

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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 § KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:
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COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON §

The parties to this Public Assistance Funding Agreement ("Agreement") are Williamson County ("County") and the Williamson-Burnet County Opportunities, Inc. ("Agency").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the County has budgeted and allocated funds (the "Funds") for public purposes such as social assistance programs and programs that promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Williamson County, Texas;

WHEREAS, the Agency provides the type of public purpose services for which the Funds were budgeted and allocated;

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 52 of the Texas Constitution precludes political subdivisions from making unconditional gifts or donations to private entities if said gifts or donations lack sufficient controls to ensure that an authorized public purpose is achieved;

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the Agency's activities and the services provided by the Agency constitute an authorized public purpose;

WHEREAS, the County has determined that, in order to comply with Article III, Section 52 of the Texas Constitution, certain standards must be imposed on the Funds to ensure they are expended on an authorized public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has agreed to accept the Funds, all on and subject to the terms herein set forth.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the County and the Agency hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I
BASIC SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

A. The county shall tender the Funds to the Agency subject to the terms of this Agreement.

B. Agency accepts the Funds, all on and subject to the terms herein set forth, and the Agency shall manage and expend the Funds on the public purpose services described in Exhibit "A" ("Services").

ARTICLE II
FUNDING STANDARDS

The following Funding Standards are hereby approved and imposed upon the Funds (the "Funding Standards"):

A. Use of Funds. The Agency shall expend and apply the Funds only on the Services. During the term of this Agreement (as defined below), the County shall retain the sole discretion as to determining whether or not a particular expenditure of the Funds complies with the Funding Standards.

B. Documentation of Expenditures. The Agency shall track and document the expenditure of the Funds in order to substantiate that the Funds were, in fact, expended only on the Services.

C. Unauthorized Expenditure of Funds. If, at any time during the term of this Agreement, the Agency expends any portion of the Funds for a purpose that is inconsistent with these Funding Standards (hereinafter referred to as an "Unauthorized Expenditure"), the Agency shall immediately reimburse the County for the entire amount of the Unauthorized Expenditure.

D. Discontinuance of Services. In the event the Agency ceases or otherwise discontinues providing the Services during the term of this Agreement or if this Agreement is otherwise terminated prior to the expiration of the term of this Agreement, the portion of any unexpended Funds shall be immediately returned to the County.

ARTICLE III
TERM OF AGREEMENT

Except as otherwise set forth herein, this Agreement shall commence on October 1, 2011 and shall terminate one year later on September 30, 2012. It is hereby acknowledged and agreed that the Agency shall expend the Funds in accordance with

the terms and conditions of this agreement within one (1) year from the aforementioned commencement date.

ARTICLE IV TERMINATION

If the Agency fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement in a timely and proper manner, or if the Agency violates any of the terms, agreements or stipulations of this Agreement, the County shall thereupon have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the Agency of such termination, specifying the default or defaults, and stating that this Agreement shall be terminated 30 days after the giving of such notice unless such default or defaults are remedied within such cure period. In the event of such termination, the Agency shall promptly repay to the County the full amount of the Funds.

ARTICLE V AMOUNT OF THE FUNDS

The County shall tender and the Agent hereby agrees to accept the Funds in the amount of \$34,000.00 for performance of the public purpose described in the attached Exhibit "A".

ARTICLE VI COUNTY'S RIGHT TO AUDIT

The Agency agrees that County or its duly authorized representatives shall, until the expiration of one (1) year after the term or termination of this Agreement, have access to and the right to examine and photocopy any and all books, documents, papers and records of the Agency which are directly pertinent to the Services to be performed under this Agreement for the purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. The Agency agrees that County shall have access during normal working hours to all necessary Agency facilities and shall be provided adequate and appropriate work space in order to conduct audits in compliance with the provisions of this section. County shall give the Agency reasonable advance notice of intended audits.

ARTICLE VII GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. Non-Discrimination. No person shall be excluded from or denied the benefits of Agency's Services on the basis of age, race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender identity, sex, marital status, disability, sexual orientation or, with respect to the

sale, lease, rental, use or occupancy of real property or housing accommodations, the presence or absence of dependents, familial status or public assistance source of income. All current and prospective beneficiaries of the Services must, however, be persons in need of the programs provided by the Agency.

B. Equal Employment Opportunity. The Agency certifies that it is an "Equal Opportunity Employer" and that it will comply with the Texas Human Rights Commission Act, and all applicable laws and regulations pertaining to equal opportunity in employment.

C. Interest of County Officials. No member of the governing body of the County, no officer, employee, official or agent of the County, or other local public official who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the review, approval or carrying out of the Services to which this Agreement pertains, shall have any private interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement.

D. Conflict of Interest. The Agency covenants that it has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the Services to be undertaken through this Agreement. The Agency further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement, no person having such an interest shall be employed by the Agency.

E. Assignment; Successors and Assigns. The Agency shall not assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written approval of the County. Any assignment made without such consent shall be void. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

F. Force Majeure. The County may, in its sole discretion, grant relief from the performance of this Agreement if the Agency 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 the Agency. The burden of proof for the need of such relief shall rest upon the Agency. To obtain a release based on force majeure, the Agency shall file a written request with the County.

G. 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.

H. Illegality. If the purpose of this Agreement or if the performance of any of the terms of this Agreement is found, by a court of competent jurisdiction, to be illegal, either party

P. 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 or employees, 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.

Q. No Waiver. The failure or delay of any party to enforce at any time or any period of time any of the provisions of this Agreement shall not constitute a present or future waiver of such provisions, nor the right of either party to enforce each and every provision. Furthermore, no term or provision hereof shall be deemed waived and no breach excused unless such waiver or consent shall be in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived or consented. Any consent by any party to, or waiver of, a breach by the other, whether expressed or implied, shall not constitute consent to, waiver of or excuse for any other, different or subsequent breach.

R. Entire Agreement. This Agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either oral or written. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument signed by each party to this Agreement. NO OFFICIAL, EMPLOYEE, AGENT, OR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNTY HAS ANY AUTHORITY, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, TO AMEND THIS CONTRACT, EXCEPT PURSUANT TO SUCH EXPRESS AUTHORITY AS MAY BE GRANTED BY THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

EXECUTED as of _____, 20____.

Agency:

Name of Agency:

Williamson-Burnet County Opportunities,
Inc.

By: 

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Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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604 HIGH TECH DRIVE
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Attn:

ANDREW SHELL

Telephone:

512-763-1400

COUNTY:

Williamson County, Texas

By: 

Printed Name: DAN A GATTI

Title: County Judge

Address:

710 Main Street, Suite 101
Georgetown, Texas 78626
Attn: Williamson County Judge

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Exhibit "A"

The Agency shall manage and expend the Funds on the following described public purpose services:

The Agency provides emergency assistance; a headstart program; case managed aid to transition individuals out of poverty; a new adult education program for job skills; and a rapid re-housing program. The Funds shall be used to defray the operating costs of the Agency's central office.