



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

COURT ORDER NUMBER 145467

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DATE: 7/1/2025

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES HIV CLINICAL HIV/STI
PREVENTION AT LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS GRANT
CONTRACT**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider Amendment No. 1 to the Texas Department of State Health Services HIV Clinical HIV/STI Prevention at Local Health Departments Grant Contract, #HHS001546100004, for Fiscal Year 2026 funding.

BACKGROUND

The Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) Department receives yearly support from DSHS, in the form of grant contracts to perform a variety of essential public health services for Tarrant County residents. The HIV Prevention and Control Program grant provides grant funding in an effort to prevent the spread of HIV/STIs and support HIV Prevention Services.

On November 12, 2019, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #131576, approved the FY 2020 DSHS HIV Prevention and Control Program Grant Contract for funding in the amount of \$584,538.00.

On October 13, 2020, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #133996, approved Amendment No. 1 to the contract, adding FY 2021 funding in the amount of \$561,188.00 and extending the contract term to December 31, 2021.

On June 8, 2021, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #135627, approved Amendment No. 2 to the contract, decreasing funding by \$140,297.00 for FY 2021, adding \$561,188.00 for FY 2022, and extending the contract term to August 31, 2022.

On December 14, 2021, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #137025, approved Amendment No. 3 to the contract, increasing FY 2022 funding by \$35,000.00 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$596,188.00.

On May 24, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #138220, approved Amendment No. 4 to the contract, increasing funding by \$596,188.00 for FY 2023 and extending the contract term to August 31, 2023.

On July 11, 2023, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #141206, approved Amendment No. 5 to the contract, increasing funding by \$596,188.00 for FY2024 and extending the contract term to August 31, 2024.

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| SUBMITTED BY | Public Health | PREPARED BY: | Gary Collins |
| | | APPROVED BY: | Amanda Campbell |



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On December 3, 2024, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #144397, approved the FY 2025 DSHS HIV Prevention and Control Program Grant Contract for funding in the amount of \$200,000.000.

With approval of Amendment No. 1, TCPH will receive FY 2026 grant funding in the amount \$300,000.00 and the term of the contract will be extended through August 31, 2026. All attachments have been revised accordingly.

The Criminal District Attorney's Office has reviewed this document as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant award is for \$300,000.00.

This grant does not require a grant match.

Indirect cost is allowed and included.

There is no operating subsidy.

Funds will be requested for FY2026 for all associated costs to be paid from DSHS-Bureau of STD/HIV Prevention-HIV Prevention / Grant-2004/F0035-2026 / 5100303000.



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Texas Department of State Health Services

Jennifer A. Shuford, M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner

The Honorable Tim O'Hare
Tarrant County Judge
Tarrant County
1101 S. Main Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76104

Subject: HIV Clinical HIV/STI Prevention at Local Health Departments
Contract Number: HHS001546100004, Amendment No. 1
Contract Amount: \$500,000.00
Contract Term: 1/1/2025-8/31/2026

Dear Judge O'Hare:

Enclosed is Amendment No. 1 to the HIV Clinical HIV/STI Prevention at Local Health Departments Contract between the Department of State Health Services and Tarrant County.

The purpose of the Contract is to provide funding for the HIV Clinical HIV/STI Prevention at Local Health Departments Program.

This Amendment increases the Contract by \$300,000.00, extends the end of the Contract term to August 31, 2026, and revises certain attachments to the Contract.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Lacy Alexander, CTCD, CTCM
Contract Manager
Lacy.Alexander@dshs.texas.gov

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES
CONTRACT NO. HHS001546100004
AMENDMENT NO. 1**

The **DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES** (“System Agency” or “DSHS”) and **TARRANT COUNTY** (“Grantee”), who are collectively referred to herein as the "Parties," to that certain HIV Clinical HIV/STI Prevention at Local Health Departments Contract effective January 1, 2025, and denominated DSHS Contract No. HHS001546100004 (“Grant Agreement” or “Contract”), now desire to amend the Contract.

WHEREAS, DSHS desires to exercise the first of four (4) one-year renewal options, for the period of September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026;

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to revise the Budget to add funds to the Contract related to the SFY2026 renewal term;

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to revise certain contract terms and conditions for compliance with applicable law and DSHS policy;

WHEREAS, DSHS desires to incorporate a completed Fiscal Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Certification form for Fiscal Year 2026 into the Contract; and

WHEREAS, DSHS desires to incorporate an Indirect Cost Rate Acknowledgement Letter into the Contract for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby amend and modify the Contract as follows:

1. **SECTION III** of the Contract, **DURATION**, is hereby amended to reflect a revised termination date of August 31, 2026.
2. **SECTION V** of the Contract, **BUDGET AND INDIRECT COST RATE**, is hereby amended to add \$300,000.00 to the Contract, resulting in a new total not to exceed amount of \$500,000.00. All expenditures under the Contract shall be in accordance with **ATTACHMENT B, BUDGET**, and **ATTACHMENT B-1, FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET**.
3. **SECTION V** of the Contract, **BUDGET AND INDIRECT COST RATE**, is hereby amended to add the following language:

Indirect Cost Rate: If an indirect cost rate letter is required but has not been issued by System Agency at the time of Contract Execution, the Parties agree to amend the Grant Agreement to include the indirect cost rate letter and make any necessary, corresponding amendments to the budget after the letter is issued. Grantee must have an approved or acknowledged indirect cost rate in order to recover indirect costs.

If the System Agency approves or acknowledges an updated indirect cost rate, the Grant Agreement will be amended to incorporate the new rate (and the new indirect cost rate letter, if applicable) and the budget revised accordingly.

4. **ATTACHMENT A, STATEMENT OF WORK**, is hereby supplemented with the addition of **ATTACHMENT A-1, FISCAL YEAR 2026 STATEMENT OF WORK**, which is attached to this Amendment and incorporated into and made part of the Contract for all purposes.
5. **ATTACHMENT B, BUDGET**, is hereby supplemented with the addition of **ATTACHMENT B-1, FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET**, which is attached to this Amendment and incorporated into and made part of the Contract for all purposes.
6. **ATTACHMENT C, CONTRACT AFFIRMATIONS v. 2.3**, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with **ATTACHMENT C-1, CONTRACT AFFIRMATIONS v. 2.5**, which is attached to this Amendment and incorporated into and made part of the Contract for all purposes.
7. **ATTACHMENT D, UNIFORM TERMS AND CONDITIONS – GRANT v. 3.3** is deleted in its entirety and replaced with **ATTACHMENT D-1, HHS UNIFORM TERMS AND CONDITIONS – GRANT v. 3.5**, which is attached to this Amendment and incorporated into and made part of the Contract for all purposes.
8. **ATTACHMENT H-1, FFATA CERTIFICATION FORM** is hereby supplemented with the addition of **ATTACHMENT H-1, FFATA CERTIFICATION FORM (FY 2026)**, which is attached to this Amendment and incorporated into and made part of the Contract for all purposes.
9. **ATTACHMENT I, INDIRECT COST RATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER (FFY 2025)**, which is attached to this Amendment, is hereby incorporated into and made part of the Contract for all purposes.
10. This Amendment is effective immediately upon execution by the last party to sign below. Operations and funding for Fiscal Year 2026 begins on September 1, 2025. Except as modified by this Amendment, all existing terms of the Contract, including the current Statement of Work, shall remain in full force and effect until and unless modified by written agreement of the Parties.
11. Except as amended and modified by this Amendment No. 1, all terms and conditions of the Contract shall remain in full force and effect.
12. Any further revisions to the Contract shall be by written agreement of the Parties.
13. Each Party represents and warrants that the person executing this Amendment No. 1 on its behalf has full power and authority to enter into this Amendment.

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

**SIGNATURE PAGE FOR AMENDMENT NO. 1
DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES
CONTRACT NO. HHS001546100004**

DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES TARRANT COUNTY

By: _____

By: See Separate Signature Page

Name: _____

Name: Tim O'Hare

Title: _____

Title: County Judge

Date of Signature: _____

Date of Signature: _____

SIGNED AND EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

**COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS**

By: Separate Electronic Signature Page
Tim O'Hare
County Judge

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kimberly Colliet Wesley

Criminal District Attorney's Office*

*By law, the Criminal District Attorney's Office may only approve contracts for its clients. We reviewed this document as to form from our client's legal perspective. Other parties may not rely on this approval. Instead, those parties should seek contract review from independent counsel.

