

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT ("Agreement") between Tamara Hudgins, Ph.D., (hereinafter "Consultant"), and Williamson County, Texas, a political subdivision of the State of Texas (hereinafter "County"), having an address of 710 Main Street, Suite 101, Georgetown, Texas 78626, sets forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which Consultant will provide certain services.

I. PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES

A Statement of Work ("SOW") is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and the terms therein are incorporated in this Agreement. Consultant agrees to perform the Professional Consulting Services ("Services") as set forth in the attached SOW, and in any subsequently approved SOW referencing this Agreement, in a professional manner. Consultant may provide the services described in the SOW by using Consultant personnel or selected independent contractors. Consultant agrees to provide the items described in the SOW ("Deliverables").

II. TERM AND TERMINATION

- A. The Consultant is expected to complete the Services in accordance with the Time for Performance set out in the SOW. If Consultant does not perform the Services in accordance with the SOW, then County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement as set forth below. So long as the County elects not to terminate this Agreement, it shall continue from day to day until such time as the Services are completed in accordance with SOW. Consultant shall notify County in writing as soon as possible if he/she/it determines, or reasonably anticipates, that the Services will not be completed on or before the date specified in the SOW and in full accordance with the terms of the SOW.
- B. Either party may terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, upon not less than thirty (30) calendar day's written notice to the opposite party. The County shall pay Consultant for all Services performed prior to termination.
- C. If either party commits an Event of Breach (a breach of any of the covenants, terms and/or conditions of this Agreement), the non-breaching party shall deliver written notice of such Event of Breach to the breaching party. Such notice must specify the nature of the Event of Breach and inform the breaching party that unless the Event of Breach is cured within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice, additional steps may be taken to terminate this Agreement. If the breaching party begins a good faith attempt to cure the Event of Breach within said ten (10) days, then and in that instance, the said ten (10) day period may be extended by the non-breaching party, so long as the breaching party continues to prosecute a cure diligently to completion and continues to make a good faith attempt to cure the Event of Breach. If, in the opinion of the non-breaching party, the breaching party does not cure the Event of Breach

within the above referenced ten (10) day period or otherwise fails to make any diligent attempt to correct the Event of Breach, the breaching party shall be deemed to be in breach and the non-breaching party may, in addition to seeking the remedies mentioned hereinafter and/or remedies available under the law, terminate this Agreement.

III. PAYMENT, TAXES & EXPENSES

- A. Payment Terms.** The Services will be charged to County per hourly rate, as set forth in the attached SOW.

Consultant will invoice County monthly for Services. County's payment of the Services and Deliverables shall be governed by Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code. Invoices shall be paid by County within thirty (30) days from the date of the Williamson County Auditor's receipt of an invoice. Interest charges for any late payments shall be paid by County in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 2251.025. More specifically, the rate of interest that shall accrue on a late payment is the rate in effect on September 1 of County's fiscal year in which the payment becomes due. The said rate in effect on September 1 shall be equal to the sum of one percent (1%); and (2) the prime rate published in the Wall Street Journal on the first day of July of the preceding fiscal year that does not fall on a Saturday or Sunday. In the event that a discrepancy arises in relation to an invoice, such as an incorrect amount on an invoice or a lack of documentation that is required to be attached to an invoice to evidence the amount claimed to be due, County shall notify Consultant of the discrepancy. Following County's notification of any discrepancy as to an invoice, Consultant must resolve the discrepancy and resubmit a corrected or revised invoice, which includes all required support documentation, to the Williamson County Auditor. County shall pay the invoice within thirty (30) days from the date of the Williamson County Auditor's receipt of the corrected or revised invoice. County's payment of an invoice that contains a discrepancy shall not be considered late, nor shall any interest begin to accrue until the thirty-first (31st) day following the Williamson County Auditor's receipt of the corrected or revised invoice.

- B. Expenses.** In the event County authorizes, in advance and in writing, reimbursement of non-labor expenses related to the Services subject of this Agreement, County will pay such actual non-labor expenses in strict accordance with the Williamson County Vendor Reimbursement Policy (as amended), which is incorporated into and made a part of this Contract by reference. The Williamson County Vendor Reimbursement Policy can be found at: [WilliamsonCountyVendorReimbursementPolicyMarch2023.pdf](#) (wilco.org). Invoices requesting reimbursement for authorized non-labor expenses must be accompanied by copies of the provider's invoice and clearly set forth the actual cost of the expenses, without markup.

