

AGREEMENT
(Housing Resources Commission)

THIS AGREEMENT, made by and between **JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**, a Constitutional Home Rule Charter County of the First Class of the State of Missouri, acting by and through its **Housing Resources Commission**, hereinafter referred to as "the County" and a Missouri not-for-profit corporation, **LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MISSOURI 4001 BLUE PARKWAY SUITE 300 KANSAS CITY, MO 64130**, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor".

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1991, the voters of Jackson County authorized the County Legislature to impose a \$3.00 user fee on all instruments recorded with the County's Department of Records, the proceeds of which fee is to be used to provide funds for assistance to homeless persons; and,

WHEREAS, the County actually imposed said fee by Ordinance No. 1986, dated June 10, 1991; and,

WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 2030, dated September 3, 1991, the Legislature created the Housing Resources Commission and designated said Commission as the agency of the County responsible for determining the allocation and distribution of the proceeds of the user fee; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed Contractor's proposal for the expenditure of County user fee funds for the purpose of providing assistance to homeless persons in Jackson County; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that it is in the best interests of the County's citizens to provide funding to Contractor according to the terms and conditions hereof;

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MARY JO SPINO
COUNTY CLERK

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed by and between the parties as follows:

1. **SERVICES**. Contractor shall use the proceeds of this Agreement solely for the purpose of providing assistance to homeless persons in Jackson County, Missouri. Contractor agrees to use the funds as set out on the Housing Resources Commission Funding Request Form, attached hereto as Exhibit A. The term of this contract is January 1, 2025, through May 1, 2026, and as such, all expenditures must occur within this period. The budget Organization submitted as part of Exhibit A is considered final and non-changeable. If Organization encounters unforeseen circumstances that require a change to Organization's budget, Organization shall submit a written request to the Housing Resources Commission no later than March 1, 2026. Any changes to the budget must be approved by the Jackson County Legislature.

2. **TERMS OF PAYMENT**. The County shall pay to Contractor a total amount not to exceed **\$11,000.00** for the purpose of providing assistance to homeless persons in Jackson County, Missouri. The County reserves the right to audit all invoices and to reject any invoice for good cause. The County retains the right to deduct from an invoice of Organization any overpayment made by the County on a prior invoice. The County retains the right to make invoice corrections/changes. The County will not reimburse sales tax expense.

3. **REPORTS/OTHER DOCUMENTATION.** Under this Agreement, Contractor shall submit appropriate reports, including copies of invoices and cancelled checks and/or a copy of the face of the check and corresponding bank statements and other documentation, as requested by the Housing Resources Commission staff to show that funds paid to Contractor by the County are being used for the purpose of providing assistance to homeless persons in Jackson County, Missouri. The final request for payment shall include an Annual Report, which shall set out the program objectives and accomplishments, and a final reconciliation of funds. Section 67.1071, R.S.Mo., specifically requires the Annual Report to include "statistics on the number of persons served by the agency, and shall include the results of an independent audit of expenditures of funds received by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. Failure to submit said reports, including the Annual Report, shall result in the loss of future funding by the County.

Organization must notify the County in writing on Organization's letterhead, within five working days of the following changes:

- a. Organization name, address, telephone number, administration, or board of directors
- b. Organization funding that will affect the program under this contract
- c. Liability insurance coverage
- d. Management or staff responsible for providing services pursuant to this contract
- e. Any proposed or actual merger or acquisition either taken by the Organization or toward the Organization

4. **MAINTENANCE OF ACCOUNTS.** The parties recognize that this funding by the County serves to improve the quality and effectiveness of homelessness programs in

Jackson County, Missouri. It is, therefore, declared as the express intent of the parties that the services to be rendered hereunder shall be in addition to those deemed necessary and required to maintain the efficient and effective operation of Contractor in its normal duties, and that none of the funds paid by the County pursuant to this Agreement shall serve to reduce any funds budgeted, or to be budgeted, by Contractor for operations as they exist at the time of this Agreement. Contractor shall not commingle the County's funds and shall keep funds received under this Agreement separate from all other Contractor funds and accounts until expended as herein provided.