**ATTACHMENT A-1
FISCAL YEAR 2026 STATEMENT OF WORK
CONTRACT NO. HHS001546100004**

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this program is to provide HIV Testing and Prevention at Local Health Departments and to prioritize actions and coordinate resources across communities and groups of Texans affected by HIV.

II. GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Grantee shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws, rules, policies, standards, regulations, and guidelines, as amended, including but not limited to the following:

1. Department of State Health Services (DSHS) HIV and STI Program Operating Procedures and Standards (POPS), including any revisions, which is available at: [Program Operating Procedures and Standards \(POPS\) | Texas DSHS \(www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/pops\)](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/pops);
2. DSHS Policy Guidelines for Self-Collection and HIV self-testing kits, including any revisions, which is available at: [HIV STD Program | Texas DSHS \(www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd\)](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd);
3. Any System Agency-issued letters or memos with additional directions and policies;
4. [Chapter 81](#) of the Texas Health and Safety Code (related to communicable diseases, public health disasters and public health emergencies);
5. [Chapter 85](#) of the Texas Health and Safety Code (related to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and HIV infection);
6. [Chapter 94](#) of the Texas Health and Safety Code (related to education and prevention programs for Hepatitis C);
7. Title 25 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), [Chapters 97](#) and [98, Subchapter C](#);
8. [Texas Government Code Section 531.02161](#) (related to delivery of an in-person service, requiring an option of the service via telecommunications or using information technology); and
9. HIV/STI Program and HIV/STI Unit policies and procedures, including but not limited to, [Policy 530.002](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/policy/policies) (www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/policy/policies) (related to prohibiting discrimination in program services) and [HIV Prevention Program](#)

Reports and Forms
(www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/contractor/prevention/program).

- B. Grantee shall commence activities no later than ninety (90) days following the Project Period start date.
- C. Grantee shall incorporate condom promotion, education, and distribution into all program activities.
- D. Grantee shall establish, build, or maintain collaboration agreements (e.g., Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), service agreements) with other community-based organizations and medical providers to ensure the delivery of comprehensive services across the care continuum. Collaboration agreements must serve eligible Priority Population(s).
- E. Grantee shall create a model for continuous community feedback, input, and engagement, such as a community advisory board, to assist with programmatic decision-making.
- F. Grantee shall participate in state and local HIV planning and evaluation activities and in local efforts to coordinate HIV prevention and treatment services. Grantee shall use community assessments to evaluate and improve recruitment, outreach and condom distribution strategies and tailor education and recruitment efforts to their designated Priority Population(s).
- G. Grantee shall develop and implement campaigns and resources that provide education on comprehensive sexual health (e.g., HIV-related stigma, HIV vulnerability, and options for prevention such as PrEP and nPEP, testing care and treatment). Campaigns may include online and social media activities. Grantee shall monitor and record web analytics that describe service-related posts on different media platforms. Grantee shall provide this data to System Agency within five (5) days of request.
- H. Grantee shall submit literature or materials it proposes to use in prevention activities for review and approval by a locally constituted review panel that meets the DSHS requirements which are available at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/info/pmrp.shtm>. Grantee shall obtain System Agency verification and approval of any content or publication partially or fully funded by this Grant Award, and Grantee shall ensure approved content acknowledges System Agency.
- I. Grantee shall work cooperatively with System Agency, as may be reasonably requested, to participate in special projects, public health initiatives, and activities to raise awareness of innovative HIV prevention practices to meet the goals of the [Texas HIV Plan](https://achievingtogethertx.org/tx-hiv-syndicate/) (<https://achievingtogethertx.org/tx-hiv-syndicate/>) at [Texas DSHS HIV/STD Program - HIV and STD Planning](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/hiv-std-planning?terms=HIV%20planning) (www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/hiv-std-planning?terms=HIV%20planning).
- J. Grantee shall ensure that any grant funds, received as a result of this Contract, do not duplicate existing prevention activities in the Grantee's HIV Service Delivery Area.

- K. Grantee shall authorize and require staff (including volunteers) to attend training, conferences, and meetings as directed by System Agency.
- L. Grantee shall budget grant funding to meet training requirements in a timely manner and ensure staff and volunteers are trained in accordance with the training requirements located at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/training/> and as otherwise directed by System Agency. Grantee shall document training requirements for all staff.
- M. Grantee shall focus testing on communities and groups where HIV is most prevalent.
- N. Grantee shall ensure successful linkage systems that not only create access to medical care for newly diagnosed individuals but also help to quickly identify and address barriers that may prevent individuals from following through with their HIV medical care.
- O. Grantee shall maintain an inventory of equipment, supplies defined as Controlled Assets, and real property. Submit an annual cumulative report of the equipment and other property on HHS System Agency Grantee's Property Inventory Report to the designated DSHS Contract Manager by email not later than October 15th of each grant year. Controlled Assets include firearms, regardless of the acquisition cost, and the following assets with an acquisition cost of \$500 or more, but less than \$10,000: desktop and laptop computers (including notebooks, tablets, and similar devices), non-portable printers and copiers, emergency management equipment, communication devices and systems, medical and laboratory equipment, and media equipment. Controlled Assets are considered Supplies and do not include a capitalized asset, real property, an improvement to real property or infrastructure.
- P. Grantee shall submit notification of budget transfers by submission of a revised Categorical Budget Form and Budget Change Request Form by email to the designated DSHS Contract Manager, highlighting the areas affected by the budget transfer. Grantee is advised as follows:
 - 1. For any transfer between budget categories, Grantee shall provide notification of the transfer between budget categories by submitting a revised Categorical Budget Form to the DSHS Contract Representative and assigned program consultant, highlighting the areas affected by the budget transfer and written justification for the transfer request. After DSHS review, the designated DSHS Contract Representative will provide notification of acceptance or rejection to the Grantee by email;
 - 2. For transfer of funds between direct budget categories, other than the 'Equipment' and 'Indirect Cost' categories, for less than or equal to a cumulative twenty-five (25) percent of the total value of the respective Contract budget period, Grantee shall submit timely written notification to DSHS Contract Representative and assigned program consultant using the Budget Change Form and request DSHS approval. If approved, DSHS Contract Representative will provide notification of acceptance to Grantee by email, upon receipt of which, the revised budget will be incorporated into the Contract;

3. For transfer of funds between direct budget categories, other than the 'Equipment' and 'Indirect Cost' categories, that cumulatively exceeds twenty-five (25) percent of the total value of the respective Contract budget period, Grantee shall submit timely written notification to DSHS Contract Representative using the Budget Change Request Form and request DSHS approval. If the revision is approved, the budget revision is not authorized, and the funds cannot be utilized, until an amendment is agreed upon and executed by the Parties; and
4. Any transfer between budget categories that includes 'Equipment' and/or 'Indirect Cost' categories must be incorporated by amendment. Grantee shall submit timely written notification to DSHS Contract Representative using the Budget Change Request Form and request DSHS approval by email. If the revision is approved, the budget revision is not authorized, and the funds cannot be utilized, until an amendment is executed by the Parties.

III. AMENDMENT

The Contract may only be amended by written agreement executed by authorized representatives.

IV. FUNDING ACTIVITY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- A. In order to meet the mission and objectives of the HIV Testing and Prevention Programs at Local Health Departments, the Grantee shall include a proposed plan that details strategies for these activities. Grantee is required to complete and submit the following forms by email: Performance Measures and Standards; Work Plan; and Budget Form.
- B. The activities funded under this Grant Agreement must meet the following program requirements:
 1. HIV Testing and Prevention at Local Health Departments
 - a. Grantee shall focus its services on relevant populations affected by HIV. Grantee shall establish an HIV Testing and Prevention program that complies with provisions set forth in the System Agency HIV and STI Program Operating Procedures and Standards Manual, which is available at [HIV and STD Program Operating Procedures and Standards | Texas DSHS](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/pops) (www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/pops), including the following chapters:
 - i. [Chapter 1 – Focused HIV Testing, Counseling, and Linkage for HIV Prevention \(www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/pops/chap01\)](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/pops/chap01)
 - ii. [Chapter 2 – Quality Assurance for Focused HIV Testing \(www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/pops/chap02\)](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/pops/chap02)
 - iii. [Chapter 7 – HCV Testing \(www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/pops/chap07\)](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/pops/chap07)
 - iv. [Chapter 12 – STD Clinical Standards \(www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/pops/chap12\)](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/pops/chap12)
 - v. [Chapter 25 – Tangible Reinforcements for HIV Prevention \(www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/pops/chap25\)](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/pops/chap25)