IV. INTENTIONALLY OMITTED

V.
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

- A. To the extent authorized by law, any business, operational, commercial, financial or technical information furnished by Consultant to County under this Agreement will remain Consultant's property, will be deemed proprietary, will be kept confidential to the extent allowed by law, and will be promptly returned at Consultant's request. Except as otherwise required by law, County may not disclose, without Consultant's written permission, any such information or data to any third party, or use such information or data itself for any purpose other than performing its obligations under this Agreement. The obligations set forth in this section will survive the cancellation, termination, or completion of this Agreement.
- B. To the extent authorized by law, any business, operational, commercial, financial or technical information provided by County to Consultant will remain County's property, will be deemed proprietary, will be kept confidential, and will be promptly returned at County's request. Consultant may not disclose, without County's written permission or as required by law, any such information or data to any third party, or use such information or data itself for any purpose other than performing its obligations under this Agreement. The obligations set forth in this Section will survive the cancellation, termination, or completion of this Agreement.
- C. To the extent, if any, that any provision in this Agreement conflicts with Tex. Gov't Code 552.001 *et seq.*, as amended (the "Public Information Act"), the same shall be of no force or effect. Furthermore, it is expressly understood and agreed that County, its officers and employees may request advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas regarding the application of the Public Information Act to any items or information furnished to County as to whether or not the same must be made available to the public. It is further understood that County, its officers and employees shall have the right to rely on the advice, decisions and opinions of the Attorney General, and that County, its officers and employees shall have no liability or obligation to Consultant for the disclosure to the public, or to any person or persons, of any items or information furnished to County by Consultant in reliance of any advice, decision or opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas.

VI.
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTIES

Each party to this Agreement, in the performance of this Agreement, shall act in an individual capacity and not as agents, employees, partners, joint ventures or associates of one another. The employees or agents of one party shall not be deemed or construed to be the employees or agents of the other party for any purposes whatsoever.

VII.
WARRANTY

Consultant warrants that the Services provided pursuant to this Agreement will be performed consistent with generally accepted industry standards and as provided in Article 1. The

Consultant shall be responsible for the accuracy of his/her/its Services and shall promptly make necessary revisions or corrections to its work product resulting from errors, omissions, or negligent acts, and the same shall be done without compensation. The County shall determine Consultant's responsibilities for all questions arising from errors and/or omissions, subject to the dispute resolution provisions set out herein.

VIII. INDEMNIFICATION

CONSULTANT AGREES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE COUNTY HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, LOSSES, PENALTIES, JUDGMENTS, CLAIMS, LAWSUITS, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES, ("LOSSES") TO THE EXTENT SUCH LOSSES ARE CAUSED BY OR RESULTS FROM A NEGLIGENT ACT, ERROR OR OMISSION, NEGLIGENCE, OR INTENTIONAL TORT COMMITTED BY CONSULTANT, CONSULTANT'S EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY UNDER AGREEMENT WITH CONSULTANT INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, CONSULTANT'S SUBCONSULTANTS, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY OVER WHICH CONSULTANT EXERCISES CONTROL.

CONSULTANT FURTHER AGREES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE COUNTY HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, LOSSES, PENALTIES, JUDGMENTS, CLAIMS, LAWSUITS, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ATTORNEYS' FEES, ("LOSSES") TO THE EXTENT SUCH LOSSES ARE CAUSED BY OR RESULTS FROM CONSULTANT'S FAILURE TO PAY CONSULTANT'S EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUBCONSULTANTS, OR SUPPLIERS, IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF THE WORK PERFORMED OR TO BE PERFORMED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT BY CONSULTANT.

CONSULTANT FURTHER AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE COUNTY HARMLESS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, LOSSES, PENALTIES, CLAIMS, LAWSUITS, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ATTORNEYS' FEES, ("LOSSES") TO THE EXTENT SUCH LOSSES ARE CAUSED BY OR RESULTS FROM THE INFRINGEMENT OF ANY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ARISING OUT OF THE USE OF ANY PLANS, DESIGN, DRAWINGS, OR SPECIFICATIONS FURNISHED BY CONSULTANT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT.

THE LIMITS OF INSURANCE REQUIRED IN THIS AGREEMENT AND/OR THE AGREEMENT DOCUMENTS SHALL NOT LIMIT CONSULTANT'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION. THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION SHALL SURVIVE THE TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT OR THE SUSPENSION OF THE WORK HEREUNDER. TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY LIABILITIES, PENALTIES, DEMANDS, CLAIMS, LAWSUITS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES ARE CAUSED IN PART BY THE ACTS OF THE COUNTY OR THIRD PARTIES FOR WHOM CONSULTANT IS NOT LEGALLY LIABLE, CONSULTANT'S OBLIGATIONS SHALL BE IN PROPORTION TO CONSULTANT'S FAULT. THE OBLIGATIONS HEREIN SHALL ALSO EXTEND TO ANY ACTIONS BY THE COUNTY TO ENFORCE THIS INDEMNITY OBLIGATION.

