and since then the City has received in excess of two million dollars in supplemental income to the EMS program.

On October 21, 2020, the City Commission authorized the Mayor to enter into a second agreement with Public Consulting Group, Inc. to continue providing professional services related to the ASPP through Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The 2020 three-year agreement permits an extension of the agreement for two additional twelve-month periods. This request covers the first twelve-month extension period.

# RECOMMENDATION

PCG's assistance with the City's participation in the Ambulance Supplemental Pay Program has been very helpful and financially beneficial to the City. Therefore, the Fire Chief recommends approval of the one-year extension provided for in the 2020 Agreement.

	Fiscal Impact
Funds Available Y/N	: Y
Amount Requested:	0
Source of Funds:	Ambulance Supplemental Pay Program
Account #:	
Fiscal Impact:	

The agreement is for PCG to receive 15% of the monies collected through the Ambulance Supplemental Pay Program and is paid from amount received from the ASPP. A copy of the Original Agreement is attached as Exhibit B.

Exhibit A Exhibit B Resolution

#### **RESOLUTION 23-**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT WITH PUBLIC CONSULTING GROUP, INC FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AMBULANCE SUPPLEMENTAL PAY PROGRAM DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT EMS PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND ADOPTION.

**WHEREAS**, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) allows states to establish alternative payment methodologies (Supplemental Payments) for certain classes of providers pursuant to 42 CFR 447.321, section 1902(a)(30) of the Social Security Act, and

WHEREAS, The alternative payment methodologies would supplement current Medicaid payments received by CITY, and would be based on cost reimbursement for Medicaid-eligible costs, and

**WHEREAS,** CONTRACTOR possesses professional skills that can assist CITY in analyzing and reporting costs to secure supplemental CMS payments, and

**WHEREAS**, CITY previously engaged CONTRACTOR as an independent contractor to perform certain professional services in connection with this initiative in October, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, the agreement permits two extensions of one year each by mutual consent of the Party's following the initial three year agreement, and

WHEREAS, this is the first extension requested.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1:** That the City Commission of the City of Texas City hereby authorizes the Mayor to extend the Agreement with Public Consulting Group, Inc. in substantially the same form attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made part thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of November, 2023.

Dedrick D Johnson, Mayor City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

Rhomari Leigh City Secretary APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kyle L Dickson City Attorney

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Amendment No. 1 (the "Amendment") to the Services Agreement entered by and between City of Texas City ("Client") and Public Consulting Group, Inc., successor in interest to Public Consulting Group LLC ("PCG"), as of October 21, 2020 (the "Agreement"), is made effective as of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023 ("Effective Date").

**WHEREAS**, the parties wish to amend the Agreement pursuant to Section 17 for the purpose of extending the cost report cycle;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing, the promises and mutual covenants contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

- 1. The parties agree that all references to "Public Consulting Group, Inc." are deleted and replaced with "Public Consulting Group LLC."
- 2. The parties agree that pursuant to the second paragraph of Attachment B under "Supplemental Payment Services," the Agreement is extended for one (1) additional 12 month period. PCG will provide Supplemental Payment Services for a further cost reporting period for Federal Fiscal Year 2023 (October 1, 2022- September 30, 2023). PCG will provide these services through the completion and issuance of payment from the State of Texas to CLIENT for the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 cost report, estimated to occur on or before September 30, 2024, and may be extended one (1) additional 12 month periods.
- 3. <u>Conflict in Terms</u>. Except as amended and/or modified by this Amendment, the Agreement is hereby ratified and confirmed and all other terms of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, unaltered and unchanged by this Amendment. Whether or not specifically amended by this Amendment, all of the terms and provisions of the Agreement are hereby amended to the extent necessary to give effect to the purpose and intent of this Amendment.
- 4. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision in this Amendment is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions in this Amendment shall continue in full force and effect.
- 5. <u>Waiver</u>. The failure of a party to enforce a provision of this Amendment shall not constitute a waiver with respect to that provision or any other provision of this Amendment.
- 6. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Amendment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which counterparts together shall constitute the same instrument which may be sufficiently evidenced by one counterpart.

- 7. <u>Entire Agreement; Non-Reliance</u>. The Agreement, as amended by this Amendment and by any other prior Amendments still in force, constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes any and all prior agreements, understandings or representations with respect thereto. Neither Party is relying upon any agreement or representation by the other Party except as set forth in the Agreement, as amended by this Amendment.
- 8. <u>Applicable Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue</u>. This Amendment is to be construed, interpreted, and enforced under and in accordance with the same governing law as set forth in the Agreement, without regard to choice of law provisions. The parties consent to personal jurisdiction in that state's or district's courts and waive any objection to venue.
- 9. <u>Voluntary Act/Authorship</u>: Each party acknowledges that they been provided with the opportunity to consult with and be represented by independent counsel in negotiating this Amendment. Each party represents that they have read and understand this Amendment and that they are freely and voluntarily entering into this Amendment in exchange for the consideration described herein. This Amendment shall not be construed in favor of or against either party by reason of authorship
- 10. <u>Authority</u>. Each individual signing below on behalf of a party hereby represents and warrants that they have full power and authority to enter into this Amendment on behalf of such party. Each party to this Amendment hereby represents and warrants that it has full power and authority to enter into this Amendment, that the execution, delivery, and performance of this Amendment has been fully authorized and approved, and that no further approvals or consents are required to bind such party.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement by the signatures of their respective authorized representatives.

### PUBLIC CONSULTING GROUP LLC

### CITY OF TEXAS CITY

By:	
Title:	
Date:	

By: Dedrick D. Johnson Title: Mayor Date:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 20-103**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PUBLIC CONSULTING GROUP, INC FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AMBULANCE SUPPLEMENTAL PAY PROGRAM DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT EMS PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND ADOPTION.

WHEREAS, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) allows states to establish alternative payment methodologies (Supplemental Payments) for certain classes of providers pursuant to 42 CFR 447.321, section 1902(a)(30) of the Social Security Act, and

WHEREAS, The alternative payment methodologies would supplement current Medicaid payments received by CITY, and would be based on cost reimbursement for Medicaid-eligible costs, and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR possesses professional skills that can assist CITY in analyzing and reporting costs to secure supplemental CMS payments, and

WHEREAS, CITY wishes to engage CONTRACTOR as an independent contractor to perform certain professional services in connection with this initiative.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1:** That the City Commission of the City of Texas City hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the Agreement with Public Consulting Group, Inc. in substantially the same form attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** and made part thereof.

**SECTION 2:** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of October 2020.

Matthew T. Doyle, Mayor City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

Rhomari D. Leigh

City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kyle L. Dickson City Attorney

#### SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Services Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between Public Consulting Group, Inc. ("PCG") and City of Texas City, Texas ("CLIENT") as of October 21, 2020. ("Effective Date").

WHEREAS, CLIENT is seeking Supplemental Payment Program and Other Consulting Services for Emergency Medical Services, and

WHEREAS, PCG possesses professional skills that can assist CLIENT; and

WHEREAS, CLIENT wishes to engage PCG as an independent contractor to perform certain professional services for CLIENT;

**THEREFORE**, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is acknowledged, PCG and CLIENT hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Description of Services. PCG will provide the professional services assigned by CLIENT and more fully described in Attachment A (the "Contracted Services"). PCG acknowledges and agrees that time is of the essence in the value of the Contracted Services, and shall render such Contracted Services in a prompt and diligent manner.
- 2. Term. This Agreement will be effective from the Effective Date until additional Medicaid revenues are generated and received for the service periods outlined in Attachment A and Attachment B, unless this Agreement is terminated earlier pursuant to Section 4 or extended by written agreement of the parties. Unless otherwise specified by CLIENT in writing, PCG will provide the Contracted Services for the full duration of this Agreement.
- 3. Compensation. CLIENT will compensate PCG pursuant to the provisions contained in Attachment B and this Section 3, and unless the parties agree otherwise in writing, will not pay PCG any other benefits, expenses, or compensation.
  - a. CLIENT will compensate PCG within thirty (30) days following the receipt of itemized billing statements from PCG that satisfactorily describe the hours and dates that PCG performed the Contracted Services, the services performed, and any expenses incurred.
  - **b.** Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, other than termination for cause, PCG will be entitled to receive compensation for Contracted Services satisfactorily provided prior to the effective date of termination.
- 4. Termination. The term of this Agreement is set forth in Section 2. The Agreement may be terminated before the end of the term pursuant to the following subsections of this Section 4. Termination of this Agreement will not discharge the obligations of the parties with respect to the protection of Proprietary or Confidential Information.

- a. Termination for Cause: This Agreement may be terminated immediately by either party:
  - i. Following a material breach of this Agreement and a failure to cure such breach within a reasonable period after written notice, not to exceed ten (10) business days.
  - ii. If either party files a petition under any chapter of the Bankruptcy Act, 11
    U.S.C. §§ 101 et seq., an involuntary petition under that Act is filed against either party, a party commences an action in any country under laws providing for the relief of winding up of insolvent or liquidating persons or entities, or files for the appointment of a receiver or becomes insolvent, and such matters are not discharged or relieved within sixty (60) days; or
  - iii. Debarment or suspension of either party by competent authority, if such debarment or suspension precludes the participation by such party in pursuing this Agreement, or indictment of either party in any criminal proceeding related to doing business with a public entity as a prime contractor or subcontractor.
- b. Termination for Convenience: This Agreement may be terminated for convenience by either party at any time upon sixty (60) days' written notice to the other. If CLIENT terminates this Agreement for convenience prior to the completion or submission of a cost report, PCG shall invoice CLIENT, and CLIENT shall compensate PCG, at an hourly rate of \$250 for the time PCG expended in preparing such cost report. If CLIENT terminates this Agreement for convenience after the submission of a cost report, but prior to payment being received, the parties agree that the compensation provisions, including those in Attachment B, shall survive termination of the Agreement, and CLIENT shall timely compensate PCG pursuant to those provisions.
- 5. Notices and Contact Persons. Any notices, requests, consents and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be effective either when delivered personally to the party for whom intended, e-mailed with an acknowledgment of receipt, or five days following deposit of the same into the United States mail (certified mail, return receipt requested, or first class postage prepaid), addressed to such party at the address set forth below, who shall serve as Contact Persons unless replaced by a party by written notice to the other party:

#### For PCG:

Public Consulting Group, Inc. 148 State Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Boston, MA 02109 Attn: James Dachos (jdachos@pcgus.com)

### For CLIENT:

City of Texas City, Texas 1725 25<sup>th</sup> St. N. Texas City, TX 77590 Attn: Wendell Wiley (wwiley@texascitytx.gov) David Zacherl (dzacherl@texascitytx.gov)

- 6. PCG Representation. PCG represents that it is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in transactions by any federal, state, or local governmental authority. PCG shall immediately notify CLIENT regarding the circumstances if this representation becomes no longer accurate during the term of this Agreement.
- 7. Standards of Conduct. PCG shall comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and standards of ethical conduct in the performance of this Agreement.

#### 8. Relationship of the Parties

- **a.** The parties agree that PCG is an independent contractor, and that neither it nor any of its employees is an employee, agent, partner, or joint-venturer of CLIENT.
- b. PCG shall secure and maintain all insurance, licenses, and/or permits necessary to perform the Contracted Services. PCG shall be responsible for paying its employees, and for paying all applicable state and federal taxes including unemployment insurance, social security taxes, and state and federal withholding taxes. PCG understands that neither it nor its employees will be eligible for benefits or privileges provided by CLIENT to its employees. CLIENT will deliver to PCG statements of income at the end of each tax year consistent with its independent contractor status.
- c. Except as may be otherwise provided in this Agreement, PCG has complete and exclusive authority over the means and methods of performing the Contracted Services, need not adhere to policies and procedures applicable to CLIENT employees, and may perform the Contracted Services according to its own schedule at its own offices or at any other location. PCG shall hire its own employees, use its own tools and equipment, and purchase its own supplies.
- **d.** PCG has no authority to and shall not purport to bind, represent, or speak for CLIENT or otherwise incur any obligation on behalf of CLIENT for any purpose unless expressly authorized by CLIENT.
- e. At CLIENT's written request, PCG shall provide to CLIENT: (i) its federal employer tax identification number; and (ii) copies of any applicable business licenses.

- 9. Record Maintenance. With respect to all records of any kind that PCG acquires or creates for purposes of performing the Contracted Services, PCG shall not knowingly destroy records that are required to be preserved by law and shall maintain project records in an orderly manner.
- 10. Insurance. PCG shall maintain during the term of this Agreement such insurance, including general liability and worker's compensation insurance, as will fully protect both CLIENT and PCG from claims that may arise from PCG's performance of the Contracted Services.
- Assignment. This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent may not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement may be assigned by either party: (i) to one of its affiliates or subsidiaries; or (ii) in connection with a merger, consolidation, sale of all of the equity interests of the party, or a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the party to which this Agreement relates.
- 12. **Proprietary or Confidential Information.** For purposes of fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement, one party (the "Disclosing Party") may convey to the other party (the "Receiving Party") information that is considered proprietary and confidential to the Disclosing Party.
  - a. "Proprietary or Confidential Information" is defined as information including but not limited to trade secrets, strategies, financial information, sales information, pricing information, strategies, processes, policies, procedures, operational techniques, software, and intellectual property that (i) has not previously been published or otherwise disclosed by the Disclosing Party to the general public, (ii) has not previously been available to the Receiving Party or others without confidentiality restrictions, or (iii) is not normally furnished to others without compensation, and which the Disclosing Party wishes to protect against unrestricted disclosure or competitive use. Proprietary or Confidential Information does not include information that, without a breach of this Agreement, is developed independently by the Receiving Party, or that is lawfully known by the Receiving Party and received from a source that was entitled to have the information and was not bound to the Disclosing Party by any confidentiality requirement.
  - **b.** The Receiving Party shall hold Proprietary or Confidential Information in strict confidence, in perpetuity, and shall use and disclose such information to its employees only for purposes of this Agreement and the Contracted Services.
  - c. The Receiving Party shall not divulge any such Proprietary or Confidential Information to any employee who is not working on matters relating to this Agreement and the Contracted Services, without the prior written consent of the Disclosing Party.

- **d.** The Receiving Party shall use at least the same standard of care for protecting Proprietary or Confidential Information that it uses to prevent disclosure of its own proprietary or confidential information, but in no case less than reasonable care.
- e. Nothing in this Agreement prohibits the Receiving Party from disclosing Proprietary or Confidential Information pursuant to a lawful order of a court or government agency, but only to the extent of such order, and only if the Receiving Party gives immediate notice of such order to the Disclosing Party in order that the Disclosing Party may seek a protective order or take other action to protect the information that was ordered to be disclosed.
- f. Rights and obligations under this Agreement shall take precedence over specific legends or statements that may be associated with Proprietary or Confidential Information when received.
- g. The parties agree that the Disclosing Party would suffer irreparable harm hereunder if Proprietary or Confidential Information were improperly released, conveyed, or transferred by a Receiving Party, and that in such situation the Disclosing Party shall be entitled to, in addition of any other remedies, the entry of injunctive relief and specific performance.
- h. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, each party shall cease use of Proprietary or Confidential Information received from the other party. At the request of the Disclosing Party, the Receiving Party shall promptly destroy all physical copies of such information in its possession, custody, or control and shall furnish the Disclosing Party with written certification of such destruction within thirty (30) days of such request. Alternatively, if the Disclosing Party fails to provide such a written request to the Receiving Party within ten (10) days of the termination or expiration of this Agreement, the Receiving Party shall return all such physical copies of such information to the Disclosing Party. If return is not practicable, the Receiving Party shall so notify the Disclosing Party and shall keep such information secure and confidential in perpetuity.
- 13. Intellectual Property. Neither party makes any representation or warranty as to the accuracy or completeness of its Proprietary or Confidential Information disclosed under this Agreement. PCG guarantees that its use or creation of any intellectual property under this Agreement does not infringe upon the intellectual property rights of any third party.
- 14. Conflicts of Interest. The parties understand that PCG is not required to perform the Contracted Services on a full-time basis for CLIENT and may perform services for other individuals and organizations consistent with the limitations in this Agreement.
- 15. Waiver. The failure of a party to enforce a provision of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver with respect to that provision or any other provision of this Agreement.

- 16. Entire Agreement. This Agreement (including the attachments) constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter of the Contracted Services, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, both written and oral. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any separate written agreement between the parties regarding the confidentiality and security of information exchanged or used by the parties for purposes of this Agreement shall be effective unless and until it is specifically terminated.
- 17. Amendment. This Agreement may be amended only by written agreement of the parties, signed by authorized representatives and referencing this Agreement.
- 18. Severability. If any provision in this Agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions in this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.
- 19. Applicable Law and Venue. This Agreement, and all other aspects of the business relationship between the parties, is construed, interpreted, and enforced under and in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, without regard to choice of law provisions. The parties also consent to the personal jurisdiction in its courts, and agree that the state and federal courts of Suffolk County, Massachusetts shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the enforcement of this Agreement.

#### 20. Miscellaneous

- a. EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THIS AGREEMENT, PCG DOES NOT MAKE ANY WARRANTY WITH RESPECT TO THE CONTRACTED SERVICES, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AND SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES, WHETHER OF MERCHANTABILITY, SUITABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR OTHERWISE FOR SAID CONTRACTED SERVICES.
- b. NEITHER PARTY SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER ANY INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, PUNITIVE OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SUCH DAMAGES ARISING FROM ANY TYPE OR MANNER OF COMMERCIAL, BUSINESS, OR FINANCIAL LOSS, EVEN IF THE OTHER PARTY HAD ACTUAL OR CONSTRUCTIVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES AND REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH DAMAGES WERE FORESEEABLE. OTHER THAN A CLAIM BY PCG THAT CLIENT HAS NOT PAID COMPENSATION UNDER SECTION 3, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL EITHER PARTY'S AGGREGATE LIABILITY TO THE OTHER PARTY UNDER THIS AGREEMENT EXCEED AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE TOTAL FEES PAID BY CLIENT TO PCG PURSUANT TO SECTION 3 OF THIS AGREEMENT DURING THE PRIOR TWELVE (12) MONTH

PERIOD.

- c. The parties agree that the terms of this Agreement result from negotiations between them. This Agreement will not be construed in favor of or against either party by reason of authorship.
- d. Neither party shall be responsible for delays or failures in performance resulting from acts of God, acts of civil or military authority, terrorism, fire, flood, strikes, war, epidemics, pandemics, shortage of power, or other acts or causes reasonably beyond the control of that party. The party experiencing the force majeure event agrees to give the other party notice promptly following the occurrence of a force majeure event, and to use diligent efforts to re-commence performance as promptly as commercially practicable.
- e. The captions and headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and are not intended to, and shall not be construed to, limit, enlarge, or affect the scope or intent of this Agreement. nor the meaning of any provisions hereof.
- f. Each party represents that: (i) it has the authority to enter into this Agreement; and (ii) that the individual signing this Agreement on its behalf is authorized to do so.

### [signature page follows]

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the parties have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date written above.

PUBLIC	CONSULTING GROUP, INC.	CITY OF	TEXAS CITY, TEXAS
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NAME:	Marc Staubley	NAME:	MANNEN T. Doyle
TITLE:	Practice Area Director	TITLE:	Mayor
DATE:	10/6/2020	DATE:	10/21/2020

#### ATTACHMENT A CONTRACTED SERVICES

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, PCG shall provide the following Contracted Services:

#### Cost Report Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program Services

PCG will work with CLIENT to analyze and report costs for Medicaid, Uninsured, and Charity Care, that will help CLIENT realize revenue related to an Ambulance Services Supplemental Payment Program as administered by the State of Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).

PCG's services will include:

- Conducting a thorough review of operational and administrative costs to determine 2 CFR Part 200 allowable costs to report on a cost report approved by HHSC.
- Conducting comprehensive analysis of the billing reports, ensuring that key data elements such as dates of service, procedure codes, charges and payments related to Medicaid, Uninsured, and Charity Care are screened and accurately accounted for in the cost report.
- Developing and applying appropriate cost allocation methodologies using the utilization data produced by CLIENT's Computer Aided-Dispatch (CAD) system.
- Submitting annual cost reports approved by HHSC, on behalf of CLIENT to HHSC that will allow CLIENT to realize incremental revenue under the Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program,
- Refining the cost reports and/or other items of cost based on the review from HHSC and/or CMS.
- Providing Medicaid subject matter expertise and representation during the HHSC review and approval of the submitted cost reports.
- Drafting responses, providing supporting documentation, and conducting comprehensive billing reconciliations as required during HHSC desk review process.
- Working with CLIENT to present updates and status reports to client's administrative body or other interested parties within the community, as necessary, to help educate and inform them on the progress of this initiative.
- Acting as a liaison between HHSC and CLIENT to address any questions and keep CLIENT informed on changes in state and federal regulations.

### Medicaid Average Commercial Rate Supplemental Payment Program Services

PCG will work with CLIENT to analyze and calculate average commercial rate data that will help CLIENT receive funds related to the Enhanced Reimbursements for Qualifying Publicly Owned Ground Emergency Ambulance Service Providers, as administered by HHSC. Upon approval, this program will allow for Average Commercial Rate reimbursement for Medicaid fee for service and Medicaid managed care transports.

PCG will perform the following services to ensure that CLIENT will maximize reimbursement while mitigating audit risk.

- Working on behalf of CLIENT to receive approval of the program by HHSC and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), including:
  - Drafting Medicaid state plan and Medicaid preprint forms to facilitate HHSC and CMS approval.
  - Reviewing Medicaid state plan amendment materials and changes to the Texas Administrative Code to ensure program requirements are developed in the best interests of CLIENT.
  - o Drafting responses to requests for additional information from HHSC and CMS.
  - Providing representation in meetings with HHSC leadership on behalf of CLIENT to obtain program approval.
- Completing the application to enroll CLIENT in the program.
- Preparing fiscal impact analysis and presenting results to CLIENT to demonstrate the benefits of the program.
- Providing support and education to CLIENT's leadership on intergovernmental transfer (IGT) funding requirements.
- Preparing draft contract documents to facilitate average commercial rate reimbursement with Medicaid managed care organizations.
- Assisting with contracting efforts with Medicaid managed care organizations.
- Collecting average commercial billing data to complete payment calculations, including:
  - Verifying commercial carrier data to ensure appropriate inclusion of payment rates.
  - Determining which payment model is most advantageous to CLIENT, for example an overall payment per transport or per procedure code payment model.
  - o Analyzing claims data to determine the total payment per transport.
  - Excluding certain transports that are not emergent in nature.
- Completing the rebasing of the average commercial rate survey.
- Analyzing and verifying commercial rate data to validate payment receipts, including pulling remits from commercial payments to validate payment levels.

- Conducting comparative analysis to identify significant quarter to quarter trends in billing and financial data.
- Providing comprehensive audit support, including but not limited to conducting reviews of all average commercial rate calculations, performing detailed analysis of billing reports generated by HHSC to ensure that all allowable charges and payments are encompassed in the calculation of the supplemental payment, and drafting letters and providing supporting documentation to meet Medicaid requirements and expedite supplemental payments.
- Providing ongoing technical assistance on programmatic and policy issues related to the Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program.

#### **Other Consulting Services**

At request of CLIENT, and agreement on scope of services and pricing, PCG will provide other consulting services, including the following:

- Medicare Ground Ambulance Cost Data Collection Consulting Services
  - Standard: Training and Help Desk Support
    - Medicare Cost Survey training via secure web-based portal with access to individual training modules for each survey component;
    - Data compilation guidance and automated tools to facilitate data collection and cost survey preparation; and
    - Dedicated help desk support, up to five scheduled hours.
  - Professional: Training, Help Desk Support, and Detailed Desk Review
    - Medicare Cost Survey training via secure web-based portal with access to individual training modules for each survey component;
    - Data compilation guidance and automated tools to facilitate data collection and cost survey preparation;
    - Dedicated help desk support, up to five scheduled hours;
    - Detailed desk review of the Medicare Cost Survey and supporting documentation with summary of findings;
    - Analysis of costs in comparison to "like-sized" departments;
    - Written report of findings with recommendations, areas of concern, and considerations; and
    - Scheduled conference call to walk through desk review results, cost analysis, and recommendations.

#### • EMS Consulting Services

- o Conducting fire/EMS department management and operational efficiency studies.
- Performing EMS system studies.
- o Developing fire department and EMS feasibility studies.
- o Completing cost of service and rate analysis studies for EMS systems.

# • Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) Consulting Services

- Guiding the ET3 application and submission process.
- Developing the ET3 strategy and formulating ET3-like multi-payer model.
- Developing, tracking and reporting quality metrics to CMS
- Providing ongoing project management for successful ET3 participation.

#### ATTACHMENT B COMPENSATION

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, CLIENT shall compensate PCG as follows:

#### SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT SERVICES

All revenue due to CLIENT from the Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program shall be paid in full directly to CLIENT from the STATE OF TEXAS ("payer"). Within 30 days after CLIENT receives payment from payer, PCG will invoice CLIENT in full for all professional services performed by PCG for the client to realize revenue from the Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program. In consideration of the professional services to be performed by PCG, CLIENT shall pay PCG for services performed a fee of **fifteen (15) percent** of all revenues realized by CLIENT as a result of the services performed under this Agreement.

The term for services to be performed by PCG under this **3 year** Agreement will include the cost reporting cycle, including cost report preparation and subsequent payment from the State of Texas, for the cost reporting period for Federal Fiscal Year 2020 (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020), Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021), and Federal Fiscal Year 2022 (October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022). PCG will provide contracted services through the completion and issuance of payment from the State of Texas to clients for the Federal Fiscal Year 2022 cost report, estimated to occur on or before September 30, 2023, and maybe extended two (2) additional 12 month periods.

#### **MEDICARE GROUND AMBULANCE COST DATA COLLECTION SERVICES**

If CLIENT chooses to retain PCG for Medicare Ground Ambulance Cost Data Collection Services, CLIENT shall compensate PCG for the Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection Contracted Services set forth in Attachment A as follows:

- If CLIENT selects Standard level support, the fee will be \$2,500.
- If CLIENT selects Professional level support, the fee will be \$10,000.

#### EMS CONSULTING SERVICES

Compensation and Term to be negotiated and agreed upon with CLIENT.

#### ET3 CONSULTING SERVICES

Compensation and Term to be negotiated and agreed upon with CLIENT.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-118**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT WITH **PUBLIC** CONSULTING GROUP, INC FOR **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE** FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AMBULANCE SUPPLEMENTAL PAY PROGRAM DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT EMS PROGRAM; AND **PROVIDING** THAT THIS **RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND ADOPTION.** 

**WHEREAS**, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) allows states to establish alternative payment methodologies (Supplemental Payments) for certain classes of providers pursuant to 42 CFR 447.321, section 1902(a)(30) of the Social Security Act, and

WHEREAS, The alternative payment methodologies would supplement current Medicaid payments received by CITY, and would be based on cost reimbursement for Medicaid-eligible costs, and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR possesses professional skills that can assist CITY in analyzing and reporting costs to secure supplemental CMS payments, and

**WHEREAS**, CITY previously engaged CONTRACTOR as an independent contractor to perform certain professional services in connection with this initiative in October, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, the agreement permits two extensions of one year each by mutual consent of the Party's following the initial three year agreement, and

WHEREAS, this is the first extension requested.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1:** That the City Commission of the City of Texas City hereby authorizes the Mayor to extend the Agreement with Public Consulting Group, Inc. in substantially the same form attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** and made part thereof.

**<u>SECTION 2</u>**: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of November 2023.

Dedrick D. Johnson, Mayor City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rhomari D. Leigh City Secretary Kyle L. Dickson City Attorney

### **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG**

Meeting Date:11/01/20232023 Employee Christmas Gift CardsSubmitted For:Jennifer Price, Human ResourcesSubmitted By:Susan Sensat, Human ResourcesDepartment:Human Resources

# Information

# ACTION REQUEST

Approving the purchase of 462 Visa gift cards in the amount of \$50.00 each to be given to the City Employees (full time and part-time), as an incentive for continued outstanding customer service and performance. (Human Resources)

# BACKGROUND (Brief Summary)

The total cost for the cards is \$23,100.00 which includes 462 cards at \$50.00 each, plus a \$1.50 per card activation charge of \$693.00. Shipping cost is unknown. This is an annual item and is budgeted. The cards are given prior to Christmas to all full time and part-time employees with over a year of service.

### RECOMMENDATION

Consider approving.

**Fiscal Impact** 

Attachments

Resolution

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-119**

#### A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF 462 VISA GIFT CARDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50.00 EACH, TO BE GIVEN TO CITY EMPLOYEES (FULL AND PART-TIME), AS AN INCENTIVE FOR CONTINUED OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE AND PERFORMANCE; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND ADOPTION.

**WHEREAS,** the City requests approval of the purchase of 462 Visa Gift Cards in the amount of \$50.00 each, to be given to City Employees (full and part-time), as an incentive for continued outstanding customer service and performance.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1:** That the City Commission of the City of Texas City, Texas, hereby approves the purchase of 462 Visa Gift Cards in the amount of \$50.00 each, to be given to City Employees (full and part-time), as an incentive for continued outstanding customer service and performance.

**SECTION 2:** The cost for the cards is \$23,100.00, which includes 462 cards at \$50.00 each, plus a \$1.50 per card activation charge and additional shipping fees.

**SECTION 3:** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption.

#### PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of November 2023.

Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr., Mayor City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

#### APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rhomari D. Leigh City Secretary Kyle L. Dickson City Attorney

# **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG**

Meeting Date:11/01/2023Ratify submission of PRO Housing Grant Application to HUDSubmitted For:Titilayo Smith, Community Development/ Grant AdminSubmitted By:Titilayo Smith, Community Development/ Grant AdminDepartment:Community Development/ Grant Admin

# Information

# ACTION REQUEST

Ratify the submission of the application to HUD for the PRO Housing Grant.

# BACKGROUND (Brief Summary)

HUD will provide PRO Housing grants to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Grantees may use awards to further develop, evaluate, and implement housing policy plans, improve housing strategies, and facilitate affordable housing production and preservation. Eligible applicants are local and state governments, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and multijurisdictional entities.

HUD has six goals for this competition:

· Fairly and effectively award the PRO Housing grant funding

• Elevate and enable promising practices dedicated to identifying and removing barriers to affordable housing production and preservation, while preventing displacement

• Institutionalize state and local analysis and implementation of effective, equitable, and resilient approaches to affordable housing production and preservation

• Provide technical assistance to help communities better fulfill the Consolidated Plan's requirement of identifying barriers to affordable housing and implementing solutions to address those barriers

• Affirmatively further fair housing by addressing and removing barriers that perpetuate segregation, barriers that inhibit access to well-resourced areas of opportunity for protected class groups and vulnerable populations, and barriers that concentrate affordable housing in under-resourced areas.

Applicable Goals and Objectives from HUD's Strategic Plan

1. Strategic Goal 1: Support Underserved Communities

Fortify support for underserved communities and support equitable community development for all people.

2. 1A: Advance Housing Justice

Fortify support for vulnerable populations, underserved communities, and Fair Housing enforcement.

3. 1B: Reduce Homelessness

Strengthen Federal, State, Tribal, and community implementation of the Housing First approach to reducing the prevalence of homelessness, with the ultimate goal of ending homelessness.

4. 1C: Invest in the Success of Communities

Promote equitable community development that generates wealth-building for underserved

communities, particularly for communities of color.

5. Strategic Goal 2: Ensure Access to and Increase the Production of Affordable Housing Ensure housing demand is matched by adequate production of new homes and equitable access to housing opportunities for all people.

6. 2A: Increase the Supply of Housing

Enhance HUD's programs that increase the production and supply of housing across the country.

7. Strategic Goal 3: Promote Homeownership

Promote Homeownership opportunities, equitable access to credit for purchase and improvements, and wealth-building in underserved communities.

8. 3A: Advance Sustainable Homeownership

Advance the deployment of tools and capital that put sustainable homeownership within reach. 9. Strategic Goal 4: Advance Sustainable Communities

Advance sustainable communities by strengthening climate resilience and energy efficiency, promoting environmental justice, and recognizing housing's role as essential to health.

10. 4A: Guide Investment in Climate Resilience

Invest in climate resilience, energy efficiency, and renewable energy across HUD programs. 11. 4B: Strengthen Environmental Justice

Reduce exposure to health risks, environmental hazards, and substandard housing, especially for low-income households and communities of color.

Applicable goals from the City of Texas City's 2023 Action Plan

1. Improve Presentation of Low- to Mod-Areas

- 2. Improve Condition of Housing Stock
- 3. Provide Housing Assistance
- 4. Administration/Planning

# RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Director of Community Development & Grants Administration that the Commission ratify the submission of this application on behalf the City of Texas City to further the City's mission to provide decent and affordable housing to low and moderate-income citizens.

**Fiscal Impact** 

Attachments

Notice of Funding Opportunity Resolution


# **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

Community Planning and Development

Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) FR-6700-N-98 10/30/2023

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Community Planning and Development

**Funding Opportunity Title:** Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) **Funding Opportunity Number:** 

FR-6700-N-98

**Assistance Listing Number (formerly CFDA Number):** 14.023

**Due Date for Applications:** 10/30/2023

#### **OVERVIEW**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issues this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to invite applications from eligible applicants for the program and purpose described within this NOFO. You, as a prospective applicant, should carefully read all instructions in all sections to avoid sending an incomplete or ineligible application. HUD funding is highly competitive. Failure to respond accurately to any submission requirement could result in an incomplete or noncompetitive proposal.

In accordance with <u>Title 24 part 4, subpart B</u> of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), during the selection process (which includes HUD's NOFO development and publication and concludes with the award of assistance), HUD is prohibited from disclosing covered selection information. Examples of impermissible disclosures include: 1) information regarding any applicant's relative standing; 2) the amount of assistance requested by any applicant; and 3) any information contained in the application. Prior to the application deadline, HUD may not disclose the identity of any applicant or the number of applicants that have applied for assistance.

For further information regarding this NOFO, direct questions regarding the specific requirements of this NOFO to the agency contact identified in section VII.