5. **SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS.** Contractor shall submit to the County's Director of Finance and Purchasing: (1) a written proposal setting out in detail the intended use of the County's funding, including the target population to be served; (2) Contractor's IRS Form 990 from the previous fiscal or calendar year; (3) a statement of Contractor's total budget for its most recent fiscal year; and (4) a detailed explanation of actual expenditures of the County's funds (pertains to final payments and payments on contracts for future years). If Contractor has previously received funding from the County, to be eligible for future payments, Contractor must submit either an audited financial statement for Contractor's most-recent fiscal or calendar year, or a certified public accountant's program audit of the County's funds. Any documents described herein which were submitted to the Director of Finance and Purchasing as a part of an application for funding need not be resubmitted to qualify for payment. No payment shall be made if Contractor is out of compliance on any other County contract, or has not paid county taxes on all properties owned by Contractor and assessed by the County.

6. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY.** Organization shall maintain policies of employment as follows:

A. Organization and Organization's subcontractor(s) shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, age, disability, or national origin. Organization shall take affirmative action as set forth to ensure that applicants are employed and employees are treated without regard to their race, religion, color, sex, age, disability, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited, to the following: recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Organization agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the policies of non-discrimination.

B. Organization and Organization's subcontractor(s) shall, in all solicitation or advertisements for employees placed by them or on their behalf, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, sex, age, disability, or national origin.

7. **EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED UNDOCUMENTED PERSONS PROHIBITED.** Pursuant to §285.530.1, RSMo, Contractor assures that it does not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized undocumented person to perform work within the State of Missouri and/or Jackson County, and shall affirm, by sworn affidavit and provision of documentation, its

enrollment and participation in a federal work authorization program with respect to the employees working in connection with the contracted services. Further, Contractor shall sign an affidavit, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B, affirming that it does not knowingly employ any person who is an unauthorized undocumented person in connection with the contracted services.

8. **AUDIT.** The parties agree that the County may, for any reason and at any given time, examine and audit the books and records of Contractor pertaining to its finances and operations. Further, Contractor agrees to establish and adopt such accounting standards and forms as recommended by the County prior to receipt of the County's first distribution of funds under the terms of this Agreement. The forms used to document expenditure of these funds may be changed from time to time by the County.

9. **DEFAULT.** If Contractor shall default in the performance or observation of any covenant, term or condition herein contained to be performed by Contractor, the County shall give Contractor ten days written notice, setting forth the default. If said default shall continue and not be corrected by Contractor within ten days after receipt of notice from the County, the County may, at its election, terminate this Agreement and withhold any payments not yet made to Contractor. Said election shall not, in any way, limit the County's rights to sue for breach of this Agreement.

10. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** Contractor warrants that no officer or employee of the County, whether elected or appointed, shall, in any manner whatsoever, be interested in or receive any benefit from the profits or emoluments of this Agreement.

11. **SEVERABILITY.** If any covenant or other provision of this Agreement is invalid, or incapable of being enforced by reason of any rule of law or public policy, all

other conditions and provisions of this Agreement shall, nevertheless, remain in full force and effect; and no covenant or provision shall be deemed dependent upon any other covenant or provision unless so expressed herein.

12. **INDEMNIFICATION**. Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold the County harmless from any and all claims, liabilities, damages, and costs (including reasonable attorney's fees directly related thereto) including but not limited to violation of civil rights and/or bodily injury to or death of any person and for damage to or destruction of property if and to the extent caused by the negligence, willful misconduct or omissions of Contractor during the performance of this Agreement.

13. **INSURANCE**. Organization shall maintain the following insurance coverage during the term of this Agreement.

A. Organization shall maintain Commercial General Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability insurance, each in a combined single limit of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each occurrence for bodily injury and property damage liability.

B. Organization shall maintain, if any motor vehicles are used in the performance of the Services, Commercial General Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability insurance, and Automobile Liability insurance including owned, non-owned, or hired vehicles, each in a combined single limit of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each occurrence for bodily injury and property damage liability.