IN THE EVENT THAT CONTRACTORS INITIATE LITIGATION AGAINST THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE CONTRACTOR ALLEGES DAMAGES AS A RESULT OF ANY NEGLIGENT ACTS, ERRORS OR OMISSIONS OF CONSULTANT, ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUBCONSULTANTS, OR SUPPLIERS, OR OTHER ENTITIES OVER WHICH CONSULTANT EXERCISES CONTROL, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEFECTS, ERRORS, OR OMISSIONS, THEN THE COUNTY SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO JOIN CONSULTANT IN ANY SUCH PROCEEDINGS AT THE COUNTY'S COST. CONSULTANT SHALL ALSO HOLD THE COUNTY HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE COUNTY TO THE EXTENT THAT CONSULTANT, ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUBCONSULTANTS, OR SUPPLIERS, OR OTHER ENTITIES OVER WHICH CONSULTANT EXERCISES CONTROL, CAUSED SUCH DAMAGES TO CONTRACTOR, INCLUDING ANY AND ALL COSTS AND REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES INCURRED BY THE COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEFENSE OF ANY CLAIMS WHERE CONSULTANT, ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUBCONTRACTORS, SUBCONSULTANTS, OR SUPPLIERS, OR OTHER ENTITIES OVER WHICH CONSULTANT EXERCISES CONTROL, ARE ADJUDICATED AT FAULT.

TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, NEITHER PARTY SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY FOR ANY SPECIAL, PUNITIVE, CONSEQUENTIAL OR INDIRECT DAMAGES RESULTING IN ANY WAY FROM THIS AGREEMENT.

IX.
INTENTIONALLY OMITTED

X.
CHANGE REQUESTS

County or Consultant may request changes to the Services to be performed under the applicable SOW by written notice ("Change Requests"). The nature of these changes includes, but are not limited to, additions to or deletions from any services, changes to the schedule, prevention or loss of work due to inadequate facilities or technical infrastructure, or changes to key final decisions, or, any extra work by Consultant necessitated by County not meeting its obligations or preventing Consultant from meeting its obligations.

All Change Requests shall be subject to the following terms:

- i. Disputes regarding Change Requests shall be handled pursuant to applicable dispute resolution section contained herein below;
- ii. Any changes to the terms of this Agreement shall be reduced to a written amendment and executed by both parties prior to such changes becoming effective; and
- iii. In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the terms and conditions of any amendment relating to a Change Request, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall control.

XI.
DISPUTE RESOLUTION; MEDIATION

The parties to this Agreement will work together in good faith to resolve any controversy, dispute or claim between them which arises out of or relates to this Agreement, whether stated in tort, Agreement, statute, bad faith, professional liability or otherwise ("Claim"). If the parties are unable to resolve the Claim within thirty (30) days following the date in which one party sent written notice of the Claim to the other party, and if a party wishes to pursue the Claim, such Claim shall be addressed through non-binding mediation under the Commercial Mediation Rules of the American Arbitration Association ("AAA"). A single mediator engaged in the practice of law, who is knowledgeable about subject matter of this Agreement, will conduct the mediation under the then current rules of the AAA. Any mediation under this Agreement shall be conducted in Williamson County, Texas. All costs involved in the mediation shall be borne equally between the parties, except that each party shall bear its own attorneys' fees. Nothing herein is intended to prevent either party from seeking any other remedy available hereunder or at law, including seeking redress in a court of competent jurisdiction. This provision shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

The parties hereby expressly agree that no claims or disputes between the parties arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or a breach thereof shall be decided by any arbitration proceeding, including without limitation, any proceeding under the Federal Arbitration Act (9 USC Section 1-14) or any applicable state arbitration statute.