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement.** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501- 3520) (PRA), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the information collection requirements in this NOFO. HUD may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid OMB control number. This NOFO identifies its applicable OMB control number, unless its collection of information is excluded from these requirements under <u>5 CFR part 1320</u>.

#### OMB Approval Number(s): 2506-0220

### I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

#### A. Program Description

#### 1. Purpose

Communities nationwide are suffering from a lack of affordable housing, and housing production is not meeting the increasing demand for accessible and available units in many urban and rural areas, particularly areas of high opportunity. Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) empowers communities that are actively taking steps to remove barriers to affordable housing and seeking to increase housing production and lower housing costs for families over the long term.

Barriers to affordable housing can be caused by zoning decisions, land use policies, or regulations; inefficient procedures; gaps in available resources for development; deteriorating or inadequate infrastructure; lack of neighborhood amenities; or challenges to preserving existing housing stock such as increasing threats from natural hazards, redevelopment that reduces the number of affordable units, or expiration of affordability requirements.

Across the United States, regulatory and other barriers have made it difficult to produce, preserve, and access affordable housing. Constrained supply drives up housing costs and this reduces affordability over the long term. According to American Community Survey estimates in 2021, 39.3 million households (20.9 million renters and 18.4 million homeowners) have been classified as "cost-burdened," spending more than 30 percent of their income on housing. When broken down by race, Black families face affordability challenges as homeowners and renters more than any other race/ethnic group, spending between 30 to 50 percent of their income on housing. In Puerto Rico, cost-burdened households face severe affordability challenges, spending between 50 to 90 percent of their income on housing. Limited access to housing has long-term effects on access to opportunity and ability to build generational wealth, especially for underserved communities of color and low-income people. Affordability challenges and the lack of affordable housing supply further increase eviction pressures and likelihood of homelessness for low-income people.

HUD is issuing this NOFO under the authority of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328, approved December 29, 2022) (Appropriations Act), which appropriates \$85 million for competitive grant funding for the identification and removal of barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Congress has directed HUD to undertake a competition using the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) statutory and regulatory framework. Under this NOFO, HUD will provide PRO Housing grants to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Grantees may use awards to further develop, evaluate, and implement housing policy plans, improve housing strategies, and facilitate affordable housing production and preservation. Eligible applicants are local and state governments, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and multijurisdictional entities.

HUD has six goals for this competition:

- Fairly and effectively award the PRO Housing grant funding
- Elevate and enable promising practices dedicated to identifying and removing barriers to affordable housing production and preservation, while preventing displacement
- Institutionalize state and local analysis and implementation of effective, equitable, and resilient approaches to affordable housing production and preservation
- Provide technical assistance to help communities better fulfill the Consolidated Plan's requirement of identifying barriers to affordable housing and implementing solutions to address those barriers
- Affirmatively further fair housing by addressing and removing barriers that perpetuate segregation, barriers that inhibit access to well-resourced areas of opportunity for protected class groups and vulnerable populations, and barriers that concentrate affordable housing in under-resourced areas.

• Facilitate collaboration and harness innovative approaches from jurisdictions, researchers, advocates, and stakeholders.

HUD will prioritize applicants that demonstrate: (1) progress and a commitment to overcoming local barriers to facilitate the increase in affordable housing production and preservation; and (2) an acute demand for housing affordable to households with incomes below 100 percent of the area median income. If applicable, proposals should also explain how the funds would be used to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing by expanding access to housing opportunities in well-resourced areas for protected class groups. HUD will also prioritize applicants that demonstrate a commitment and ability to identify and remove barriers to (1) expanding affordable housing in a manner that would promote desegregation; (2) expanding affordable housing in well-resourced areas of opportunity for protected class groups that have systematically been denied equitable access to such areas; or (3) deconcentrating affordable housing and increasing housing choice. HUD encourages applications that incorporate a discussion of key barriers related to land-use regulations, permitting, or related procedural issues. HUD further encourages applicants to outline and discuss how their proposed activities will advance equity, locate affordable accessible housing near transit and bolster access to services and opportunities, increase community resilience and mitigate the effects of natural and environmental hazards, and develop and preserve affordable housing in accordance with input from community members and other stakeholders.

As with all CDBG assistance, the priority is to serve low- and moderate-income people.

PRO Housing grantees must administer the PRO Housing grant in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing, which means taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, to overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics. Specifically, affirmatively furthering fair housing means taking meaningful actions that, taken together, address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunities, replacing segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns, transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws.

# 2. HUD and Program-Specific Goals and Objectives

This NOFO supports <u>HUD's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years (FY) 2022-2026</u> to accomplish HUD's mission and vision. Each of the five goals in the <u>Strategic Plan</u> include what HUD hopes to accomplish, the strategies to accomplish those objectives, and the indicators of success. However, of the five goals only those applicable to this NOFO are identified below.

You are expected to align your application to the applicable strategic goals and objectives below. Use the information in this section to describe in your application the specific goals, objectives, and measures that your project is expected to help accomplish. If your project is selected for funding, you are also expected to establish a plan to track progress related to those goals, objectives, and measures. HUD will monitor compliance with the goals, objectives, and measures in your project.

# Applicable Goals and Objectives from HUD's Strategic Plan

# 1. Strategic Goal 1: Support Underserved Communities

Fortify support for underserved communities and support equitable community development for

all people.

# 2. 1A: Advance Housing Justice

Fortify support for vulnerable populations, underserved communities, and Fair Housing enforcement.

# 3. 1B: Reduce Homelessness

Strengthen Federal, State, Tribal, and community implementation of the Housing First approach to reducing the prevalence of homelessness, with the ultimate goal of ending homelessness.

# 4. 1C: Invest in the Success of Communities

Promote equitable community development that generates wealth-building for underserved communities, particularly for communities of color.

5. Strategic Goal 2: Ensure Access to and Increase the Production of Affordable Housing Ensure housing demand is matched by adequate production of new homes and equitable access to housing opportunities for all people.

### 6. 2A: Increase the Supply of Housing

Enhance HUD's programs that increase the production and supply of housing across the country.

# 7. Strategic Goal 3: Promote Homeownership

Promote homeownership opportunities, equitable access to credit for purchase and improvements, and wealth-building in underserved communities.

### 8. 3A: Advance Sustainable Homeownership

Advance the deployment of tools and capital that put sustainable homeownership within reach.

# 9. Strategic Goal 4: Advance Sustainable Communities

Advance sustainable communities by strengthening climate resilience and energy efficiency, promoting environmental justice, and recognizing housing's role as essential to health.

### 10. 4A: Guide Investment in Climate Resilience

Invest in climate resilience, energy efficiency, and renewable energy across HUD programs.

### 11. **4B: Strengthen Environmental Justice**

Reduce exposure to health risks, environmental hazards, and substandard housing, especially for low-income households and communities of color.

# 3. Changes from Previous NOFO

Not applicable

### 4. Definitions

a. Standard Definitions

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) means taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination to overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics. Specifically, affirmatively furthering fair housing means taking meaningful actions that, taken together, address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunities, replacing segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns, transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws. The duty to affirmatively further fair housing extends to all program participant's activities and programs relating to housing and urban development.

Assistance Listing number refers to the unique number assigned to each Federal assistance program publicly available in the Assistance Listing, which is managed and administered by the General Services Administration. The Assistance Listing number was formerly known as the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number.

Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) is a person authorized to legally bind your organization and submit applications via Grants.gov. The AOR is authorized by the E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) in the System for Award Management (see E-Biz POC definition). An AOR may include an Expanded AOR and/or a Standard AOR.

*Expanded Authorized Organization Representative* is a user in Grants.gov who is authorized by the E-Biz POC to perform the functions of a Standard AOR, initiate and submit applications on behalf of your organization, and is allowed to modify organization-level settings and certifications in Grants.gov.

*Standard Authorized Organization Representative* is a user in Grants.gov who is authorized by the E-Biz POC to initiate and submit applications in Grants.gov. A Grants.gov user with the Standard AOR role can only submit applications when they are a Participant for that workspace.

**Consolidated Plan** is the document submitted to HUD that serves as the comprehensive housing affordability strategy, community development plan, and submission for funding under any of the Community Planning and Development formula grant programs (e.g., CDBG, ESG, HOME, and HOPWA). This Plan is prepared in accordance with the process described in 24 CFR part 91. This plan is completed by engaging in a participatory process to assess their affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions, and to make data-driven, place-based investment decisions with funding from formula grant programs. (See 24 CFR part 91 for HUD's requirements regarding the Consolidated Plan and related Action Plan).

**Contract** means, for the purpose of Federal financial assistance, a legal instrument by which a recipient or subrecipient purchases property or services needed to carry out the project or program under a federal award. For additional information on contractor and subrecipient determinations, see <u>2 CFR 200.331</u>.

Contractor means an entity that receives a contract as defined above and in <u>2 CFR 200.1</u>.

Cooperative agreement has the same meaning defined at <u>2 CFR 200.1</u>.

**Deficiency**, with respect to the making of an application for funding, is information missing or omitted within a submitted application. Examples of deficiencies include missing documents, missing or incomplete information on a form, or some other type of unsatisfied information requirement. Depending on specific criteria, a deficiency may be either Curable or Non-Curable.

*A Curable Deficiency* is missing or incomplete application information that may be corrected by the applicant with timely action. To be curable, the deficiency must:

- Not be a threshold requirement, except for documentation of applicant eligibility;
- Not influence how an applicant is ranked or scored versus other applicants; and
- Be remedied within the time frame specified in the notice of deficiency.

*A Non-Curable Deficiency* is missing or incomplete application information that cannot be corrected by an applicant after the submission deadline. A non-curable deficiency is a

deficiency that is a threshold requirement, or a deficiency that, if corrected, would change an applicant's score or rank versus other applicants. If an application includes a non-curable deficiency, the application may receive an ineligible determination, or the non-curable deficiency may otherwise adversely affect the application's score and final funding determination.

**E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC)** is an organization applicant who is responsible for the administration and management of grant activities for his or her organization. The E-Biz POC is likely to be an organization's chief financial officer or authorizing official. The E-Biz POC authorizes representatives of their organization to apply on behalf of the organization (see Authorized Organization Representative definition). There can only be one E-Biz POC per unique entity identifier (see definition of Unique Entity Identifier below).

**Eligibility requirements** are mandatory requirements for an application to be eligible for funding.

**Environmental Justice** means investing in environmental improvements, remedying past environmental inequities, and otherwise developing, implementing, and enforcing laws and policies in a manner that advances environmental equity and provides meaningful involvement for people and communities that have been environmentally underserved or overburdened, such as Black and Brown communities, indigenous groups, and individuals with disabilities. This definition does not alter the requirements under HUD's regulations at <u>24 CFR 58.5(j)</u> and <u>24</u> <u>CFR 50.4(1)</u> implementing <u>Executive Order 12898</u>. E.O. 12898 requires a consideration of how federally assisted projects may have disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and/or low-income populations. For additional information on environmental review compliance, refer to:

https://www.hud.gov/program\_offices/comm\_planning/environment\_energy/regulations.

**Equity** has the meaning given to that term in Section 2(a) of Executive Order <u>13985</u> and means the consistent and systematic fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals, including individuals who belong to underserved communities that have been denied such treatment, such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality.

**Federal Award**, has the meaning, depending on the context, in either paragraphs (1) or (2) of this definition:

(1)

(a) The Federal financial assistance that a recipient receives directly from a Federal awarding agency or a subrecipient receives indirectly from a pass-through entity, as described in <u>2 CFR 200.101</u>; or

(b) The cost-reimbursement contract under the Federal Acquisition Regulations that a non- Federal entity receives directly from a federal awarding agency or indirectly from a pass- through entity, as described in 2 CFR 200.101.

(2) The instrument setting forth the terms and conditions. The instrument is the grant agreement, cooperative agreement, other agreement for assistance covered in paragraph (2)

of the definitions of Federal financial assistance in <u>2 CFR 200.1</u>, and this NOFO, or the costreimbursement contract awarded under the Federal Acquisition Regulations.

(3) Federal award does not include other contracts that a Federal agency uses to buy goods or services from a contractor or a contract to operate Federal Government owned, contractor operated facilities (GOCOs).

(4) See also definitions of Federal financial assistance, grant agreement, and cooperative agreement in 2 CFR 200.1.

Federal Financial Assistance has the same meaning defined at <u>2 CFR 200.1</u>.

**Grants.gov** is the website serving as the Federal government's central portal for searching and applying for Federal financial assistance throughout the Federal government. Registration on Grants.gov is required for submission of applications to prospective agencies unless otherwise specified in this NOFO.

**Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)** are any historically Black college or university that was established prior to 1964, whose principal mission was, and is, the education of Black Americans, and that is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association determined by the Secretary of Education to be a reliable authority as to the quality of training offered or is, according to such an agency or association, making reasonable progress toward accreditation. <u>A list of accredited HBCUs can be found at the U.S. Department of Education's website</u>.

# Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) are

(1) a part B institution (as defined in <u>20 U.S.C. 1061</u>);

(2) a Hispanic-serving institution (as defined in <u>20 U.S.C. 1101(a)(5)</u>);

(3) a Tribal College or University (as defined in <u>20 U.S.C. 1059c</u>);

(4) an Alaska Native-serving institution or a Native Hawaiian-serving institution (as defined in <u>20 U.S.C. 1059d(b)</u>);

(5) a Predominantly Black Institution (as defined in <u>20 U.S.C. 1059e</u>);

(6) an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving institution (as defined in 20 U.S.C. 1059g); or

(7) a Native American-serving nontribal institution (as defined in 20 U.S.C. 1059f).

**Non-Federal Entity (NFE)** means a state, local government, Indian tribe, Institution of Higher Education (IHE), or non-profit organization that carries out a federal award as a recipient or subrecipient.

**Primary Point of Contact (PPOC)** is the person who may be contacted with questions about the application submitted by the AOR. The PPOC is listed in item 8F on the SF-424.

**Racial Equity** is the elimination of racial disparities, and is achieved when race can no longer predict opportunities, distribution of resources, or outcomes – particularly for Black and Brown persons, which includes Black, Latino, indigenous, Native American, Asian, Pacific Islander, and other persons of color.

**Recipient** means an entity, usually but not limited to non-Federal entities, that receives a federal award directly from HUD. The term recipient does not include subrecipients or individuals that are beneficiaries of the award.

**Resilience** is a community's ability to minimize damage and recover quickly from extreme events and changing conditions.

**Small business** is defined as a privately-owned corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship that has fewer employees and less annual revenue than regular-sized business. The definition of "small"—in terms of being able to apply for government support and qualify for preferential tax policy—varies by country and industry. The U.S. Small Business Administration defines a small business according to a set of standards based on specific industries. See <u>13 CFR Part 121</u>.

**Subaward** means an award provided by a pass-through entity to a subrecipient for the subrecipient to carry out part of a federal award received by the pass-through entity. It does not include payments to a contractor or payments to an individual that is a beneficiary of a Federal program. A subaward may be provided through any form of legal agreement, including an agreement that the pass-through entity considers a contract.

**Subrecipient** means an entity, usually but not limited to non-Federal entities, that receives a subaward from a pass-through entity to carry out part of a federal award but does not include an individual that is a beneficiary of such award. A subrecipient may also be a recipient of other federal awards directly from a federal awarding agency.

**System for Award Management (SAM)** is the Federal Repository into which an entity must provide information required for the conduct of business as a recipient. Registration with SAM is required for submission of applications via Grants.gov. You can access the website at <u>https://www.sam.gov/SAM/</u>. There is no cost to use SAM.

**Threshold Requirements** are eligibility requirements that must be met for an application to be reviewed, rated, and ranked. Threshold requirements are not curable, except for documentation of applicant eligibility, which are listed in Section III.D., Threshold Eligibility Requirements. Similarly, there are eligibility requirements under Section III.E., Statutory and Regulatory Requirements Affecting Eligibility.

**Underserved Communities** has the meaning given to that term in Section 2(b) of Executive Order <u>13985</u> and refers to populations sharing a particular characteristic, as well as geographic communities, that have been systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic, social, and civic life, as exemplified by the list in the definition of "equity" above.

**Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)** means the identifier assigned by SAM to uniquely identify business entities. As of April 4, 2022, the Federal government has transitioned from the use of the DUNS Number to the use of UEI, as the primary means of entity identification for Federal awards government-wide.

b. Program Definitions.

For the purposes of the PRO Housing program, the following definitions of key terms apply. As needed, other definitions related to specific thresholds and rating factors will be provided in those sections of the NOFO. All definitions in Section 102 of the Housing and Community

Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5302) and in 24 CFR 570.3 apply except as indicated below.

**Affordable Housing.** HUD recognizes that Federal, state, local, and nonprofit housing financial assistance programs apply a range of specific affordable housing definitions. Further, the CDBG program regulations and the Consolidated Plan regulations do not define affordable housing; grantees must meet affordability requirements applicable to specific programs. Also, CDBG-assisted housing activities must demonstrate benefit to income-qualified households to meet the CDBG low- and moderate-income national objective. However, for the purposes of this PRO Housing competition, consistent use of one definition may assist applicants and reviewers, so HUD will expect that any rating factor responses relying on a definition of affordable housing will apply, at a minimum, the HOME program standards to affordable housing as defined in 24 CFR 92.252(a), (e), and (f) for rental housing and 24 CFR 92.254 (a)(1)-(4) for homeownership.

**CDBG** means the annual Community Development Block Grant program as authorized by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), and its regulations as codified in 24 CFR Part 570.

**Local government** shall have the same meaning as "unit of general local government" in section 102(a)(1) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974: This term "local government" includes entitlement CDBG grantees and non-entitlement communities.

**Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)** shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 8 of the Federal Transit Act of 1991 at 23 U.S.C. 134(b).

**Multijurisdictional entity** refers to any association of local governments or public agencies which are bound by collective agreement (such as a memorandum of understanding, joint powers authority, interstate compact, or the like), such that HUD determines that the entity is authorized and has administrative capability to carry out the activities under this NOFO on behalf of its member jurisdiction(s).

**State government** shall have the same meaning as "State" in section 102(a)(1) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5302).

**Transit-oriented development (TOD)** creates dense, walkable, and mixed-use spaces near transit that support vibrant, sustainable, and equitable communities. TOD projects include a mix of commercial, residential, office, and entertainment land uses. Equitable TOD includes a strategy for both preserving existing affordable housing and ensuring an adequate supply of new affordable housing.

### **B.** Authority

The funding for PRO Housing under this NOFO is provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328, approved December 29, 2022) (Appropriations Act). The program authority for PRO Housing is Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) and the Appropriations Act.

#### **II. AWARD INFORMATION**

#### A. Available Funds

Funding of approximately **\$85,000,000** is available through this NOFO.

Additional funds may become available for award under this NOFO consistent with Section VI.A.2.e., Adjustments to Funding. Use of these funds is subject to statutory constraints. All awards are subject to the funding restrictions contained in this NOFO.

#### **B.** Number of Awards

HUD expects to make approximately 20 awards from the funds available under this NOFO.

#### C. Minimum/Maximum Award Information

Estimated Total Funding: \$85,000,000 Minimum Award Amount: \$1,000,000 Per Project Period

Maximum Award Amount: \$10,000,000 Per Project Period

#### **D.** Period of Performance

Estimated Project Start Date: 01/31/2024 Estimated Project End Date: 09/30/2029 Length of Project Periods: Other

Length of Periods Explanation of Other: 6 year period of performance

#### **E.** Type of Funding Instrument

Funding Instrument Type:

G (Grant)

#### **III. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION**

#### A. Eligible Applicants

00 (State governments)

01 (County governments)

02 (City or township governments)

25 (Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification))

#### **Additional Information on Eligibility**

Other eligible applicants include Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Multijurisdictional Entities. Refer to the Program Definitions in Section I.A to review how these terms are defined in the PRO Housing program.

#### **B. Ineligible Applicants**

HUD will not award grants to individuals or any entity that does not meet the criteria above.

HUD will not evaluate applications from ineligible applicants.

### **C.** Cost Sharing or Matching

This Program does not require cost sharing or matching, but provides points based on leverage as described below.

HUD will award points under Rating Factor d. (Leverage) for applications that propose qualified financial leverage and provide the required firm commitments and/or supporting documentation to support each source of financial leverage. Applicants must secure and use all financial leverage by the end of the period of performance. Grantees may use other Federal sources as financial leverage only if a program's authorizing statute permits such use. Recipients will also report on any leveraged funds received and used in association with this application.

# **D.** Threshold Eligibility Requirements

Applicants who fail to meet any of the following threshold eligibility requirements are deemed ineligible. Applications from ineligible applicants are not rated or ranked and will not receive HUD funding.

### 1. Resolution of Civil Rights Matters

Outstanding civil rights matters must be resolved before the application submission deadline. Applicants with unresolved civil rights matters at the application deadline are deemed ineligible. Applications from ineligible applicants are not rated or ranked and will not receive HUD funding.

a. An applicant is ineligible for funding if the applicant has any of the charges, cause determinations, lawsuits, or letters of findings referenced in subparagraphs (1) - (5) that are not resolved to HUD's satisfaction before or on the application deadline date for this NOFO.

(1) Charges from HUD concerning a systemic violation of the Fair Housing Act or receipt of a cause determination from a substantially equivalent state or local fair housing agency concerning a systemic violation of a substantially equivalent state or local fair housing law proscribing discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), national origin, disability or familial status;
(2) Status as a defendant in a Fair Housing Act lawsuit filed by the United States alleging a pattern or practice of discrimination or denial of rights to a group of persons raising an issue of general public importance under 42 U.S.C. 3614(a);

(3) Status as a defendant in any other lawsuit filed or joined by the Department of Justice, or in which the Department of Justice has intervened, or filed an amicus brief or statement of interest, alleging a pattern or practice or systemic violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the Americans with Disabilities

Act, Violence Against Women Act, or a claim under the False Claims Act related to fair housing, non-discrimination, or civil rights generally including an alleged failure to affirmatively further fair housing;

(4) Receipt of a letter of findings identifying systemic non-compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; Violence Against Women Act; or the Americans with Disabilities Act; or

(5) Receipt of a cause determination from a substantially equivalent state or local fair housing agency concerning a systemic violation of provisions of a state or local law prohibiting discrimination in housing based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or lawful source of income.

b. HUD will determine if actions to resolve the charge, cause determination, lawsuit, or letter of findings taken before the application deadline date will resolve the matter. Examples of actions that may be sufficient to resolve the matter include, but are not limited to:

(1) Current compliance with a voluntary compliance agreement signed by all the parties;
(2) Current compliance with a HUD-approved conciliation agreement signed by all the parties;

(3) Current compliance with a conciliation agreement signed by all the parties and approved by the state governmental or local administrative agency with jurisdiction over the matter;

(4) Current compliance with a consent order or consent decree;

(5) Current compliance with a final judicial ruling or administrative ruling or decision; or(6) Dismissal of charges.

#### 2. Timely Submission of Applications

Applications submitted after the deadline stated within this NOFO that do not meet the requirements of the grace period policy are marked late. Late applications are ineligible and are not considered for funding. See Section IV. D. Application Submission Dates and Times.

### 3. Eligible Applicant

Applicants must be an eligible applicant in accordance with Section III.A of this NOFO and must identify which type of eligible applicant they are in their application.

Multijurisdictional entities must demonstrate partnership among all parties. The parties may demonstrate a partnership by attaching relevant documentation, such as a memorandum of understanding or another foundational document (such as a CDBG joint agreement between an urban county and a metropolitan city or a HOME consortium agreement), to an application.

#### 4. Number of Applications

a. An eligible applicant may submit only one application.

b. If HUD receives electronically multiple versions of an application, HUD will review the last version of the application received by Grants.gov that meets the timely receipt requirements. All other applications (i.e., prior versions) will not be considered eligible. If applicants find, after submitting an application, that they want to amend or adjust their

application and it is prior to the deadline date, applicants **must resubmit the entire application** to ensure that HUD gets a complete application.

### E. Statutory and Regulatory Requirements Affecting Eligibility

# Eligibility Requirements for Applicants of HUD's Financial Assistance Programs

The following requirements affect applicant eligibility. Detailed information on each requirement is found in the <u>"Eligibility Requirements for Applicants of HUD's Financial</u> Assistance Programs" document on HUD's Funding Opportunities page.

- Universal Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM.gov) Requirements
- Outstanding Delinquent Federal Debts
- Debarments or Suspensions, or both
- Mandatory Disclosure Requirement
- Pre-selection Review of Performance
- Sufficiency of Financial Management System
- False Statements
- Prohibition Against Lobbying Activities

In addition, each applicant under this NOFO must have the necessary processes and systems in place to comply with the Award Term in Appendix A of 24 CFR part 170 if the applicant receives an award, unless an exception applies as provided in 2 CFR 170.110.

#### F. Program-Specific Requirements

1. **National objectives.** Each activity, other than general administration and planning, proposed to be carried out with PRO Housing assistance must meet a CDBG national objective pursuant to section 101(c) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974:

a. Benefiting low- and moderate-income persons,

b. Preventing or eliminating slums or blight, or

c. Meeting other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs

### 2. Eligible activities.

a. Each proposed activity must be eligible pursuant to section 105(a) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and applicable program regulations at 24 CFR part 570, as applied and modified by this NOFO, or receive an eligibility waiver for the activity, requested in the application. Applicants may submit a waiver request pursuant to Appendix A (Waiver Requests) of this NOFO. HUD does not guarantee that it will grant such waivers, but it will evaluate any request prior to determining whether to award funds for an application. Please note that PRO Housing funds can be used for new construction of affordable accessible housing. HUD is waiving 42 U.S.C. 5305(a) and 24 CFR 570.207(b)(3) and adopting alternative requirements to the extent necessary to permit new construction of housing, subject to the same requirements that apply to

rehabilitation activities under the provisions at section 105(a)(4) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4)) and 24 CFR 570.202(b).

b. Eligible activities must identify and seek to remove one or more barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Additionally, each proposed activity must do one or more of the following:

- i. Further develop, evaluate, and implement housing policy plans
- ii. Improve housing strategies
- iii. Facilitate affordable housing production and preservation

c. Eligible activities may include, but are not limited to, the following:

**i. Planning and policy activities supporting affordable housing.** Grantees may use PRO Housing funds to develop proposals for planning and policy activities that support affordable housing production and preservation. Grantees may not fund the general conduct of government, as described in Section III.F.3.e. Examples include but are not limited to:

A. Developing or updating housing plans, community development strategies, and zoning and land use policies such as overlays to encourage multifamily and mixeduse development or access to affordable housing, floating zones (such as redevelopment, workforce housing, or live/work zones in high opportunity areas), incentive zoning, transit-oriented development zones, or ordinances to encourage housing development or preservation

B. Developing or updating housing plans, community development strategies, and zoning and land use policies to simplify, streamline, or change overlays that create a barrier to affordable housing development or preservation, such as architectural review or historic preservation overlays

C. Developing proposals for new by-right permitting procedures to streamline affordable housing development and reduce discretionary approvals

D. Developing new incentive programs for affordable housing development

E. Expanding existing affordable housing incentive programs to wider geographies, including high-opportunity neighborhoods

F. Developing proposals to reduce or eliminate requirements related to parking, building height, lot coverage, setbacks, minimum unit size, minimum lot size, floor area ratio, and other common land use controls

G. Establishing incentive programs or flexibilities to enable and promote the adaptive reuse of vacant or underutilized properties for housing or mixed-use development H. Developing proposals to streamline and modernize local permit processing, such

as by enabling one-stop or parallel-process permitting

I. Developing proposals to streamline or eliminate requirements that unduly delay the permitting process or establish unreasonable thresholds for approvals, such as duplicative and burdensome hearings and documentation for variances, rezonings, or similar planning approvals

J. Developing proposals to rezone to allow multifamily or mixed-use development including housing in office, commercial, and light industrial zones

K. Developing proposals to expedite approvals for affordable housing development that meets certain criteria

L. Developing proposals for higher-density zoning for current single-family and multi-family zones, including rezones to allow duplexes, triplexes, or fourplexes byright in all areas zoned primarily for single-family homes and encourage property owners to ensure that any infill development improves or maintains walkability M. Establishing incentive programs, designing pre-approved floorplans, or introducing more flexible zoning to enable and promote accessory dwelling units N. Developing proposals to replace discretionary design review procedures with

objective design and development standards

O. Developing proposals to eliminate restrictions on lower-cost housing types such as prefabricated or manufactured homes

P. Developing proposals to update zoning or incentives to facilitate affordable housing on land owned by faith-based organizations

Q. Developing proposals to restructure fee schedules to eliminate burdensome costs for affordable housing development

R. Creating affordable housing planning resources for member jurisdictions

S. Developing regional planning models that enhance location efficiency by focusing on connecting housing, transportation, and economic growth

T. Providing affordable housing developers a first look at tax sale properties and other government properties

U. Developing proposals to eliminate, subsidize, waive, or otherwise reduce fees or other costs of property subdivision that may discourage the construction of affordable housing

V. Developing proposals for policies that incentivize mixed-income development, such as the inclusion of affordable units in market rate properties

W. Developing proposals to reform building codes, including through adopting or modifying model codes or consensus standards, to facilitate more affordable housing or otherwise reduce construction costs

X. Developing proposals to harmonize land-use policies or building codes among adjoining municipalities and facilitate consistent regional development standards that streamline housing development

ii. Development activities. Examples include:

A. Financing the construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing

B. Acquisition or disposition of land or real property for the development of affordable housing

C. Facilitating the conversion of commercial or other properties to new housing

D. Establishing or assisting a community development financial institution (CDFI) to carry out financing strategies

E. Providing large-scale technical assistance to affordable or non-profit developers, community land trusts, or other entities which leads to the development of affordable housing

iii. Infrastructure activities. Examples include:

A. Installing new utilities and/or infrastructure improvements necessary for the development or preservation of affordable housing

B. Upgrading existing utilities or improvements to increase an area's overall capacity

for new housing

C. Establishing tax-increment financing districts to fund infrastructure improvements or affordable housing development, especially those that incentivize affordable housing development

D. Increasing community resilience by investing in infrastructure improvements and nature-based solutions to mitigate the impacts of disasters, natural hazards, and extreme weather (such as flood walls, green stormwater management systems, landscaping to reduce heat islands, and elevating existing structures), for the preservation of affordable housing and to make areas suitable for new affordable housing investment.

E. Investing in neighborhood amenities that benefit low-and-moderate income residents such as parks, community centers, bike lanes and improvements to the physical environment that increase public safety such as streetlights or sidewalks

#### iv. Preservation activities. Examples include:

A. Acquisition or subsidization of at-risk housing for the purpose of preserving affordability

B. Establishing loan or grant programs with affordability requirements or other mechanisms for rehabilitation of existing affordable housing units

C. Creating anti-displacement policies and prevention measures, such as limitations on property tax increases for low-income homeowners near new development, ensuring the affordability of new developments, and relocation assistance

D. Creating a right of first refusal and creating associated resources for tenants at risk of displacement

E. Incentivizing replacement of affordable units for new construction

F. Capacity building for non-profit entities seeking to pool resources, engage landlords regionally, work more cooperatively, undertake joint housing rehabilitation programs, or merge operations

G. Establishing an affordable housing preservation seed fund

H. Adaptive reuse of historic or commercial properties with minimum affordable housing requirements/set-asides.

I. Supporting shared housing through actions such as revising local occupancy regulations, rehabilitating units, establishing resident-matching programs, or similar activities

J. Creating an implementation plan to freeze property tax assessments for LMI homeowners (except that the grant may not be used to pay the balance)

K. Providing technical assistance to community land trusts or other entities which leads to the preservation of affordable housing

L. Providing homebuyer education, assistance, appraisal programs, and other educational programs for LMI residents

M. Preserving affordable housing in segregated, high poverty neighborhoods as part of a larger revitalization plan which improves conditions and eliminates disparities in access to opportunity between residents

d. Scope of impact. Competitive proposals will seek to remove the most significant barriers to unlocking affordable housing production and pursue area-wide benefits across a neighborhood, zoning district, station area, city, region, State, or similar geographic area, rather than smaller reforms or changes that may be limited in scope or geography. HUD encourages applications that will demonstrate scope of impact through incorporating a focus on barrier elimination related to land-use regulations, permitting, or related procedural issues.

#### 3. Ineligible activities. Activities that are ineligible for PRO Housing funding include:

a. Any activity that does not meet a national objective, as applicable.

b. Any activity that is not eligible under section 105(a) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, applicable implementing regulations, and this NOFO unless a waiver is obtained from HUD.

c. Any activity that is not in compliance with applicable fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and environmental review requirements.

d. Any activity carried out on or before the date of the letter announcing the award of the grant, except that you may use grant funds, should you receive an award, to reimburse PRO Housing eligible costs of grant application preparation, including planning and public outreach activities. Note that a CDBG grantee may choose to use annual CDBG funds to assist in applying for other federal grant programs if the grantee certifies that the program would meet local community development objectives, including under this NOFO.

e. Any activity to carry out the regular responsibilities of the unit of general local government or for buildings or portions thereof used for the general conduct of government. Applicants should plan their approaches accordingly to ensure that PRO Housing award funds are not used for such costs. Grantees may and are encouraged to use leverage funding for such unallowable costs.

f. Any activity that results in a net decrease in allowable or actual housing construction. Rezoning efforts and development activities must ensure a net increase in zoned capacity or number of homes, respectively, to be considered for funding. HUD will not consider upzoning efforts which are accompanied by downzoning elsewhere, or managed retreat projects or development activities if they will not result in an increase in affordable housing units. HUD may make an exception to this requirement for a relocation or buyout program that is identified as a strategy for mitigation from an environmental or natural hazard (e.g., flood prevention, remediation from contaminants).

**4. Waivers.** For information about all waivers HUD is providing for the PRO Housing competition, applicants should refer to Section VI.E of this NOFO. For information about how to request additional waivers, refer to Appendix A of this NOFO.