- b. Grantee shall comply with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) program guidance on HIV Testing in Non-Clinical Settings, which is available at: [Implementing HIV Testing in Nonclinical Settings: A Guide for HIV Testing Providers \(cdc.gov\) \(www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/partners/testing/CDC_HIV_Implementing_HIV_Testing_in_Nonclinical_Settings.pdf\)](https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/partners/testing/CDC_HIV_Implementing_HIV_Testing_in_Nonclinical_Settings.pdf).
- c. Grantee shall deploy an HIV Testing and Prevention program that expands the availability of HIV testing
- d. Grantee shall provide appropriate education about HIV Testing and Prevention to build trust and support within the individuals and in the community affected by HIV.
- e. Grantee shall provide clients who receive a positive HIV result, including a preliminary positive result, the opportunity for in-person results counseling, as required by [Texas HSC §81.109](#).
- f. Grantee shall use testing procedures that follow the requirements in [Chapter 1 – Focused HIV Testing, Counseling, and Linkage for HIV Prevention \(www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/pops/chap01\)](#). Additionally, Grantee shall be qualified to conduct venipuncture in clinical and non-clinical settings. Point-of-care (rapid) tests are permissible, but Grantee shall be prepared to perform immediate, on-site venipuncture to collect specimens for supplemental testing if the client has a preliminary positive test result.
- g. Grantee shall provide syphilis testing to all individuals testing for HIV, unless the client refuses (i.e., “opts out”). Grantee shall recommend HCV testing and other STI testing to clients, as appropriate. Grantee may collect specimens for additional testing concurrent with HIV testing including Hepatitis C testing.
- h. Grantee shall facilitate initial linkage to care for newly diagnosed clients and engagement in care services for previously diagnosed clients not currently in care. Grantee shall maintain active referral partnerships with other HIV medical care services and support services within the community. Grantee shall provide active referrals as set forth in Subchapter 1.9, Counseling and Linkage for Persons Living with HIV (www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/pops/chap01#1.9) in the HIV and STI Program Operating Procedures and Standards Manual.
- i. Grantee shall operate its testing programs under the standing delegation orders of a physician as required by [Texas HSC §85.085](#). If HIV self-testing is a service offering, Grantee shall create and maintain policies and procedures that support its implementation. System Agency must approve the policies and procedures prior to implementation.
- j. Grantee shall maintain an active Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) Certificate of Waiver if performing rapid testing.
- k. Grantee shall submit data on program activities and client contacts via the appropriate systems and in the formats specified by System Agency. Grantee

shall provide program and individual-level data on each client served by its program, including but not limited to:

- i. Number of condoms-distributed;
- ii. Client-level demographics of each client receiving testing services, the tests performed, and results of such tests;
- iii. Information on clients with positive test results, including client names, to allow System Agency to verify diagnosis history;
- iv. Information on HIV-care status of all clients with positive test results, including information on confirmed referrals to HIV care; and
- v. Information on PrEP and nPEP education and referrals for clients with negative HIV test results.

V. PROGRAM DATA REPORTING, SECURITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL GRANTEES

DSHS may make alterations to reporting systems and requirements or require the use of new reporting systems or collection methods at its sole discretion. In the event of such a change, DSHS will consider information submitted through its systems as the performance data of record in evaluating the attainment of goals and programmatic performance.

Grantee shall safeguard all confidential information accessed in the performance of this Grant Agreement in compliance with all applicable federal and state privacy, security, and breach notification laws and regulations, including without limitation the terms set forth in **Attachment E – Data Use Agreement and data collected as described in section A.12.**

The Grantee may include any data it obtains as a result of activities performed under this Grant Agreement in a report to a party other than DSHS, provided the Grantee acknowledges DSHS in the report and that the Grantee aggregates the data in such a way that it does not identify any individual or include personally identifiable information. The Grantee may not use data for research purposes for themselves or any other party without the prior written approval of DSHS’ Institutional Review Board and the DSHS Program. The Grantee may not share electronic data sets with other parties without the prior written approval of DSHS.

In addition to the data privacy and security requirements set forth in **Attachment E, Data Use Agreement**, including but not limited to the terms and conditions regarding **Attachment E-1, DUA Security and Privacy Inquiry (SPI)**, the Grantee shall comply with all the following:

- A. The requirements for prevention data collection, submission, and quality assurance found in the [DSHS Contractor Resources – HIV Prevention \(www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/contractor/hivprevention\)](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/contractor/hivprevention) and [HIV Prevention Data Resources \(www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/contractor/prevention/data-resources\)](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/contractor/prevention/data-resources).
- B. The following DSHS policies and procedures:

DSHS Grant Agreement, Contract #HHS001546100004, Amendment No. 1
Attachment A-1, Fiscal Year 2026 Statement of Work

1. [2016.01 – HIV/STD Section and Confidential Information Security Procedure \(www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/policy/procedures/2016-01\)](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/policy/procedures/2016-01)
2. [2012.01 – HIV/STD Program Policies – Overall Responsible Party for TB/HIV/STD Surveillance Data \(www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/policy/policies\)](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/policy/policies)
3. [2011.01 – HIV/STD Program Policies – Confidential Information Security \(www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/policy/policies\)](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/policy/policies)
4. [2011.04 - HIV/STD Program Policies – Breach of Confidentiality Response \(www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/policy/policies\)](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/policy/policies)
5. [302.001 – HIV/STD Program Policies – Release of TB/HIV/AIDS and STD Data \(www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/policy/policies\)](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/policy/policies)

C. Create policies and procedures that comply with the following:

1. [DSHS Local Responsible Party Handbook \(www.dshs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/hivstd/policy/policies/LRPHandbook.pdf\)](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/hivstd/policy/policies/LRPHandbook.pdf)
2. [DSHS TB/HIV/STD Bi-Annual LRP Security Assessment \(https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Mnf5m7mCm0mxaqk-jr1Ta1U9BzkGmFVFvBcMJne_dodUM1hRU0EwRkxUWTQzNTBWNVpENDM4M1haUyQIQCN0PWcu&wdLOR=cD196F307-FE3C-48C6-BE8F-6F87B146157C\)](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Mnf5m7mCm0mxaqk-jr1Ta1U9BzkGmFVFvBcMJne_dodUM1hRU0EwRkxUWTQzNTBWNVpENDM4M1haUyQIQCN0PWcu&wdLOR=cD196F307-FE3C-48C6-BE8F-6F87B146157C)

D. Submit data on program activities and client contacts via the systems, in the formats, and by the submission deadlines specified by DSHS. DSHS, at its sole discretion, may change the program reporting requirements or formats during the Project Period based on program evaluation or reporting needs.

E. Ensure that data, submitted on behalf of the Grantee, represents only activities conducted by staff receiving funds under this Grant Agreement.

F. Ensure that all data submitted to DSHS is complete and accurate. Grantee shall conduct data quality assurance prior to monthly, quarterly and biannual submissions, following quality performance guidelines. Grantee shall document data quality assurance activities and make them available for review by DSHS upon request.

G. Implement policies and procedures for the use of data in a secure manner that protects client privacy and prevents unauthorized access to and use of program data.

H. Require every member of the Grantee's staff and volunteers to sign an agreement pledging to abide by Grantee's data security policies and procedures. Grantee shall maintain these written agreements and make them available to DSHS upon request.

- I. Comply with all requests by DSHS to inspect, or requests for copies of, any of the documentation referenced in this Section in a timely manner, as designated by System Agency. All documentation under the Contract shall be readily available for inspection by DSHS staff during site visits.

VI. PROGRAM MONITORING AND PROGRESS REPORTS

Grantee shall:

- A. Grantee (and each subgrantee or volunteer, if applicable) shall cooperate with direct monitoring by System Agency. System Agency will conduct monitoring via on-site or virtual visits and may or may not announce the visits. This monitoring may consist of the review of records and reports, interviews with staff, required forms, educational materials, and other materials pertaining to this Project, including testing documents (if applicable).
- B. Submit the Annual Progress Report in the format specified by DSHS and by deadlines required by DSHS. The Annual Progress Report shall include a cumulative data summary of Grantee's compliance with the performance measures for each relevant activity described in Grantee's completed Form F: Work Plan and a detailed response to all items listed in the Annual Progress Report. The Annual Progress Report shall include cumulative data inclusive only of those activities conducted by staff receiving funds from this Grant Agreement.
- C. Provide the above-referenced reports to hivstdreport.tech@dshs.texas.gov with a copy to the designated DSHS Program Consultant and assigned Contract Manager.
- D. Provide to the DSHS Program Consultant and appropriate Contract Management Section staff, the names of the contact person(s) responsible for programmatic concerns and all communications regarding this program, the contact person for fiscal issues, and the names of the contact person(s) for any subgrantee/vendor (if applicable).
- E. Maintain expertise in any subcontracted project, protocol, and method, and provide technical assistance to subgrantee staff as needed.
- F. The Grantee and any relevant subgrantee(s) or volunteer(s) shall cooperate with DSHS policies to address all concerns or problems identified during the Contract term.
- G. Maintain written monitoring and evaluation records of all staff involved in program activities, including those of any subgrantees. DSHS may specify which evaluation and monitoring tools to use. Information related to quality assurance activities, along with any other documentation associated with activities under this Contract, is subject to review by the DSHS Program during program reviews and at any other time deemed necessary by System Agency.
- H. On an annual basis, develop an assessment tool and solicit feedback (e.g., Client Surveys) from clients served and create a summary of the client feedback for each

program component. The feedback assessment tool and feedback summary shall be available for review by DSHS Program during a site visit.