C. Organization agrees to provide the County with certificates of insurance evidencing the above described coverage prior to the start of

Services, and annually thereafter, if required by the County. Such certificates shall provide that the applicable insurance policies have been endorsed to provide a minimum of thirty days advance notice to the County in the event of cancellation, non-renewal, or reduction in limits by endorsement.

14. **TERM.** The term of this Agreement shall be effective as of January 1, 2025, and shall continue until May 1, 2026, unless sooner terminated pursuant to paragraph 9, 16, or 20 hereof. If this Agreement is terminated by either party, the County shall pay only for those services actually performed by Organization as verified by the County's audit.

15. **TERMINATION.** This Agreement may be terminated for any reason or no reason by either of the parties upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party's designated fiscal representative. All services and payments shall continue through the effective date of termination. Termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of the rights or obligations which the County or Organization may be entitled to receive as provided in this Agreement, or be obligated to perform under this Agreement for services prior to the date of termination. Should this Agreement terminate, all County written materials of any kind must be delivered and returned by Organization to the County within ten (10) days of the termination of this Agreement.

16. **STANDARD OF CARE.** Organization shall exercise the same degree of care, skill, and diligence in the performance of the Services as is ordinarily possessed and exercised by professionals operating under similar circumstances.

17. **FINANCIAL CONTACT.** Organization shall designate a fiscal representative to act as a liaison between the parties to resolve any problems, complaints, or special circumstances encountered in the billing of the services agreed upon here.

Fiscal Representative

**LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MISSOURI
4001 BLUE PARKWAY SUITE 300
KANSAS CITY, MO 64130,**

Department of Finance & Purchasing
415 E. 12th Street, Suite 100
Kansas City, MO 64106

18. **COMPLIANCE.** The performance of this Agreement shall be subject to review by the County. The County Compliance Review Officer shall review this contract according to his responsibilities as set out in Chapter 6 of the Jackson County Code. Organization shall file quarterly compliance reports as required by the County Compliance Review Office. The County warrants that all books, records, accounts, and any other documents in the possession of the County relating to this Agreement are public records open for inspection in accordance with Chapter 610, RSMo.

19. **REMEDIES FOR BREACH.** Contractor agrees to faithfully observe and perform all of the terms, provisions, and requirements of this Agreement, and Contractor's failure to do so constitutes a breach of this Agreement. In such event, Contractor consents and agrees as follows:

- A. The County may, without prior notice to Contractor, immediately terminate this Agreement; and
- B. The County shall be entitled to collect from Contractor all payments made by the County to Contractor for which Contractor has not yet rendered services in accordance with this Agreement, and to collect

the County's reasonable attorney's fees, court costs and service fees if it is necessary to bring action to recover such payments.

20. **TRANSFER AND ASSIGNMENT.** Organization shall not assign or transfer any portion or the whole of this Agreement without the prior written consent of the County.

21. **ORGANIZATION IDENTITY.** If Organization is merged or purchased by another entity, the County reserves the right to terminate this Agreement. Organization shall immediately notify the county in the event it is merged or purchases by any other entity.

22. **CONFIDENTIALITY.** Contractor's records concerning the identities of those participating in its programs shall be strictly confidential; the County shall be entitled to examine said records in performing its audit and review functions, but shall not disclose said identities to any third party in any fashion.

23. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTING.** A representative of Contractor shall attend meetings of the County Legislature and the Housing Resources Commission when so requested by either of the above-referenced entities. The representative shall be prepared to answer any questions concerning payments made pursuant to this Agreement.

24. **SURPLUS FUNDS.** Any surplus funds not spent at the end of this Agreement term shall be returned to the County by the fifteenth of the month following the termination of this Agreement. These funds shall not be subject to reappropriation. The term "surplus funds" refers only to those funds that have not been committed for costs or purposes by purchase order, contract, or other formal documentation within the

Agreement term.