**5. Amendments.** Post-award, all requests for amendments to the application must be submitted to HUD. HUD will review and approve or disapprove any requested amendment that is a substantial amendment. Substantial amendments are changes that affect the responses to the rating factors and include but are not limited to a change in program benefit, beneficiaries, or eligibility criteria; the allocation or re-allocation of more than ten percent of the award; or the addition or deletion of an activity. Subsequent to HUD's review and approval, a grantee may substantially amend the Application if it follows the same public participation requirements in this NOFO for the preparation and submission of an Application and HUD agrees in writing that the amended Application would still score in the fundable range for the competition. Prior to preparation and submission of any post-award

amendment, the grantee is encouraged to work with its HUD representative to ensure the proposed change is consistent with this NOFO, and all applicable regulations and Federal law.

### **Advancing Racial Equity**

In accordance with Executive Order <u>13985</u>, *Executive Order On Advancing Racial Equity and* Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government, and federal fair housing and civil rights laws, you must submit a narrative demonstrating the following:

- You analyzed the racial composition of the persons or households who are expected to benefit from your proposed grant activities;
- You identified any potential barriers to persons or communities of color equitably benefiting from your proposed grant activities;
- You detailed the steps you will take to prevent, reduce or eliminate these barriers; and
- You have measures in place to track your progress and evaluate the effectiveness of your efforts to advance racial equity in your grant activities.

Note that any actions taken in furtherance of this section must be consistent with federal nondiscrimination requirements.

Applicants should provide this narrative in the Soundness of Approach factor, section V.A.1.b.iv.

# Affirmative Marketing

You must submit a narrative demonstrating that the housing, services, or other benefits provided under this grant will be affirmatively marketed broadly throughout the local area and nearby areas to any demographic groups that would be unlikely or least likely to apply absent such efforts. Such demographic groups may include, for example, Black and Brown persons or communities, individuals with limited English proficiency, individuals with disabilities, or families with children. Such activities may include outreach through community contacts or service providers or at community centers serving the target population; and marketing on websites, social media channels, television, radio, and print media serving local members of the targeted group. Documentation for this factor consists of a narrative describing the activities that will fulfill the factor requirements.

Applicants who propose to use PRO Housing grant resources to fund activities directly producing or preserving housing units should provide this narrative in the Soundness of Approach factor, section V.A.1.b.iv.

# G. Criteria for Beneficiaries.

Except as described in this NOFO and its appendices, statutory and regulatory provisions governing the CDBG program, including Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and 24 CFR part 570, shall apply to the use of these funds. For CDBG entitlement communities, multijurisdictional entities, and metropolitan planning organizations, regulatory provisions at 24 CFR part 570 subparts A, C, D, J, K, and O apply, as appropriate. For states, 24 CFR part 570 subpart I applies; however, Section VI.E of this NOFO waives the requirement for states to distribute funds through a method of distribution as is required for annual State CDBG funds.

### IV. APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

#### A. Obtain an Application Package

#### **Instructions for Applicants**

All application materials, including the Application Instructions and Application Package, are available through Grants.gov. You must access and review all available application materials. You must submit your application electronically via Grants.gov under the Funding Opportunity Number cited within this NOFO. Your application must list the applicable Funding Opportunity Number.

You can request a waiver from the requirement for electronic submission, if you demonstrate good cause. An example of good cause may include: a lack of available Internet access in the geographic area in which your business offices are located. However, lack of SAM registration or valid UEI is not a good cause. If you cannot submit your application electronically, you must ask in writing for a waiver of the electronic grant submission requirements. HUD will not grant a waiver if you fail to submit to HUD in writing or via email a request for a waiver at least 15 calendar days before the application deadline. If HUD grants a waiver, a paper application must be received before the deadline for this NOFO. To request a waiver, you must contact:

Name: Jessie H. Kome Email: CDBG-PROHousing@hud.gov HUD Organization: CPD Street: 451 7th Street SW, Room 7282 City: Washington State: DC DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Zip: 20410

#### **B.** Content and Form of Application Submission

You must verify that boxes 11, 12, and 13 on the SF-424 match the NOFO for which you are applying. If they do not match, you have downloaded the wrong Application Instruction and Application Package.

Submission of an application that is otherwise sufficient, under the wrong Assistance Listing and Funding Opportunity Number is a Non-Curable Deficiency, unless otherwise stated under the Threshold requirements section.

#### 1. Content

Forms/Assurances/Certifications	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)	Review section IV.G. of this NOFO for detailed submission requirements.	
Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications (HUD 424-B)	Review section IV.G. of this NOFO for detailed submission requirements.	
Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report (HUD 2880)	Review section IV.G. of this NOFO for detailed submission requirements	
Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)	Review section IV.G. of this NOFO for detailed submission requirements.	Federally recognized Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) established by federally recognized Indian tribes as a result of the exercise of the tribe's sovereign power are excluded from coverage of the Byrd Amendment, but state-recognized Indian tribes and TDHEs established only under state law shall comply with this requirement.
Certification Regarding Lobbying (Lobbying Form)	Review section IV.G. of this NOFO for detailed submission requirements.	
Federal Assistance Assurances	Review section IV.G.	

Forms/Assurances/Certifications	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
	of this NOFO for detailed submission requirements.	
Grant Application Detailed Budget Worksheet (424-CBW)	Review section IV.G. of this NOFO for detailed submission requirements.	
PRO Housing Certifications	Refer to Appendix B of this NOFO.	

Additionally, your complete application must include the following narratives and non-form attachments.

### 2. Format and Form

Narratives and other attachments to your application must follow the following format guidelines. Do not submit password protected or encrypted files.

40 Pages maximum length of narratives

Other

The narrative shall be 12-point (minimum) Times New Roman font on letter sized paper ( $8\frac{1}{2}x$  11 inches) with at least 1-inch margins on all sides

**Instructions on Application Organization and Content.** The following provides instructions on the organization and content of your application. All narrative exhibits, attachments, and forms are required to be submitted in your application unless otherwise indicated. Review the Threshold Eligibility Requirements in Section III.D, Other Submission Requirements in Section IV.G, and the Review Criteria in Section V.A for details about what should be submitted. <u>Please be advised that not providing information clearly and consistently, and/or not providing exhibits and attachments in accordance with the instructions and documentation requirements in this NOFO, may negatively impact HUD's ability to determine if your application not being able to be scored and ranked or a lower score. Please also only submit documents that are required to respond to a threshold requirement and/or rating factor. HUD forms required by this NOFO are provided in the application package download at <u>http://www.grants.gov/</u>. The list of narrative exhibits and attachments is provided below, along with instructions for each.</u>

(1) **Table of Contents.** Provide a table of contents matching the submission requirements of this section.

(2) Narrative Exhibits. The narrative exhibits required in your applications are as follows:

#### **Exhibit A Executive Summary.**

**Exhibit B Threshold Requirements and Other Submission Requirements**. Review and provide a narrative response, as necessary, to the Threshold Eligibility Requirements in Section III.D and Other Submission Requirements in Section IV.G **Exhibit C Need**. Review and provide a narrative response to V.A.1.a **Exhibit D Soundness of Approach**. Review and provide a narrative response to V.A.1.b **Exhibit E Capacity**. Review and provide a narrative response to V.A.1.c **Exhibit F Leverage**. Review and provide a narrative response to V.A.1.d **Exhibit G Long-term Effect**. Review and provide a narrative response to V.A.1.e

#### (3) Attachments.

Attachment A Summary of comments received on published Application and list of commenters by name/organization

Narratives and other attachments to your application must follow the following format guidelines. Do not submit password protected or encrypted files.

#### a. Application Layout.

i. The first part of an application is comprised of narrative exhibits. The narratives respond to requirements, rating factors, and other criteria in the NOFO, as indicated below.

ii. Any pages marked as sub-pages (e.g., with numbers and letters such as 25A, 25B, 25C), will be treated as separate pages;

iii. If a section is not applicable, indicate 'N/A' as a clear indication to HUD (do not leave the section blank);

iv. No more than one page of text may be placed on one sheet of paper (i.e., you may not shrink pages to get two or more on a page). Shrunken pages, or pages where a minimized or reduced font are used, will be counted as multiple pages;

v. Do not format the narrative exhibits in columns. Pages with text in columns will be counted as two pages;

vi. All pages should be numbered.

**b.** Format and Title Instructions. Each narrative exhibit should be uploaded as its own separate file, with a title page based on the organization instruction in the section above. Do not upload an application that has multiple exhibits or attachments in the same file. HUD will use title pages as tabs when it downloads the application. Each title page should only contain the name of the narrative exhibit or attachment (e.g., "Exhibit A Executive Summary") and the name of the Applicant. WARNING: The file name should be fewer than 50 characters and not include spaces or special characters. Also, please note that Grants.gov is a system used by the entire Federal government and its structure does not necessarily reflect this NOFO (i.e. its Attachment 1 does not refer to PRO Housing Attachment 1). Applicants should zip together the multiple attachment files (in one or more zip files,

depending on the size) they have prepared in accordance with this NOFO and enter them into the slots provided by Grants.gov.

### c. Application Page Count.

i. Each PRO Housing application must contain no more than 40 pages of narrative exhibits and attachments. Any pages beyond this limit will not be reviewed. HUD will not consider the information on any excess pages, potentially resulting in a lower score.

ii. Exceptions to page limits. The documents listed below constitute the only exceptions and are not counted in the page limit listed above. Extraneous information not requested in the NOFO that is provided in these attachments will be counted toward the page limit.

- Table of Contents
- Eligible Applicants documentation
- Evidence of partnership letters
- Leverage documentation
- Application Certifications and Standard forms
- Summary of comments received on published Application and list of commenters by name/organization (Attachment A)
- Tabs/title pages that are blank or display a title/header/'n/a' indication

#### C. System for Award Management (SAM) and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

#### **1. SAM Registration Requirement**

You must register with <u>https://www.sam.gov/</u>before submitting their application. You must maintain current information in SAM on immediate and highest-level owner and subsidiaries, as well as on all predecessors that have been awarded a federal contract or grant within the last three years, if applicable. Information in SAM must be current for all times during which you have an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration by HUD.

#### 2. UEI Requirement

As of April 4, 2022, entities doing business with the federal government must use the UEI created in SAM.gov. Also, you must provide a valid UEI, registered and active at <u>www.sam.gov/</u> in the application. For more information, see: <u>https://www.gsa.gov/about-</u>us/organization/federal-acquisition-service/office-of-systems-management/integrated-award-environment-iae/iae-systems- information-kit/unique-entity-identifier-update.

#### 3. Requirement to Register with Grants.gov

Anyone planning to submit applications on behalf of an organization must register at Grants.gov and be approved by the E-Biz POC in SAM to submit applications for the organization. Registration for SAM and Grants.gov is a multi-step process and can take four (4) weeks or longer to complete if data issues arise. Applicants without a valid registration cannot apply through Grants.gov. Complete registration instructions and guidance are provided on Grants.gov.

#### **D.** Application Submission Dates and Times

### **1.** Application Due Date Explanation

The application deadline is 11:59:59 PM Eastern time on

#### 10/30/2023

Submit your application to Grants.gov unless a waiver has been issued allowing you to submit a paper application. Instructions for submitting your paper application will be contained in the waiver of electronic submission.

"Received by Grants.gov" means the applicant received a confirmation of receipt and an application tracking number from Grants.gov. Grants.gov then assigns an application tracking number and date-and timestamp each application upon successful receipt by the Grants.gov system. A submission attempt not resulting in confirmation of receipt and an application tracking number is not considered received by Grants.gov.

Applications received by Grants.gov must be validated by Grants.gov to be received by HUD.

"Validated by Grants.gov" means the application has been accepted and was not rejected with errors. You can track the status of your application by logging into Grants.gov, selecting "Applicants" from the top navigation, and selecting "Track my application" from the dropdown list. If the application status is "rejected with errors," you must correct the error(s) and resubmit the application before the 24-hour grace period ends. Applications in "rejected with errors" status after the 24-hour grace period expires will not be received by HUD. Visit Grants.gov for a complete description of processing steps after applying.

HUD strongly recommends you submit your applications at least **48 hours before the deadline** and during regular business hours to allow enough time to correct errors or overcome other problems.

#### 2. Grants.gov Customer Support

Grants.gov provides customer support information on its website at <u>https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html</u>. If you have difficulty accessing the application and instructions or have technical problems, contact Grants.gov customer support center by calling (800) 518-GRANTS (this is a toll-free number) or by sending an email to <u>support@grants.gov</u>.The customer support center is open 24 hours a day, seven days per week, except Federal holidays. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, or who have speech and other communication disabilities may use a relay service to reach Grants.gov Customer Support. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, visit the <u>webpage for Federal Communications Commission</u>.

#### 3. Grants.gov Application Submission

You can verify the contents of your submitted application to confirm Grants.gov received everything you intended to submit. To verify the contents of your submitted application:

- Log in to Grants.gov.
- Click the Check Application Status link, which appears under the Grant Applications heading in the Applicant Center page. This will take you to the Check Application Status page.
- Enter search criteria and a date range to narrow your search results.
- Click the Search button. To review your search results in Microsoft Excel, click the Export Data button.

- Review the Status column. To view more detailed submission information, click the Details link in the Actions column.
- To download the submitted application, click the Download link in the Actions column.

Take note of the Grants.gov tracking number, as it is needed by the Grants.gov customer support center should you seek their assistance.

HUD may extend the application deadline for any program if Grants.gov is offline or not available to applicants for at least 24 hours immediately prior to the deadline date, or the system is down for 24 hours or longer and impacts the ability of applicants to cure a submission deficiency within the grace period.

HUD may also extend the application deadline upon request if there is a presidentially declared disaster in the applicant's area.

If these events occur, HUD will post a notice on its website establishing the new, extended deadline for the affected applicants. HUD will also publish the extension on Grants.gov.

In determining whether to grant a request for an extension based on a presidentially declared disaster, HUD will consider the totality of the circumstances including the date of an applicant's extension request (how closely it followed the basis for the extension), whether other applicants in the geographic area are similarly affected by the disaster, and how quickly power or services are restored to enable the applicant to submit its application.

NOTE: Busy servers, slow processing, large file sizes, improper registration

or password issues are not valid circumstances to extend the deadline dates or the grace period.

### 4. Amending or Resubmitting an Application

Before the submission deadline, you may amend a validated application through Grants.gov by resubmitting a revised application containing the new or changed material. The resubmitted application must be received and validated by Grants.gov by the applicable deadline.

If HUD receives an original and a revised application for a single proposal, HUD will evaluate only the last submission received by Grants.gov before the deadline.

# 5. Grace Period for Grants.gov Submissions

If your application is received by Grants.gov before the deadline, but is rejected with errors, you have a grace period of 24 hours after the application deadline to submit a corrected, received, and validated application through Grants.gov. The date and time stamp on the Grants.gov system determines the application receipt time. Any application submitted during the grace period but not received and validated by Grants.gov will not be considered for funding. There is no grace period for paper applications.

# 6. Late Applications

An application received after the NOFO deadline date that does not meet the Grace Period requirements will be marked late and will not be reviewed by HUD for funding

consideration. Improper or expired registration and password issues are not sufficient causes to allow HUD to accept applications after the deadline date.

### 7. Corrections to Deficient Applications

HUD will not consider information from applicants after the application deadline except for curable deficiencies.

HUD will uniformly notify applicants of each curable deficiency. See curable deficiency definition in section I.A of this NOFO. Examples of curable (correctable) deficiencies include inconsistencies in the funding request and failure to submit required certifications. These examples are non-exhaustive.

When HUD identifies a curable deficiency, HUD will notify the authorized organization representative identified on the SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance via email. This email is the official notification of a curable deficiency.

You must email corrections of Curable Deficiencies to <u>applicationsupport@hud.gov</u> within the time limits specified in the notification. The time allowed to correct deficiencies will be no less than 48 hours and no more than 14 calendar days from the date of the email notification. The start of the cure period will be the date stamp on the email sent from HUD. If the deficiency cure deadline date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, Federal holiday, or on a day when HUD's Headquarters are closed, then the applicant's correction must be received on the next business day HUD Headquarters offices in Washington, DC are open.

The subject line of the email sent to <u>applicationsupport@hud.gov</u> must state: Technical Cure and include the Grants.gov application tracking number or the GrantSolutions application number (e.g., Subject: Technical Cure - GRANT123456 or Technical Cure - XXXXXXXXXX). If this information is not included, HUD cannot match the response with the application under review and the application may be rejected due to the deficiency.

Corrections to a paper application must be sent in accordance with and to the address indicated in the notification of deficiency. HUD will treat a paper application submitted in accordance with a waiver of electronic application containing the wrong UEI as having a curable deficiency. Failure to correct the deficiency and meet the requirement to have a UEI and active registration in SAM will render the application ineligible for funding.

### 8. Authoritative Versions of HUD NOFOs

The version of this NOFO posted on Grants.gov includes the official documents HUD uses to solicit applications.

### 9. Exemptions

Parties that believe the requirements of the NOFO would impose a substantial burden on the exercise of their religion should seek an exemption under the <u>Religious Freedom Restoration Act</u> (RFRA).

### **E. Intergovernmental Review**

This program is subject to Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs. Executive Order 12372 allows each state to designate an entity to perform a state review function. To determine if your state has designated a State Point of Contact (SPOC), please see the <u>SPOC List at OMB</u>. States not listed on the website have chosen not to participate in the intergovernmental review process and, therefore, do not have a SPOC. If your state has a

SPOC, you should contact the SPOC to see if that person/office is interested in reviewing your application before you submit it to HUD.

#### **F. Funding Restrictions**

#### 1. Statutory Time Limits.

a. Required Obligation Date. HUD must obligate funds appropriated for the PRO Housing program for FY 2023 on or before September 30, 2026. Any funds not obligated by that date will not be available for obligation for any purpose.

b. Required Expenditure Date. Grantees must expend all PRO Housing funds by the end of FY 2029.

#### 2. Cost Control Standards.

a. Cost estimates must represent an economically viable preliminary plan for designing, planning, and carrying out the proposed activities, in accordance with local costs of labor, materials, and services.

b. Projected costs must be reasonable and comparable to industry standards and in accordance with the applicable policy, statute and/or regulations.

c. Grantees must provide a budget identifying the specific use of all grant funds at the CDBG activity level.

- 3. **Budget Deductions.** HUD may delete any unallowable items from the proposed budget and may reduce the grant amount accordingly. HUD will not fund any portion of an application that: (a) is not eligible for funding under specific HUD program statutory or regulatory requirements; (b) does not meet the requirements of this NOFO; or (c) is duplicative of other funded programs or activities from prior awards or other selected applicants. Only the eligible portions of an application (excluding duplicative portions) may be funded.
- 4. **Grant Reduction, Recapture, or Withdrawal of Grant Amounts.** HUD reserves the right to amend an award and reduce the amount or recapture the grant. Additionally, HUD reserves the right to withdraw any grant funds a grantee has not obligated under its award, or any funds that a grantee has not accepted after being awarded. Prior to a reduction, withdrawal, or adjustment of a grant, the grantee shall be notified of such proposed action and given an opportunity within a prescribed time period for an informal consultation. HUD may redistribute any amounts to one or more other applicants eligible for PRO Housing funding.
- 5. **Ineligible Use of Grant Funds.** See Section III.F.3 of this NOFO regarding ineligible uses of program funds.

#### **Indirect Cost Rate**

Normal indirect cost rules under <u>2 CFR part 200, subpart E</u> apply. If you intend to charge indirect costs to your award, your application must clearly state the rate and distribution base you intend to use. If you have a Federally negotiated indirect cost rate, your application must also include a letter or other documentation from the cognizant agency showing the approved rate. Successful applicants whose rate changes after the application deadline must submit the new rate and documentation to assure the award agreement incorporates the applicable rate.

<u>Applicants other than state and local governments.</u> If you have a Federally negotiated indirect cost rate, your application must clearly state the approved rate and distribution base and must include a letter or other documentation from the cognizant agency showing the approved rate. If

your organization does not have a current negotiated rate (including provisional rate) and elects to use the de minimis rate, your application must clearly state you intend to use the de minimis rate of 10% of Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC), as defined at <u>2 CFR 200.1</u>. Costs must be consistently charged as either indirect or direct costs but may not be double charged or inconsistently charged as both, as described in <u>2 CFR 200.403</u>. Once elected, the de minimis rate must be applied consistently for all Federal awards until the organization chooses to negotiate a rate, which the organization may apply to do at any time. Documentation of the decision to use the de minimis rate must be retained on file for audit.

#### G. Other Submission Requirements

#### 1. Standard Application, Assurances, Certifications and Disclosures

#### Standard Form 424 (SF-424) Application for Federal Assistance

The SF-424 is the government-wide form required to apply for Federal assistance programs, discretionary Federal grants, and other forms of financial assistance programs. You must complete and submit the form with the other required forms and information as directed in this NOFO.

By signing the forms in the SF-424 either through electronic submission or in paper copy submission (for those granted a waiver), you and the signing authorized organization representative affirm that you both have reviewed the certifications and assurances associated with the application for Federal assistance and (1) are aware the submission of the SF-424 is an assertion that the relevant certifications and assurances are established and (2) acknowledge that the truthfulness of the certifications and assurances are material representations upon which HUD will rely when making an award to the applicant. If it is later determined the signing authorized organization representative to the application made a false certification or assurance, caused the submission of a false certification or assurance, or did not have the authority to make a legally binding commitment for the applicant, the applicant and the individual who signed the application may be subject to administrative, civil, or criminal action. Additionally, HUD may terminate the award to the applicant organization or pursue other available remedies. Each applicant is responsible for including the correct certifications and assurances with its application submission, including those applicable to all applicants, those applicable only to Federally recognized Indian tribes, or Alaskan native villages and those applicable to applicants other than Federally recognized Indian tribes, or Alaskan native villages.

#### Assurances (HUD 424-B)

By submitting your application, you provide assurances that, if selected to receive an award, you will comply with U.S. statutory and other requirements, including, but not limited to civil rights requirements. All recipients and subrecipients of the award are required to submit assurances of compliance with federal civil rights requirements. *See, e.g.*, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Violence Against Women Act, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; *see also* 24 C.F.R. §§ 1.5; 3.115; 8.50; and 146.25. HUD accepts these assurances in the form of the HUD 424-B, which also require compliance with HUD Reform Act requirements and all general federal nondiscrimination requirements in the administration of the federal assistance award.

### Applicant Disclosure Report Form 2880 (HUD 2880)

The form HUD 2880 is required if you are applying for assistance within the jurisdiction of HUD to any project subject to Section 102(d) of the <u>HUD Reform Act</u>. Assistance is provided directly by HUD to any person or entity, but not to subrecipients. It includes assistance for the acquisition, rehabilitation, operation, conversion, modernization, renovation, or demolition of any property containing five or more dwelling units that is to be used primarily for residential purposes. It includes assistance to independent group residences, board and care facilities, group homes and transitional housing but does not include primarily nonresidential facilities such as intermediate care facilities, nursing homes and hospitals. It also includes any change requested by a recipient in the amount of assistance previously provided, except changes resulting from annual adjustments in Section 8 rents under Section 8(c)(2)(A) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f). See HUD Reform Act regulation for additional information.

# **Code of Conduct**

Both you, as the award recipient, and all subrecipients must have a code of conduct (or written standards of conduct). The code of conduct must comply with the requirements included in the "Conducting Business in Accordance with Ethical Standards" section of the <u>Administrative</u>, <u>National and Department Policy Requirements and Terms for HUD Financial Assistance</u> <u>Awards</u>, as well as any program-specific requirements. These requirements include ethical standards related to conflicts of interest for procurements in <u>2 CFR 200.318(c)</u> and <u>2 CFR 200.317</u>, as well as HUD-specific conflict of interest standards. HUD maintains a list of organizations that have previously submitted written standards of conduct on its <u>Code of Conduct for HUD Grant Programs webpage</u>. But it is your responsibility to ensure that the standards are compliant with the noted requirements and that HUD has the latest version of the written standards. Updated written standards should be submitted with the application. Any updates to your written standards, after the application period, should be submitted as directed by the HUD program contact for this NOFO.

### **Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing**

With some exceptions for Federally recognized Indian tribes and their instrumentalities, the application must discuss how the applicant will carry out the proposed activities in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing in compliance with the Fair Housing Act and its implementing regulations, and how applicants will meet the requirements of the definition of AFFH at 24 CFR 5.151. Applicants may propose activities that are consistent with their jurisdiction's Analysis of Impediments (AI), an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH), or other means of fair housing planning that meaningfully supports their AFFH certification.

If the applicant will carry out proposed activities in a jurisdiction with an AFH, the proposed activities should be consistent with the AFH's fair housing goals and with fair housing strategies specified in the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan or Public Housing Agency Plan.

An applicant will respond to this requirement (Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing) under the Soundness of Approach Rating Factor, section V.A.1.b.iv.

If the applicant is a CDBG, HOME, ESG, and/or HOPWA grantee, it may note the date of its most recent certification and a summary of the actions reported in its most recent CAPER; however, applicants still need to describe how their proposed NOFO activities are aligned with AFFH requirements in response to Rating Factor, section V.A.1.b.iv (Soundness of Approach).

# 2. Other Program-Specific Requirements

**a. Limited English Proficiency (LEP).** For assistance in ensuring that information regarding the planning process and this application is available to LEP populations, recipients should consult the Final Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI, Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons published on January 22, 2007, in the Federal Register (72 FR 2732).

**b. Physical Accessibility**. Note that all meetings that are held in person must be held in facilities that are physically accessible to persons with disabilities. Where physical accessibility is not achievable, Applicants and partners must give priority to alternative methods of product or information delivery that offer programs and activities to qualified individuals with disabilities in the most integrated setting appropriate in accordance with HUD's implementing regulations for section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C.§ 794) at 24 CFR Part 8 and all applicable laws and regulations. In addition, all notices of and communications during all training sessions and public meetings shall be provided in a manner that is effective for persons with hearing, visual, and other communication-related disabilities or provide other means of accommodation for persons with disabilities consistent with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and HUD's section 504 regulations. See 24 CFR section 8.6.

c. Environmental review. All PRO Housing grantees must comply with applicable environmental requirements related to any awarded funds. This includes complying with environmental justice requirements as set forth in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR parts 50 and 58, which implement the policies of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental requirements. Grantees who are States or units of general local government (UGLGs) are considered the Responsible Entity under 24 CFR part 58 and are responsible for completing their own environmental review. The Responsible Entity must conduct an environmental review to determine whether each activity funded under this NOFO is exempt or categorically excluded from NEPA and other environmental review requirements or requires further environmental review. For grantees who are not States or units of general local government (UGLGs) or are not recipients of funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and HUD's regulations at 24 CFR 58.2(a)(5), HUD will perform the environmental review in accordance with 24 CFR part 50. The recipient, its project partners, and their contractors may not acquire, rehabilitate, convert, lease, repair, dispose of, demolish, or construct property for a project under this NOFO, or commit or expend HUD or non-HUD funds for such activities under this NOFO, until the responsible entity has completed the environmental review procedures required by 24 CFR part 58 and the environmental certification and Request for Release of Funds (RROF) have been approved or HUD has performed an environmental review under 24 CFR part 50 and the recipient has received HUD approval of the project. HUD will not release grant funds if the recipient or any other party takes choice limiting actions or commits grant funds (i.e., incurs any costs or expenditures to be paid or reimbursed with such funds) before the recipient submits and HUD approves its RROF (where such submission is required). For more information about environmental review requirements, please see Section VI.E of this NOFO.

**d. Federal Assistance Assurances.** To assure compliance with statutory requirements for nonconstruction grant programs, you must complete the Federal Assistance Representations and Certifications section of your sam.gov registration. HUD and OMB use information reported within sam.gov for general management of Federal assistance awards programs. For more information on how to update your sam.gov registration, visit SAM.gov or the Federal Service Desk, FSD.gov. You can search for help at FSD any time or request help from an FSD agent Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

**e. 424-CBW budget form.** Applicants must complete the 424-CBW budget form. Provide a breakdown of the aggregate numbers detailing the funding allocation to each activity. The form is accessible online at <a href="https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/424-CBW.xls">https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/424-CBW.xls</a>. Instructions on how to complete the form are also available at <a href="https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/424-CBW-I.xls">https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/424-CBW.xls</a>. Instructions on how to complete the form are also available at <a href="https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/424-CBW-I.xls">https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/424-CBW.xls</a>. Both the form and instructions are also available in the grants.gov Application Package for this NOFO.

**f. Certification Regarding Lobbying.** All applicants except Federally recognized Indian tribes must submit this certification with their application. Download this form as part of the Application Package for this NOFO.

**g. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL).** Download this form as part of the Application Package for this NOFO. If this form does not apply, indicate on the form (e.g., writing 'N/A') and submit it with your application.

# **V. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION**

# A. Review Criteria

### **1. Rating Factors**

HUD will use the following rating factor criteria to evaluate applications under this NOFO. Applicants must respond to the rating factor criteria as the basis to be scored and ranked. Failure to respond to the rating factor criteria will result in an incomplete application.

	Factor	Prompt	Potential points
а.	Need		35
i		Describe your efforts so far to identify, address, mitigate, or remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation.	12
ii		Do you have acute demand for affordable housing? What are your remaining affordable housing needs and how do you know?	13
iii		What key barriers still exist and need to be addressed to produce and preserve more affordable accessible housing?	10
b.	Soundness of Approach		35

i		What is your vision?	15
ii		What is your geographic scope?	5
iii		Who are your key stakeholders? How are you engaging them?	5
iv		How does your proposal align with requirements to affirmatively further fair housing?	5
v		What are your budget and timeline proposals?	5
с.	Capacity		10
i		What capacity do you and your Partner(s) have? What is your staffing plan?	10
d.	Leverage		10
i		Are you leveraging other funding or non-financial contributions?	10
e.	Long-Term Effect		10
i		What permanent, long-term effects will your proposal have? What outcomes do you expect?	10
Total			100

#### a. NEED (Maximum 35 points)

HUD is prioritizing applications that demonstrate: (1) progress and a commitment to overcoming local barriers to facilitate the increase in affordable housing production and preservation; and (2) acute demand for housing affordable to households with incomes below 100 percent of the area median income. A thorough response identifies a need for affordable housing, names barriers to affordable housing production and preservation in your jurisdiction(s) and describes the extent of such barriers. HUD encourages applications that will discuss key barriers related to land-use regulations, permitting, or related procedural issues. HUD will rate applicants based on clear, well supported, demonstrated need.

i. Describe your efforts so far to identify, address, mitigate, or remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. (12 points) Please address the timeframe for these efforts; how these efforts were adopted, established, or otherwise made permanent; and the measurable impact thus far. Be sure to describe recent policy changes or community planning strategies that you have adopted to increase housing production for low- and moderate-income populations, as well as recent initiatives to preserve affordability, increase access to affordable accessible housing in high opportunity areas, and invest in underserved communities. HUD will rate applicants more highly if they demonstrate that they have successfully taken actions to remove local barriers to increasing affordable housing production and preservation.

ii. Do you have acute demand for affordable housing? What are your remaining affordable housing needs and how do you know? (13 points)

HUD is prioritizing applicants with acute demand for housing affordable to households with incomes below 100 percent of the area median income and seeks to ensure that awards under this NOFO are directed to applicants with certain objective measures of acute demand for affordable housing.

You will be awarded ten (10) points if your application primarily serves a priority geography that has an affordable housing need greater than a threshold calculation for one of three measures. The threshold calculation is determined by the need of the 90th-percentile jurisdiction (top 10%) for each factor as computed comparing only jurisdictions with greater than 50,000 population. Threshold calculations are done at the county and place level and applied respectively to county and place applicants. An application can also quality as a priority geography if it serves a geography that scores in the top 5% of its State for the same three measures. Applications that primarily serve locations outside these priority geographies will not be awarded any of these ten points.

The measures are as follows:

• Affordable housing not keeping pace, measured as (change in population 2019-2009 divided by 2009 population) – (change in number of units affordable and available to households at 80% HUD Area Median Family Income (HAMFI) 2019-2009 divided by units affordable and available at 80% HAMFI 2009).

• **Insufficient affordable housing**, measured as number of households at 80% HAMFI divided by number of affordable and available units for households at 80% HAMFI.

• Widespread housing cost burden or substandard housing, measured as number of households with housing problems at 100% HAMFI divided by number of households at 100% HAMFI. Housing problems is defined as: cost burden of at least 50%, overcrowding, or substandard housing.

HUD has provided a spreadsheet identifying each of these geographies on its website. To see whether you meet the criteria to receive points, visit the <u>PRO Housing website</u> and view the spreadsheet.

You may be awarded up to three (3) additional points for providing compelling information about your affordable housing needs. This information should demonstrate acute demand for affordable housing in your jurisdiction(s) to households with incomes
below 100 percent of the area median income. In your narrative, you are encouraged to provide local knowledge that is not already captured by the above measures. Topics that may indicate acute demand for affordable housing include displacement pressures, housing stock condition, age of housing stock, homelessness, ratio of median home price to area median income, and more.

iii. What key barriers still exist and need to be addressed to produce and preserve more affordable housing? (10 points) Please describe in detail the leading barriers to affordable housing production and preservation in your jurisdiction(s). A complete response will identify why the identified barriers are key barriers. You may wish to address topics such as the following:

- Permitting procedures and approval timing and predictability
- Fees and taxes (excluding impact and nexus fees for affordable housing)
- Zoning and land use controls
- Infrastructure constraints
- Prohibitive building codes
- Availability of financing and subsidies for affordable housing

• Capacity to conduct meaningful community engagement, procedural delays associated with soliciting engagement or community review, and/or opposition to new and or affordable housing

- Capacity of local affordable housing developers and managers
- Local laws that penalize individuals for reporting or seeking protection from violence
- Other relevant barriers unique to your community

If you are not aware of the extent of barriers to affordable housing production and preservation, please describe how the proposed activities will identify barriers and facilitate removal of such barriers.