- I. Use collected data, together with input from clients and stakeholders, to improve services and ensure they meet the intended outcomes and emerging needs of the Priority Population(s).

Additionally, if the Grantee enters into any Agreement(s) with a subgrantee:

- J. Grantee shall be entirely responsible to System Agency for the performance of the subgrantee.
- K. Grantee shall adequately monitor the implementation of interventions and other grant-funded activities including, but not limited to, the efficient and effective use of resources by the subgrantee(s) and the capacity and performance of subgrantee staff and ensure the subgrantee is properly collecting and reporting data. System Agency, at its sole discretion, may monitor the subgrantees' activities and conduct periodic site visits with prior notification to Grantee.
- L. Grantee shall maintain expertise in any subcontracted Project content, protocols, and methods, and provide technical assistance to subgrantee staff, as needed.
- M. Grantee shall individually, and with relevant subgrantee(s), cooperate with DSHS policies to address all concerns or problems identified during this Contract.

VII. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL GRANTEES

Grantee shall:

- A. Authorize and require staff (including volunteers) to attend training, conferences, and meetings as directed by DSHS.
- B. Appropriately budget funds to meet training requirements in a timely manner, and ensure staff and volunteers are trained as specified in the training requirements listed on the [DSHS HIV/STD Workforce Training Center](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/training) website (www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/training).
- C. Follow the appropriate [DSHS POPS](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/pops) (www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/pops) by funding opportunities for training and observation requirements.

VIII. PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR ALL GRANTEES

- A. Performance Measures as outlined in Form E: Performance Measures and Standards Table, will be used, in part, to assess the Grantee's effectiveness in providing the services described in this Contract, without waiving the enforceability of any of the other terms of the Contract. The performance measures outlined in Form E, as approved by DSHS, are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Contract.
- B. DSHS will regularly assess the performance of Grantee, including but not limited to, compliance with program policies and procedures referenced in this Contract,

attainment of performance measures, maintenance of adequate staff, and submission of required data and narrative reports. Failure to meet performance measures and comply with the requirements and obligations in this Grant Agreement will constitute a breach of contract and may affect future funding opportunities.

- C. Grant Agreement(s) are subject to performance monitoring activities throughout the duration of the grant term. This evaluation may include a reassessment of Project activities and services to determine whether they continue to be effective throughout the grant term.
- D. Grantee shall regularly collect and maintain data that measures the performance and effectiveness of activities under this Grant Agreement in the manner, and within the timeframes specified in this Grant Agreement and any resulting Grant Agreement, or as otherwise specified by the System Agency.
- E. If requested by System Agency, the Grantee shall report on the progress towards completion of the Grant Project and other relevant information as determined by System Agency during the Grant Project Period. To remain eligible for renewal funding, if any, Grantee shall be able to show the scope of services provided and their impact, quality, and levels of performance against approved goals, and that Grantee’s activities and services effectively address and achieve the Project’s stated purpose.

IX. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- A. System Agency will monitor the Grantee’s performance, including but not limited to, a thorough review of financial and programmatic reports and performance measures under this Contract.
- B. Grantee shall submit the following reports by the noted due dates:

| Report | Reporting Period | Due Date* |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| LRP Security Assessment | July 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025 | January 31, 2026 |
| Financial Status Report | September 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026 | March 31, 2026 |
| LRP Security Assessment | January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026 | July 31, 2026 |
| Financial Status Report | March 1, 2026 - August 31, 2026 | September 30, 2026 |
| Annual Progress Report (APR) | September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026 | September 30, 2026 |

**All reporting due dates may be subject to change based on CDC and System Agency reporting requirements.*

- C. The Grantee shall submit the above-referenced LRP Security Assessment Reports to hivstdreport.tech@dshs.texas.gov with a copy to the designated DSHS Prevention Program Consultant.
- D. The Grantee shall submit the above-referenced Financial Status Report (FSR-269A) to the following email addresses: FSRgrants@dshs.texas.gov and cmsinvoices@dshs.texas.gov simultaneously. The Final Financial Status Report is due no later than thirty (30) days following the end of the Contract term and the FSR-269A form can be found at: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/hivstd/contractor/prev/269-FSR.xlsx>.
- E. Grantee shall maintain an inventory of equipment, supplies, and real property. Grantee shall submit an annual cumulative report on DSHS Grantee's Property Inventory Report to the DSHS Contract Representative and FSOequip@dshs.texas.gov by email not later than October 15th of each grant year.
- F. Grantee shall provide all applicable reports in the format specified by System Agency in an accurate, complete, and timely manner and shall maintain appropriate supporting documentation. Failure to comply with submission deadlines for required reports, Financial Status Reports (FSRs) or other requested information may result in System Agency, in its sole discretion, placing the Grantee on financial hold without first requesting a corrective action plan in addition to suspension or repayment of funds, additional monitoring or termination.

X. INVOICE AND PAYMENT FOR ALL GRANTEES

- A. Grantee shall submit invoices monthly, on the 30th day of the following month, or next business day if the 30th day falls on a weekend or holiday. Failure to submit timely invoices may result in delays in processing a subsequent month's invoicing. System Agency requires Grantee to submit, on a timely basis, a "zero dollar" invoice for a month in which it did not incur expenses. Grantee shall email invoices and System Agency provided voucher support documentation to invoices@dshs.texas.gov and cmsinvoices@dshs.texas.gov simultaneously and cc the assigned Contract Manager and HIV Program Consultant. Invoices received after the 30th of the month, or relevant next business day, are subject to denial of payment.
- B. Unless otherwise directed by System Agency, Grantee shall submit a reimbursement or payment request as a final close-out invoice no later than thirty (30) calendar days following the end of the term of the Grant Agreement. Reimbursement or payment requests received after the deadline may not be paid.
- C. System Agency reserves the right, where allowed by legal authority, to redirect funds in the event of financial shortfalls. System Agency will monitor Grantee's expenditures on a quarterly basis. If expenditures are below the amount in Grantee's total grant award, Grantee's budget may be subject to a decrease for the remainder

of the Grant Agreement term. Vacant positions existing after ninety (90) days may result in a decrease in funds.

- D. Grantee will be paid on a cost reimbursement basis and in accordance with the budget for the corresponding year under this Contract.

**ATTACHMENT B-1
FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET
CONTRACT NO. HHS001546100004**

| Budget FY 2026 September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026 | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Budget Category | Category Total |
| Personnel | \$182,825.00 |
| Fringe Benefits | \$68,651.00 |
| Travel | \$350.00 |
| Equipment | \$0.00 |
| Supplies | \$5,450.00 |
| Contractual | \$0.00 |
| Other | \$3,594.00 |
| Total Direct Costs | \$260,870.00 |
| Indirect Costs | \$39,130.00 |
| Total: | \$300,000.00 |

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Contract Number HHS001546100004
Attachment C1 CONTRACT AFFIRMATIONS

For purposes of these Contract Affirmations, HHS includes both the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). System Agency refers to HHSC, DSHS, or both, that will be a party to this Contract. These Contract Affirmations apply to all Contractors and Grantees (referred to as “Contractor”) regardless of their business form (e.g., individual, partnership, corporation).

By entering into this Contract, Contractor affirms, without exception, understands, and agrees to comply with the following items through the life of the Contract:

1. Contractor represents and warrants that these Contract Affirmations apply to Contractor and all of Contractor's principals, officers, directors, shareholders, partners, owners, agents, employees, subcontractors, independent contractors, and any other representatives who may provide services under, who have a financial interest in, or otherwise are interested in this Contract and any related Solicitation.

2. Complete and Accurate Information

Contractor represents and warrants that all statements and information provided to HHS are current, complete, and accurate. This includes all statements and information in this Contract and any related Solicitation Response.