XII. GENERAL

- A. Venue and Governing Law.** Each party to this Agreement hereby agrees and acknowledges that venue and jurisdiction of any suit, right, or cause of action arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall lie exclusively in Williamson County, Texas, and the parties hereto expressly consent and submit to such jurisdiction. Furthermore, except to the extent that this Agreement is governed by the laws of the United States, this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, excluding, however, its choice of law rules.
- B. Force Majeure.** If the party obligated to perform is prevented from performance by an act of war, order of legal authority, act of God, or other unavoidable cause not attributable to the fault or negligence of said party, the other party shall grant such party relief from the performance of this Agreement. The burden of proof for the need of such relief shall rest upon the party obligated to perform. To obtain release based on force majeure, the party obligated to perform shall file a written request with the other party.
- C. Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision hereof, but rather this entire Agreement will be construed as if not containing the particular invalid or unenforceable provision or provisions, and the rights and obligation of the parties shall be construed and enforced in accordance therewith. The parties acknowledge that if any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it is the desire and intention of each that such provision be reformed and construed in such a manner that it will, to the maximum extent practicable, give effect to the intent of this Agreement and be deemed to be validated and enforceable.
- D. Successors and Assigns; Assignment.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. No party to this Agreement may assign or transfer its interest in or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of all parties to this Agreement.
- E. No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** This Agreement is for the sole and exclusive benefit of the parties hereto and nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer or shall be construed as conferring upon any other person any rights, remedies or any other type or types of benefits.
- F. No Waiver of Immunities.** Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to waive, modify or amend any legal defense available at law or in equity to County, its past or present officers, employees, or agents, nor to create any legal rights or claim on behalf of any third party. County does not waive, modify, or alter to any extent whatsoever the availability of the defense of governmental immunity under the laws of the State of Texas and of the United States.

- G. County's Right to Audit.** Consultant agrees that County or its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of three (3) years after final payment under this Agreement, have access to and the right to examine and photocopy any and all books, documents, papers and records of Consultant which are directly pertinent to the services to be performed under this Agreement for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. The Consultant agrees that County shall have access during normal working hours to all necessary Consultant facilities and shall be provided adequate and appropriate workspace in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this section. The County shall give Consultant reasonable advance notice of intended audits.
- H. Appropriation of Funds by County.** County believes it has sufficient funds currently available and authorized for expenditure to finance the costs of this Agreement. Consultant understands and agrees that the County's payment of amounts under this Agreement is contingent on the County receiving appropriations or other expenditure authority sufficient to allow the County, in the exercise of reasonable administrative discretion, to continue to make payments under this Agreement.
- I. Conflicting Terms.** In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the terms and conditions of the SOW, as amended, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall control.
- J. Execution in Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which, when executed and delivered, shall be deemed to be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same document.
- K. Entire Agreement.** This Agreement (including any SOW attached hereto or subsequently approved by the parties) represents the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements or representations. This Agreement may not be modified or amended except in a writing signed by an authorized representative of each party. NO OFFICIAL, EMPLOYEE, AGENT, OR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNTY HAS ANY AUTHORITY, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, TO AMEND THIS AGREEMENT, EXCEPT PURSUANT TO SUCH EXPRESS AUTHORITY AS MAY BE GRANTED BY THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT. It is agreed that the terms of this Agreement shall supersede the preprinted terms in any County purchase order or other ordering document.

WITNESS WHEREOF each County and Consultant has caused its authorized representatives to execute and deliver this Agreement effective as of the date which this agreement is last signed below.

TAMARA HUDGINS, PH.D. (Consultant)

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____, 20____

WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS (County)

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Capacity: As Presiding Officer of the
Williamson County Commissioners Court

Date: _____, 20____

EXHIBIT “A” STATEMENT OF WORK

The following describes the Services shall be provided and accomplished by the Consultant pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement and this SOW:

Scope of Work:

Background: To provide fundraising support to the County.

Expected Outcomes: Raise new sources of foundation and government revenues to support the County’s mission.

Deliverables: Maintain annual calendar of corporate, foundation, and government proposal writing and reporting. As needed/appropriate, prepare and submit proposals that are complementary to the County’s fundable programs as well as other needs. When funded, prepare evaluation reports and stewardship for donors.

Factors Impacting Estimates: Estimates are provided in good faith to the County for their review and planning purposes. Invoices submitted will reflect actual work done on behalf of the County. Adverse situations may impact the time estimate above. If the Consultant believes that estimates will be impacted by more than 10%, the County will be notified and, if needed, a revised Scope of Work will be submitted.

Work Out of Scope: If additional tasks not related to this Scope of Work are requested, a revised Scope of Work will be submitted at the regular hourly rates.

Time for Performance:

The Service to be performed under this SOW shall begin on October 1, 2026, and end on September 30, 2027.

Compensation:

The maximum amount payable for the Services and all authorized expenses under the Agreement, without modification, for the life of this contract, shall not exceed \$ 18,000.

Hourly Rate:

\$150 per hour (estimated consulting hours 5-10 hours per month)