## b. SOUNDNESS OF APPROACH (Maximum 35 points)

i. What is your vision? (15 points) A sound proposal will seek to enable increased production and preservation of affordable housing across a broad geographic area over a sustained timeframe. While proposals generally must ensure that 51 percent of produced or preserved units directly benefit LMI individuals, except for certain new construction of housing activities wherein no less than 20 percent of the units must directly benefit LMI individuals, proposals may also wish to discuss the degree to which barrier reductions will also improve the production of market rate housing (and the potential indirect improvements in affordability generated through increased supply of market rate housing). HUD expects your response to be clear, complete, specific, and fully analyzed. HUD will rate more highly approaches that most directly address the barriers identified in Need [Factor (a)(iii)] and relieve the acute demand. A complete response should address the following:

• Describe your proposed activities and why they are appropriate, given identified <u>Need and applicant Capacity</u>. Show how each proposed activity meets a national objective and constitutes an eligible activity consistent with Sections III.F.1 & 2 of this NOFO. What is the timeframe of the expected benefit?

• Explain how your proposal addresses key barriers to affordable housing production

and preservation. What is the connection between your proposed activities and the key barrier(s) you seek to address? Is your proposed activity addressing barriers identified in your earlier response [Prompt (a)(iii)]? If your proposal targets only one barrier, justify this strategy and explain why this individual barrier requires the resources and focus of the entire grant. Provide evidence showing why the proposed approach is expected to succeed in removing the identified barrier(s) and will lead to significant increases in the production and preservation of affordable housing. If applicable, please describe how your proposal will create new housing opportunities without inviting displacement.

• Explain how your proposal compares to similar efforts and how lessons learned from those efforts have shaped your proposal. Describe the successes of previous efforts to undertake similar proposals, whether in your jurisdiction(s) or in another locality. What pieces of those previous efforts succeeded, and how will your proposal emulate them? What pieces of those efforts were not successful, and how will your proposal ensure success while avoiding those pitfalls? If you are proposing activities which have not been tested before, describe why you think the innovative nature of your proposed activity is appropriate.

• You may also wish to discuss how your proposal aligns with existing planning initiatives, services, other community assets (e.g., transportation planning, climate resilience and mitigation plans, public or supportive housing services, economic development opportunities, healthcare or school systems, etc.). For example, does your plan account for expected population change? How does the proposal align with local or regional transportation plans in your jurisdiction(s)? Does your plan improve simplification and harmonization of land-use regulations across multiple municipalities or entities? Do your proposals for transit-oriented development include anti-displacement strategies to ensure that the benefits of station-area investments accrue to all, especially long-time residents of the neighborhood? Does your proposal target new housing opportunities in areas that allow current and future residents to access public transit, jobs, public services, or other amenities? Does your plan support job creation and retention efforts, including consideration for individuals who may work in your jurisdiction(s) but live in another?

ii. What is your geographic scope? (5 points) Explain your proposal's anticipated effects on targeted locations, neighborhoods, cities, or other geographies. Describe how your proposal preserves and creates housing units in high-opportunity areas and expands opportunity in underserved communities. HUD will rate more highly proposals that address a larger geographic scope. Maps, drawings, renderings, and other graphical representations are optional but encouraged.

iii. Who are your key stakeholders? How are you engaging them? (5 points) Potential stakeholders may include, but are not limited to, persons with unmet housing needs; residents of public or other affordable housing units; persons from all protected class groups under the Fair Housing Act; local and regional public agencies that provide funding or technical assistance for housing, transportation, and social services; community organizations, especially those that represent protected classes; private and non-profit housing developers; community land trusts; advocacy organizations and legal groups; business and civic leaders; and others. Applicants subject to Consolidated Plan requirements (States and units of general

local government) can describe their actions as required by 24 CFR part 91 and as related to the prompts below. Applicants not subject to Consolidated Plan requirements (Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Multijurisdictional entities) can describe their actions as related to the prompts below.

• Describe your key stakeholders and how you conducted outreach in developing this proposal. Please also describe your strategy for continued outreach during the grant's period of performance.

• Describe the specific actions you have taken to solicit input from and collaborate with stakeholders in developing this application, including how input from stakeholders and community members has shaped your proposal. In particular, describe input from the housing industry in your area, including affordable housing developers, builders/general contractors, and unions as well as persons in need of affordable housing

Describe how you incorporated input from stakeholders into your proposal
Describe your strategies to encourage public participation, build support, and engage community members, including those most likely to benefit from your proposed activity.

## iv. How does your proposal align with requirements to affirmatively further fair housing? (5 points) Please respond to each of the following:

• Describe your plans to remove barriers to the development of affordable housing in well-resourced areas of opportunity. How will your proposal increase access for underserved groups to these areas? What is the racial composition of the persons or households who are expected to benefit from your proposed grant activities?

• Describe your plans to remove barriers impeding the development of affordable housing that would promote desegregation. What policies or practices perpetuate segregation and how will your proposal address them?

How will you ensure that your proposal will not cause affordable housing to be further concentrated in low-opportunity areas or in areas that already have ample affordable housing? How will your proposal increase housing choice by expanding the neighborhoods in which residents who need affordable housing can live?
How does your approach address the unique housing needs of members of protected class groups, including persons with disabilities, families with children, and underserved communities of color?

• Does your plan address issues identified in your jurisdiction's most recent fair housing plan or plans?

• Have you considered the risk of displacement associated with your proposal? How will you ensure that your planned activities do not lead to the displacement of vulnerable residents in communities of color? Describe any anti-displacement measures included in your proposal (e.g., replacement of affordable units for new construction, or right of first refusal for tenants)?

• How will your proposal address the housing needs of people with disabilities and increase their access to accessible and affordable housing? How will it support independent living with access to supportive services and transportation in the community? Please also describe your plan to ensure compliance with the Americans

with Disabilities Act (ADA) and accessibility requirements under the Fair Housing Act.

• Describe the implementation and/or enforcement plan for your proposal. Describe how you will approach resistance (e.g. litigation, environmental review, design standards) to the elimination of your targeted barrier(s).

• Describe any equity-related educational resources, tools, or public input that have informed your proposal.

• Do you plan to engage and support minority-, women-, and veteran-owned businesses during your proposed housing production process? Do you have a diversity and equity plan in place or plan to create one?

• Other equity considerations informed by your local circumstances.

• Describe how you will evaluate the effect of your proposal on promoting desegregation, expanding equitable access to well-resourced areas of opportunity, and furthering the de-concentration of affordable housing

• How will you track your progress and evaluate the effectiveness of your efforts to advance racial equity in your grant activities?

• If the applicant proposes to use PRO Housing funds to fund housing units, the applicant must discuss how those benefits will be affirmatively marketed broadly throughout the local area and nearby areas to any demographic groups that would be unlikely or least likely to apply absent such efforts.

Note that any actions taken in furtherance of this section must be consistent with federal nondiscrimination requirements.

#### v. What are your budget and timeline proposals? (5 points)

• Provide a budget for the proposed activities that documents all projected sources of funds and estimates all applicable costs. Describe how you determined the budget and how you will ensure that the project will be cost-effective, in line with industry standards, and appropriate for the scope of the project. HUD will evaluate your proposed project cost estimate on the extent to which projected sources, including PRO Housing funds and any leveraged funds, are sufficient for the scope of the proposed project as a whole.

• Please describe how you would budget for and manage a successful project if HUD awards a different dollar amount than you are requesting. What is the minimum funding amount that would allow you to carry out your proposal in some form, and what would that proposal achieve? If you were to receive only 50% of your request, what would you be able to achieve?

• Provide a schedule for completing all of the proposed activities in advance of the expenditure deadline at the end of FY 2029. The schedule should identify each significant activity and milestone required for completing the planning process as well as relevant sub-tasks and should list the planned start and completion dates of all items. The application may include additional description of the schedule in the narrative exhibits.

#### c. CAPACITY (Maximum 10 points)

i. What capacity do you and your Partner(s) have? What is your staffing plan? (10 points) Describe your capacity for managing a Federal grant of this size and scope. In

evaluating this subfactor, HUD will consider the degree to which applicants demonstrate clear capacity, or a plan to develop capacity, in managing Federal funds; project management on the scale of the idea or proposal; and leadership capacity to coordinate among proposed partners. Rather than measuring general capacity, HUD will measure your specific capacity to carry out your proposal, and your responses should reflect this. A complete response should address the following:

• Which specific agency or entity will lead implementation of the proposed activities? What is its role and management capacity?

• Describe how the agency or entity has (or plans to obtain) the relevant project management, quality assurance, financial and procurement, and internal control capacity to quickly launch and implement a major project.

• Describe your jurisdiction's leadership capacity and legal authority to effectively implement your proposed reforms. If other government entities are necessary for implementation, describe how their support is secured.

• If your proposed approach includes partners, describe each partner's capacities and credentials related to its role in implementing the project. Is your capacity to design, plan, or remove a barrier dependent on partner capacity? If yes, describe the dependency. What is your plan to regain capacity if a partner drops out?

• Describe the agency's or entity's experience working with and coordinating partners (including contractors, funders, subrecipients, community stakeholders, and other government agencies) in previous projects similar in scope of scale to the proposed activities. If you do not have such experience, how will you obtain it?

• Who wrote this application: applicant staff, or a professional technical or grant writer in a consulting or contract capacity? Please provide name(s), title(s), and organization(s). If the application was drafted by someone external to the applicant's organization, describe how the applicant staff and decision makers were actively engaged in the development of this proposal and how this coordination may continue over time.

• Do you or any partner(s) have experience working with civil rights and fair housing issues including, for example, working with data to analyze racial or economic disparities? Do you or your partner(s) have experience designing or operating programs that have provided tangible reductions in racial disparities?

Provide an organizational chart that identifies names and positions of key management for proposed PRO Housing activities. In addition to key management, be sure to include a count of all full-time staff that will manage PRO Housing activities. Please also include a description of your existing management structure and staff roles, including any gaps, vacancies, or positions contingent on award. If you are applying with a partner or partners, provide this information for each organization.

#### d. LEVERAGE (Maximum 10 points)

i. Are you leveraging other funding or non-financial contributions? (10 points) As noted in Section III.C, this program does not require leveraging. Nonetheless, HUD views leveraged commitments as an indicator of support and commitment in the community. Additional funds may also increase the effectiveness of the proposed activities. An application will earn points in accordance with Table 1 based on the percentage of leveraged commitments for the proposed activities. In addition to financial

contributions, applicants may credit the dollar amounts of any non-financial contributions (e.g., donations of land or property, community benefit agreements, etc.) towards their percentage of leveraged commitments. HUD may also award points for clear and compelling non-quantifiable contributions to the project that significantly advance the project's goals, up to the maximum of ten (10) points.

Leverage commitments as percent of grant funds requested	Points awarded
50 percent and above	10
Between 40.00 and 49.99 percent	8
Between 30.00 and 39.99 percent	6
Between 20.00 and 29.99 percent	4
Between 10.00 and 19.99 percent	2
Below 10.00 percent	0

#### Table 1: Scoring for Leveraged Funding

Applicants must follow the below requirements in compiling and documenting leverage for purposes of this NOFO. Otherwise, it may not be possible for HUD to count the commitment at the level claimed. These general requirements apply to all leverage resource commitments.

• Resources must be firmly committed as of the application deadline date. "Firmly committed" means that the amount of the resource and its dedication to PRO Housing Grant activities is explicit. Endorsements or general letters of support alone will not count as resources and should not be included in the application.

• Leverage documents must represent valid and accurate commitments of future support. They must detail the dollar amount and any terms of the commitment. They must also indicate that the funding is available to you for the specific activities proposed in your PRO Housing application.

• Resource commitments must be written and signed by a person authorized to make the commitment and dated.

• Commitment letters must be on letterhead or they will not be accepted.

• If the commitment document is not included in the application and submitted before the NOFO deadline, it will not be considered.

• Staff time of the Applicant and/or Partner(s) (if any) will be an eligible leverage resource if they are firmly committed and monetized.

#### e. LONG-TERM EFFECT (Maximum 10 points)

i. What permanent, long-term effects will your proposal have? What outcomes do you expect? (10 points) HUD seeks to ensure that funded activities enable the production and preservation of affordable housing units long after the grant's period of performance. Describe how your approach seeks to permanently remove key barriers to producing and

preserving affordable housing and the measurable outcomes you expect to achieve. Be sure to address how the removal of barriers will result in more resilient housing and sustained production. A complete, compelling response should include the following:

• Describe what you will have achieved upon completion of grant-funded activities, including the specific work product(s), deliverable(s), or completed projects you will produce and any implementation actions that follow. Be sure to address how these achievements will have a permanent, long-term effect.

• Describe what roadblocks your proposal might be facing (e.g., the reversal of a plan to streamline the permitting process). What are the most likely ways in which the barriers might persist despite your proposed activities, and how does the proposal account for and counteract this?

• Do you anticipate your proposal will result in reducing housing cost burden for residents without increasing other costs, such as transportation costs? Describe how you seek to achieve your goal of enabling the production and preservation of affordable housing while also considering the value of siting affordable housing near amenities, public services, jobs, transit, schools, and other important community assets and locations.

• Describe how your proposal represents a model for other communities, including the manner(s) in which your jurisdiction(s) or others may scale or replicate the proposal.

• Describe the community's most significant environmental risks and how the proposal is aligned with them to efficiently promote community resilience. For example, you may wish to describe how your infrastructure and development activities incorporate resilient and/or energy-efficient features, such as native vegetation, reclaimed water, and efforts to mitigate the effects of climate change, as appropriate for your community. Applicants can rely on HUD's Community Resilience Toolkit at <a href="https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HUD-Community-Resilient-Toolkit.pdf">https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HUD-Community-Resilient-Toolkit.pdf</a>.

• What do you consider success to look like at the end of the period of performance or beyond? How would you anticipate the proposal to enable the production and preservation of affordable housing? Explain how the targeted outcomes will remedy the identified Need [prompt (a)]. If possible, propose metrics (the quantifiable topic area you will measure) and target outcomes (a quantified goal for each metric which you will strive to achieve) to explain how your proposed grant activities are expected to address the affordable housing needs and/or barriers identified in Need [prompt (a)] such as cost burden, overcrowding, displacement, median home prices, the median home price to AMI ratio, the number of residential parcels experiencing relief from a former land-use restriction, and/or other data in your jurisdiction(s). HUD will rate applicants more highly for metrics and outcomes that have an evidence-based connection to the proposed activities and the barriers being addressed. Please be aware that HUD will not score on the basis of high target outcomes, and HUD encourages applicants to set target outcomes that they believe to be realistically achievable.

• Describe the long-term effect of your proposal on removing barriers to affordable housing production that have perpetuated segregation, inhibited access to well-

resourced neighborhoods of opportunity for protected class groups and vulnerable populations and expanded access to housing opportunities for these populations.

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Maximum Points: 100

#### 2. Other Factors

#### **Preference Points**

This program does not offer any preference points.

#### **B.** Review and Selection Process

#### **1. Past Performance**

In evaluating applications for funding, HUD will consider an applicant's past performance in managing funds. Items HUD will consider include, but are not limited to:

OMB-designated repositories of governmentwide data, as noted in 2 CFR 200.206(a)

The ability to account for funds in compliance with applicable reporting and recordkeeping requirements

Meeting program requirements

The applicant's organizational capacity, including staffing structures and capabilities

Producing positive outcomes and results

Additional considerations are described in Section V.A.1.c of this NOFO.

HUD may reduce scores based on the past performance review, as specified under V.A. Review Criteria. Whenever possible, HUD will obtain and review past performance information. If this review results in an adverse finding related to integrity of performance, HUD reserves the right to take any of the remedies provided in the <u>Pre-Selection Review of Performance section of the Eligibility Requirements for Applicants of HUD Financial Assistance Programs.</u>

#### 2. Assessing Applicant Risk

In evaluating risks posed by applicants, HUD may use a risk-based approach and may consider any items such as the following:

(1) Financial stability;

(2) Quality of management systems and ability to meet the management standards prescribed in this part;

(3) History of performance. The applicant's record in managing Federal awards, if it is a prior recipient of Federal awards, including timeliness of compliance with applicable reporting requirements, failing to make significant progress in a timely manner, failing to meet planned activities in a timely manner, conformance to the terms and conditions of previous Federal awards, and if applicable, the extent to which any previously awarded amounts will be expended prior to future awards;

(4) Reports and findings from audits performed under Subpart F—Audit Requirements of this part or the reports and findings of any other available audits; and

(5) The applicant's ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements imposed on non-Federal entities.

## **3. Experience Promoting Racial Equity**

In evaluating applications for funding, HUD will consider the extent to which the application demonstrates that the applicant has the experience and the resources to effectively address the needs of underserved communities, particularly Black and Brown communities. This may include experience successfully working directly with such groups, experience designing or operating programs that equitably benefit such groups, or experience successfully advancing racial equity in other ways. This may also include experience soliciting, obtaining, and applying input from such groups when designing, planning, or implementing programs and activities.

Applicants should describe their experience promoting racial equity in the Capacity factor, section V.A.1.c.i.

## Additional information on Review and Selection Process

HUD's selection process is designed to ensure that grants are awarded to eligible applicants that submit the most meritorious applications. HUD will consider the information you submit by the application deadline date. After the application deadline date, HUD may not, consistent with its regulations in 24 CFR part 4, subpart B, consider any unsolicited information that you or any third party may want to provide. HUD may verify information provided in your application as needed by sending a written request for clarification. Responses to such inquiries will be required within 2 business days.

## 4. Application Screening.

a. HUD will screen each application to determine if the Key Eligibility Criteria in Section III.A are met (including screening for technical deficiencies). If they are not met, the application will be deemed ineligible and will not receive further review. If they are met, HUD will screen the application to determine if it meets the other threshold criteria listed in Section III.D (including screening for technical deficiencies).

b. Corrections to Deficient Applications - Cure Period. In accordance with Section IV.D, corrections of technical deficiencies must be submitted within three business days of the date of the notification from HUD. Examples of curable (correctable) technical deficiencies include, but are not limited to, inconsistencies in the funding request and failure to submit a signature and/or date on a certification.

c. Applications that will not be rated or ranked. HUD will not rate or rank applications that are deficient at the end of the cure period or that have not met the Threshold Requirements described in Section III.D. Such applications will not be eligible for funding.

**5. Preliminary Rating and Ranking.** Reviewers will rate each eligible application based SOLELY on the rating factors described in Section V.A and assign a preliminary score for each rating factor and total score. HUD will then rank applications in score order.

6. Final Panel Review. A Final Review Panel will:

a. Review the Preliminary Rating and Ranking documentation to ensure any inconsistencies between preliminary reviewers are identified and rectified and to ensure the Preliminary Rating and Ranking documentation accurately reflects the contents of the application. b. Assign a final score to each application and rank them in score order; and

c. Recommend for selection the most highly rated applications, subject to the amount of available funding.

**7. Tie Scores.** If two or more applications have the same score and there are insufficient funds to select all of them, HUD will select the application(s) with the highest score for the overall Need Rating Factors. If a tie remains, HUD will select the application(s) with the highest score for the overall Soundness of Approach Rating Factors, then overall Capacity Rating Factors.

**8. Remaining Funds.** Reservations not obligated by HUD by September 30, 2026 will expire. If the total amount of funds requested by all applications found eligible for funding under this NOFO is greater than the amount of funds available from this NOFO, eligible applications will be funded until the amount of non-awarded funds is less than the amount required to feasibly fund the next eligible application. In this case, the funds that have not been awarded will be considered remaining funds.

## VI. AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

## **A. Award Notices**

Following the evaluation process, HUD will notify successful applicants of their selection for funding. HUD will also notify other applicants, whose applications were received by the deadline but were not chosen for award. Notifications will be sent by email to the person listed as the AOR in item 21 of the SF-424.

## 1. Final Grant

After HUD has made selections, HUD will finalize specific terms of the award and budget in consultation with the selected applicant. If HUD and the selected applicant do not finalize the terms and conditions of the award in a timely manner, or the selected applicant fails to provide requested information, an award will not be made to that applicant. In this case, HUD may select another eligible applicant. HUD may also impose specific conditions on an award as provided under <u>2 CFR 200.208</u>.

## 2. Adjustments to Funding

To ensure the fair distribution of funds and enable the purposes or requirements of a specific program to be met, HUD reserves the right to fund less than the amount requested in an application.

a. HUD may fund no portion of an application that:

- (1) Is ineligible for funding under applicable statutory or regulatory requirements;
- (2) Fails, in whole or in part, to meet the requirements of this notice;
- (3) Duplicates activities funded by other federal awards; or
- (4) Duplicates activities funded in a prior year.

b. HUD may adjust the funding for an application to ensure funding diversity, geographic diversity, and alignment with HUD administrative priorities.

c. If an applicant turns down an award offer, or if HUD and an applicant do not finalize the terms and conditions of the award in a timely manner, HUD may withdraw the award offer and make an offer of funding to another eligible application.

d. If funds remain after all selections have been made, remaining funds may be made available within the current fiscal year for other competitions within the program area, or be held for future competitions (if allowable in accordance with the applicable appropriation or authorizing statute), or be used as otherwise provided by authorizing statute or appropriation.

e. If, after announcement of awards made under the current NOFO, additional funds become available either through the current appropriations, a supplemental appropriation, other appropriations or recapture of funds, HUD may, in accordance with the appropriation, use the additional funds to provide additional funding to an applicant awarded less than the requested amount of funds to make the full award, and/or to fund additional applicants that were eligible to receive an award but for which there were no funds available.

## **3. Funding Errors**

If HUD commits an error that when corrected would cause selection of an applicant during the funding round of a Program NOFO, HUD may select that applicant for funding, subject to the availability of funds. If funding is not available to award in the current fiscal year, HUD may make an award to this applicant during the next fiscal year, if funding is available.

## **B.** Administrative, National and Departmental Policy Requirements and Terms for HUD Applicants and Recipients of Financial Assistance Awards

Unless otherwise specified, the following <u>Administrative</u>, <u>National and Department Policy</u> <u>Requirements and Terms for HUD Financial Assistance Awards</u> apply. Failure to comply with these requirements may impact your ability to receive or retain a financial assistance award from HUD. Read the requirements carefully as the requirements are different among HUD's programs.

1. Compliance with The Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 100 et seq

2. Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, <u>42 U.S.C. 2000d-2000d-4</u> (Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs) and implementing regulations at <u>24 CFR</u> part <u>1</u>

3. Compliance with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (<u>42 U.S.C. 6101-6107</u>) and implementing regulations at <u>24 CFR part 146</u>

4. Compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (<u>29 U.S.C. 794</u>) and implementing regulations at <u>24 CFR part 8</u>

5. Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, <u>42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq</u>

6. Compliance with Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) requirements, including those listed on HUD's <u>Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing</u> webpage

7. Compliance with Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requirements, including those listed within <u>Federal Register Notice</u>, <u>FR-4878-N-02</u> (also see <u>HUD's webpage</u>)

8. Compliance with Accessible Technology requirements, including those listed on in <u>HUD's</u> <u>Policy on Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act and Accessible Technology</u>

9. Compliance with Equal Access Requirements (see 24 CFR 5.105(a)(2) and 5.106)

10. Compliance with Energy Efficient, Sustainable, Accessible, and Free from Discrimination by Design

11. Compliance with Participation in HUD-Sponsored Program Evaluation (see Federal Register Notice, FR-6278-N-01)

12. Compliance with Drug-Free Workplace requirements (see <u>2 CFR part 2429</u>, which is HUD's implementation of <u>41 U.S.C. 701</u>, et seq.)

13. Compliance with the requirements related to safeguarding resident/client files

14. Compliance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (<u>2 CFR</u> part 170) (FFATA), as amended

15. Compliance with Eminent Domain

16. Compliance with Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities requirements on <u>HUD's</u> <u>Disability Overview</u> webpage

17. Compliance with the <u>Build America</u>, <u>Buy America</u> (BABA) Act procurement requirements and <u>implementing guidance available on HUD's dedicated webpage</u>

18. Compliance with System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements at 2 <u>CFR part 25</u>

19. Compliance with <u>section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA)</u>, as amended (22 USC 7104(g)) and implementing regulations at 2 CFR part 175 (Award Term for Trafficking in Persons)

20. Compliance with Suspension and Debarment (see <u>2 CFR part 2424</u> and <u>2 CFR part 180</u>) 21. Compliance with environmental justice requirements under Executive Orders <u>12898</u> and

<u>14008</u>, and OMB Memorandum <u>M-21-28</u>, which implements the Justice40 Initiative, section 223 of Executive Order <u>14008</u>.

22. Compliance with Eliminating Barriers That May Unnecessarily Prevent Individuals with Criminal Histories from Participation in HUD Programs (see <u>HUD Secretary Fudge's April 12,</u> 2022 memorandum)

23. Compliance with equity requirements, which include compliance with racial equity and underserved communities and LGBTQ+ requirements under Executive Orders <u>13985</u> and <u>13988</u> 24. Compliance with waste, fraud, and abuse requirements, including whistleblower protections (see <u>HUD's webpage</u>)

Compliance with 41 U.S.C. § 4712, which includes informing your employees in writing of their rights and remedies, in the predominant native language of the workforce. Under 41 U.S.C. § 4712, employees of a contractor, subcontractor, grantee, subgrantee, and personal services contractor may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or grant, a gross waste of Federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant. (See Federal Contractor or Grantee Protections | Office of Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development (hudoig.gov)

## **Environmental Review**

Compliance with environmental requirements, including regulations at <u>24 CFR part 50</u> or <u>58</u>:

Environmental review requirements can be found under Section IV.G.2.c of this NOFO.

#### **Prohibition on Surveillance**

Compliance with <u>2 CFR 200.216</u>, <u>Prohibition on Certain Telecommunication and Video</u> <u>Surveillance Services or Equipment</u> is required.

#### **Remedies for Noncompliance**

HUD may terminate a Federal award, in whole or in part, for any of the reasons specified in <u>2</u> <u>CFR 200.340</u>, <u>Termination</u>.

*Corrective and remedial actions.* To ensure compliance with the requirements of the Appropriations Act and to effectively administer the PRO Housing program, HUD is waiving 42 U.S.C. 5304(e) of the HCD Act to the extent necessary to impose the following alternative requirement: HUD may undertake corrective and remedial actions for States in accordance with the authorities applicable to entitlement grantees in subpart O (including corrective and remedial actions in 24 CFR 570.910, 570.911, and 570.913) or under subpart I of the CDBG regulations at 24 CFR part 570. Before determining appropriate corrective actions, HUD will notify the grantee of the procedures applicable to its review. As in the annual CDBG program, in accordance with 24 CFR 570.300, the policies and procedures set forth in subpart O will apply to local governments receiving direct grants from HUD.

*Reduction, withdrawal, or adjustment of a grant or other appropriate action.* Prior to a reduction, withdrawal, or adjustment of a grant or other appropriate action taken pursuant to this section, the recipient shall be notified of such proposed action and given an opportunity within a prescribed time period for an informal consultation. Consistent with the procedures described in this NOFO, the Secretary may adjust, reduce, or withdraw the grant or take other actions as appropriate, except that funds already expended on eligible approved activities shall not be recaptured.

## **Lead-Based Paint Requirements**

When providing housing assistance funding for purchase, lease, support services, operation, or work that may disturb painted surfaces, of pre-1978 housing, you must comply with the lead-based paint evaluation and hazard reduction requirements of HUD's lead-based paint rules (Lead Disclosure; and Lead Safe Housing (<u>24 CFR part 35</u>)); and EPA's lead-based paint rules (e.g., Repair, Renovation and Painting; Pre-Renovation Education; and Lead Training and Certification (<u>40 CFR part 745</u>)).

## **C. Reporting**

HUD requires recipients to submit performance and financial reports under OMB guidance and program instructions.

## **1. Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters**

You should be aware that if the total Federal share of your federal award includes more than \$500,000 over the period of performance, the award will be subject to post award reporting requirements reflected in <u>Appendix XII to 2 CFR part 200, Award Terms and Conditions for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters</u>.

## 2. Race, Ethnicity and Other Data Reporting

HUD requires recipients that provide HUD-funded program benefits to individuals or families to

report data on the race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, and family characteristics of persons and households who are applicants for, participants in, or beneficiaries or potential beneficiaries of HUD programs in order to carry out the Department's responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act, Executive Order 11063, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Section 562 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987. These authorities prohibit discrimination in housing and in programs receiving financial assistance from the Department and direct the Secretary to administer the Department's programs and activities in a manner affirmatively to further these policies and to collect certain data to assess the extent of compliance with these policies. Each recipient shall keep such records and submit to the Department timely, complete, and accurate compliance reports at such times, and in such form and containing such information, as the Department may determine to be necessary to enable it to ascertain whether the recipient has complied or is complying with 24 CFR parts 1 and 121. In general, recipients should have available for the Department data showing the demographics of beneficiaries of federally-assisted programs.

## **3.** Compliance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-282) as amended (FFATA)

FFATA requires information on federal awards be made available to the public via a single, searchable website, which is <u>www.USASpending.gov</u>. Accordingly, each award HUD makes under this NOFO will be subject to the requirements provided by the Award Term in Appendix A to <u>2 CFR part 170</u>, "REPORTING SUBAWARD AND EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION INFORMATION," unless the Federal funding for the award (including funding that may be added through amendments) is not expected to equal or exceed \$30,000. Requirements under this Award Term include filing subaward information in the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Sub-award Reporting System (FSRS.gov) by the end of the month following the month in which the recipient awards any sub-grant equal to or greater than \$30,000.

## 4. Program-Specific Reporting Requirements

Grantees will be required to submit a progress report on an annual basis throughout the grant term through HUD-provided templates and HUD's Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting (DRGR) System.

## **D.** Debriefing

For a period of at least 120 calendar days, beginning 30 calendar days after the public announcement of awards under this NOFO, HUD will provide a debriefing related to their application to requesting applicants. A request for debriefing must be made in writing or by email by the AOR whose signature appears on the SF-424 or by his or her successor in office and be submitted to the POC in Section VII Agency Contact(s) of this NOFO. Information provided during a debriefing may include the final score the applicant received for each rating factor, final evaluator comments for each rating factor, and the final assessment indicating the basis upon which funding was approved or denied.

## E. PRO Housing Post-Award Program Requirements

This section contains the post-award requirements applicable to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds made available by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law

117-328, approved December 29, 2022) (Appropriations Act) and awarded as Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing (PRO Housing) grants.

The Appropriations Act provides that funds shall be awarded directly to State and local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, and multijurisdictional entities. A recipient of a PRO Housing grant is a "grantee." Other capitalized terms in this Section are defined in the NOFO.

## 1. Use of Funds

## a. General

The Appropriations Act made funds available for the identification and removal of barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. The Appropriations Act requires that eligible uses of such grants include activities to further develop, evaluate, and implement housing policy plans, improve housing strategies, and facilitate affordable housing production and preservation.

## b. Applicable Statutory and Regulatory Requirements

All recipients of PRO Housing grants are subject to: (1) the requirements of the Appropriations Act; (2) this Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity for the PRO Housing Grant Program (PRO Housing NOFO), including all appendices; and (3) applicable regulations governing the CDBG program at 24 CFR part 570, unless modified by waivers and alternative requirements published by HUD in this NOFO or other applicable Federal Register Notice.

Multijurisdictional entities and metropolitan planning organizations will be subject to CDBG regulations applicable to entitlement communities, unless otherwise noted. Additionally, references to entitlement communities within this Section also include multijurisdictional entities and metropolitan planning organizations.

The PRO Housing grant program is intended to address the problem of barriers to affordable housing. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, and the PRO Housing NOFO establish the purpose and define the eligible uses of PRO Housing funds. Because PRO Housing is a competitive program, HUD is treating a grantee's use of its PRO Housing grant independently of the consolidated plan and annual action plan process. Treating PRO Housing independently from the regular CDBG submission requirements implements the Appropriations Act direction to award funds competitively and facilitates the distribution of PRO Housing funds, while ensuring public participation on the specific use of the funds. However, for any PRO Applicant that is a recipient of funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (including any member(s) of a multijurisdictional entity), the entity(ies) shall certify that the housing activities to be undertaken with PRO Housing funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the State's or local jurisdiction's consolidated plan. In addition, HUD is waiving the consolidated plan regulations to the extent necessary to adjust reporting to fit the requirements of the Appropriations Act, the PRO Housing competition, and the use of the Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting (DRGR) system. For metropolitan planning organizations and multijurisdictional entities that are not recipients of other HUD funding, as identified above, the consolidated plan requirements at 24 CFR 91 are not applicable, including the certification of consistency with the consolidated plan.

The waivers and alternative requirements apply only to PRO Housing funds and not to the use of annual formula allocations of CDBG funds or other HUD Community Planning and

Development funds, even if they are used in conjunction with PRO Housing funds for a project. They provide expedited program implementation and implement statutory requirements unique to this appropriation.

#### c. PRO Housing Action Plan and Amendments

Applicants will submit an application, as described in this NOFO, detailing the proposed use of funds and how the use of these funds will identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Once an Applicant receives a PRO Housing award, the grantee's application (or approved components of a grantee's application) will become the basis for its PRO Housing Action Plan. Once the grantee has received DRGR system access, the grantee will enter in DRGR the approved activities and narrative information and HUD will ensure that the information is consistent with the application and HUD's approval. This information is the grantee's PRO Housing Action Plan. The grantee shall publish the PRO Housing Action Plan on its official website(s). Such publications shall be in an accessible format and ensure access for individuals with disabilities.

A grantee may request to make substantial amendments to its PRO Housing Action Plan. Before making any request for a substantial amendment to the PRO Housing Action Plan, a grantee must follow the same public participation requirements required by this NOFO for the preparation and submission of an Application. HUD must review and approve any request for a substantial amendment to take effect. HUD's review will confirm whether the substantially amended Application would still score in the fundable range for the competition.

The following modifications constitute a substantial amendment requiring HUD approval: any change to the Application that would result in a change of more than 5 points in the score for need or soundness of approach factors, any change in program benefit, beneficiaries, or eligibility criteria, the allocation or re-allocation of more than ten percent of the award, or the addition or deletion of an eligible activity. Amendments to the PRO Housing Action Plan that do not fall within the definition of a substantial amendment are "non-substantial amendments." These are discussed in section VI.E.5.a below.