3. Public Information Act

Contractor understands that HHS will comply with the Texas Public Information Act (Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code) as interpreted by judicial rulings and opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Texas. Information, documentation, and other material prepared and submitted in connection with this Contract or any related Solicitation may be subject to public disclosure pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act. In accordance with Section 2252.907 of the Texas Government Code, Contractor is required to make any information created or exchanged with the State pursuant to the Contract, and not otherwise excepted from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act, available in a format that is accessible by the public at no additional charge to the State.

4. Contracting Information Requirements

Contractor represents and warrants that it will comply with the requirements of Section 552.372(a) of the Texas Government Code. Except as provided by Section 552.374(c) of the Texas Government Code, the requirements of Subchapter J (Additional Provisions Related to Contracting Information), Chapter 552 of the Government Code, may apply to the Contract and the Contractor agrees that the Contract can be terminated if the Contractor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

5. Assignment

- A. Contractor shall not assign its rights under the Contract or delegate the performance of its duties under the Contract without prior written approval from System Agency. Any attempted assignment in violation of this provision is void and without effect.
- B. Contractor understands and agrees the System Agency may in one or more transactions assign, pledge, or transfer the Contract. Upon receipt of System Agency's notice of assignment, pledge, or transfer, Contractor shall cooperate with System Agency in giving effect to such assignment, pledge, or transfer, at no cost to System Agency or to the recipient entity.

6. Terms and Conditions

Contractor accepts the Solicitation terms and conditions unless specifically noted by exceptions advanced in the form and manner directed in the Solicitation, if any, under which this Contract was awarded. Contractor agrees that all exceptions to the Solicitation, as well as terms and conditions advanced by Contractor that differ in any manner from HHS' terms and conditions, if any, are rejected unless expressly accepted by System Agency in writing.

7. HHS Right to Use

Contractor agrees that HHS has the right to use, produce, and distribute copies of and to disclose to HHS employees, agents, and contractors and other governmental entities all or part of this Contract or any related Solicitation Response as HHS deems necessary to complete the procurement process or comply with state or federal laws.

8. Release from Liability

Contractor generally releases from liability and waives all claims against any party providing information about the Contractor at the request of System Agency.

9. Dealings with Public Servants

Contractor has not given, has not offered to give, and does not intend to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant in connection with this Contract or any related Solicitation, or related Solicitation Response.

10. Financial Participation Prohibited

Under Section 2155.004, Texas Government Code (relating to financial participation in preparing solicitations), Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract and any related Solicitation Response is not ineligible to receive this Contract and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

11. Prior Disaster Relief Contract Violation

Under Sections 2155.006 and 2261.053 of the Texas Government Code (relating to convictions and penalties regarding Hurricane Rita, Hurricane Katrina, and other disasters), the Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract and any related Solicitation Response is not ineligible to receive this Contract

and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

12. Child Support Obligation

Under Section 231.006(d) of the Texas Family Code regarding child support, Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract and any related Solicitation Response is not ineligible to receive the specified payment and acknowledges that the Contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate. If the certification is shown to be false, Contractor may be liable for additional costs and damages set out in 231.006(f).

13. Suspension and Debarment

Contractor certifies that it and its principals are not suspended or debarred from doing business with the state or federal government as listed on the *State of Texas Debarred Vendor List* maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the *System for Award Management (SAM)* maintained by the General Services Administration. This certification is made pursuant to the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549 and Executive Order 12689, Debarment and Suspension, 2 C.F.R. Part 376, and any relevant regulations promulgated by the Department or Agency funding this project. This provision shall be included in its entirety in Contractor's subcontracts, if any, if payment in whole or in part is from federal funds.

14. Excluded Parties

Contractor certifies that it is not listed in the prohibited vendors list authorized by Executive Order 13224, "*Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism*," published by the United States Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control.'

15. Foreign Terrorist Organizations

Contractor represents and warrants that it is not engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization, as prohibited by Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code.

16. Executive Head of a State Agency

In accordance with Section 669.003 of the Texas Government Code, relating to contracting with the executive head of a state agency, Contractor certifies that it is not (1) the executive head of an HHS agency, (2) a person who at any time during the four years before the date of this Contract was the executive head of an HHS agency, or (3) a person who employs a current or former executive head of an HHS agency.

17. Human Trafficking Prohibition

Under Section 2155.0061 of the Texas Government Code, Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Contract is not ineligible to receive this Contract and acknowledges that this Contract may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

18. Franchise Tax Status

Contractor represents and warrants that it is not currently delinquent in the payment of any franchise taxes owed the State of Texas under Chapter 171 of the Texas Tax Code.

19. Debts and Delinquencies

Contractor agrees that any payments due under this Contract shall be applied towards any debt or delinquency that is owed to the State of Texas.

20. Lobbying Prohibition

Contractor represents and warrants that payments to Contractor and Contractor's receipt of appropriated or other funds under this Contract or any related Solicitation are not prohibited by Sections 556.005, 556.0055, or 556.008 of the Texas Government Code (relating to use of appropriated money or state funds to employ or pay lobbyists, lobbying expenses, or influence legislation).

21. Buy Texas

Contractor agrees to comply with Section 2155.4441 of the Texas Government Code, requiring the purchase of products and materials produced in the State of Texas in performing service contracts.

22. Disaster Recovery Plan

Contractor agrees that upon request of System Agency, Contractor shall provide copies of its most recent business continuity and disaster recovery plans.

23. Computer Equipment Recycling Program

If this Contract is for the purchase or lease of computer equipment, then Contractor certifies that it is in compliance with Subchapter Y, Chapter 361 of the Texas Health and Safety Code related to the Computer Equipment Recycling Program and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rules in 30 TAC Chapter 328.

24. Television Equipment Recycling Program

If this Contract is for the purchase or lease of covered television equipment, then Contractor certifies that it is compliance with Subchapter Z, Chapter 361 of the Texas Health and Safety Code related to the Television Equipment Recycling Program.

25. Cybersecurity Training

- A. Contractor represents and warrants that it will comply with the requirements of Section 2054.5192 of the Texas Government Code relating to cybersecurity training and required verification of completion of the training program.
- B. Contractor represents and warrants that if Contractor or Subcontractors, officers, or employees of Contractor have access to any state computer system or database, the Contractor, Subcontractors, officers, and employees of Contractor shall complete cybersecurity training pursuant to and in accordance with Government Code, Section 2054.5192.

26. Restricted Employment for Certain State Personnel

Contractor acknowledges that, pursuant to Section 572.069 of the Texas Government Code, a former state officer or employee of a state agency who during the period of state service or employment participated on behalf of a state agency in a procurement or contract negotiation involving Contractor may not accept employment from Contractor before the second anniversary of the date the Contract is signed or the procurement is terminated or withdrawn.

27. No Conflicts of Interest

- A. Contractor represents and warrants that it has no actual or potential conflicts of interest in providing the requested goods or services to System Agency under this Contract or any related Solicitation and that Contractor's provision of the requested goods and/or services under this Contract and any related Solicitation will not constitute an actual or potential conflict of interest or reasonably create an appearance of impropriety.
- B. Contractor agrees that, if after execution of the Contract, Contractor discovers or is made aware of a Conflict of Interest, Contractor will immediately and fully disclose such interest in writing to System Agency. In addition, Contractor will promptly and fully disclose any relationship that might be perceived or represented as a conflict after its discovery by Contractor or by System Agency as a potential conflict. System Agency reserves the right to make a final determination regarding the existence of Conflicts of Interest, and Contractor agrees to abide by System Agency's decision.

28. Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

Contractor understands that HHS does not tolerate any type of fraud, waste, or abuse. Violations of law, agency policies, or standards of ethical conduct will be investigated, and appropriate actions will be taken. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 321.022, if the administrative head of a department or entity that is subject to audit by the state auditor has reasonable cause to believe that money received from the state by the department or entity or by a client or contractor of the department or entity may have been lost, misappropriated, or misused, or that other fraudulent or unlawful conduct has occurred in relation to the operation of the department or entity, the administrative head shall report the reason and basis for the belief to the Texas State Auditor's Office (SAO). All employees or contractors who have reasonable cause to believe that fraud, waste, or abuse has occurred (including misconduct by any HHS employee, Grantee officer, agent, employee, or subcontractor that would constitute fraud, waste, or abuse) are required to immediately report the questioned activity to the Health and Human Services Commission's Office of Inspector General. Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and System Agency policies regarding fraud, waste, and abuse including, but not limited to, HHS Circular C-027.