25. **PERFORMANCE REVIEW.** The performance of this Agreement shall be subject to review by the County or its designated agent. The County's Housing Resources Commission Director shall review the performance of this Agreement according to his/her responsibilities. Contractor agrees to file all required forms with the Housing Resources Commission Director. The Housing Resources Commission may provide to Contractor a list identifying specific areas funded by the proceeds of this Agreement to be reviewed or audited. The Housing Resources Commission and Contractor shall agree on the definition and scope of a review audit of each specific area identified. Contractor shall conduct internal review of each specific area identified and shall provide its findings to the Commission. The parties recognize that all books, records, accounts, and any other documents in the possession of the County relative to the funding of this Agreement, are public records and open for inspection and photocopying in accordance with Chapter 610, R.S.Mo.

26. **DISCONTINUANCE OF PROGRAM.** In the event Contractor should elect to discontinue this program, or file for bankruptcy, or participate in a reorganization, or go out of existence, or should a court of competent jurisdiction render a final decision in any way invalidating this Agreement or its purposes, Contractor shall remit any proceeds of this Agreement as are unexpended to the County.

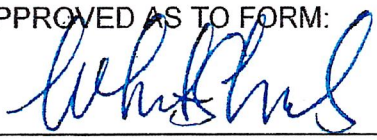
27. **COMPLIANCE WITH RFP.** At all times in connection with the performance of its services hereunder, Contractor agrees to comply with and abide by the General Conditions, Specifications, and Guidelines contained in the County's RFP No. 14-21. Failure to comply with the terms of the RFP shall be a breach, remediable under

Paragraph 20 hereof. In the event of a conflict between any provision of this Agreement and a provision of the County's RFP No. 14-21, the provision of this Agreement shall govern.

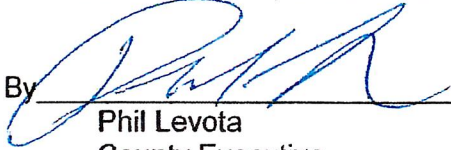
28. **INCORPORATION**. This Agreement incorporates the entire understanding and agreement of the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County and Contractor have executed this Agreement this 14th day of July, 2026.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


County Counselor

JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

By 
Phil Levota
County Executive

ATTEST:


Mary Jo Spino
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MISSOURI

By 
Title Executive Director

REVENUE CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that there is a balance otherwise unencumbered to the credit of the appropriation to which this Agreement is chargeable, and a cash balance otherwise unencumbered in the treasury from which payment is to be made, each sufficient to meet the obligation of **\$11,000.00**, which is hereby authorized.

2/5/2026
Date

Cheryl L. Colter
Director of Finance and Purchasing
Account No. 043 7001 56789
5000-1000 1748

WORK AUTHORIZATION AFFIDAVIT

As a condition for any service provided to the County, a business entity shall, by sworn affidavit and provision of documentation, affirm its enrollment and participation in a federal work authorization program with respect to the employees working in connection with the contracted services.

Business entity, as defined in section 285.525, RSMo pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo, is any person or group of persons performing or engaging in any activity, enterprise, profession, or occupation for gain, benefit, advantage, or livelihood. The term "business entity" shall include but not be limited to self-employed individuals, partnerships, corporations, contractors, and subcontractors. The term "business entity" shall include any business entity that possesses a business permit, license, or tax certificate issued by the state, any business entity that is exempt by law from obtaining such a business permit, and any business entity that is operating unlawfully without such a business permit.

Every such business entity shall complete the following affidavit affirming that it does not knowingly employ any person who is an unauthorized undocumented person in connection with the contracted services. The completed affidavit must be returned as a part of the contract documentation.

This affidavit affirms that **LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MISSOURI**, is enrolled in, and is currently participating in, E-verify or any other equivalent electronic verification of work authorization operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA); and, **LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MISSOURI**, does not knowingly employ any person who is an unauthorized undocumented person in conjunction with the contracted services.

In Affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true and correct. (The undersigned understands that false statements made in this filing are subject to the penalties provided under section 575.040, RSMo.)

Amber C. Christ
Authorized Representative's Signature
Executive Director
Title

Amber C. Christ
Printed Name
7/14/26
Date

Subscribed and sworn before me this 14th day of July, 2026. I am commissioned as a notary public within the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, and my commission expires on 04/28/2030.

Joseph Atchulo
Signature of Notary

7/14/2026
Date