HUD can help determine whether the amendment would constitute a substantial amendment and help ensure the proposed change complies with this NOFO and all applicable requirements. Questions regarding specific program requirements for this NOFO should be directed to the POC listed in this NOFO. As indicated in this NOFO, if a grantee makes or proposes to make a substantial amendment to its project, HUD reserves the right to amend the grantee's award and reduce the grant amount or recapture the grant consistent with section IV.F.4 of this NOFO. Additional information about substantial amendments can be found in section VI.E.5.a.3 below.

A grantee is required under this NOFO to show evidence that firmly committed leverage resources were actually received and used for their intended purposes through annual reports as the project proceeds. Sources of leverage funds may be substituted after grant award, as long as the dollar amount of leverage is equal to or greater than the total amount of leverage identified as firmly committed in the application submissions to HUD. Substitution of a leverage source in the same amount committed in the Application is not a substantial amendment. Section VI.E.5.a describes additional leverage reporting requirements in DRGR.

Applicants should note that some activities that can be carried out to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production may contain unallowable costs pursuant to 2 CFR 200.444.

Any activity to carry out the regular responsibilities of the unit of general local government or for building or portions thereof used for the general conduct of government is unallowable. Applicants should plan their approaches accordingly to ensure that PRO Housing award funds are not used for such costs. However, grantees may use leverage funding for such unallowable costs.

## 2. Timely Expenditure of Funds

The Appropriations Act requires that HUD obligate all funds on or before September 30, 2026. A grantee must expend funds in a manner that meets all PRO Housing program requirements, including reporting, by the end of the period of the performance of the PRO Housing grant, which is the end of FY 2029.

Grantees must comply with 2 CFR 200.305, as may be amended, and therefore may not draw down funds in advance of need.

Pursuant to 24 CFR 570.200(k) (entitlements, multijurisdictional entities, and metropolitan planning organizations) and 570.480(h) (states), any unexpended funds in a grantee's account will cancel on September 30, 2031.

## 3. Authority to Grant Waivers

The Appropriations Act authorizes the Secretary to waive or specify alternative requirements for any provision of title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (HCD Act), as amended, except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, the environment, and requirements that activities benefit persons of low- and moderate-income upon a finding that any such waivers or alternative requirements are necessary to expedite or facilitate the use of funds authorized for the identification and removal of barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Regulatory waiver authority is also provided by 24 CFR 5.110, 91.600, and 570.5.

## 4. Overview of Grant Process

To begin expenditure of PRO Housing funds, the following steps are necessary:

- Applicant conducts public participation in accordance with the requirements of this NOFO, including at least one public hearing and at least 15 days for public comment;
- Applicant responds to public comment and submits its application and certifications;
- HUD reviews applications in accordance with this NOFO and selects highest scoring Applicants for awards; and
- If the application is selected for award, HUD sends an award letter selection letter to awardee outlining next steps.

## 5. Applicable Rules, Statutes, Waivers, and Alternative Requirements

This section describes requirements imposed by the Appropriations Act, applicable waivers, and alternative requirements. For each statutory waiver and alternative requirement described in the NOFO, the Secretary has determined that such waiver is necessary to expedite or facilitate the use of PRO Housing funds and for regulatory waivers, the Secretary has determined good cause exists, and/or the action is not inconsistent with the overall purpose of the HCD Act.

The waivers and alternative requirements provide additional flexibility in program design and implementation to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation, while meeting the unique requirements of the Appropriations Act. The following requirements apply only to the PRO Housing funds awarded under this NOFO, and not to funds provided under any other component of the CDBG program, such as the annual formula Entitlement or State CDBG programs, Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program, the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, or any other award under the Appropriations Act.

Grantees may request additional waivers and alternative requirements from the Department as needed to address specific needs related to their activities (for waiver request instructions, see Appendix A). Except where noted, waivers and alternative requirements described below apply to all grantees under this NOFO.

Except as described in this NOFO, statutory and regulatory provisions governing the State CDBG program shall apply to any State government receiving an award under this NOFO, while statutory and regulatory provisions governing the Entitlement CDBG program shall apply to local governments, multijurisdictional entities, and metropolitan planning organizations. Applicable statutory provisions can be found under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.). Applicable State and Entitlement regulations can be found at 24 CFR part 570. Consolidated plan and public participation requirements are found at 24 CFR part 91.

All references in this NOFO pertaining to timelines and/or deadlines are in terms of calendar days unless otherwise noted. The "date of this NOFO" shall mean the publication date of the PRO Housing NOFO unless otherwise noted.

#### a. Grant Administration.

i. *PRO Housing Action Plan and general requirements*. The requirements for CDBG actions plans, located at 42 U.S.C. 5304(a)(1), 42 U.S.C. 5304(m), 42 U.S.C. 5306(d)(2)(C)(iii), 24 CFR 91.220, and 91.320, are waived for funds provided under this NOFO. Instead, each grantee must submit to HUD an application for PRO Housing. HUD will monitor the grantee's activities and use of funds for consistency with its PRO Housing Action Plan and all other requirements, including performance and timeliness.

a. *Application-related requirements*. The Application must meet the criteria of this NOFO and must identify the proposed use(s) of the grantee's award, including criteria for eligibility, and how the uses identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Because HUD may not obligate PRO Housing funds after September 30, 2026, the last date that grantees may submit an amendment that would involve obligation of awarded funds by HUD is June 1, 2026.

b. *Funds awarded to a State government*. For each program or activity that will be carried out by the State government, the application as entered into the PRO Housing Action Plan must describe: (1) the projected use of the PRO Housing funds, including the entity(ies) administering the program/activity, budget, and geographic area; (2) proposed start and end dates; and (3) how the projected use will meet CDBG eligibility criteria and a national objective; and (4) estimated performance outcomes (i.e., a performance measure) as identified in the Section V.A.1.e.i. of this NOFO or as otherwise determined and approved by HUD upon award of PRO Housing funds.

If a State government chooses to use a method of distribution to allocate funds to local governments, it must describe in its Application all criteria used to determine the distribution, including the relative importance of each criterion. Upon making awards, a State government must enter the information into the PRO Housing Action Plan as described above.

c. *Funds awarded directly to a local government, multijurisdictional entity, or metropolitan planning organization.* The local government, multijurisdictional entity, or metropolitan planning organization's Application, as entered into the PRO Housing Action Plan, shall describe: (1) the projected use of the PRO Housing funds, including the entity(ies) administering the program/activity, budget, and geographic area; (2) proposed start and end dates; (3) how the projected use will meet CDBG eligibility criteria and a national objective; and (4) estimated performance outcomes (i.e., a performance measure) as identified in the Section V.A.1.e.i. of this NOFO.

d. General grant oversight

1. The grantee must maintain adequate capacity of its administering agency(ies) or entity(ies), and the capacity of any local government or other organization or Partner expected to carry out PRO Housing projects or activities. The grantee will plan and provide for increasing the capacity of subrecipients as needed and where capacity deficiencies (e.g., outstanding Office of Inspector General audit findings) have been identified. Grantees are responsible for providing adequate technical assistance to Partners, subrecipients, or subgrantees to ensure the timely, compliant, and effective use of funds. Although local governments or other organizations may carry out programs and projects, each grantee under this NOFO remains legally and financially accountable for the use of all funds and may not delegate or contract to any other party any inherently governmental responsibilities related to management of the funds, such as oversight (also see paragraph a.ix under section 5), policy development, and financial management; and

2. The grantee will manage program income (e.g., including in agreements whether subrecipients may retain it), and the purpose(s) for which it may be used. Waivers and alternative requirements related to program income can be found in this NOFO at paragraphs a.ii and a.xvi of this section.

e. *Obligation and expenditure of funds*. HUD will issue a grant agreement obligating the funds to the grantee. Only the funds described by the grantee in its application and approved by HUD will be obligated. In addition, HUD will establish the line of credit and the grantee will receive DRGR system access (if it does not have access already). The grantee must also enter its approved application activities in the PRO Housing Action Plan before it may draw funds as described in paragraph A.2, below.

f. *Each activity must meet the applicable environmental requirements*. After the Responsible Entity completes an environmental review(s) pursuant to 24 CFR part 58, as applicable (and paragraph a.xviii, as applicable), and receives from HUD or the State an approved Request for Release of Funds and certification (as applicable), or HUD has performed an environmental review under 24 CFR part 50 and the recipient has received HUD approval of the project, the grantee may draw down funds from the line of credit for the activity.

g. *Anticipated outcomes and expenditure plan*. Each grantee must include in its PRO Housing Action Plan projected expenditures and anticipated outcomes. Additional information on compliance with this requirement is available in Section VI.E.1.c.

h. PRO Housing Action Plan Amendments and Submission to HUD. As the grantee proposes to amend its application, each proposed amendment must be highlighted, or otherwise identified, within the context of the entire application and be submitted to HUD. For substantial amendments, grantees must complete public participation requirements of this NOFO and section V.A.3. of this Section before HUD can approve the Amendment. HUD will only approve a substantial amendment if the new score is still within the competitive range. The beginning of every amendment must include a section that identifies exactly what content is being added, deleted, or changed. This section must also include a chart or table that clearly illustrates where funds are coming from and where they are moving. The amendment must include a revised budget allocation table that reflects the entirety of all funds, as amended. A grantee's most recent version of its application must be accessible for viewing as a single document at any given point in time, rather than the public or HUD having to view and cross-reference changes among multiple amendments. Every amendment to the application (substantial and nonsubstantial) must be numbered sequentially and posted on the grantee's website. HUD may seek additional information from the grantee to determine whether a proposed amendment is a substantial amendment.

ii. *HUD performance review authorities and grantee reporting requirements in the DRGR System.* 

a. *Performance review authorities*. 42 U.S.C. 5304(e) requires that the Secretary shall, at least on an annual basis, make such reviews and audits as may be necessary or appropriate to determine whether the grantee has carried out its activities in a timely manner, whether the grantee's activities and certifications are carried out in accordance with the requirements and the primary objectives of the HCD Act and other applicable laws, and whether the grantee has the continuing capacity to carry out those activities in a timely manner. This NOFO waives the requirements for submission of a performance report, pursuant to 24 CFR 91.520. In the alternative, and to ensure consistency between grants awarded under the Appropriations Act, HUD is requiring that grantees enter information in the DRGR system in sufficient detail to permit the Department's review of grantee performance on an annual basis and to enable remote review of grantee data to allow HUD to assess compliance and risk.

b. *PRO Housing Action Plan.* Once an Applicant receives a PRO Housing award, the grantee's application (or approved components of a grantee's application) will become the basis for its PRO Housing Action Plan. Each grantee must enter its PRO Housing Action Plan into DRGR, including performance measures. As more detailed information about uses of funds is identified by the grantee, the grantee must enter this information into the DRGR system at a level of detail that is sufficient to serve as the basis for acceptable performance reports, permits HUD review of compliance requirements, and allows public understanding of progress. The information must also be entered into the DRGR system so that the grantee is able to draw its PRO Housing funds from the line of credit. To enter an activity into the DRGR system, the grantee must know the activity

type, national objective, activity budget, proposed performance outcomes, and the organization that will be responsible for the activity. In addition, a Universal Entity Identifier (UEI) number must be entered into the system for any entity carrying out a PRO Housing funded activity, including the grantee, recipient(s) and subrecipient(s), contractor(s), and developers.

c. *Tracking oversight activities in the DRGR system; use of DRGR data for HUD review and dissemination*. HUD will use data entered into the DRGR PRO Housing Action Plan and the Annual Performance Report (APR), transactional data from the DRGR system, and other information provided by the grantee to provide reports to Congress and the public, as well as to (1) monitor for anomalies or performance problems; (2) reconcile budgets, obligations, funding draws, and expenditures; (3) calculate expenditures to determine compliance with program caps and the overall percentage of funds that benefit low- and moderate-income persons; and (4) analyze the risk of grantee programs to determine priorities for the Department's monitoring.

d. *Tracking program income in the DRGR system*. Grantees must use the DRGR system to draw grant funds for each activity. Grantees must also use the DRGR system to track program income receipts, disbursements, and revolving loan funds. If a grantee permits local governments or subrecipients to retain program income, the grantee must establish program income accounts in the DRGR system. The DRGR system requires grantees to use program income before drawing additional grant funds and ensures that program income retained by one organization will not affect grant draw requests for other organizations.

e. *DRGR System Annual Performance Report (APR)*. Each grantee must submit an APR through the DRGR system no later than 30 days following the end of the fiscal year. Within 3 days of submission to HUD, each APR must be posted on the grantee's official website. HUD will also post the reports via the DRGR Public website. The grantee's first APR is due no later than 30 days following the end of the fiscal year in which the grant award is made. For example, a grant award made in April requires an APR to be submitted by October 30. APRs must be submitted on an annual basis until the grant program is completed and meets the criteria for closeout. During the grant closeout process, a final APR will be required to ensure complete reporting.

Each APR will include information about the uses of funds in activities identified in the DRGR system PRO Housing Action Plan during the applicable year. This includes, but is not limited to, the: project name, activity, location, and national objective; funds budgeted, obligated, drawn down, and expended; the funding source and total amount of any non-CDBG funds to be expended on each activity; beginning and actual completion dates of completed activities; achieved performance outcomes, such as number of housing units complete or number of low-and moderate-income persons benefiting; and the race and ethnicity of persons assisted under direct-benefit activities. The DRGR system will automatically display the amount of program income receipted, the amount of program income reported as disbursed, and the amount of grant funds disbursed. In addition, leveraged funds shall be identified for each activity, as applicable, in the DRGR system, and use of leverage funds committed in the grantee's PRO Housing Action Plan shall be included in the grantee's APR.

iii. *Public participation waiver and alternative requirement*. To permit a more streamlined process and to ensure PRO Housing grants are awarded in a timely manner, provisions of 42 U.S.C. 5304(a)(2) and (3), 24 CFR 570.486, 91.105(b) and (c), and 91.115(b) and (c), with respect to public participation requirements, are waived and replaced by the requirements below.

Note that the public participation process is distinct from stakeholder engagement scoring criterion found in this NOFO. The streamlined requirements mandate at least one public hearing at the Applicant's level of government for the application and for each substantial amendment and require providing a reasonable notice (at least 15 days) and opportunity for public comment and ongoing public access to information about the use of grant funds.

The streamlined public participation requirements for the PRO Housing program are:

a. *Publication of the PRO Housing application and Action Plan:* Before the Applicant submits the Application submissions for this NOFO, or a substantial amendment to the PRO Housing Action Plan, the Applicant must publish the PRO Housing application or Action Plan amendment in its entirety for public comment.

The manner of publication must include prominent posting on the Applicant's official Website(s) and must afford the public, affected local governments, and other interested parties a reasonable opportunity to examine the plan or amendment's contents. The topic of PRO Housing must be navigable by the public from the Applicant's homepage. Applicants are required to hold at least one public hearing to solicit public comments on the Application submission and one hearing before submitting a substantial amendment request.

Applicants are also encouraged to notify affected parties through electronic mailings, press releases, statements by public officials, media advertisements, public service announcements, and/or contacts with organizations located in or serving the target area or neighborhood.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that the public has equal access to information about the programs, including persons with disabilities and limited English proficiency (LEP). Each Applicant must ensure that program information is available in the appropriate languages for the geographic area served by the jurisdiction and in accessible formats for persons with disabilities.

For assistance in ensuring that this information is available to LEP populations, recipients should consult the Final Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI, Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons published on January 22, 2007, in the Federal Register (72 FR 2732).

Subsequent to publication of any Application submission, the Applicant must provide a reasonable time frame and method(s) (including electronic submission) for receiving comments on the submission. A summary by topic of all comments or views received on the Application or substantial amendment to the PRO Housing Action Plan, a list of commenters by name or organization, and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons why must be submitted to HUD along with the submission. Such a summary submitted with the submission will not count against the application page limits specified in this NOFO.

Substantial amendments are changes that affect the responses to the rating factors and include but are not limited to a change in program benefit, beneficiaries, or eligibility criteria; the allocation or re-allocation of more than ten percent of the award; or the addition or deletion of an activity. Subsequent to award, a grantee may substantially amend the Application if it follows the same public participation requirements in this NOFO for the preparation and submission of an Application, and HUD agrees in writing that the amended Application would still score in the fundable range for the competition.

b. *Non-substantial amendment*. The grantee is not required to undertake public comment when it makes any plan amendment that is not substantial. Similar to substantial amendments, non-substantial amendments require HUD acceptance in the DRGR system prior to taking effect.

c. *Physical Accessibility*. Note that all meetings must be held in facilities that are physically accessible to persons with disabilities. Where physical accessibility is not achievable, Applicants and Partners must give priority to alternative methods of product or information delivery that offer programs and activities to qualified individuals with disabilities in the most integrated setting appropriate in accordance with HUD's implementing regulations for section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C.§ 794) at 24 CFR part 8 and all applicable laws and regulations. In addition, all notices of and communications during all training sessions and public meetings shall be provided in a manner that ensures effective communication for persons with hearing, visual, and other communication or speech-related disabilities or provide other means of accommodation for persons with disabilities. See Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and HUD's section 504 regulations, 24 CFR 8.6.

d. *Post-award requirements*. A CDBG grantee must update its public participation plan to reflect the requirements of this NOFO. The purpose of this plan is to serve as a notice of the public complaint process and the grantee's response policy, the methods through which the public can learn about the grant and activity status, and the process the grantee will use to amend the PRO Housing Action Plan. The plan must satisfy the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105 or 91.115, as applicable (except as provided for in this NOFO and in notices providing waivers and alternative requirements for this grant).

1. *Website*. The PRO Housing application and grant award information must be navigable by communities on the grantee (or relevant agency) homepage. Grantees are also encouraged to notify affected communities through electronic mailings, press releases, statements by public officials, media advertisements, public service announcements, and/or contacts with neighborhood organizations.

2. Availability and accessibility of the Application. The grantee must make the Application, any amendments, and all performance reports available to the public on its website(s) and on request. In addition, the grantee must make these documents available on its website in a form accessible to persons with disabilities and non-English-speaking persons. During the term of the grant, the grantee will provide the public, affected local governments, and other interested parties with reasonable and timely access to information and records relating to the Application and to the grantee's use of grant funds.

3. Public complaints. The grantee will provide a timely written response to every

public complaint. As required by law, the grantee will provide a response within 15 working days of the receipt of the complaint, where practicable.

## iv. Direct grant administration and means of carrying out eligible activities.

a. *Requirements applicable to State grantees*. Requirements at 42 U.S.C. 5306 are waived, to the extent necessary, to allow a State to directly carry out PRO Housing activities eligible under this NOFO, rather than distribute all funds to local governments. Pursuant to this waiver, the standard at section 570.480(c) and the provisions at 42 U.S.C. 5304(e)(2) will also include activities that the State carries out directly. In addition, activities eligible under this NOFO may be carried out, subject to State law, by the State through its employees, through procurement contracts, or through assistance provided under agreements with subrecipients or recipients in all geographic areas within its jurisdiction, including entitlement areas and tribal areas, so long as the State is consistent with its PRO Housing Action Plan, including description of capacity and commitments to work with partners. Notwithstanding this waiver, State grantees continue to be responsible for civil rights, labor standards, and environmental protection requirements contained in the HCD Act and 24 CFR part 570, as well as ensuring such compliance by subgrantees.

b. Requirements for all grantees – direct administration and assistance to neighborhood organizations described in 42 U.S.C 5305(a)(15) of the HCD Act. Activities made eligible at 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(15) may only be undertaken by the eligible entities described in that section, whether the assistance is provided to such an entity from the State or from a local government.

v. *Requirement for stakeholder engagement during plan preparation*. Currently, the HCDA and regulations require States to consult with affected units of local government in non-entitlement areas of the State in determining the State's proposed method of distribution. HUD is waiving 42 U.S.C. 5306(d)(2)(C)(iv), 42 U.S.C. 5306(d)(2)(D), 24 CFR 91.325(b), and 91.110, to the extent necessary to comply with the stakeholder engagement requirements in this NOFO.

vi. Use of the "upper quartile" or "exception criteria" for low- and moderate-income area benefit activities. Per the requirements at 42 U.S.C. 5305(c)(2)(A), certain communities are allowed to use a percentage less than 51 percent to qualify activities under the low- and moderate-income area benefit category. This exception is referred to as the "exception criteria" or the "upper quartile." For entitlement communities that meet the regulatory exception criteria, the community may apply the criteria if it receives funds from a State PRO Housing grantee and the State grantee permits the use.

vii. *Use of "uncapped" income limits*. The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (Title V of Public Law 105-276) enacted a provision that directed the Department to grant exceptions to at least 10 jurisdictions that are currently "capped" under HUD's low and moderate-income limits. Under this exception, a number of CDBG entitlement grantees may use "uncapped" income limits that reflect 80 percent of the actual median income for the area. Each year, HUD publishes guidance on its website identifying which grantees may use uncapped limits. The uncapped limits apply to activities funded pursuant to this NOFO in jurisdictions covered by the uncapped limits.

viii. Grant administration responsibilities and general administration cap.

a. *Grantee responsibilities*. Per the Appropriations Act, each grantee shall administer its award in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Each grantee shall be financially accountable for the use of all funds provided in this NOFO and may contract for administrative support, but grantees may not delegate or contract to any other party any inherently governmental responsibilities related to management of the funds, such as oversight, policy approval or adoption, and financial management.

b. *General administration cap*. Since HUD expects many grantees intend to use PRO Housing funding entirely for planning activities that identify and remove barriers to affordable housing productions and preservation, HUD is waiving caps for general administration, planning, and technical assistance that apply to CDBG grantees. HUD reminds grantees that these waivers and alternative requirements do not relieve grantees from expending funds for such activities as they identified in their applications.

1. For State CDBG grantees under this NOFO, the provisions of 42 U.S.C. 5306(d) of the HCD Act and the regulation at 24 CFR 570.489(a)(1)(i), (ii), and (iii), and (3)(ii) and (iii) are waived to the extent that they cap administrative and technical assistance costs at three percent of an award, limit a State's ability to charge a nominal application fee for grant applications for activities the State carries out directly, and require a dollar-for-dollar match of State funds for administrative costs exceeding \$100,000. 42 U.S.C. 5306(d)(5) and (6) are waived and replaced with the alternative requirement that grantees may use up to ten percent of the award for general administrative costs is not required.

2. For Entitlement CDBG grantees under this NOFO, the provisions of 24 CFR 570.200(g)(1) and (2) and 570.509(a)(5) are waived to the extent that they place a limit on planning and administrative costs of no greater than 20 percent of the PRO Housing grant and are replaced with the alternative requirement that grantees may use up to ten percent of the award for general administrative costs and technical assistance. There is no limit on the amount of PRO Housing funds non-state grantees may use for planning activities.

ix. *Planning-only activities – applicable to State grantees only*. The annual State CDBG program requires that local government grant recipients for planning-only grants must document that the use of funds meets a national objective. In the State CDBG program, these planning grants are typically used for individual project plans. By contrast, planning activities carried out by entitlement communities are more likely to include non-project specific plans such as functional land-use plans, master plans, historic preservation plans, comprehensive plans, community recovery plans, development of housing codes, zoning ordinances, and neighborhood plans. These plans may guide long-term community development efforts comprising multiple activities funded by multiple sources. In the entitlement program, these general planning activities are presumed to meet a national objective under the requirements at 24 CFR 570.208(d)(4). Therefore, for State grantees receiving an award under this NOFO, the Department is removing the eligibility requirements at 24 CFR 570.483(b)(5) or (c)(3). Instead, States must comply with 570.208(d)(4) when funding PRO Housing planning-only activities, or directly administering planning activities in accordance with the Appropriations Act. In addition, the types of planning activities that States may fund or administer are expanded to be consistent with those of

entitlement communities identified at 24 CFR 570.205. There is no restriction on the percentage of a PRO Housing award that grantees may spend on eligible planning activities.

x. Waiver and alternative requirement for distribution to CDBG metropolitan cities and urban counties – applicable to State grantees only. Section 5302(a)(7) of title 42, U.S.C. (definition of "nonentitlement area") and provisions of 24 CFR part 570 that would prohibit or restrict a State from distributing CDBG funds to entitlement communities and Indian tribes under the CDBG program, are waived, including 24 CFR 570.480(a) and 570.486(c). Instead, the State may distribute funds to local governments, including entitlement communities, and Indian tribes.

xi. Waiver and alternative requirement for activities located in entitlement jurisdictions – applicable to State grantees only. Pursuant to 24 CFR part 570.486(c), any activity carried out in entitlement jurisdictions must significantly benefit residents of the non-entitlement UGLG carrying out the activity, and the state must determine that activity is meeting its needs in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 5306(d)(2)(D). The provisions of 24 CFR 570.486(c) are waived to the extent necessary to allow states, either directly or through units of general local government, to use funds for activities located in entitlement areas without contribution from the entitlement jurisdiction, consistent with the waiver and alternative requirements in Section V.A.4.a. of this Section. HUD is granting this waiver to facilitate and expedite the use of PRO Housing funds.

xii. *Use of subrecipients—applicable to State grantees only.* The State CDBG program rule does not make specific provision for the treatment of entities that the CDBG Entitlement program calls "subrecipients." The waiver allowing the State to directly carry out activities creates a situation in which the State may use subrecipients to carry out activities in a manner similar to an entitlement community. Therefore, for States taking advantage of the waiver to carry out activities directly, the requirements at 24 CFR 570.502, 570.503, and 570.500(c) apply, except the requirements that specific references to 24 CFR part 200 must be included in subrecipient agreements. Pursuant to 24 CFR 570.489(n) and 570.502, State grantees must ensure that its costs and those of its state recipients and subrecipients are in conformance with 2 CFR 200 subpart E, as may be amended and incorporated in HUD regulations, whether carrying out activities directly or through the use of a subrecipient.

#### xiii. Recordkeeping

a. *State governments*. When a State carries out activities directly, the requirements at 24 CFR 570.490(b) are waived and the following alternative provision shall apply: the State shall establish and maintain such records as may be necessary to facilitate review and audit by HUD of the State's administration of PRO Housing funds under 24 CFR 570.493. Consistent with applicable statutes, regulations, waivers and alternative requirements, and other Federal requirements, the content of records maintained by the State shall be sufficient to: enable HUD to make the applicable determinations described at 24 CFR 570.493; make compliance determinations for activities carried out directly by the State; compliance with requirements of this NOFO and any other Notice governing the use of PRO Housing grants; and show how activities funded are consistent with the descriptions of activities proposed for funding in the PRO Housing Action Plan and DRGR system. For fair housing and equal opportunity purposes, and as applicable, such records shall include data on the racial, ethnic, and gender characteristics of persons who are Applicants for, participants in, or beneficiaries of the program.

b. *Local government, MPO, and multijurisdictional entities*. Non-state grantees are subject to the recordkeeping requirements of 24 CFR 570.506.

xiv. *Change of use of real property – applicable to State grantees only*. This waiver conforms to the change of use of real property requirement for States carrying out activities directly. For purposes of this program, all references to "unit of general local government" in 24 CFR 570.489(j), shall be read as "unit of general local government or State."

xv. *Responsibility for review and handling of noncompliance – applicable to State grantees only.* This change is in conformance with the waiver allowing the State to carry out activities directly. 24 CFR 570.492 is waived and the following alternative requirement applies for any State receiving a direct award under this NOFO: the State shall make reviews and audits, including onsite reviews of any subrecipients, designated public agencies, and local governments, as may be necessary or appropriate to meet the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 5304(e)(2), as amended, and as modified by this NOFO. In the case of noncompliance with these requirements, the State shall take such actions as may be appropriate to prevent a continuance of the deficiency, mitigate any adverse effects or consequences, and prevent a recurrence. The State shall establish remedies for noncompliance by any designated subrecipients, public agencies, or local governments.

xvi. *Program income alternative requirement*. The Department is waiving applicable program income rules at 42 U.S.C. 5304(j), 24 CFR 570.500(a) and (b), 570.504, and 570.489(e) to the extent necessary to provide additional flexibility as described under this NOFO. The alternative requirements provide guidance regarding the use of program income received before and after grant closeout and address revolving loan funds.

#### a. Definition of program income.

For the purposes of this subpart, "program income" is defined as gross income generated from the use of PRO Housing funds and received by a State, local government, or tribe, or a subrecipient of a State, local government, or tribe, unless excluded from the definition as described in paragraph 17.a.(2) and paragraph 17.d. below. When income is generated by an activity that is only partially assisted with PRO Housing funds, the program income to the PRO Housing grant shall be prorated to reflect the percentage of PRO Housing funds used (e.g., a single loan supported by PRO Housing funds and other funds; a single parcel of land purchased with PRO Housing funds and other funds; but is not limited to, the following:

1. Proceeds from the disposition by sale or long-term lease of real property purchased or improved with PRO Housing funds;

2. Proceeds from the disposition of equipment purchased with PRO Housing funds;

3. Gross income from the use or rental of real or personal property acquired with PRO Housing funds by a State, local government, or tribe, or subrecipient of a State, local government, or tribe, less costs incidental to generation of the income (i.e., net income);

4. Net income from the use or rental of real property owned by a State, local government, or tribe or subrecipient of a State, local government, or tribe, that was constructed or improved with PRO Housing funds;

5. Payments of principal and interest on loans made using PRO Housing funds;

6. Proceeds from the sale of loans made with PRO Housing funds;

7. Proceeds from the sale of obligations secured by loans made with PRO Housing funds;

8. Interest earned on program income pending disposition of the income, but excluding interest earned on funds held in a revolving fund account;

9. Funds collected through special assessments made against properties owned and occupied by households not of low- and moderate-income, where the special assessments are used to recover all or part of the PRO Housing portion of a public improvement; and

10. Gross income paid to a State, local government, tribe, or paid to a subrecipient thereof from the ownership interest in a for-profit entity in which the income is in return for the provision of PRO Housing assistance.

"Program income" does not include the following:

1. The total amount of funds which is less than 25,000 received in a single year and retained by a State, local government, tribe, or retained by a subrecipient thereof; or 2. Amounts generated by activities both eligible and carried out by an entity under the authority of section 105(a)(15) of the HCD Act.

b. *Retention of program income*. Per 24 CFR 570.504(c), a local government receiving a direct award under this NOFO may permit a subrecipient to retain program income. State grantees may permit a local government or tribe, which receives or will receive program income, to retain the program income, but are not required to do so.

c. Program income – use, closeout, and transfer.

1. Program income received (and retained, if applicable) before or after closeout of the grant that generated the program income, and used to continue activities, is treated as additional PRO Housing grant funds subject to the requirements of this NOFO and must be used in accordance with the grantee's PRO Housing Action Plan. To the maximum extent feasible, program income shall be used or distributed before additional withdrawals from the U.S. Treasury are made, except as provided in subparagraph d of this paragraph.

2. In addition to the regulations dealing with program income found at 24 CFR 570.489(e) and 570.504, except as modified by this NOFO, the following rules apply: A grantee may transfer program income before closeout of the PRO Housing grant that generated the program income to its annual CDBG program. In addition, a State grantee may transfer program income before closeout to any annual CDBG-funded activities carried out by a local government or Indian tribe within the State, including a local government that is an Entitlement CDBG grantee if that Entitlement grantee received PRO Housing funding from the State or from HUD.

Program income received by a grantee, or received and retained by a subgrantee, after closeout of the grant that generated the program income, may also be transferred to a grantee's annual CDBG award. In all cases, any program income received, and not used to continue PRO Housing activities, will not be subject to the waivers and alternative requirements of this NOFO. Rather, those funds will be subject to the applicable formula CDBG program rules.

d. *Revolving loan funds*. Local government grantees, State grantees, and local governments or tribes (as permitted by a State grantee) may establish revolving funds to carry out specific, identified activities. A revolving fund, for this purpose, is a separate fund (with a set of accounts that are independent of other program accounts) established to carry out specific activities. These activities generate payments, which will be used to support similar activities going forward. These payments to the revolving fund are program income and must be substantially disbursed from the revolving fund before additional grant funds are drawn from the U.S. Treasury for payments which could be funded from the revolving fund. Such program income is not required to be disbursed for non-revolving fund activities.

State grantees may also establish a revolving fund to distribute funds to local governments or tribes to carry out specific, identified activities. The same requirements, outlined above, apply to this type of revolving loan fund. Last, note that no revolving fund, established per this NOFO, shall be directly funded or capitalized with an advance of PRO Housing grant funds.

xvii. *Reimbursement of expenses.* The provisions of 24 CFR 570.489(b) are applied to permit a State to reimburse itself for otherwise allowable application-related costs incurred by itself or its subrecipients on or after the NOFO preview publication on HUD.gov. An entitlement grantee is subject to the provisions of 24 CFR 570.200(h) but may reimburse itself or its subrecipients for otherwise allowable costs incurred on or after the NOFO preview publication date. 24 CFR 570.200(h)(1)(i) will not apply to the extent that it requires pre-agreement activities to be included in a consolidated plan. The Department expects all grantees to include all pre-agreement activities in their applications. The provisions at 24 CFR 570.200(h) and 570.489(b) apply to grantees reimbursing costs incurred by itself or its recipients or subrecipients prior to the execution of a grant agreement with HUD.

#### xviii. Environmental requirements.

a. Clarifying note on the process for environmental release of funds when a State carries out activities directly. In the CDBG program, a State distributes CDBG funds to local governments and takes on HUD's role in receiving environmental certifications from the grant recipients and approving releases of funds. For State grantees under this PRO Housing NOFO, HUD allows the State to carry out activities directly, in addition to distributing funds to subrecipients and/or subgrantees. Thus, per 24 CFR 58.4, when a State carries out activities directly, the State must submit the certification and request for release of funds to HUD for approval.

b. Historic preservation reviews. To facilitate expedited historic preservation reviews under Section 106 of the of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 U.S.C. § 306108), HUD strongly encourages grantees to allocate general administration funds to support the capacity of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)/Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) to review PRO Housing projects.