A report to the SAO must be made through one of the following avenues:

- SAO Toll Free Hotline: 1-800-TX-AUDIT
- SAO website: <http://sao.fraud.state.tx.us/>

All reports made to the OIG must be made through one of the following avenues:

- OIG Toll Free Hotline 1-800-436-6184
- OIG Website: ReportTexasFraud.com
- Internal Affairs Email: InternalAffairsReferral@hhsc.state.tx.us
- OIG Hotline Email: OIGFraudHotline@hhsc.state.tx.us.
- OIG Mailing Address: Office of Inspector General
Attn: Fraud Hotline
MC 1300
P.O. Box 85200
Austin, Texas 78708-5200

29. Antitrust

The undersigned affirms under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Texas that:

- A. in connection with this Contract and any related Solicitation Response, neither I nor any representative of the Contractor has violated any provision of the Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act, Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code Chapter 15;
- B. in connection with this Contract and any related Solicitation Response, neither I nor any representative of the Contractor has violated any federal antitrust law; and
- C. neither I nor any representative of the Contractor has directly or indirectly communicated any of the contents of this Contract and any related Solicitation Response to a competitor of the Contractor or any other company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual engaged in the same line of business as the Contractor.

30. Legal and Regulatory Actions

Contractor represents and warrants that it is not aware of and has received no notice of any court or governmental agency proceeding, investigation, or other action pending or threatened against Contractor or any of the individuals or entities included in numbered paragraph 1 of these Contract Affirmations within the five (5) calendar years immediately preceding execution of this Contract or the submission of any related Solicitation Response that would or could impair Contractor's performance under this Contract, relate to the contracted or similar goods or services, or otherwise be relevant to System Agency's consideration of entering into this Contract. If Contractor is unable to make the preceding representation and warranty, then Contractor instead represents and warrants that it has provided to System Agency a complete, detailed disclosure of any such court or governmental agency proceeding, investigation, or other action that would or could impair Contractor's performance under this Contract, relate to the contracted or similar goods or services, or otherwise be relevant to System Agency's consideration of entering into this Contract. In addition, Contractor acknowledges this is a continuing disclosure requirement. Contractor represents and warrants that Contractor shall notify System Agency in writing within five (5) business days of any changes to the representations or warranties in this clause and understands that failure to so timely update System Agency shall constitute breach of contract and may result in immediate contract termination.

31. No Felony Criminal Convictions

Contractor represents that neither Contractor nor any of its employees, agents, or representatives, including any subcontractors and employees, agents, or representative of such subcontractors, have been convicted of a felony criminal offense or that if such a conviction has occurred Contractor has fully advised System Agency in writing of the facts and circumstances surrounding the convictions.

32. Unfair Business Practices

Contractor represents and warrants that it has not been the subject of allegations of Deceptive Trade Practices violations under Chapter 17 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, or allegations of any unfair business practice in any administrative hearing or court suit and that Contractor has not been found to be liable for such practices in such proceedings. Contractor certifies that it has no officers who have served as officers of other entities who have been the subject of allegations of Deceptive Trade Practices violations or allegations of any unfair business practices in an administrative hearing or court suit and that such officers have not been found to be liable for such practices in such proceedings.

33. Entities that Boycott Israel

Contractor represents and warrants that (1) it does not, and shall not for the duration of the Contract, boycott Israel or (2) the verification required by Section 2271.002 of the Texas Government Code does not apply to the Contract. If circumstances relevant to this provision change during the course of the Contract, Contractor shall promptly notify System Agency.

34. E-Verify

Contractor certifies that for contracts for services, Contractor shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system during the term of this Contract to determine the eligibility of:

1. all persons employed by Contractor to perform duties within Texas; and
2. all persons, including subcontractors, assigned by Contractor to perform work pursuant to this Contract within the United States of America.

35. Former Agency Employees – Certain Contracts

If this Contract is an employment contract, a professional services contract under Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code, or a consulting services contract under Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with Section 2252.901 of the Texas Government Code, Contractor represents and warrants that neither Contractor nor any of Contractor's employees including, but not limited to, those authorized to provide services under the Contract, were former employees of an HHS Agency during the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the date of the execution of the Contract.

36. Disclosure of Prior State Employment – Consulting Services

If this Contract is for consulting services,

A. In accordance with Section 2254.033 of the Texas Government Code, a Contractor providing consulting services who has been employed by, or employs an individual who has been employed by, System Agency or another State of Texas agency at any time during the two years preceding the submission of Contractor’s offer to provide services must disclose the following information in its offer to provide services. Contractor hereby certifies that this information was provided and remains true, correct, and complete:

1. Name of individual(s) (Contractor or employee(s));
2. Status;
3. The nature of the previous employment with HHSC or the other State of Texas agency;
4. The date the employment was terminated and the reason for the termination; and
5. The annual rate of compensation for the employment at the time of its termination.

B. If no information was provided in response to Section A above, Contractor certifies that neither Contractor nor any individual employed by Contractor was employed by System Agency or any other State of Texas agency at any time during the two years preceding the submission of Contractor’s offer to provide services.

37. Abortion Funding Limitation

Contractor understands, acknowledges, and agrees that, pursuant to Article IX of the General Appropriations Act (the Act), to the extent allowed by federal and state law, money appropriated by the Texas Legislature may not be distributed to any individual or entity that, during the period for which funds are appropriated under the Act:

1. performs an abortion procedure that is not reimbursable under the state’s Medicaid program;
2. is commonly owned, managed, or controlled by an entity that performs an abortion procedure that is not reimbursable under the state’s Medicaid program; or
3. is a franchise or affiliate of an entity that performs an abortion procedure that is not reimbursable under the state’s Medicaid program.

The provision does not apply to a hospital licensed under Chapter 241, Health and Safety Code, or an office exempt under Section 245.004(2), Health and Safety Code. Contractor represents and warrants that it is not ineligible, nor will it be ineligible during the term of this Contract, to receive appropriated funding pursuant to Article IX.

38. Funding Eligibility

Contractor understands, acknowledges, and agrees that, pursuant to Chapter 2272 (eff. Sept. 1, 2021, Ch. 2273) of the Texas Government Code, except as exempted under that Chapter, HHSC cannot contract with an abortion provider or an affiliate of an abortion provider. Contractor certifies that it is not ineligible to contract with HHSC under the terms of Chapter 2272 (eff. Sept. 1, 2021, Ch. 2273) of the Texas Government Code.

39. Gender Transitioning and Gender Reassignment Procedures and Treatments for Certain Children – Prohibited Use of Public Money; Prohibited State Health Plan Reimbursement.

Contractor understands, acknowledges, and agrees that, pursuant to Section 161.704 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (eff. Sept. 1, 2023), public money may not directly or indirectly be used, granted, paid, or distributed to any health care provider, medical school, hospital, physician, or any other entity, organization, or individual that provides or facilitates the provision of a procedure or treatment to a child that is prohibited under Section 161.702 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. Contractor also understands, acknowledges, and agrees that, pursuant to Section 161.705 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (eff. Sept. 1, 2023), HHSC may not provide Medicaid reimbursement and the child health plan program established under Chapter 62 may not provide reimbursement to a physician or health care provider for provision of a procedure or treatment to a child that is prohibited under Section 161.702 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. Contractor certifies that it is not ineligible to contract with System Agency under the terms of Chapter 161, Subchapter X, of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

40. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (2 CFR 200.216)

Contractor certifies that the individual or business entity named in this Response or Contract is not ineligible to receive the specified Contract or funding pursuant to 2 CFR 200.216.

41. COVID-19 Vaccine Passports

Pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 161.0085(c), Contractor certifies that it does not require its customers to provide any documentation certifying the customer's COVID-19 vaccination or post-transmission recovery on entry to, to gain access to, or to receive service from the Contractor's business. Contractor acknowledges that such a vaccine or recovery requirement would make Contractor ineligible for a state-funded contract.

42. COVID-19 Vaccinations

Contractor understands, acknowledges, and agrees that, pursuant to Article II of the General Appropriations Act, none of the General Revenue Funds appropriated to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) may be used for the purpose of promoting or advertising COVID-19 vaccinations in the 2024-25 biennium. It is also the intent of the legislature that to the extent allowed by federal law, any federal funds allocated to DSHS shall be expended for activities other than promoting or advertising COVID-19 vaccinations. Contractor represents and warrants that it is not ineligible, nor will it be ineligible during the term of this Contract, to receive appropriated funding pursuant to Article II.