#### xix. Procurement.

a. State grantees. Per 24 CFR 570.489(d), a State must have fiscal and administrative requirements for expending and accounting for all funds. Furthermore, per 570.489(g), a State shall establish requirements for procurement policies and procedures for local

governments based on full and open competition. All local governments receiving funds from a State through a method of distribution (also called state recipients, subgrantees, or local governments) are subject to the procurement policies and procedures required by the State.

A State may meet the above requirements by electing to follow 2 CFR part 200, as may be amended. If a State has adopted part 200 in full, it must follow the same policies and procedures it uses when procuring property and services with its non-Federal funds. However, the State must ensure that every purchase order or other contract includes any clauses required by Federal statutes and executive orders and their implementing regulations per 2 CFR 200.317.

b. Direct grants to local governments. Local governments receiving a direct grant from HUD will be subject to the procurement requirements of 4 CFR 200.318 through 200.327, as may be amended.

xx. *Public website*. A grantee shall maintain a public website which provides information accounting for how all grant funds are used and managed/administered, including details of all contracts and ongoing procurement policies. To meet this requirement, each grantee must make the PRO Housing Action Plan (including all amendments) and each APR (as created using the DRGR system) available on its website(s).

xxi. *Timely distribution of funds*. The provisions at 24 CFR 570.494 and 24 CFR 570.902 regarding timely distribution of funds are waived under this NOFO. HUD expects each grantee to expeditiously obligate and expend all funds, including any recaptured funds or program income, and to carry out activities in a timely manner.

To track grantees' progress, HUD will evaluate timeliness in relation to each grantee's established expenditure plan. The Department will, absent substantial evidence to the contrary, deem a grantee to be carrying out its programs and activities in a timely manner if the schedule for carrying out its activities is substantially met. In determining the appropriate corrective action pursuant to this section, HUD will take into account the extent to which unexpended funds have been obligated by the grantee and its subrecipients for specific activities at the time the finding is made and other relevant information.

xxii. *Review of continuing capacity to carry out CDBG-funded activities in a timely manner*. If HUD determines at any time that the grantee has not carried out its PRO Housing activities and certifications in accordance with the requirements and criteria described in this NOFO, HUD will undertake a further review to determine whether the grantee has the continuing capacity to carry out its activities in a timely manner. In making the determination, the Department will consider the following alternative requirements to provisions under 42 U.S.C. 5304(e): the nature and extent of the grantee's performance deficiencies, types of corrective actions the grantee has undertaken, and the success or likely success of such actions.

xxiii. *Corrective and remedial actions*. To ensure compliance with the requirements of the Appropriations Act and to effectively administer the PRO Housing program, HUD is waiving 42 U.S.C. 5304(e) of the HCD Act to the extent necessary to impose the following alternative requirement: HUD may undertake corrective and remedial actions for States in accordance with the authorities applicable to entitlement grantees in subpart O (including corrective and remedial actions in 24 CFR 570.910, 570.911, and 570.913) or under subpart I of the CDBG regulations at

24 CFR part 570. Before determining appropriate corrective actions, HUD will notify the grantee of the procedures applicable to its review. As in the annual CDBG program, in accordance with 24 CFR 570.300, the policies and procedures set forth in subpart O will apply to local governments receiving direct grants from HUD.

xxiv. *Reduction, withdrawal, or adjustment of a grant or other appropriate action.* Prior to a reduction, withdrawal, or adjustment of a grant or other appropriate action taken pursuant to this section, the recipient shall be notified of such proposed action and given an opportunity within a prescribed time period for an informal consultation. Consistent with the procedures described in this NOFO, the Secretary may adjust, reduce, or withdraw the grant or take other actions as appropriate, except that funds already expended on eligible approved activities shall not be recaptured.

xxv. *Use of CDBG PRO-Housing funds as Match.* As provided by the HCD Act, PRO Housing funds may be used as a matching requirement, share, or contribution for any other Federal program when used to carry out an eligible PRO Housing activity.

xxxvi. URA and section 104(d) Requirements. As a reminder to all applicants, in addition to the URA requirements detailed elsewhere in this NOFO, PRO housing funds are subject to section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and its implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 42, Displacement, Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition for HUD and HUD-Assisted Programs. Section 104(d) applies to the demolition or conversion of lower-income dwelling units in connection with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program assisted activities. In addition, should HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funding comprise a funding source for a PRO Housing project activity, HOME funding is also subject to section 104(d) requirements.

**b.** Certifications waiver and alternative requirement. Sections 91.325 and 91.225 of title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations are waived. Each State or local government applying for an award under this NOFO must make the certifications required by Appendix B and submit the certifications with its Application.

## 6. Duration of Funding

The Appropriations Act requires that HUD obligate all funds provided under the Community Development Fund heading not later than September 30, 2026. All PRO Housing funds must be expended before September 30, 2029.

#### 7. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

The primary Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for the grants under this NOFO is 14.023. Additional supporting CFDAs are: 14.218; 14.228.

## VII. AGENCY CONTACT(S)

HUD staff will be available to provide clarification on the content of this NOFO. Questions regarding specific program requirements for this NOFO should be directed to the POC listed below.

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202-708-3587 Email: CDBG-PROHousing@hud.gov

Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, or who have speech and other communication disabilities may use a relay service to reach the agency contact. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, visit the webpage for the <u>Federal Communications</u> <u>Commission</u>. Note that HUD staff cannot assist applicants in preparing their applications.

## **VIII. OTHER INFORMATION**

## 1. Compliance of this NOFO with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to the environment has been made for this NOFO in accordance with HUD regulations at <u>24 CFR part 50</u>, which implement section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.

4332(2)(C)). The FONSI is available for inspection at <u>HUD's Funding Opportunities</u> web page.

## 2. Web Resources.

- <u>Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing</u>
- Assistance Listing (formerly CFDA)
- <u>Climate Action Plan</u>
- <u>Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST)</u>
- <u>Code of Conduct Requirements and E-Library</u>
- Environmental Review
- Equal Participation of Faith-Based Organizations
- Fair Housing Rights and Obligations
- Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System
- <u>Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Subaward</u> <u>Reporting System</u>
- Grants.gov
- <u>Healthy Homes Strategic Plan</u>
- Healthy Housing Reference Manual
- <u>Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)</u>
- HUD's Strategic Plan
- HUD Grants
- HUD Reform Act
- HUD Reform Act: HUD Implementing Regulations
- Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- NOFO Webcasts
- <u>Procurement of Recovered Materials</u>
- <u>Promise Zones</u>
- <u>Section 3 Business Registry</u>
- <u>State Point of Contact List</u>
- System for Award Management (SAM)

- <u>Real Estate Acquisition and Relocation</u>
- <u>Unique Entity Identifier</u>
- USA Spending

## 3. Program Relevant Web Resources

https://www.hud.gov/program\_offices/comm\_planning/pro\_housing

#### APPENDIX

#### **Appendix A: Waiver Requests**

#### **Introduction**

This attachment provides instructions for seeking waivers of the program requirements applicable to funds under Public Law 117-328 and described in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for HUD's Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Affordable Housing (PRO Housing).

Waiver requests necessary to carry out an activity described in an application must be submitted with that application. When submitting an application, applicants should submit requests for any waivers anticipated to be necessary at the time of submission for any activity referenced in the application. However, HUD understands that actions needed to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing productions and preservation can be addressed through more than one CDBG eligible activity. Changes to a project's funding structure or design may require a change in the proposed CDBG-eligible activity or a modification to a waiver or alternative requirement previously requested. Therefore, applicants may submit waiver requests, and if necessary, requests to modify previous waiver requests.

HUD may, during review of an application or during the post-review negotiation process, determine that the Applicant would require an additional waiver for the proposed project, or find that additional information is needed to make a determination regarding a submitted waiver request. In these cases, HUD may contact any Applicant at any time prior to award announcement to explain the issue and request that the Applicant submit a waiver request for consideration or additional information to support a previous request.

## Waiver and Alternative Requirement Categories

Public Law 117-328 authorizes the Secretary of HUD to "waive or specify alternative requirements for any provision of such title I of the [Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended] except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, the environment, and requirements that activities benefit persons of low- and moderate-income" if the Secretary finds that such waivers or alternative requirements "are necessary to expedite or facilitate the use" of PRO Housing funds.

Grantees are cautioned that all waiver requests may not be approved, and that HUD may impose additional alternative requirements when granting a waiver. Additional instructions for submitting waivers are included below. Waiver requests shall be submitted to HUD at the following e-mail address: CDBG-PROHousing@hud.gov, with Waiver Request on the subject line of the email.

## **Eligibility and Administrative Waivers**

All applicants must demonstrate that PRO Housing funds will be used for a CDBG-eligible activity (for States, the activities described at 42 U.S.C. § 5305(a); for entitlement CDBG grantees, multijurisdictional entities, and metropolitan planning organizations, the activities described in 24 CFR part 570, subpart C) or an activity eligible under a waiver and alternative requirement. When necessary to expedite or facilitate the use of funds, the Secretary may grant waivers to add a new eligible activity or to modify existing eligible activities. Waivers to add new eligible activities are rare, generally because the list of existing eligible activities is extensive and able to accommodate proposals to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing productions and preservation.

Grantees may also request a waiver of other regulations that the Secretary administers in connection with the obligation by the Secretary or the use by the recipient of these funds (except for statutory requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, the environment, and the low- and moderate-income national objective). For example, a grantee may request a modification of the definition of subrecipient.

To request a waiver of eligibility or administrative requirements, applicants must submit a written request that includes: the requirement to be waived, and if applicable, alternative requirement to be added (meaning how the current requirement should be altered); a detailed statement of how the request is necessary to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation; the demographics of the population to be assisted; and a statement of alternative approaches considered to eliminate the need for a waiver.

## National Objective Waivers

All PRO Housing activities are required to meet a national objective. HUD will not consider waiver requests that seek to waive a national objective entirely. Although exceedingly rare, HUD may consider a regulatory waiver request to impose an alternative requirement modifying an existing national objective requirement.

For example, 24 CFR 570.208(a)(1)(i) requires that for activities that serve all the residents in a particular area, at least 51 percent of whom are low- and moderate-income persons, an area that is not primarily residential in character shall not qualify. Most activities that meet this requirement are smaller activities with focused geographic service areas that are easy to document as "primarily residential." However, HUD anticipates that many applications for PRO Housing activities will include or consist entirely of planning activities that may affect all areas of an applicant's jurisdiction. For large cities, urban counties, and states, documenting that the entire jurisdiction is "primarily residential" is difficult or impossible. Therefore, applicants may request that HUD waive the requirement that the service area be "primarily residential" in order for the applicant to carry out an activity that benefits its entire jurisdiction. Note that such a waiver would not remove the requirement that the jurisdiction contain at least 51 percent low-and moderate-income persons.

To request a national objective waiver, applicants must submit a written request that includes: the requirement to be waived, and if applicable, alternative requirement to be added; a detailed statement of how the existing requirement is necessary to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation; the demographics of population to be assisted; and a statement of alternatives approaches considered to eliminate the need for a waiver.

## **Appendix B -- Certifications**

Applicants to the PRO Housing program must use this Appendix to certify their compliance with various requirements. Applicants should complete the certifications relevant to them and submit them with their application. Please note that all applicants must complete the lobbying certification.

# PRO HOUSING CERTIFICATIONS FOR ENTITLEMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPLICANTS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

**Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan** -- 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. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

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 paragraph 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.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The submission of the PRO Housing application is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

**Consistency with plan** -- The housing activities to be undertaken with PRO Housing funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

**Section 3** -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

**Build America, Buy America (BABA)** – It will comply with Title IX, Subpart A of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (41 U.S.C. 8301 et seq.).

**Public Participation** – It is in full compliance with the PRO Housing streamlined public participation requirements found in Section VI.E of the PRO Housing NOFO.

**Community Development Plan** -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

- 1. <u>Maximum Feasible Priority</u>. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with PRO Housing funds, it has developed its proposal so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The proposal may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional PRO Housing Certification).
- 2. <u>Overall Benefit</u>. The aggregate use of PRO Housing funds shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons.
- 3. <u>Special Assessments.</u> It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with PRO Housing 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.

However, if PRO Housing funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with PRO Housing funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than PRO Housing funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not lowincome) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than PRO Housing funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks PRO Housing funds to cover the assessment.

**Excessive Force** -- It has adopted and is enforcing:
- 1. 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
- 2. 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.

**Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws** -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

**Lead-Based Paint** -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R; and EPA's lead-based paint rules (e.g., Repair, Renovation and Painting; Pre-Renovation Education; and Lead Training and Certification (40 CFR part 745)).

**Compliance with RFRA** -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with the requirements of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (42 U.S.C. 2000bb) and 24 CFR 5.109, allowing the full and fair participation of faith-based entities.

**Environmental Review** -- It will comply with environmental review procedures and requirements at 24 CFR parts 50 and 58.

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

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Title

## PRO HOUSING CERTIFICATIONS FOR STATE APPLICANTS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the State certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The State will affirmatively further fair housing.

The Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (URA), and Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan (RARAP) -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the URA (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a RARAP as required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under either the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs..

Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the State'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 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.

**Authority of State** -- The submission of the PRO Housing application is authorized under State law and the State possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs under the consolidated plan for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

**Consistency with plan** -- The housing activities to be undertaken PRO Housing funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the State's consolidated plan.

**Section 3** -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

**Build America, Buy America (BABA)** – It will comply with Title IX, Subpart A of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (41 U.S.C. 8301 et seq.).

**Public Participation** -- It is in full compliance with the PRO Housing streamlined public participation requirements found in Section VI.E of the PRO Housing NOFO and each unit of general local government that receives assistance from the State is in full compliance with the same.

#### Consultation with Local Governments --

- 1. It has consulted with affected units of local government in the non-entitlement area of the State in determining the method of distribution of funding, if applicable;
- 2. It engages in or will engage in planning for community development activities;
- 3. It provides or will provide technical assistance to units of local government in connection with community development programs; and
- 4. It will not refuse to distribute funds to any unit of general local government on the basis of the particular eligible activity selected by the unit of general local government to meet its community development needs, except that a State is not prevented from establishing priorities in distributing funding on the basis of the activities selected.

**Local Needs Identification** – It will require each unit of general local government to be funded to identify its community development and housing needs, including the needs of low-income and moderate-income families, and the activities to be undertaken to meet these needs.

**Community Development Plan** -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR parts 91 and 570.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

- 1. <u>Maximum Feasible Priority</u>. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with PRO Housing funds, it has developed its proposal so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The proposal may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional PRO Housing Certification).
- 2. <u>Overall Benefit</u>. The aggregate use of PRO Housing funds shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons.
- 3. <u>Special Assessments.</u> It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with PRO Housing 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. However, if PRO Housing funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with PRO Housing funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than PRO Housing funds. In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than PRO Housing funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks PRO Housing funds to cover the assessment.

**Excessive Force** -- It will require units of general local government that receive CDBG funds to certify that they have adopted and are enforcing:

- 1. 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
- 2. 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.

**Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws** -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

**Lead-Based Paint** -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R; and EPA's lead-based paint rules (e.g., Repair, Renovation and Painting; Pre-Renovation Education; and Lead Training and Certification (40 CFR part 745)).

**Compliance with RFRA** -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with the requirements of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (42 U.S.C. 2000bb) and 24 CFR 5.109, allowing the full and fair participation of faith-based entities.

**Environmental Review** -- It will comply with environmental review procedures and requirements at 24 CFR parts 50 and 58.

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

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Title

## PRO HOUSING CERTIFICATIONS FOR METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) APPLICANTS AND NON-ENTITLEMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPLICANTS

The applicant certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The MPO will affirmatively further fair housing.

**The Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended** (URA) -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the URA (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24.

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 paragraph 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.

**Authority of MPO** – The submission of the PRO Housing application is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the MPO possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

**Section 3** -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

**Build America, Buy America (BABA)** – It will comply with Title IX, Subpart A of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (41 U.S.C. 8301 et seq.).

**Public Participation** -- It is in full compliance with the PRO Housing streamlined public participation requirements found in Section VI.E of the PRO Housing NOFO.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

- 1. <u>Maximum Feasible Priority</u>. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with PRO Housing funds, it has developed its PRO Housing proposal so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The PRO Housing proposal may also include PRO Housing-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional PRO Housing Certification).
- 2. <u>Overall Benefit</u>. PRO Housing funds shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons.
- 3. <u>Special Assessments.</u> It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with PRO Housing 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. However, if PRO Housing funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with PRO Housing funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than PRO Housing funds. In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than PRO Housing funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks PRO Housing funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force – Each member State or local government has adopted and is enforcing:

1. 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

2. 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.

**Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws** -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

**Lead-Based Paint** -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R; and EPA's lead-based paint rules (e.g., Repair, Renovation and Painting; Pre-Renovation Education; and Lead Training and Certification (40 CFR part 745)).

**Compliance with RFRA** -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with the requirements of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (42 U.S.C. 2000bb) and 24 CFR 5.109, allowing the full and fair participation of faith-based entities.

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

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Title

# PRO HOUSING CERTIFICATIONS FOR MULTIJURISDICTIONAL ENTITY APPLICANTS

The multijurisdictional entity applicant(s) certifies that:

**Affirmatively Further Fair Housing** -- The jurisdiction(s) will affirmatively further fair housing.

**The Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended** (**URA**) -- 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. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24.

Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdictions' 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 paragraph 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.

Authority of Jurisdiction(s) -- The submission of the PRO Housing application is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction(s) possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

**Consistency with plan** – If any member(s) of the multijurisdictional entity applicant is a recipient of funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the entity certifies that the housing activities to be undertaken with PRO Housing funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdictions' consolidated plan.

**Section 3** -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

**Build America, Buy America (BABA)** – It will comply with Title IX, Subpart A of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (41 U.S.C. 8301 et seq.).

**Public Participation** – It is in full compliance with the PRO Housing streamlined public participation requirements found in Section VI.E of the PRO Housing NOFO.

**Community Development Plan** -- If any member(s) of the multijurisdictional entity applicant is a recipient of funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the entity certifies that its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR parts 91 and 570.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. <u>Maximum Feasible Priority</u>. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with PRO Housing funds, it has developed its proposal so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The proposal may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional PRO Housing Certification).

- 2. <u>Overall Benefit.</u> The aggregate use of PRO Housing funds shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons.
- 3. <u>Special Assessments.</u> It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with PRO Housing 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.

However, if PRO Housing funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with PRO Housing funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than PRO Housing funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not lowincome) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than PRO Housing funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks PRO Housing funds to cover the assessment.

**Excessive Force** -- Each member State or local government has adopted and is enforcing:

- 1. 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
- 2. 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.

**Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws** -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

**Lead-Based Paint** -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R; and EPA's lead-based paint rules (e.g., Repair, Renovation and Painting; Pre-Renovation Education; and Lead Training and Certification (40 CFR part 745)).

**Compliance with RFRA** -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with the requirements of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (42 U.S.C. 2000bb) and 24 CFR 5.109, allowing the full and fair participation of faith-based entities.

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

Signature of Authorized Official

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#### **OPTIONAL PRO HOUSING URGENT NEED CERTIFICATION**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the PRO Housing proposal are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the PRO Housing proposal includes one or more specifically identified PRO Housing-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Title

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-120**

#### A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION TO HUD FOR THE PRO HOUSING GRANT.; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND ADOPTION.

WHEREAS, the Community Development Department requests the approval to submit a grant application to HUD for the PRO Housing Grant. HUD will provide PRO Housing grants to identify and remove barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Grantees may use awards to further develop, evaluate, and implement housing policy plans, improve housing strategies, and facilitate affordable housing production and preservation. Eligible applicants are local and state governments, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and multijurisdictional entities.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS:

**<u>SECTION 1</u>**: That the City Commission of the City of Texas City, Texas, approves the submission of this application on behalf the City of Texas City to further the City's mission to provide decent and affordable housing to low and moderate-income citizens.

**SECTION 2:** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption.

#### PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of November 2023.

Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr. Mayor City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

#### APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rhomari D. Leigh City Secretary Kyle L. Dickson City Attorney

#### **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG**

Meeting Date: 11/01/2023 2025 International 14 Yard Dump Truck Submitted For: Mike McKinley, Public Works

**Department:** Public Works

Information

#### ACTION REQUEST

Approve the purchase of 2025 International 14 yard dump truck from Santex Truck Center, LTD in San Antonio, Texas through the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program for the total contract price of \$140,381.00.

#### **BACKGROUND** (Brief Summary)

This truck is to replace a 2002 dump truck and will be purchased through HGACBuy contract # HT06-20 for the total contract price of \$140,381.00 and it will be a model year 2025. Funds are made available in the 2024 City of Texas City Budget through the Capital Equipment Replacement Fund - Public Works Department.

The HGACBuy work sheet is attached for your review.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Public Works Department to award the purchase of this equipment from Santex Truck Center, LTD. through the H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program for the total contract price of \$140,381.00.

Thank you.

**Fiscal Impact** 

Attachments

Exhibit A Resolution Submitted By: Mike McKinley, Public Works

HGA	CONTRACT PRIC			Contract No.:	HT06-20	Date Prepared:	10/19/2023
This Wo	rksheet is prepared by Contrac <u>MUST</u> be faxed to H-GAC @ 7	•					
Buying Agency:	CITY OF TEXAS CITY		Contractor:	SANTEX TRU	CK CENTERS,	LTD	
Contact	ABRAHAM ZUNIGA		Prepared	CARLOS WEE	BER		
Person: Phone:	409-682-6817		By: Phone:	713-674-3444			
Fax:			Fax:				
Email:	azuniga@texascitytx.gov		Email:	cweeber@kyris	htrucks.com		
Product Code:	F11 Description: 2025 HV607,	Conventional Ca	ab, 6x4, 14YD	DUMP			
Contraction of the second second	tem Base Unit Price Per Contractor's H	-GAC Contrac	et:				86562
	Options - Itemize below - Attach addition ed Options are options which were submitted an			Include Option	1 Code in dese	cription if app	licable.
	Description	Cost		Descr	iption		Cost
01CAJ FRAM	E RAILS HEATED TREAT 120k PSI	783	WARREN BO	DIES 14YD DU	MP w/TARP Q	UOTE 14726	23770
04EBS AIR DI	RYER BENDIX AD-9	450	1110 30101	1011 2000			
04WZJ AIR TA	ANK LOCATION FRT OF REAR SUSP	288					
	SYSTEM HORIZ, VERTICAL TAIL PIPE	2128					
	AM/FM/BLUETOOTH/USB	483					
	TING MOTOR DELCO REMY 38MT	193					
	10WCY SAFETY TRIANGLES 47						
	NE,DIESEL CUMMINS L9 330 HP	9404					
	SM, AUTO ALLISON 3000RDS 6-SPEED	6476					
14GVZ AXLE	REAR TANDEM MERITOR 40K	8797		Subto	tal From Addit	ional Shoot(c):	
				Subto	tal From Adult	Subtotal B:	52819
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						Subtotal C:	0
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Qua	ntity Ordered: 1	X Subtotal	of $A + B + C$ :	139381	=	Subtotal D:	139381
	der Processing Charge (Amount Per Current					Subtotal E:	1000
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#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-121**

#### A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 2025 INTERNATIONAL 14-YARD DUMP TRUCK FROM SANTEX TRUCK CENTER, LTD IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS THROUGH THE HGACBUY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND ADOPTION.

**WHEREAS**, funds are made available in the 2024 City of Texas City Budget through the Capital Equipment Replacement Fund - Public Works Department for the purchase of a 2025 International 4300 4x2 Dump Truck;

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1:** That the City Commission of the City of Texas City, Texas, hereby approves the expenditure of \$140,381.00 through HGACBuy Contract No. HT06-20, as set out on **Exhibit "A"**, attached hereto, for one (1) 2025 International 14-yard dump truck to be utilized by the Public Works Department.

**<u>SECTION 2</u>**: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of November 2023.

Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr. Mayor City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rhomari D. Leigh City Secretary Kyle L. Dickson City Attorney

#### **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG**

Meeting Date: 11/01/2023 Purchase of Tymco Model 600 Street Sweeper Submitted For: Mike McKinley, Public Works

Submitted By: Mike McKinley, Public Works

Department: Public Works

#### Information

#### ACTION REQUEST

Approve the purchase of a Tymco model 600 sweeper.

#### BACKGROUND (Brief Summary)

Purchase of the Tymco Street Sweeper is to replace one of the City's current, older models. The purchase will from Tymco, Inc. in Fort Worth Texas, through BuyBoard purchasing cooperative contract number 685-22. The total cost for this machine will be \$358,948.20 and funds for this are made available in the Capitol Equipment Replacement Fund section of the City of Texas City's 2023/2024 budget.

A copy of the BuyBoard Worksheet is attached for you review.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Public Works Department to award the purchase of this equipment from Tymco, Inc. through BuyBoard purchasing cooperative for the total contract amount of \$358,948.20.

Thank you.

**Fiscal Impact** 

Attachments

Exhibit A Resolution

#### BuyBoard Catalog Quote Form v1.0 BuyBoard Contract # 685-22 | Dec 1, 2022 - Nov 30, 2023



Customer City of Texas City, TX Quote Date: 10/19/2023 Quote Validity: 30 Days Quoted By: Kaye Morgan TYMCO Dealer: Industrial Disposal Supply TYMCO Dealer Contact: Phil Wilson

TYMCO Dealer Contact E-Mail: pwilson@idsequip.com

Purchasing Details: Issue Purchase Orders to TYMCO, Inc., ATTN: Kaye Morgan

(kaye.morgan@tymco.com | 254-799-5546).

Quote is Good for 30 Days (Unless Otherwise Noted Abave) | Pricing is Quoted in US Dollars (USD) | Payment Terms: Net 30 Days

#### **MODEL 600® SWEEPER STANDARD EQUIPMENT**

Auxiliary Engine: John Deere diesel turbocharged 40451 Final Tier 4; 4 cylinder; 4.5 L (275 CID), 99 HP @ 2200 RPM, Torque 315 lt. Ib. @ 1600 RPM; foot/water separator, fuel filter; Donaldson PowerCore \* air filter with scavenged pre-filter; Remote oil filter; 3.8 useable gallon Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) tank. Includes John Deere Standard Warranty coverage 2 Years / 2009 Hours and Amber Beacon Light - LED; SAE Class 1/California Title 13 compliant with protective limb guard.

Auxiliary Engine In-Cab Air Filter Restriction Indicator with Gauge: A filter restriction gauge included on the in-cab BlueLogic display with an audio and visual high restriction indicator.

Auxiliary Engine Protection System: Engine ECU to provide automatic engine monitoring with derate or shutdown when engine problem is detected such as high coolant temperature or low oil pressure.

Auxiliary Fuse Panel: A 12V DC fused power source panel for any needed additional electrical components or accessories, i.e. radios, warning lights, controls, etc. Back-Up Alarm: ECCO Model 510: SAE Type C 97dB

BlueLogic<sup>®</sup> Control System: Multiplexed electrical system includes hardware and TYMCO designed software that integrates the in-cab controls to the auxiliary engine and all sweeper functions; as well as provides intelligent safety features. The BlueLogic Control System provides sweeper and auxiliary engine data to the operator through the touchscreen display and the multiplexed switch pack. The display is pedestal mounted for improved visibility and includes hour meters (Trip and Total) for the auxiliary engine, gutter brooms, pick-up head, blower, water pump, and BAH broom if applicable; sweeper odometer (records curb miles sweept and sweeping hours), service reminders, custom reminders, overspeed warning, low water audible alarm, dust control system winterization guide and On-Board Diagnostics (OBD) for the auxiliary engine and sweeper.

#### Duo Skids: Warranted for 2 Years / 2000 hours prorated

Dust Control System: 220 galion capacity polyethylene water tank (Extra Water capacities available): 5 gpm electric diaphragm type pump: low water audible alarm and message on BlueLogic display; external water level indicator; spray nozzles around pick-up head, gutter broom(s) and inside hopper. Peterbilt 156°, Autocar 152° Diesel and Autocar 171° CNG chassis REQUIRES Extra Water Capacity [Refer to Dust Control Options Section].

Gutter Brooms, Twin; LED Floodlights and Parabolic Mirrors: Left and right side mounted 43" diameter wire filled digger type; adjustable LED floodlight for each gutter broom; 10.5" parabolic mirrors. Parabolic Mirrors N/A with Cabover Chassis.

#### **High Capacity Dust Separator**

Hydraulic System Protection: Hydraulic filter restriction indicator mounted in filter manifold; sight level gauge mounted on tank. BlueLogic control system continually monitors of temperature.

#### LED Alternating Warning Light Set: Rear mounted oval lights (2).

LED Stop/Turn/Tail/Clearance Lights

Pressure Bleeder: Air pressure is deflected out, allowing additional suction across the front of pack-up head.

#### Rear Mounted LED Floodlights [2]

Rear View Camera System: 3rd Eye", heavy duty rear infrared camera with 7" color monitor mounted in cab

Reverse Pick-Up Head System: Assists in backing up with Pick-Up Head down

Rubber Lined Blower: Warranty: 1 year / 1,000 hours prorated

Water Fill Hose & Rack: Flexible 20 foot long water tank fill hose with 2-1/2 inch hydrant, coupling with rack mount. System incorporates air gap

Work Platform: Easily accessible work platform located between truck cab and sweeper. Standard equipment, with conventional chassis with 165° WB and horizontal exhaust. Not available with Extra Water Capacity or Chassis Vertical Exhaust.

Sweeper Warranty: 1 Year / 1000 Hours. Contact factory for details

Section / Type	Qty	Model 600* Sweeper and Cab/Chassis Equipment	BuyBoard Catalog Price	BuyBoard Discounted Price - 10%	BuyBoard Member Net Price Ext
600000	1	Model 600* Sweeper with Standard Equipment (Base Price)	\$202,300.00	\$182,070.00	\$182,070.00
1	AUXILIARY	ENGINE   HYDRAULIC OPTIONS:			
2	GUTTER BI	ROOM OPTIONS:			
600022	1	Gutter Broom Tilt Adjuster: Right	\$950.00	\$855.00	\$855.00
600022	1	Gutter Broom Tilt Adjuster: Left	\$950.00	\$855.00	\$855.00
600070	1	Gutter Broom Variable Speed: Right and Left	\$900.00	\$810.00	\$810.00
3	DUST CON	TROL SYSTEM OPTIONS:			
Unpublished	1	Additional Left Gutter Broom Nozzle	\$445.00	\$400.50	\$400.50
Unpublished	1	Additional Right Gutter Broom Nozzle	\$445.00	\$400.50	\$400.50
Unpublished	1	Additional Hopper Nozzle	\$445.00	\$400.50	\$400.50
600004	1	A.O.D. (Air Operated Diaphragm) Water Pump with Wash Down Hose & Gun (Exchange)	52.350.00		\$2,115.00
600021	1	Extra Water Capacity - 330 Gallons: COMDEX <sup>®</sup>	\$5,300.00	\$4,770.00	\$4,770.00
600045	1	High Output Water System	\$900.00	\$810.00	\$810.00

Section / Type	Qty	Model 600" Sweeper and Cab/Chassis Equipment	BuyBoard Catalog Price	BuyBoard Discounted Price - 10%	BuyBoard Member Net Price Ext
4	HOPPER OP	TIONS:			
600036	1	Abrasion Protection Package	\$1,150.00	\$1,035.00	\$1,035.0
600084	1	Dump Switch in Cab	\$250.00	\$225.00	\$225.0
600019	1	Hopper Load Indicators	\$500.00	\$450.00	\$450.0
600043	1	Sweeper Deluge System	\$1,200.00	\$1,080.00	\$1,080.0
5	PICK-UP HE	AD OPTIONS:			
600079	1	Auto Sweep Interrupt (ASI)	\$1,200.00	\$1,080.00	\$1,080.0
601000	1	Broom Assist Pick-Up Head (Exchange)	\$5,850.00	\$5,265.00	\$5,265.0
600063	1	Pick-Up Head Curtain Lifter	\$1,800.00	\$1,620.00	\$1,620.0
Unpublished	1	Pick-Up Head Pressure Inlet Water Injection System	\$2,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.0
Unpublished	1	Skid Bumper Extension Set (3")	\$278.00	\$250.20	\$250.3
6		HAND HOSE OPTIONS:	A CARAGE AND A	Carl Internet	
600058	1	Auxiliary Hand Hose w/ Hydraulic Boom Assist	\$5,850.00	\$5,265.00	\$5,265.0
7		STEEL OPTIONS:	+	1-1	
600091	1	Stainless Steel Hopper & High Capacity Dust Separator (Exchange)	\$25,700.00	\$23,130.00	\$23,130.0
Unpublished	1	Stainless Steel Bolt-On Blower Housing (Exchange)	\$1,667.00	\$1,500.30	\$1,500.
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9		DDITIONAL OPTIONS:			
600008-B	1	Camera System - Standard Rear Camera and One Additional Camera	\$1,200.00	\$1,080.00	\$1,080.
	Location	Pick-Up Head View from Right Side			
Unpublished	1	Sweeper Paint: TYMCO Standard White	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.
10	UNPUBLISH	ED   SPECIAL SWEEPER OPTIONS:		144942	
11	CAB   CHAS	SIS:			
600704	1	2023 International MV607, 31,000 GVW, 165" WB, Diesel	\$110,750.00	\$99,675.00	\$99,675.
Unpublished	1	UPGRADE: 2025 International MV607 Chassis, 33,000 lb. GVW, 165" WB, Diesel	\$19,445.00	\$17,500.00	\$17,500.
12	CHASSIS AD	DITIONAL OPTIONS:			
600823	1	LED Amber Traffic Directing Light: Rear Mounted	\$950.00	\$855.00	\$855.
Unpublished	2	Parabolic Mirror Head - 12" (Exchange)	\$84.00	\$75.60	\$151.
Unpublished	1	Truck Paint: Standard Factory White	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.
13	UNPUBLISH	ED   SPECIAL CHASSIS OPTIONS:	-1		
14		PUBLISHED OPTIONS:			
15	ADDITIONA				
	1		\$3,889,00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.
Unpublished	1	Freight / PDI / Inservice <u>Purchasing Details:</u> Issue Purchase Orders to TYMCO, Inc., ATT (kaye.morgan@tymco.com   254-799-5546]. te is Good for 30 Days (Unless Otherwise Noted Above)   Pricing is Quoted in US Dollars (US			\$3,51 8,948.20
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			Delivery ARO:	270 - 305	Days - See NOTE

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NOTE: Delivery Subject to Truck Availability,

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-122**

#### A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) TYMCO STREET SWEEPER THROUGH BUYBOARD PURCHASING COOPERATIVE CONTRACT NUMBER 685-22; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND ADOPTION.

**WHEREAS**, funds are made available in the Capitol Equipment Replacement Fund section of the City of Texas City's 2023/2024 budget for the purchase of a Tymco Street Sweeper.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1:** That the City Commission of the City of Texas City, Texas, hereby approves the expenditure of \$358,948.20 through BuyBoard purchasing cooperative contract number 685-22, as set out on **Exhibit "A"**, attached hereto, for one (1) 2024 Tymco Street Sweeper to be utilized by the Public Works Department.

**SECTION 2:** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of November 2023.

Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr. Mayor City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rhomari D. Leigh City Secretary Kyle L. Dickson City Attorney

#### **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG**

**Meeting Date:** 11/01/2023 Purchase of Ford F350 With Utility Bed and Crane **Submitted For:** Mike McKinley, Public Works

**Department:** Public Works

## Information

## ACTION REQUEST

Approve the purchase of a new 2024 F350 truck with utility bed and crane, for the Traffic Department from Chastang Ford in Houston Texas via BuyBoard - Local Government Purchasing Cooperative contract # 601-19

#### BACKGROUND (Brief Summary)

The Public Works Traffic Department is requesting approval to purchase an F350 truck with utility bed and crane from Chastang Ford, via BuyBoard contract 601-19, for the total price \$68,296.00. Funds are made available through the 2023/2024 City of Texas City Annual Budget.

The BuyBoard quote is attached for your review.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Public Works and Utilities departments to approve the purchase of a new F350 truck with utility bed and crane from Chastang Ford via BuyBoard contract # 601-19 for the total contract price of \$68,296.00

Thank you.

**Fiscal Impact** 

Attachments

Exhibit A Resolution (6) (h)

Submitted By: Mike McKinley, Public Works



Prepared by: Ed Miller 10/03/2023

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Chastang Ford | 6200 N. Loop East Houston Texas | 770261936

## 2024 F-350 Chassis 4x2 SD Regular Cab 169" WB DRW XL (F3G)

Price Level: 420 | Quote ID: txcty24f3g

As Configured Vehi	cle	
Code Description		MSRP
Base Vehicle		
F3G	Base Vehicle Price (F3G)	\$49,045.00
Packages		
640A	Order Code 640A	N/C
	Includes: - Engine: 7.3L 2V DEVCT NA PFI V8 Gas - Transmission: TorqShift 10-Speed Automatic 10R140 with neutral idle. Includes SelectShift and selectable dr slippery roads and trail. - 3.73 Axle Ratio - GVWR: 14,000 lb Payload Package - Tires: LT245/75Rx17E BSW PLUS A/S (6) Spare may not be the same as the road tire. - Wheels: 17" Argent Painted Steel Hub covers/center ornaments not included. - HD Vinyl 40/20/40 Split Bench Seat Includes center armrest, cupholder, storage, 2-way adjustable of driver's side manual lumbar. - Radio: AM/FM Stereo w/MP3 Player Includes 4 speakers. - SYNC 4 Communications & Entertainment System Includes enhanced voice recognition, 911 Assist, 8" LCD center charging USB port and trailer brake controller.	driver/passenger headrests and
Powertrain		
99N	Engine: 7.3L 2V DEVCT NA PFI V8 Gas	Included
44G	Transmission: TorqShift 10-Speed Automatic 10R140 with neutral idle. Includes SelectShift and selectable driv	Included
	slippery roads and trail.	Included
X37	3.73 Axle Ratio	
STDGV	GVWR: 14,000 lb Payload Package	Included
Wheels & Tires		
TD8	Tires: LT245/75Rx17E BSW PLUS A/S (6) Spare may not be the same as the road tire.	Included
64K	Wheels: 17" Argent Painted Steel	Included

Prices and content availability as shown are subject to change and should be treated as estimates only. Actual base vehicle, package and option pricing may vary from this estimate because of special local pricing, availability or pricing adjustments not reflected in the dealer's computer system. See salesperson for the most current information.

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## 2024 F-350 Chassis 4x2 SD Regular Cab 169" WB DRW XL (F3G)

Price Level: 420 | Quote ID: txcty24f3g

As Configured Vehicle (cont'd)		
Code	Description	MSRP
	Hub covers/center ornaments not included.	
512	Spare Tire & Wheel	\$350.00
	Required in Rhode Island.	
	Excludes carrier.	
	Includes: - 4-Ton Hydraulic Jack	
Seats & Seat Trim		
A	HD Vinyl 40/20/40 Split Bench Seat	Included
	Includes center armrest, cupholder, storage, 2-way adjustable driver/j driver's side manual lumbar.	passenger headrests and
Other Options		
PAINT	Monotone Paint Application	STD
169WB	169" Wheelbase	STD
STDRD	Radio: AM/FM Stereo w/MP3 Player	Included
	Includes 4 speakers.	
	Includes:	
	<ul> <li>SYNC 4 Communications &amp; Entertainment System Includes enhanced voice recognition, 911 Assist, 8" LCD center stat charging USB port and trailer brake controller.</li> </ul>	ck screen, AppLink, 1 smart-
61J	4-Ton Hydraulic Jack	Included
86M	Dual 68 AH/65 AGM Battery	\$210.00
67B	410 Amp Dual Alternators	\$115.00
	Includes 250 Amp + 160 Amp.	
59H	Center High-Mounted Stop Lamp	N/C
	(CHMSL)	
872	Rear View Camera & Prep Kit	\$415.00
	Pre-installed content includes cab wiring and frame wiring to the rear kit includes camera with mounting bracket, 20' jumper wire and came instructions.	most cross member. Upfitters ra mounting/aiming

#### **Fleet Options**

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Prepared by: Ed Miller 10/03/2023

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2024 F-350 Chassis 4x2 SD Regular Cab 169" WB DRW XL (F3G)

Price Level: 420 | Quote ID: txcty24f3g

As Configured Ver	s Configured Vehicle (cont'd)		
Code	Description	MSRP	
WARANT	Fleet Customer Powertrain Limited Warranty	N/C	
	Requires valid FIN code.		
	Ford is increasing the 5-year 60,000-mile limited powertrain warrar. Only Fleet purchasers with a valid Fleet Identification Number (FIN warranty. When the sale is entered into the sales reporting system a valid FIN code, the warranty extension will automatically be adde will stay with the vehicle even if it is subsequently sold to a non-flee This extension applies to both gas and diesel powertrains. Dealers extension on eligible fleet vehicles in OASIS. Please refer to the W section 3.13.00 Gas Engine Commercial Warranty. This change wi Warranty Guided distributed with the purchase of every new vehicle	code) will receive the extended with a sales type fleet along with d to the vehicle. The extension et customer before the expiration can check for the warranty 'arranty and Policy Manual III also be reflected in the printed	
Emissions			
425	50-State Emissions System	STD	
Exterior Color			
Z1_01	Oxford White	N/C	
Interior Color			
AS_03	Medium Dark Slate w/HD Vinyl 40/20/40 Split Bench Seat	N/C	
Upfit Options			
Buy Board	Buy Board Fee CONTRACT 601-19	\$400.00	
	CONTRACT 601-19		
ALIGN	FRONT END ALIGNMENT	\$279.00	
44833	INSTALL A KNAPHEIDE 6132D54 SERVICE BODY	\$16,987.00	
SUBTOTAL		\$67,801.00	
Destination Charge		\$1,995.00	
TOTAL		\$69,796.00	

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Chastang Ford | 6200 N. Loop East Houston Texas | 770261936

2024 F-350 Chassis 4x2 SD Regular Cab 169" WB DRW XL (F3G)

Price Level: 420 | Quote ID: txcty24f3g

# Pricing Summary - Single Vehicle

Upfitting	\$17,666.00
Fleet Discount	\$0.00
Fuel Charge	\$0.00
Destination Charge	\$1,995.00

#### **Pre-Tax Adjustments**

Code	Description	MSRP
O1 flt	DISCOUNT AND CONCESSION	-\$1,500.00
Total		\$68,296.00

**Customer Signature** 

Acceptance Date

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#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-123**

#### A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) F350 TRUCK WITH UTILITY BED AND CRANE FROM CHASTANG FORD, HOUSTON, TEXAS, VIA BUYBOARD CONTRACT 601-19; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND ADOPTION.

**WHEREAS**, funds are made through the 2023/2024 City of Texas City Annual Budget. for the purchase of an F350 truck with utility bed and crane.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1:** That the City Commission of the City of Texas City, Texas, hereby approves the expenditure of \$68,296.00 through BuyBoard contract 601-19 as set out on **Exhibit "A"**, attached hereto, for one (1) 2024 F350 truck with utility bed and crane to be utilized by the Public Works Traffic Department.

**SECTION 2:** That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of November 2023.

Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr. Mayor City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rhomari D. Leigh City Secretary Kyle L. Dickson City Attorney

#### **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG**

Meeting Date:	11/01/2023
Submitted For:	Dennis J Harris, Recreation and Tourism
Submitted By:	Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary
Department:	City Secretary

#### Information

## ACTION REQUEST

Consider and take action Resolution No. 2023-124, approving the purchase, delivery and installation of a Covered Outdoor Commercial Adult Fitness Station for Carver Park from Playpower LT Farmington, Inc through buyboard (contract # 679-22) – local government purchasing cooperative.

# BACKGROUND (Brief Summary)

Over the year the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department has established re-vitalization programs to all parks and playgrounds to offer new and different amenities. This Little tykes 10 plus feature – covered outdoor commercial adult fitness station will be a new addition and amenity to Caver Park. On October 4, 2023, a proposal was submitted to the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department Parks Superintendent.

A copy of this proposal is attached for your review.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department to award the purchase, delivery and installation of the covered outdoor commercial adult fitness station to Playpower LT Farmington, Inc. through buyboard (contract # 679-22) in the amount of \$112,073.00, funds are available in the FY 2023-24 budget.

**Fiscal Impact** 

Attachments

Resolution attachment

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-124**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE, DELIVERY, AND INSTALLATION OF A COVERED OUTDOOR COMMERCIAL ADULT FITNESS STATION FOR CARVER PARK FROM PLAYPOWER LT FARMINGTON, INC THROUGH BUYBOARD CONTRACT NO. 679-22 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND ADOPTION.

**WHEREAS**, funds are made through the 2023/2024 City of Texas City Annual Budget for the purchase of a 2024 F350 truck with utility bed and crane.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1:** That the City Commission of the City of Texas City, Texas, hereby approves the expenditure of \$68,296.00 through BuyBoard Contract No. 601-19 as set out on **Exhibit "A"**, attached hereto, for one (1) 2024 F350 truck with utility bed and crane to be utilized by the Public Works Traffic Department.

**<u>SECTION 2</u>**: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of November 2023.

Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr. Mayor City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rhomari D. Leigh City Secretary Kyle L. Dickson City Attorney

# Proposal

All Play, Inc. 13903 Van Wall Houston, Texas 77040-5445 Phone: (713) 939-9888 \* Fax: (713) 939-0304 1-800-842-9888

PROPOSAL S	UBMITTED TO:		PHONE: 409-682-6946	DATE:	
City Of Tex			FAX:		4/2023
STREET:			JOB NAME:	10/-	
2010 5th A	ve. N.		Carver Park Adult Fitness		
CITY, STATE	AND ZIP CODE:		JOB LOCATION/SHIP TO:		
Texas City,			6415 Park Ave, Texas City, TX 7759	1	
SALES PERSO		JOB CONTACT:	E-MAIL	JOB PHONE	
	idler - 713-824-5986	Charlie Thompson	cthompson@texascitytx.gov	409-949-3030	
QTY	T	DESCRIPTIC		UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
1	Little Tikes Commercial		ncludes Stable Press Station, Cargo	\$ 25,750.00	\$ 25,750.00
	Net Connector, Step Sta	tion, Arch Ladder Conne	ctor, Arc Travers Connector, Pull Up		
			Connector, An Station, Stable Row		
	Station And 12 Connect				-
1		Pyramid Shade Structure	With Recessed Baseplates And	\$ 13,680.00	\$ 13,680.00
	Anchor Bolts				
	Pricing Based On Buy	board Contract #679-22			
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1		itness Equipment And Sh		and the second se	\$ 19,956.00
1		@ 4 1/2" Thick - Includes	s Excavation Of 4 1/2" Depth Of	\$ 17,450.00	\$ 17,450.00
-	Existing Dirt Grade			£ 20.250.00	\$ 29,350.00
1		50 Standard Color/Black	Place Rubber Fall Surfacing Good For	\$ 29,350.00	\$ 29,350.00
	All o Fall Height - 50/5	of Standard Color/Diack			
1			current market pricing and price	\$0.00	\$0.00
	may be increased based	on market conditions at t	ime of installation		
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CAUTION			or Purchases Not Subject To Sales Tax. ce such as asphalt or concrete. Serious	SUB TOTAL S&H (Freight)	\$ 106,186.00 \$ 5,647.00
CAUTION			Choose a surface which will meet the U.S.	ERF	\$ 240.00
			lations for surfaces under playgrounds.	TAX	
The Es		anna Eanna ann ann ann ann ann ann ann a	days from the date this fully	TOTAL	\$ 112,073.00
		received by All Play with			
			ete in accordance with above specifi	cations, for	
	One Hundred Twelve T	housand Seventy Three I			\$ 112,073.00
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			Authorized Signature:	Graham Feidler	nustanti) († 15. – Trasina († 1939) Unitar de
Note:	This proposal may be w	ithdrawn by us if not acc			
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	work as specified. Payn , understand, and agree				
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Proposal All Play, Inc. 13903 Van Wall Houston, Texas 77040-5445 Phone: (713) 939-9888 \* Fax: (713) 939-0304 1-800-842-9888

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS
I. ALL PLAY, INC. ("API") hereby submits these specifications and estimates for equipment/items as detailed in this proposal.
2. Prices quoted include a discount based on cash/check method of payment.
3. Payment Terms are as specified on pg. 1. API reserves the right to place a service charge on all amounts not paid ("past due ") in accordance with the Payment Terms at the highest rate permitted by law. You further agree to pay API's expenses of collection of any past due amounts, including reasonable
attorney's fees and court epsts.
A copy of the signed check for the balance due must be faxed to our office prior to
ship date for the installers to be dispatched.
4. Quoted installation services detailed in this proposal shall include all labor, supervision, materials, supplies, equipment, tools and necessarily related
insurances normally required to deliver and install the items as detailed in this proposal. API will field dress any rutting or disturbances caused by API's use o
equipment to access the project site, however, unless otherwise detailed in this proposal re-sodding, re-seeding and finished grade services/repairs are not
included. 5. Lead-time quoted is based upon the time your order is processed at the factory.
<ol> <li>A 30% cancellation fee will be assessed on equipment orders that are cancelled more than ten (10) days from the date purchaser executes this Proposal.</li> </ol>
the equipment has already been shipped when the order is cancelled, freight charges from and returning to the manufacturer will be charged the customer in
addition to the 30% cancellation fee.
7. API's receipt of the Proposal, as signed by you, as an authorized agent of the Owner, below indicates your understanding and acceptance of the terms
and conditions stated herein and shall be construed as a written acceptance of API's proposal. 8. All items are shipped F.O.B. knocked down and will require unloading and assembly by purchaser unless installation is purchased.
9. All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or
deviation from above specifications involving extra cost will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the
estimate. Owner is to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance. Our workers are covered by Workmen's Compensation Insurance.
10. Signing of final walk through or opening of playground constitutes completion, and payment is due at that time.
11. Plastisel and rotationally molded plastic components will have irregularities as a normal byproduct of the manufacturing process and cannot be controlled 12. FORCE MAJEURE: Customer agrees that API will not be hable for any whole or partial failure, interference with, hindrance of or delay in performing
an obligation under these Terms & Conditions that is due to any of the following causes beyond its reasonable control, whether foresceable or not: acts of
God, accidents, clots, war, terrorist acts, spidemic, pandemic, quarantine, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, breakdown of web host,
breakdown of internet service provider, netural catastrophes, governmental orders, ordinances, rules, regulations, acts or omissions, changes in laws or
regulations, national strikes, fire, explosion, generalized lack of availability of raw materials or energy or API's inability to deliver or to install any Equipment
13. Permit application(s), processing and/or fees are excluded and/or are the responsibility of others.
14. All Play, Inc. is not responsible for underground utilities and/or all other covered systems. Surcharges will incur for abnormal substrate, i.e., concrete, asphalt or landfill.
15. RELEASE AND INDEMNITY
SHOULD YOU ELECT NOT TO PURCHASE FALL SURFACING MATERIAL AND/OR INSTALLATION SERVICES FROM API, THE
FOLLOWING PROVISIONS SHALL APPLY:
(A.) YOU HEREBY AGREE TO RELEASE API AND ALL OF ITS SHAREHOLDERS, AGENTS, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS,
EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES AND AFFILIATES ("RELEASED PARTIES") FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OR DEMANDS YOU HAVE OR MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASED PARTIES RELATED TO OR ARISING FROM THE FALL SURFACING MATERIAL
THAT IS ULTIMATELY USED AT THE JOB LOCATION OR YOUR FAILURE TO INSTALL FALL SURFACING MATERIAL AT THE JOB
LOCATION. THESE RELEASED CLAIMS EXPRESSLY INCLUDE CLAIMS FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THE U.S. CONSUMER
PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND CLAIMS RELATED TO FAULTY, INADEQUATE, OR IMPROPER FAI
SURFACING.
(B.) BECAUSE YOU HAVE EITHER CHOSEN NOT TO PURCHASE FALL SURFACING MATERIALS FROM API, OR YOU HAVE MADE OTHER INSTALLATION ARRANGEMENTS, YOU FURTHER AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASED
PARTIES FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AND DAMAGES WHICH MAY RESULT FROM EQUIPMENT NOT INSTALLED IN
COMPLIANCE WITH MANUFACTURER SPECIFICATIONS AND THE U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION'S
RECOMMENDATIONS AND/OR ANY DEFECT IN THE FALL SURFACING MATERIALS USED AT THE JOB LOCATION, INCLUDING,
DESPITE APPS RECOMMENDATION OTHERWISE, YOUR USE OF NO FALL SURFACING AT ALL.
16. This Agreement shall be interpreted under Texas law. Any and all disputes arising under or relating to this Proposal shall be brought and resolved in in Harris County, Houston, Texas. This provision is mandatory and to the exclusion of all other vanues. Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that API reserves
the right to institute arbitration proceedings to resolve disputes arising under or relating to this Agreement.
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This Proposal constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the subjects addressed herein. All prior agreements, negotiations and
understandings with respect to the subject matter hereof, whether written or oral, are cancelled and superseded by this Proposal. No party is
relying on any oral or other written representation or communication not otherwise contained in this Proposal.
I have read, understand, and agree to all Additional Ferms and Conditions as outlined in this Proposal. Signature
Forms and Conditions as outlined in this Proposal. Signature
Date of AcceptancesTitle

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# WARRANTY

Little Tikes Commercial warrants its products against structural failure due to defects in materials and workmanship for the warranty periods and material categories prescribed below.

#### Buyer agrees that products sold by PPLT Farmington, Inc. (PlayPower Little Tikes Commercial) carry only the following warranties:

1. LIMITED WARRANTY FOR AS LONG AS YOU OWN THE PRODUCT: Aluminum deck posts, steel deck posts, stainless steel hardware, cast aluminum parts, and KidBuilder® steel clamps.

2. LIMITED FIFTEEN (15) YEAR WARRANTY: All rigid steel playground components, decks, steps, and weldments, rotationally molded and sheet plastic components, plastic lumber, roof panels, and stainless steel slides, except as otherwise specified below.

3. LIMITED TEN (10) YEAR WARRANTY: Fabric shade steel frames, Naturtek" products, Shadesure" and Colourshade FR fabrics (Note Exception: Limited Five (5) Year Warranty on Shadesure " fabrics in colors Red, Yellow, Electric Purple, Zesty Lime, Cinnamon, and Olive.)

#### 4. LIMITED EIGHT (8) YEAR WARRANTY:

- Fiberglass signage, accessible swing seats, precast PolyFiberCrete or precast concrete products
- · LandSoft Synthetic Turf safety surfacing against deterioration of specified attenuation performance and appearance.
- Integrated Shade fabric and components against rot, UV deterioration and defects in materials and workmanship (Note Exception: Limited Three (3) Year Warranty for fabric in shades of red).

#### 5. LIMITED FIVE (5) YEAR WARRANTY:

- Clever Climbers<sup>™</sup> products, including, but not limited to polyethylene slides, enclosures, main structure, decks, and plastic components.
- PVC coating and PE coating against cracking or peeling.
- · Park and Site Amenities (i.e. benches, tables, trash receptacles, etc.).
- GFRP (Glass Fiber Reinforced Polymer) Products
- · Steel core cable nets and rope fittings and connections (Note Exception: Warranty does not cover normal wear and tear such as fraying or facing of cable coating)

6. LIMITED THREE (3) YEAR WARRANTY: KidTiles®, Playground Sculptures, products belting, plastic border timbers and accessories, and electronic panel speakers, sound chips, and circuit boards.

#### 7. LIMITED ONE (1) YEAR WARRANTY:

- Learning Lab Sensory Tables and Tot Tree plastic components.
- · Belt Swing Seats, and Bucket Tot Swing Seats.
- · All other products, components and custom pieces that are not specifically listed above, including, without limitation, all moving parts, such as swing hangers and bearings, swivels, chains, whirls, springs and flexible components, and all high wear items, such as trolleys, cables, wheels, and bumper stops related to rail and cable ride products.

BUYER'S REMEDY: If any products prove defective or non-conforming under normal use and within the above-prescribed warranty periods and material categories, Buyer must promptly notify Little Tikes Commercial in writing at 878 E. Hwy 60, Monett, MO 65708 USA. Little Tikes Commercial does not warranty that any particular color will be available for any period of time, and reserves the right to discontinue any color for any reason, without recourse by the Purchaser or Owner of the discontinued color. Little Tikes Commercial may elect to inspect the alleged defect at Buyer's site or at Little Tikes Commercial's facility. Buyer shall not return products to Little Tikes Commercial unless authorized by Little Tikes Commercial to do so. Authorized returns must be properly packaged and shipped prepaid and insured, at Buyer's expense. Upon verification of warranty coverage, Little

Tikes Commercial may elect, in its sole discretion, to repair defective or non-conforming products, or replace them by delivering products or part(s) of similar functionality free of charge to the site. Little Tikes Commercial's limited warranties do not cover the cost of labor to remove defective or non-conforming part(s) or to install repaired or replacement part(s). By use of these limited warranties, Buyer accepts their terms and limitations, and waives any rights it would otherwise have to claim or assert that such warranties fail of their essential purpose. Buyer agrees that venue for any court action to enforce these limited warranties shall be in Barry or Greene Counties in the State of Missouri.

LIMITATIONS: All warranty periods begin on the date of Little Tikes Commercial's invoice. Repaired and/or replacement part(s) are warranted only for the balance of the original limited warranty period. Warranties extend only to the original Buyer/end user for products purchased from Little Tikes Commercial or a Little Tikes Commercial authorized reseller and are not transferrable.

Warranties apply only to Little Tikes Commercial products that are erected and installed in conformance with Little Tikes Commercial's installation instructions, and that are maintained and inspected in conformance with Little Tikes Commercial maintenance and operational instructions.

Warranties specifically do not cover Little Tikes Commercial products:

- · for cosmetic damage or flaws occurring under normal use, such as surface scratches, minor chips, hairline cracks, dents, marring, efflorescence, color fade (except for shade fabric as noted above), discoloration, corrosion/rust, fraying, or warping of recycled plastic lumber;
- that have been modified, altered, or repaired by unauthorized third parties;
- that have not been used as designed or intended, or misused;
- · to which non-Little Tikes Commercial parts have been added or substituted:
- that have been removed from their original location and re-installed elsewhere, without pre-approval by Little Tikes Commercial;
- · or that have been damaged due to excessive wear and tear, vandalism, abnormal use, abuse, negligence, environmental factors (such as windblown sand, salt spray, or airborne emissions from industrial sources), extreme weather (such as hail, flooding, lightning, tornados, sandstorms, earthquakes, or wind storms), and acts of God.

Little Tikes Commercial does not warrant that any particular color will be available for any specific period of time, and reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to discontinue any color for any reason.

THE FOREGOING LIMITED WARRANTY IS THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE WARRANTY FOR SELLER'S PRODUCTS, AND IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, IN LAW OR IN FACT. SELLER SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE, AND ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARISING OUT OF COURSE OF DEALING OR PERFORMANCE OR TRADE USAGE. SELLER SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, EXEMPLARY, SPECIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, OR ANY LOSS OF REVENUE, PROFICT OR USE, ARISING OUT OF A BREACH OF THIS WARRANTY OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE. INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, USE, OPERATION OR REPAIR OF ANY PRODUCT. IN NO EVENT WILL SELLER BE LIABLE FOR ANY AMOUNT GREATER THAN THE PURCHASE PRICE OF A DEFECTIVE PRODUCT.





#### NO FAULT SAFETY SURFACE SAMPLE PRODUCT WARRANTY - for PlayPower Corp

NO FAULT LLC 3112 Valley Creek Drive, Ste. C Baton Rouge, LA 70808 225-215-7760 www.nofault.com

Project Name:

NF Job No.: Customer: Playpower LT Farmington, Inc. Date of Completion:

NO FAULT LLC ("NF") warrants to the original purchaser (established as "Customer" above) that the No Fault Safety Surface ("NFSS"), installed under the above referenced Project, will conform to the NFSS specifications and remain free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of five (5) years, per the terms and conditions provided herein.

This limited warranty shall provide for one hundred percent (100%) of the cost to repair or replace of any defective materials or workmanship in the surface area(s) that fail during the warranty period. This includes a failure of the surface to maintain impact attenuation values at or below 1000 HIC and/or 200 GMAX, when tested in accordance with the ASTM F1292 version effective at the time of installation. This warranty shall commence on the date of substantial completion (as established above) and shall expire exactly three years later. This limited warranty is expressly made in lieu of any other warranties and is exclusive to the original Customer.

All warranty claims shall be made in writing to NF within thirty (30) days of the Customer's knowledge thereof. The written notification from the Customer shall include the following: the date of the first notice of the failure, details of the failure, photos of the failed area and a request for a warranty claim meeting with NF at the installation site (if applicable). NF shall determine the validity of all claims after sufficient evidence has been gathered. NF shall then replace, repair, or make a refund for any claims validated by it. Any refund, credit or allowance provided to the Customer on a warranty claim is exercisable only if said allowance is used to accommodate replacement with NF's then current surfacing system. NF's liability for warranty claims shall in no event exceed the cost of repair or replacement of such area(s) that have failed. Customer agrees that in no event shall NF have any liability to Customer for loss of use or loss of profits or any form of consequential damages.

Any dispute as to whether and to what extent there is a NFSS product failure and subsequent valid warranty claim within the meaning of this warranty shall be initially dealt with by joint investigation and discussion between NF and Customer in order to achieve a mutually agreeable solution. If a solution cannot be reached within thirty (30) days, then either the Customer or NF may submit the matter to an accredited arbitrator who is a member of the American Arbitration Association and who shall make a determination in accordance with the rules and regulation of the American Arbitration Association. The decision of the Arbitrator shall be binding on both parties.

This warranty does not include normal wear and tear, discoloration or fading as a result of ultraviolet rays, shrinkage (which is an inherent characteristic of elastic rubber), any damages to the surface during the curing period, or improper sub-base design or construction, including but not limited to surface cracking along expansion joints or separating from an adjacent border, curb, walkway, or existing surface. If the underlying sub-base materials fail for any reason whatsoever (including hydrostatic pressure, cracking, shifting, heaving), then NF's warranty shall be rendered invalid.

NF is under no obligation or responsibility to repair and/or replace the NFSS product if damaged by lawn and landscaping equipment; vehicular traffic; vandalism (including burns, cuts, gouges, etc.); product misuse, abuse or alteration; improper drainage; improper or lack of maintenance; any foreign residue that may be deposited on the surface; any foreign matter from surrounding areas (i.e. any substance other than those indicated on NF's MSDS sheets) that may be siphoned through, migrated in, lodged in and/or harden the surface; sharp objects (high heels, spikes, etc.); use of unapproved cleaning materials; or acts of God.

Specifically regarding Underwater, Water Play, and Pool-deck applications, foreign or excessive chemicals in the water can cause potential damage to the NFSS product resulting in fading, chalking, bleeding, and/or degradation. Pool chemicals and water treatments such as "Ozone" and chlorine levels with a ppm of greater than 3 will harm and degrade the NFSS product. NF will not warrant the NFSS product when foreign or excessive chemicals are used in or around the surface installation. NF will not warrant against mold or mildew caused by improper drainage and/or improper sloping around the pool area, sauna area, steam area or shower area. Recommended minimum slope for positive drainage is 2% for areas over 2000 SF.

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Customer acknowledges that the limited warranty will be volded if the Customer fails to follow the NFSS Maintenance Guidelines (attached hereto); keep maintenance and impact attenuation testing records; or fails to make payment in a timely manner as per the terms and conditions of the agreed contract. Customer also acknowledges and agrees that it will not, under any circumstance, make alterations to the NFSS without the written authorization of NF. Any unauthorized alteration by the Customer could result in the termination of any existing warranty for the NFSS and shall also give rise to the duty of the Customer to hold harmless, defend and indemnify NF from any claim, suit or cause of action, personal injury, death, or property damage arising out of or related to said alteration.

WARNING: Surface areas can become extremely hot due to exposure of direct sunlight. Shoes and/or socks must be worn at all times. Customer is responsible for proper supervision of children when in contact with the surface. In addition, warning signs are recommended to be posted in all areas to prevent small children from touching or crawling on to surface areas that may be hot due to extended sun exposure in excessive temperatures. During winter and/or seasons when temperatures fall below 32°F, the impact attenuation performance of the NFSS system can be compromised. In this case, it is recommended to discontinue use until surface is no longer frozen. No Fault assumes no liability to such exposure of surfacing temperature as this should be monitored prior to use of surfacing. No Fault also assumes no liability to the expansion and contraction of the surfacing during freeze/thaw events.

NO REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SELLER HAS AUTHORITY TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION OR PROMISES EXCEPT AS STATED HEREIN. THERE ARE NO WARRANTIES EITHER EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE THAT EXTEND BEYOND THE WARRANTIES CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT. NF SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL OR OTHER DAMAGES TO THE STRUCTURE OR ITS CONTENTS ARISING UNDER ANY THEORY OF LAW WHATSOEVER.

NO FAULT LLC:

Jay Ratelle, Vice President of Operations

Warranty issue date:

# WARRANTY INFORMATION

Statement of Limited Warranty for USA SHADE Products

- 1. The structural integrity of all supplied steel is warranted for ten years.
- 2. If assembly is provided by the Company, workmanship covering the labor for the removal, assembly, and cost of shipping will be covered for one year.
- 3. All steel surface finishes are warranted for one year.
- 4. Shadesure<sup>™</sup>, Colourshade ® FR, Extreme 32<sup>™</sup>, Commercial 95<sup>™</sup>, SaFRshade<sup>™</sup> and Monotec 370<sup>™</sup> fabrics all carry a ten year limited manufacturer's warranty against failure from significant fading, deterioration, breakdown, outdoor heat, cold, or discoloration. Should the fabric need to be replaced under the warranty, the Company will manufacture and ship a new replacement fabric at no charge for the first six years, thereafter pro-rated at 20% per year over the remaining four years. The following are exceptions to the preceding warranty terms:
  - Shadesure<sup>™</sup> fabrics in Red, Yellow, Atomic Orange, Electric Purple, Zesty Lime, Cinnamon, Olive, and Mulberry carry a five year pro-rated warranty;
  - o Fabrics attached to Coolbrella structures carry a three year warranty;
  - Individual fabric tops measuring greater than 40' in length are covered by a non-prorated five year warranty;
  - Precontraint 502<sup>™</sup> waterproof material is subject to an eight year pro-rated warranty
- 5. Sewing thread is warranted for ten years.

# **General Limited Warranty Terms and Conditions**

- These limited warranties are effective from the date of sale, or, if assembly is provided by the Company, upon receipt by Company from Purchaser of a completed and signed "Customer Checklist and Sign-off" form.
- In its sole discretion, the Company will repair and/or replace defective structures, products, or workmanship, or refund that portion of the price related to the defective product, labor, or service rendered
- The Company reserves the right, in cases where certain fabric colors have been discontinued, to offer the Purchaser or Owner a choice of available alternative colors to replace the warranted fabric. The Company does not warranty that any particular color will be available for any period of time, and reserves the right to discontinue any color for any reason, without recourse by the Purchaser or Owner of the discontinued fabric color.
- Should the Purchaser or Owner sell the structures to another party, the warranty cannot be transferred to the new owner without a complete and thorough on-site inspection performed by a Company representative. Please contact the company at <u>warranty@usa-shade.com</u> for more details.