43. Entities that Boycott Energy Companies

In accordance with Senate Bill 13, Acts 2021, 87th Leg., R.S., pursuant to Section 2274.002 (eff. Sept. 1, 2023, Section 2276.002, pursuant to House Bill 4595, Acts 2023, 88th Leg., R.S.) of the Texas Government Code (relating to prohibition on contracts with companies boycotting certain energy companies), Contractor represents and warrants that: (1) it does not, and will not for the duration of the Contract, boycott energy companies or (2) the verification required by Section 2274.002 (eff. Sept. 1, 2023, Section 2276.002, pursuant to House Bill 4595, Acts 2023, 88th Leg., R.S.) of the Texas Government Code does not apply to the Contract. If circumstances relevant to this provision change during the course of the Contract, Contractor shall promptly notify System Agency.

44. Entities that Discriminate Against Firearm and Ammunition Industries

In accordance with Senate Bill 19, Acts 2021, 87th Leg., R.S., pursuant to Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code (relating to prohibition on contracts with companies that discriminate against firearm and ammunition industries), Contractor verifies that: (1) it does not, and will not for the duration of the Contract, have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association or (2) the verification required by Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code does not apply to the Contract. If circumstances relevant to this provision change during the course of the Contract, Contractor shall promptly notify System Agency.

45. Security Controls for State Agency Data

In accordance with Senate Bill 475, Acts 2021, 87th Leg., R.S., pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 2054.138, Contractor understands, acknowledges, and agrees that if, pursuant to this Contract, Contractor is or will be authorized to access, transmit, use, or store data for System Agency, Contractor is required to meet the security controls the System Agency determines are proportionate with System Agency's risk under the Contract based on the sensitivity of System Agency's data and that Contractor must periodically provide to System Agency evidence that Contractor meets the security controls required under the Contract.

46. Cloud Computing State Risk and Authorization Management Program (TX-RAMP)

In accordance with Senate Bill 475, Acts 2021, 87th Leg., R.S., pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 2054.0593, Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, if providing cloud computing services for System Agency, Contractor must comply with the requirements of the state risk and authorization management program and that System Agency may not enter or renew a contract with Contractor to purchase cloud computing services for the agency that are subject to the state risk and authorization management program unless Contractor demonstrates compliance with program requirements. If providing cloud computing services for System Agency that are subject to the state risk and authorization management program, Contractor certifies it will maintain program compliance and certification throughout the term of the Contract.

47. Office of Inspector General Investigative Findings Expert Review

In accordance with Senate Bill 799, Acts 2021, 87th Leg., R.S., if Texas Government Code, Section 531.102(m-1)(2) (eff. Apr. 1, 2025, Section 544.0106, pursuant to House Bill 4611, Acts 2023, 88th Leg., R.S.) is applicable to this Contract, Contractor affirms that it possesses the necessary occupational licenses and experience.

48. Contract for Professional Services of Physicians, Optometrists, and Registered Nurses

In accordance with Senate Bill 799, Acts 2021, 87th Leg., R.S., if Texas Government Code, Section 2254.008(a)(2) is applicable to this Contract, Contractor affirms that it possesses the necessary occupational licenses and experience.

49. Foreign-Owned Companies in Connection with Critical Infrastructure

If Texas Government Code, Section 2274.0102(a)(1) (eff. Sept. 1, 2023, Section 2275.0102(a)(1), pursuant to House Bill 4595, Acts 2023, 88th Leg., R.S.) (relating to prohibition on contracts with certain foreign-owned companies in connection with critical infrastructure) is applicable to this Contract, pursuant to Government Code Section 2274.0102 (eff. Sept. 1, 2023, Section 2275.0102, pursuant to House Bill 4595, Acts 2023, 88th Leg., R.S.), Contractor certifies that neither it nor its parent company, nor any affiliate of Contractor or its parent company, is: (1) majority owned or controlled by citizens or governmental entities of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or any other country designated by the Governor under Government Code Section 2274.0103 (eff. Sept. 1, 2023, Section 2275.0103, pursuant to House Bill 4595, Acts 2023, 88th Leg., R.S.), or (2) headquartered in any of those countries.

50. Critical Infrastructure Subcontracts

For purposes of this Paragraph, the designated countries are China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, and any countries lawfully designated by the Governor as a threat to critical infrastructure. Pursuant to Section 117.002 of the Business and Commerce Code, Contractor shall not enter into a subcontract that will provide direct or remote access to or control of critical infrastructure, as defined by Section 117.001 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, in this state, other than access specifically allowed for product warranty and support purposes to any subcontractor unless (i) neither the subcontractor nor its parent company, nor any affiliate of the subcontractor or its parent company, is majority owned or controlled by citizens or governmental entities of a designated country; and (ii) neither the subcontractor nor its parent company, nor any affiliate of the subcontractor or its parent company, is headquartered in a designated country. Contractor will notify the System Agency before entering into any subcontract that will provide direct or remote access to or control of critical infrastructure, as defined by Section 117.001 of the Texas Business & Commerce Code, in this state.

51. Enforcement of Certain Federal Firearms Laws Prohibited

In accordance with House Bill 957, Acts 2021, 87th Leg., R.S., if Texas Government Code, Section 2.101 is applicable to Contractor, Contractor certifies that it is not ineligible to receive state grant funds pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 2.103.

52. Prohibition on Abortions

Contractor understands, acknowledges, and agrees that, pursuant to Article II of the General Appropriations Act, (1) no funds shall be used to pay the direct or indirect costs (including marketing, overhead, rent, phones, and utilities) of abortion procedures provided by contractors of HHSC; and (2) no funds appropriated for Medicaid Family Planning, Healthy Texas Women Program, or the Family Planning Program shall be distributed to individuals or entities that perform elective abortion procedures or that contract with or provide funds to individuals or entities for the performance of elective abortion procedures. Contractor represents and warrants that it is not ineligible, nor will it be ineligible during the term of this Contract, to receive appropriated funding pursuant to Article II.

53. Pursuant to Executive Order GA-48, relating to hardening of state government, issued November 19, 2024, Contractor certifies it is not and, if applicable, any of its holding companies or subsidiaries is not:

- a. Listed in Section 889 of the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA); or
- b. Listed in Section 1260H of the 2021 NDAA; or
- c. Owned by the government of a country on the U.S. Department of Commerce's foreign adversaries list under 15 C.F.R. § 791.4; or
- d. Controlled by any governing or regulatory body located in a country on the U.S. Department of Commerce's foreign adversaries list under 15 C.F.R. § 791.4.

54. False Representation

Contractor understands, acknowledges, and agrees that any false representation or any failure to comply with a representation, warranty, or certification made by Contractor is subject to all civil and criminal consequences provided at law or in equity including, but not limited to, immediate termination of this Contract.

55. False Statements

Contractor represents and warrants that all statements and information prepared and submitted by Contractor in this Contract and any related Solicitation Response are current, complete, true, and accurate. Contractor acknowledges any false statement or material misrepresentation made by Contractor during the performance of this Contract or any related Solicitation is a material breach of contract and may void this Contract. Further, Contractor understands, acknowledges, and agrees that any false representation or any failure to comply with a representation, warranty, or certification made by Contractor is subject to all civil and criminal consequences provided at law or in equity including, but not limited to, immediate termination of this Contract.

56. Permits and License

Contractor represents and warrants that it will comply with all applicable laws and maintain all permits and licenses required by applicable city, county, state, and federal rules, regulations, statutes, codes, and other laws that pertain to this Contract.

57. Equal Employment Opportunity

Contractor represents and warrants its compliance with all applicable duly enacted state and federal laws governing equal employment opportunities.

58. Federal Occupational Safety and Health Law

Contractor represents and warrants that all articles and services shall meet or exceed the safety standards established and promulgated under the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, as amended (29 U.S.C. Chapter 15).

59. Signature Authority

Contractor represents and warrants that the individual signing this Contract Affirmations document is authorized to sign on behalf of Contractor and to bind the Contractor.

Signature Page Follows

Authorized representative on behalf of Contractor must complete and sign the following:

Tarrant County

Legal Name of Contractor

Assumed Business Name of Contractor, if applicable (d/b/a or 'doing business as')

Texas County(s) for Assumed Business Name (d/b/a or 'doing business as')
Attach Assumed Name Certificate(s) filed with the Texas Secretary of State and Assumed Name Certificate(s), if any, for each Texas County Where Assumed Name Certificate(s) has been filed.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Honorable Tim O'Hare, County Judge

**Printed Name of Authorized Representative
First, Middle Name or Initial, and Last Name**

100 E Weatherford St.

Physical Street Address

Date Signed

County Judge

Title of Authorized Representative

Fort Worth, TX 76196-0103

City, State, Zip Code

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Texas Franchise Tax Number

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SAM.gov Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

City, State, Zip Code

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Fax Number

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Texas Identification Number (TIN)

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ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

In this document, Grantees (also referred to in this document as subrecipients or contractors) will find requirements and conditions applicable to grant funds administered and passed through by both the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). These requirements and conditions are incorporated into the Grant Agreement through acceptance by Grantee of any funding award by HHSC or DSHS.