- All warranty claims covering Company-supplied structures, products, and services must be submitted by Purchaser or Owner in writing to the Company within thirty days from the date of discovery of the alleged defect, and must include a detailed description and photographs of the alleged defect or problem. Warranty claims should be submitted by email to: <u>warranty@usashade.com</u>.
- Purchaser or Owner agrees that venue for any court action to enforce these limited warranties shall be in the City or County of Dallas in the State of Texas, USA.
- These limited warranties are void if:
  - the supplied structures, products, services and/or labor are not paid for in full;
  - o the structures are not assembled in strict compliance with USA SHADE specifications;
  - any changes, modifications, additions, or attachments are made to the structures in any way, without prior written approval from the Company— specifically, no signs, objects, fans, light fixtures, etc. may be hung from the structures, unless specifically engineered by the Company.
- These limited warranties do not cover defects and/or damages caused by:
  - o normal wear and tear;
  - misuse, willful, or intentional damage, vandalism, contact with chemicals, cuts, or Acts of God (i.e. tornado, hurricane, micro/macros burst, earthquake, wildfires, etc.);
  - ice, snow, or wind loads in excess of the designed load parameters engineered for the supplied structures;
  - o use, maintenance, neglect, repair and/or service inconsistent with the Company's written care and maintenance instructions, provided with the order.
- The limited warranties explicitly exclude:
  - workmanship related to assembly not provided by the Company or its agents;
  - o fabric curtains, valances, and flat vertical panels;
  - fabric canopies installed on structures that were not engineered and originally supplied by the Company.
- THE COMPANY SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL, LIQUIDATED, EXEMPLARY, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, OR ANY LOSS OF REVENUE, PROFIT, USE OR GOODWILL, WHETHER BASED UPON CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE), OR ANY OTHER LEGAL THEORY, ARISING OUT OF A BREACH OF THIS WARRANTY OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, USE, OPERATION OR REPAIR OF ANY PRODUCT OR SERVICE. IN NO EVENT WILL THE COMPANY BE LIABLE FOR ANY AMOUNT GREATER THAN THE PURCHASE PRICE FOR ANY PRODUCT OR SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE COMPANY.
- THE FOREGOING LIMITED WARRANTY IS THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE WARRANTY FOR THE COMPANY'S PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, AND IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, IN LAW OR IN FACT. SELLER SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF

MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE, AND ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARISING OUT OF COURSE OF DEALING OR PERFORMANCE OR TRADE USAGE. PURCHASER, BY ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF THIS LIMITED WARRANTY, WAIVES ANY RIGHTS IT WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE TO CLAIM OR ASSERT THAT THIS LIMITED WARRANTY FAILS OF ITS ESSENTIAL PURPOSE.

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Commercial 95<sup>TM</sup> and SaFRshade<sup>TM</sup> are registered trademarks of Gale Pacific USA Inc.

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#### **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG**

Meeting Date: 11/01/2023

**Submitted By:** Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary **Department:** City Secretary

#### Information

## ACTION REQUEST

Consider and take action on Resolution No. 2023-125 approving the purchase of construction services for Godard Park Buildings from Generocity Services, Inc (contract #23/016MR-17) - local government purchasing cooperative.

## **BACKGROUND** (Brief Summary)

The Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department contacted Generocity Services Inc. on October 2, 2023, for Construction Services at Godard Park. On October 17, 2023, a proposal was submitted to the Recreation & Tourism Department Parks Superintendent. This proposal covers tasks such as painting 8 buildings, refurbishing the batting cage structure, and addressing essential roof and soffit repairs for the Pony Colt concession building.

Attached is a copy of the proposal for your review.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department to approve the purchase of construction services for Godard Park buildings from Generocity Services, Inc. through choice partners (contract #23/016MR-17) -local government purchasing cooperative for a total amount of \$59,732.05. Funds are available in the Rec and Tour FY 2023-23 budget.

**Fiscal Impact** 

Attachments

attachment Resolution


#### Generocity Services, Inc.

1212 Winding Way Drive • Friendswood, TX 77546 • Phone: (281) 482-8881

Charles Thompson Cell: 409-682-6940

2010 - 5th Ave. North Texas City, TX 77590 Job Address: Texas City, TX 77590 Print Date: 10-17-2023

# Proposal for Texas City Godard Park Bldg Paint & Pony Colt Roof

Dear Mr. Thompson

Generocity Services Inc. is pleased to present our preliminary proposal for the above referenced project. This project is priced in accordance with our CHOICE PARTNERS Contract #23/016MR-17 and excludes proprietary vendor and owner's separate contractor pricing.

#### PRELIMINARY DESIGN SPECIFICATION WAIVER

All designs and specifications presented herewith are preliminary and are subject to change after review of changes due to customer requests. Any costs associated with preliminary design and scope changes will be added to the final cost of the project.

#### SCOPE OF WORK

Provide materials, labor, equipment, and supervision to complete the following:

#### PAINT-

To prep, power wash and paint the exterior of 8 buildings, plus batting cage building at Godard Park.

Prior to all paintings, the exterior of buildings is to be power washed to remove any dirt and debris. All loose and flaking paint to be scraped clean and sanded to help feather the edges.

All surfaces are to be caulked and puttied as needed, and bare or scraped areas will be primed.

All areas are to be painted with Sherwin Williams Super Paint Satin. Exception for doors, they will be painted with Sherwin Williams Acrylic Alkyd Urethane.

Owners choice of colors to be used. Approximately 10,916 Sq ft and 17 doors.

#### ROOF-

Remove the existing built-up roof down to the wood decking.

Loose lay new 1/4" per foot tapered insulation sloping to three sides.

Adhere new smooth surfaced self-adhered membrane

Install new torch applied cool ply granulated cap sheet.

Install new 24 ga. paint grip galvanized metal gravel guard with continuous cleat.

Replace entire soffit below flat roof.

Items	Description	Price
RS Means		\$78,040.30
Houston CCI .86		-\$10,925.64
Choice Partners .89		-\$7,382.61
Discount		\$0.00

# Total Price: \$59,732.05

#### PRECEDENCE

We have established a project-specific order of precedence for the inquiry documents -- not only to help establish a baseline for our pricing, but also to maintain technical continuity, to confirm the intent and priorities for the project, and to provide the basis for solving discrepancies within the inquiry and construction documents. Our order of precedence is as follows:

- a. Generocity Services Proposal.
- b. Addenda issued by Client.
- c. Scope of Work issued by Client within the Invitation to Bid.
- d. Directives and work scope specifically and graphically issued within the Construction Drawings prepared by Client.
- e. Manufacturer's recommendations and installation instructions.
- f. Directives, regarding project work scope, specifically within the Project Specifications prepared by the Client.
- g. All Project Specifications prepared by Client that are specifically applicable to the project scope of work and project drawings.
- h. Owner's Engineering Facility Standards that are specifically referred to within this inquiry, and that hae been issued as part of the inquiry.
- i. Balance of applicable project bid documents.

#### SERVICES & MATERIALS PROVIDED BY CLIENT/OWNER

- 1. Testing and abatement of asbestos and other potentially hazardous materials.
- 2. Pre-design testing, investigation of soils and other existing structures for engineering purposes.
- 3. Probing of existing grade in effort to detect subsurface obstructions, obstacles, or hazardous material.
- 4. Material strength and performance testing and other quality control testing.

5. Document preparation for permit; coordinating or making application for permit; procuring any building permits or any other permits or fees that may be applicable to this project unless otherwise noted.

- 6. Provisions of temporary toilet facilities for construction work force.
- 7. Provisions of temporary electrical power supply for construction purposes.
- 8. Provisions of temporary water supply for construction purposes.

9. Move, relocate, modify, repair, demolish, or otherwise alter existing facilities, material equipment, appliances, furnishings, installations, utilities, and/or structures that are not specifically noted within this scope of work. This includes hidden or latent conditions, undocumented structures, inconsistent soil condition, asbestos, and other hazardous materials in order for Generocity Services to perform the required scope of work.

#### **TECHNICAL CLARIFICATIONS**

- 1. Components and activities specifically exclude from this proposal:
  - a. Design and/or constructions of permanent site storm water detention or drainage structures.

b. Testing of existing concrete slabs for moisture, alkali, and other contamination. Generocity Services will not be responsible for poor performance of adhered floor coverings on moisture-laden or contaminated floor slabs.

c. Subsurface de-watering, of the pumping of facility leaks and spills.

2. Our proposal includes the cost of providing materials and equipment called out by model numbers within the inquiry documents. When final engineering, calculation, shop drawings, or other documentation do not support the item physical characteristics, size, shape, operational

requirements, etc. required by the Client, then changes may require additional costs.

3. If any code interpretation, that may be issued by the Client, his agents, the Municipals Plan Checking Department, Code Enforcement, or Inspections Department, or Inspection Department results in additional more stringent project requirements than those shown graphically on th inquire drawings, o that is specifically named of directed within the inquiry specifications (as they relate to the drawings), the additional cost shall be assessed and passed on to the Client.

#### **EXCLUSIONS**

1. Plans, architectural, engineering, geotechnical reports, materials testing laboratories.

2. On/off-site detention are not included.

3. SWPPP of containment of storm water, storm water pollution prevention planning, permitting, installations or observation.

4. Generocity Services, Inc. has not included cost for landscaping, traffic control, traffic barricades or signage, overtime o holiday work, trench drains, containments, equipment/foundations, house-keeping pads/foundations, vibrating equipment, unforeseen underground obstructions, sumps of pits.

#### **COMMERCIAL TERMS & CONDITIONS**

1. Validation Period: This proposal is valid for a period of 30 calendar days after the "DATE" indicated above.

2. Material Cost Escalation: Due to the volatile and unpredictable global material marketing pricing, Generocity Services, Inc. can not guarantee project-specific pricing for the validation period stated above. If material orders and requite shipments are made at currant pricing, we will honor the material cost. If the cost of the materials increases before shipment, then the change in price will be passed on to the Client/Owner.

3. Generocity Services, Inc. will not perform work changes unless authorized in writing by the Client before the work begins. All cost assessments will include the cost of tangible items and the additional cost associated with schedule delays and extensions.

4. When materials and permanent equipment that are purchased for this project are stored either on or off site as a result of delays by Client (or Owner), or the contractors, or agents of the same, progress pay requests will include these materials and equipment items for Client approval and payment within the contract pay period.

5. Generocity Services, Inc. will not be held responsible for damages to any concealed, hidden or buried equipment, structures, pipelines, electrical lines, cable, grounding, underground utilities and other obstacles.

6. Generocity Services, Inc, will not be held responsible for personal injury from accidents resulting from encounters with any concealed, hidden or buried equipment, structures, pipelines, electrical lines, cables, grounding, and other obstacles.

7. Downtime or delays caused by Owner and/or Client during the field construction operations shall be assessed by Generocity Services, Inc. and reimbursements by Owner and/or Client.

8. Repair cost and touch-up costs made necessary by damage caused by Owner's and /or Client's personnel will be assessed by Generocity Services, Inc. and passed on to the Client.

9. Our pricing is based on a 40-hour workweek. We have not included the cost of holiday or overtime work hours.

We appreciate the opportunity to present this proposal and look forward to your review and approval.

Sincerely, Chad Harris President Generocity Services, Inc.

I confirm that my action here represents my electronic signature and is binding.

Signature:	
Date:	
Print Name:	

#### Costs based on RSMeans data

# Estimate Name:

B23-10-14-2023 Texas City Godard Park Building Painting and Pony

#### ESTIMATE INFORMATION

Client Name:	City of Texas City
Estimate Address:	TEXAS

Notes:

Quantity	LineNumber	Description	Unit
		Field personnel, project manager,	
0.50	13113200200	average	Week
1.00	13113200260	Field personnel, superintendent, average	Week
		Selective demolition, rubbish handling, dumpster, 30 C.Y., 7 ton capacity, weekly rental, includes one dump per week, cost to be added to demolition	
1.00	24119190800	cost	Week
		Selective demolition, rubbish handling, 0'- 100' haul, load, haul, dump and return, wheeled, cost to be added to demolition	
11.00	24119192045	cost	C.Y.
11.00	24119192085	Selective demolition, rubbish handling, haul and return, add per each extra 100' haul, wheeled, cost to be added to demolition cost	C.Y.
10916.00	40120520420	Cleaning masonry, high pressure wash, average soil, biological staining, water only, excludes scaffolding	S.F.
96.00	62213601000	Soffits, exterior AC plywood, 1/4" thick	S.F.
600.00	70505102520	Selective demolition, thermal and moisture protection, roof insulation board, to 2" thick	S.F.
12.00	70505103370	Selective demolition, thermal and moisture protection, roofing, modified bitumen	Sq.
600.00	72216100200	Roof deck insulation, fiberglass, 3/4" thick, R2.78, fastening excluded	S.F.
600.00	72216100840	Roof deck insulation, gypsum cover board, primed fiberglass mat faced, 1/2" thick, fastening excluded	S.F.

		Polyisocyanurate insulation, for roof	
		decks, 2-1/2" thick, 2#/CF density,	
600.00	72216101735	fastening excluded	S.F.
		Roof deck insulation, polyisocyanurate,	
600.00	72216101765	tapered for drainage, fastening excluded	B.F.
		SBS modified bituminous membrane,	
		granule surface cap sheet, polyester	1
600.00	75216100750	reinforced, 150 to 160 mils	S.F.
		SBS modified bituminous membrane,	
		heavyweight base sheet, 87 to 120 mil	
600.00	75216101625	thick	S.F.
		SBS modified bituminous membrane,	
		self adhering vapor retarder, 30 to 45	
600.00	75216102025	mils thick	S.F.
		SBS modified bituminous membrane,	
100.00	75216102050	seam heat welding	L.F.
		Sheet metal flashing, stainless steel,	
		flexible sheets, .025" thick, 24 gauge,	
90.00	76510109200	including up to 4 bends	S.F.
0.500.00		Paint preparation, surface protection,	
3500.00	90190920520	placement & removal, masking w/paper	S.F.
		Deinte 8 continue outerier doors nand	
		Paints & coatings, exterior doors, panel,	
17.00	99113700370	both sides, roll & brush, primer + 2 coats, exterior latex, incl. frame & trim	Ea.
17.00	99113700370	Painting walls, complete, on drywali or	ца.
		plaster, primer and 2 finish coats, with	
10916.00	99123721670	roller, including surface preparation	S.F.
10910.00	199123/210/0	Irolier, including surface preparation	10.1 .

R S Means Estimate Houston CCI .86 Choice Partners .89 Sub Total Bond **Grand Total**  Colt Field Low Roof

Ext.	Mat. O&P	E	xt. Labor O&P	E	xt. Total O&P	Notes
\$	-	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	
\$	-	\$	3,725.00	\$	3,725.00	
\$	800.00	\$	_	\$	800.00	
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\$	-	\$	528.00	\$	528.00	
\$	-	\$	242.00	\$	242.00	
\$		\$	17,465.60		20,849.56	
\$	158.40	\$	357.12	\$	515.52	
\$	-	\$	468.00	\$	468.00	
\$	-	\$	1,392.00	\$	1,392.00	2 layers
\$	288.00	\$	330.00	\$	618.00	
\$	594.00	\$	330.00	\$	924.00	

\$	1,392.00	\$	312.00	\$	1,704.00	
\$	834.00	\$	234.00	\$	1,068.00	
\$	1,494.00	\$	1,398.00	\$	3,090.00	
\$	642.00	\$	1,332.00	\$	2,160.00	
\$	744.00	\$	906.00	\$	1,710.00	
\$	12.00	\$	348.00	\$	360.00	
\$	1,147.50	\$	414.00	\$	1,561.50	
\$	315.00	\$	2,765.00	\$	3,080.00	
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\$	561.00	\$	4,267.00	\$	4,828.00	
\$	5,348.84	\$	21,067.88	\$	26,416.72	

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- \$ 78,040.30
- \$ (10,925.64)
- \$ (7,382.61)
- \$ 59,732.05
- \$ 59,732.05

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-125**

## A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR GODARD PARK BUILDINGS FROM GENEROCITY SERVICES, INC. CONTRACT NO. 23/016MR-17 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND ADOPTION.

**WHEREAS**, funds are made through the 2023/2024 City of Texas City Annual Budget for the purchase of construction services for Godard Park Buildings from Generocity Services, Inc. (Contract No. 23/016MR-17), local government purchasing cooperative.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1:** That the City Commission of the City of Texas City, Texas, hereby approves the expenditure of \$59,732.00 from Generocity Services, Inc (Contract No. 23/016MR-17), local government purchasing cooperative as set out on **Exhibit "A"**, attached hereto, Godard Park buildings from Generocity Services, Inc..

**<u>SECTION 2</u>**: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption.

#### PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of November 2023.

Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr. Mayor City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rhomari D. Leigh City Secretary

# **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG**

Meeting Date: 11/01/2023

amending Texas City Code of Ordinances Title XV "Land Usage," Chp 151: Electricity; Section 151.080

Submitted For: Kyle Dickson, City Attorney Office

Submitted By: Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary

Department: City Secretary

# Information

# ACTION REQUEST

Consider and take action on the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2023-37, amending the Texas City Code of Ordinances Title XV Entitled "Land Usage," Chapter 151: Electricity; Section 151.080 Entitled "National Electrical Code Adopted: Conflicting Regulations." (Legal/Building Official)

# BACKGROUND (Brief Summary)

# RECOMMENDATION

**Fiscal Impact** 

Attachments

Ordinance

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2023-37

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE XV ENTITLED "LAND USAGE", CHAPTER 151: ELECTRICITY; SECTION 151.080 ENTITLED "NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE ADOPTED: CONFLICTING REGULATIONS" AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND ADOPTION.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Texas City, Texas is authorized to regulate ordinances pursuant to Texas Local Government Code;

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the city of Texas City, Texas needs to amend the Code of Ordinance Title XV Entitled "Land Usage", Chapter 151 – Electricity to adopt the most current National Electric Code;

**WHEREAS,** the City of Texas City utilizes the code council "Family of Models Building Codes;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to TEX. LOCAL GOV'T. CODE § 214.211 *et seq.*, and TEX. HEALTH & SAFTY CODE § 388.003 *et seq.* the city of Texas City, Texas is authorized to adopt standard building codes for residential, commercial and industrial construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission determines that amending Title XV, Section 151, will promote the health, safety and welfare of the City;

### NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS, THAT:

**Section 1.** The above and foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein as findings of fact. The City Commission hereby further finds and determines that the rules, regulations, terms, conditions, provisions, and requirements of this ordinance are reasonable and necessary to protect the public health, safety, and quality of life. The City of Texas City's Code of Ordinances, Section 151.080 (entitled "National Electrical Code Adopted; Conflicting Regulations") is hereby amended by deleting in its entirety all the existing language in Section 151.080(A) and replacing it with the following:

Sec. 151.080(A) - There is hereby adopted for and by the city an electrical code known as the National Electrical Code (NEC), 2023 edition, with appendices and amendments thereto, passed and recommended by the National Fire Protection Association and approved by the American National Standards Institute, which code is published in book form and which is referred to, incorporated in this section and made a part of this section for all purposes. A copy of such code is filed of record in the office of the City Secretary. Such code is hereby adopted as the

minimum standard for the installation of all electrical wiring, devices and equipment in the city, except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter. Adoption of subsequent amendments, supplement or new edition(s) is automatic upon publication by American National Standards Institute.

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of the City of Texas City, Texas, except where the provisions of this Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such Ordinances, in which event the more restrictive provision shall apply.

**Section 3.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Commission of the City of Texas City that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Commission without incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

**Section 4.** All rights and privileges of the City of Texas City are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of any Ordinances affecting land use or development, which have accrued at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such Ordinances, same shall not be affected by this Ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

**Section 5.** That this Ordinance shall be read on three (3) separate days and shall become effective upon its final reading, passage, and adoption.

**Section 6.** That this Ordinance shall be finally passed upon the date of its introduction and shall become effective from and after its passage and adoption and publication by caption only in the official newspaper of the City of Texas City, Texas

# PASSED ON FIRST READING this 4th day of October 2023.

Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr., Mayor City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

Rhomari D. Leigh City Secretary

# PASSED ON SECOND READING this 18th day of October 2023.

Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr., Mayor City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

Rhomari D. Leigh City Secretary

# PASSED AND FINALLY ADOPTED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2023.

Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr., Mayor City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

# **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

Rhomari D. Leigh City Secretary

# **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG**

Meeting Date: 11/01/2023

**Submitted By:** Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary **Department:** City Secretary

### Information

# ACTION REQUEST

Consider and take action on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-39, amending the Texas City Code of Ordinances Title XV Entitled "Land Usage," Chapter 150: Building Regulations; Construction" to adopt the most current International Building Codes. (Legal/Building Official)

# **BACKGROUND** (Brief Summary)

# RECOMMENDATION

**Fiscal Impact** 

# Attachments

Ordinance

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2023-39

## AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE XV ENTITLED "LAND USAGE", CHAPTER 150 ENTITLED "BUILDING REGULATIONS; CONSTRUCTION"; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS**, the City of Texas City, Texas is authorized to regulate ordinances pursuant to Texas Local Government Code;

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the city of Texas City, Texas needs to amend the Code of Ordinance Title XV Entitled "Land Usage", Chapter 150 – Building Regulations; Construction to adopt the most current International Building Codes;

**WHEREAS,** the City of Texas City utilizes the code council "Family of Models Building Codes;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to TEX. LOCAL GOV'T. CODE § 214.211 *et seq.*, and TEX. HEALTH & SAFTY CODE § 388.003 *et seq.* the city of Texas City, Texas is authorized to adopt standard building codes for residential, commercial and industrial construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission determines that amending Title XV, Chapter 150, will promote the health, safety and welfare of the City;

# NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS, THAT:

**Section 1.** The above and foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein as findings of fact. The City Commission hereby further finds and determines that the rules, regulations, terms, conditions, provisions, and requirements of this ordinance are reasonable and necessary to protect the public health, safety, and quality of life. The City of Texas City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 150 - Entitled "Building Regulations; Construction" is hereby amended by deleting in its entirety all the existing language in Section 150.050(A) and replacing it with the following:

Sec. 151.050(A) - There is hereby adopted for and by the City a standard code known as the International Building Code, 2021 edition, with appendices and amendments thereto, passed and recommended by the International Code Council, Inc., which code is published in book form and which is referred to, incorporated in this section and made a part of this section for all purposes. A copy of such code is filed of record in the office of the City Secretary. Adoption of subsequent amendments, supplement or new edition(s) is automatic upon publication by the International Code Council, Inc.

The City of Texas City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 150 (Entitled "150 – Building Regulations; Construction") is hereby amended by deleting in its entirety all the existing language

in Section 150.065(A) and replacing it with the following:

Sec. 154.065(A) - There is hereby adopted for and by the City a standard code known as the International Amusement Device Code, 2021 edition, with appendices and amendments thereto, passed and recommended by the International Code Council, Inc., which code is published in book form and which is referred to, incorporated in this section and made a part of this section for all purposes. A copy of such code is filed of record in the office of the City Secretary. Adoption of subsequent amendments, supplement or new edition(s) is automatic upon publication by the International Code Council, Inc.

The City of Texas City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 150 (Entitled "150 – Building Regulations; Construction") is hereby amended by deleting in its entirety all the existing language in Section 150.066(A) and replacing it with the following:

Sec. 154.066(A) - There is hereby adopted for and by the City a standard code known as the International Property Maintenance Code, 2021 edition, with appendices and amendments thereto, passed and recommended by the International Code Council, Inc., which code is published in book form and which is referred to, incorporated in this section and made a part of this section for all purposes. A copy of such code is filed of record in the office of the City Secretary. Adoption of subsequent amendments, supplement or new edition(s) is automatic upon publication by the International Code Council, Inc.

The City of Texas City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 150 (Entitled "150 – Building Regulations; Construction") is hereby amended by deleting in its entirety all the existing language in Section 150.067(A) and replacing it with the following:

Sec. 154.067(A) - There is hereby adopted for and by the City a standard code known as the International Energy Conservation Code, 2021 edition, with appendices and amendments thereto, passed and recommended by the International Code Council, Inc., which code is published in book form and which is referred to, incorporated in this section and made a part of this section for all purposes. A copy of such code is filed of record in the office of the City Secretary. Adoption of subsequent amendments, supplement or new edition(s) is automatic upon publication by the International Code Council, Inc.

The City of Texas City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 150 (Entitled "150 – Building Regulations; Construction") is hereby amended by deleting in its entirety all the existing language in Section 150.070(A) and replacing it with the following:

Sec. 151.070(A) - There is hereby adopted for and by the City a standard code known as the International Existing Building Code, 2021 edition, with appendices and amendments thereto, passed and recommended by the International Code Council, Inc., which code is published in book form and which is referred to, incorporated in this section and made a part of this section for all purposes. A copy

of such code is filed of record in the office of the City Secretary. Adoption of subsequent amendments, supplement or new edition(s) is automatic upon publication by the International Code Council, Inc.

The City of Texas City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 150 (Entitled "150 - Building Regulations; Construction") is hereby amended by deleting in its entirety all the existing language in Section 150.071(A) and replacing it with the following:

Sec. 151.071(A) - There is hereby adopted for and by the City a standard code known as the International Housing Code, 2021 edition, with appendices and amendments thereto, passed and recommended by the International Code Council, Inc., which code is published in book form and which is referred to, incorporated in this section and made a part of this section for all purposes. A copy of such code is filed of record in the office of the City Secretary. Adoption of subsequent amendments, supplement or new edition(s) is automatic upon publication by the International Code Council, Inc.

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of the City of Texas City, Texas, except where the provisions of this Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such Ordinances, in which event the more restrictive provision shall apply.

**Section 3.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Commission of the City of Texas City that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Commission without incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

**Section 4.** All rights and privileges of the City of Texas City are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of any Ordinances affecting land use or development, which have accrued at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such Ordinances, same shall not be affected by this Ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

**Section 5.** That this Ordinance shall be read on three (3) separate days and shall become effective upon its final reading, passage, and adoption.

**Section 6.** That this Ordinance shall be finally passed upon the date of its introduction and shall become effective from and after its passage and adoption and publication by caption only in the official newspaper of the City of Texas City, Texas

# PASSED ON FIRST READING this 16th day of October 2023.

Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr., Mayor City of Texas City, Texas

# ATTEST:

Rhomari D. Leigh City Secretary

# PASSED ON SECOND READING this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2023.

Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr., Mayor City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

Rhomari D. Leigh City Secretary

# PASSED AND FINALLY ADOPTED this 15th day of November 2023.

Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr., Mayor City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:** 

Rhomari D. Leigh City Secretary

# **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG**

Meeting Date: 11/01/2023

**Submitted By:** Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary **Department:** City Secretary

## Information

# ACTION REQUEST

Consider and take action on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-40, amending the Texas City Code of Ordinances Title XV Entitled "Land Usage," Chapter 152: Gas," to adopt the most current International Building Codes. (Legal/Building Official)

# **BACKGROUND** (Brief Summary)

# RECOMMENDATION

**Fiscal Impact** 

Attachments

Ordinance

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2023-40

## AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE XV ENTITLED "LAND USAGE", CHAPTER 152 ENTITLED "GAS"; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS**, the City of Texas City, Texas is authorized to regulate ordinances pursuant to Texas Local Government Code;

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the city of Texas City, Texas needs to amend the Code of Ordinance Title XV Entitled "Land Usage", Chapter 152 – Gas to adopt the most current International Building Codes;

**WHEREAS,** the City of Texas City utilizes the code council "Family of Models Building Codes;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to TEX. LOCAL GOV'T. CODE § 214.211 *et seq.*, and TEX. HEALTH & SAFTY CODE § 388.003 *et seq.* the city of Texas City, Texas is authorized to adopt standard building codes for residential, commercial and industrial construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission determines that amending Title XV, Chapter 152, will promote the health, safety and welfare of the City;

# NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS, THAT:

**Section 1.** The above and foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein as findings of fact. The City Commission hereby further finds and determines that the rules, regulations, terms, conditions, provisions, and requirements of this ordinance are reasonable and necessary to protect the public health, safety, and quality of life. The City of Texas City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 152 - Entitled "Gas" is hereby amended by deleting in its entirety all the existing language in Section 152.04(A) and replacing it with the following:

Sec. 152.04(A) - There is hereby adopted for and by the City a standard code known as the International Fuel Gas Code, 2021 edition, with appendices and amendments thereto, passed and recommended by the International Code Council, Inc., which code is published in book form and which is referred to, incorporated in this section and made a part of this section for all purposes. A copy of such code is filed of record in the office of the City Secretary. Adoption of subsequent amendments, supplement or new edition(s) is automatic upon publication by the International Code Council, Inc.

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of the City of Texas City, Texas, except where the provisions of this Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions

of such Ordinances, in which event the more restrictive provision shall apply.

**Section 3.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Commission of the City of Texas City that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Commission without incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

**Section 4.** All rights and privileges of the City of Texas City are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of any Ordinances affecting land use or development, which have accrued at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such Ordinances, same shall not be affected by this Ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

**Section 5.** That this Ordinance shall be read on three (3) separate days and shall become effective upon its final reading, passage, and adoption.

**Section 6.** That this Ordinance shall be finally passed upon the date of its introduction and shall become effective from and after its passage and adoption and publication by caption only in the official newspaper of the City of Texas City, Texas

# PASSED ON FIRST READING this 16th day of October 2023.

Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr., Mayor City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

Rhomari D. Leigh City Secretary

# PASSED ON SECOND READING this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2023.

Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr., Mayor City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

Rhomari D. Leigh City Secretary

# PASSED AND FINALLY ADOPTED this 15th day of November 2023.

Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr., Mayor City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:** 

Rhomari D. Leigh City Secretary

# **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG**

Meeting Date: 11/01/2023

**Submitted By:** Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary **Department:** City Secretary

### Information

## **ACTION REQUEST**

Consider and take action on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-41, amending the Texas City Code of Ordinances Title XV Entitled "Land Usage," Chapter 153: Mechanical Regulations," to adopt the most current International Building Codes. (Legal/Building Official)

# **BACKGROUND (Brief Summary)**

#### RECOMMENDATION

**Fiscal Impact** 

Attachments

Ordinance

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2023-41

# AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE XV ENTITLED "LAND USAGE", CHAPTER 153 ENTITLED "MECHANICAL REGULATIONS"; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS**, the City of Texas City, Texas is authorized to regulate ordinances pursuant to Texas Local Government Code;

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the city of Texas City, Texas needs to amend the Code of Ordinance Title XV Entitled "Land Usage", Chapter 153 – Mechanical Regulations to adopt the most current International Building Codes;

**WHEREAS,** the City of Texas City utilizes the code council "Family of Models Building Codes;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to TEX. LOCAL GOV'T. CODE § 214.211 *et seq.*, and TEX. HEALTH & SAFTY CODE § 388.003 *et seq.* the city of Texas City, Texas is authorized to adopt standard building codes for residential, commercial and industrial construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission determines that amending Title XV, Chapter 153, will promote the health, safety and welfare of the City;

# NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS, THAT:

**Section 1.** The above and foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein as findings of fact. The City Commission hereby further finds and determines that the rules, regulations, terms, conditions, provisions, and requirements of this ordinance are reasonable and necessary to protect the public health, safety, and quality of life. The City of Texas City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 153 - Entitled "Mechanical" is hereby amended by deleting in its entirety all the existing language in Section 153.01(A) and replacing it with the following:

Sec. 153.01(A) - There is hereby adopted for and by the City a standard code known as the International Mechanical Code, 2021 edition, with appendices and amendments thereto, passed and recommended by the International Code Council, Inc., which code is published in book form and which is referred to, incorporated in this section and made a part of this section for all purposes. A copy of such code is filed of record in the office of the City Secretary. Adoption of subsequent amendments, supplement or new edition(s) is automatic upon publication by the International Code Council, Inc.

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of the City of Texas City, Texas, except where the provisions of this Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such Ordinances, in which event the more restrictive provision shall apply.

**Section 3.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Commission of the City of Texas City that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Commission without incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

**Section 4.** All rights and privileges of the City of Texas City are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of any Ordinances affecting land use or development, which have accrued at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such Ordinances, same shall not be affected by this Ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

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# PASSED ON FIRST READING this 16th day of October 2023.

Dedrick D. Johnson, Sr., Mayor City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

Rhomari D. Leigh City Secretary

# PASSED ON SECOND READING this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2023.

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**APPROVED AS TO FORM:** 

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# **CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MTG**

Meeting Date: 11/01/2023

**Submitted By:** Rhomari Leigh, City Secretary **Department:** City Secretary

## Information

## **ACTION REQUEST**

Consider and take action on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-42, amending the Texas City Code of Ordinances Title XV Entitled "Land Usage," Chapter 154: Plumbing," to adopt the most current International Building Codes. (Legal/Building Official)

# **BACKGROUND (Brief Summary)**

#### RECOMMENDATION

**Fiscal Impact** 

Attachments

Ordinance

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2023-42

# AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE XV ENTITLED "LAND USAGE", CHAPTER 154 ENTITLED "PLUMBING"; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS**, the City of Texas City, Texas is authorized to regulate ordinances pursuant to Texas Local Government Code;

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the city of Texas City, Texas needs to amend the Code of Ordinance Title XV Entitled "Land Usage", Chapter 154 – Plumbing to adopt the most current International Building Codes;

**WHEREAS,** the City of Texas City utilizes the code council "Family of Models Building Codes;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to TEX. LOCAL GOV'T. CODE § 214.211 *et seq.*, and TEX. HEALTH & SAFTY CODE § 388.003 *et seq.* the city of Texas City, Texas is authorized to adopt standard building codes for residential, commercial and industrial construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission determines that amending Title XV, Chapter 154, will promote the health, safety and welfare of the City;

# NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS, THAT:

**Section 1.** The above and foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein as findings of fact. The City Commission hereby further finds and determines that the rules, regulations, terms, conditions, provisions, and requirements of this ordinance are reasonable and necessary to protect the public health, safety, and quality of life. The City of Texas City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 154 - Entitled "Plumbing" is hereby amended by deleting in its entirety all the existing language in Section 154.05(A)(1) and replacing it with the following:

Sec. 154.05(A)(1) - There is hereby adopted for and by the City a standard code known as the International Plumbing Code, 2021 edition, with appendices and amendments thereto, passed and recommended by the International Code Council, Inc., which code is published in book form and which is referred to, incorporated in this section and made a part of this section for all purposes. A copy of such code is filed of record in the office of the City Secretary. Adoption of subsequent amendments, supplement or new edition(s) is automatic upon publication by the International Code Council, Inc.

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