The terms and conditions in this document are in addition to all requirements listed in the RFA, if any, under which applications for this grant award are accepted, as well as all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Applicable federal and state laws and regulations may include, but are not limited to: 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; requirements of the entity that awarded the funds to HHS; Chapter 783 of the Texas Government Code; Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' agency rules; the Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS) developed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; and the Funding Announcement, Solicitation, or other instrument/documentation under which HHS was awarded funds. HHS, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to add requirements, terms, or conditions.

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ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETIVE PROVISIONS

1.1 DEFINITIONS

As used in this Grant Agreement, unless a different definition is specified, or the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms and conditions have the meanings assigned below:

“[Amendment](#)” means a written agreement, signed by the Parties, which documents changes to the Grant Agreement.

“[Contract](#)” or “[Grant Agreement](#)” means the agreement entered into by the Parties, including the Signature Document, these Uniform Terms and Conditions, along with any attachments and amendments that may be issued by the System Agency.

“[Deliverables](#)” means the goods, services, and work product, including all reports and project documentation, required to be provided by Grantee to the System Agency.

“[DSHS](#)” means the Department of State Health Services.

“[Effective Date](#)” means the date on which the Grant Agreement takes effect.

“[Federal Fiscal Year](#)” means the period beginning October 1 and ending September 30 each year, which is the annual accounting period for the United States government.

“[GAAP](#)” means Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

“[GASB](#)” means the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

“[Grantee](#)” means the Party receiving funds under this Grant Agreement. May also be referred to as “subrecipient” or “contractor” in this document.

“[HHSC](#)” means the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

“[Health and Human Services](#)” or “[HHS](#)” includes HHSC and DSHS.

“[Intellectual Property Rights](#)” means the worldwide proprietary rights or interests, including patent, copyright, trade secret, and trademark rights, as such right may be evidenced by or embodied in:

- i. any idea, design, concept, personality right, method, process, technique, apparatus, invention, discovery, or improvement;
- ii. any work of authorship, including any compilation, computer code, website or web page design, literary work, pictorial work, or graphic work;
- iii. any trademark, service mark, trade dress, trade name, branding, or other indicia of source or origin;
- iv. domain name registrations; and
- v. any other proprietary or similar rights. The Intellectual Property Rights of a Party include all worldwide proprietary rights or interests that the Party may have acquired by assignment, by exclusive license, or by license with the right to grant sublicenses.

“[Parties](#)” means the System Agency and Grantee, collectively.

“[Party](#)” means either the System Agency or Grantee, individually.

“[Project](#)” means specific activities of the Grantee that are supported by funds provided under this Grant Agreement.

“[Signature Document](#)” means the document executed by all Parties for this Grant Agreement.

“[Solicitation](#),” “[Funding Announcement](#)” or “[Request for Applications \(RFA\)](#)” means the document (including all exhibits, attachments, and published addenda), issued by the System Agency under which applications for grant funds were requested, which is incorporated by reference in the Grant Agreement for all purposes in its entirety.

“[Solicitation Response](#)” or “[Application](#)” means Grantee’s full and complete Solicitation response (including any attachments and addenda), which is incorporated by reference in the Grant Agreement for all purposes in its entirety.

“[State Fiscal Year](#)” means the period beginning September 1 and ending August 31 each year, which is the annual accounting period for the State of Texas.

“[State of Texas Textravel](#)” means the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts’ website relative to travel reimbursements under this Contract, if any.

“[Statement of Work](#)” means the description of activities Grantee must perform to complete the Project, as specified in the Grant Agreement, and as may be amended.

“[System Agency](#)” means HHSC or DSHS, as applicable.

“[Work Product](#)” means any and all works, including work papers, notes, materials, approaches, designs, specifications, systems, innovations, improvements, inventions, software, programs, source code, documentation, training materials, audio or audiovisual recordings, methodologies, concepts, studies, reports, whether finished or unfinished, and whether or not included in the deliverables, that are developed, produced, generated or provided by Grantee in connection with Grantee’s performance of its duties under the Grant Agreement or through use of any funding provided under this Grant Agreement.

“[Texas Grant Management Standards](#)” or “[TxGMS](#)” means uniform grant and contract administration procedures, developed under the authority of Chapter 783 of the Texas Government Code, to promote the efficient use of public funds in local government and in programs requiring cooperation among local, state, and federal agencies. Under this Grant Agreement, TxGMS applies to Grantee except as otherwise provided by applicable law or directed by System Agency. Additionally, except as otherwise provided by applicable law, in the event of a conflict between TxGMS and applicable federal or state law, federal law prevails over state law and state law prevails over TxGMS.

1.2 INTERPRETIVE PROVISIONS

- A. The meanings of defined terms include the singular and plural forms.
- B. The words “hereof,” “herein,” “hereunder,” and similar words refer to this Grant Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision, section, attachment, or schedule of this Grant Agreement unless otherwise specified.
- C. The term “including” is not limiting and means “including without limitation” and, unless otherwise expressly provided in this Grant Agreement, (i) references to contracts (including this Grant Agreement) and other contractual instruments shall be deemed to include all subsequent Amendments and other modifications, but only to the extent that such Amendments and other modifications are not prohibited by the terms of this Grant Agreement, and (ii) references to any statute or regulation are to be construed as including all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing, supplementing, or interpreting the statute or regulation.

- D. Any references to agreements, contracts, statutes, or administrative rules or regulations in the Grant Agreement are references to these documents as amended, modified, or supplemented during the term of the Grant Agreement.
- E. The captions and headings of this Grant Agreement are for convenience of reference only and do not affect the interpretation of this Grant Agreement.
- F. All attachments, including those incorporated by reference, and any Amendments are considered part of the terms of this Grant Agreement.
- G. This Grant Agreement may use several different limitations, regulations, or policies to regulate the same or similar matters. All such limitations, regulations, and policies are cumulative.
- H. Unless otherwise expressly provided, reference to any action of the System Agency or by the System Agency by way of consent, approval, or waiver will be deemed modified by the phrase “in its sole discretion.”
- I. Time is of the essence in this Grant Agreement.
- J. Prior to execution of the Grant Agreement, Grantee must notify System Agency’s designated contact in writing of any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error. If Grantee fails to notify the System Agency designated contact of any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error in the Grant Agreement prior to Grantee’s execution of the Grant Agreement, Grantee:
 - i. Shall have waived any claim of error or ambiguity in the Grant Agreement; and
 - ii. Shall not contest the interpretation by the System Agency of such provision(s).No grantee will be entitled to additional reimbursement, relief, or time by reason of any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, exclusionary specification, omission, or other error or its later correction.

ARTICLE II. PAYMENT PROVISIONS

2.1 PROMPT PAYMENT

Payment shall be made in accordance with Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code, commonly known as the Texas Prompt Payment Act. Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code shall govern remittance of payment and remedies for late payment and non-payment.

2.2 TAXES

Grantee represents and warrants that it shall pay all taxes or similar amounts resulting from the Grant Agreement, including, but not limited to, any federal, State, or local income, sales or excise taxes of Grantee or its employees. System Agency shall not be liable for any taxes resulting from the Grant Agreement.

2.3 ANCILLARY AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

- A. Except as otherwise provided in the Grant Agreement, no ancillary expenses incurred by the Grantee in connection with its provision of the services or deliverables will be reimbursed by the System Agency. Ancillary expenses include, but are not limited to, costs associated with transportation, delivery, and insurance for each deliverable.
- B. Except as otherwise provided in the Grant Agreement, when the reimbursement of travel expenses is authorized by the Grant Agreement, all such expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the rates set by the Texas Comptroller’s *Texttravel* guidelines, which can currently be accessed at: <https://fmx.cpa.texas.gov/fmx/travel/texttravel/>

2.4 BILLING

Unless otherwise provided in the Grant Agreement, Grantee shall bill the System Agency in accordance with the Grant Agreement. Unless otherwise specified in the Grant Agreement, Grantee shall submit requests for reimbursement or payment monthly by the last business day of the month following the month in which expenses were incurred or services provided. Grantee shall maintain all documentation that substantiates invoices and make the documentation available to the System Agency upon request.

2.5 USE OF FUNDS

Grantee shall expend funds under this Grant Agreement only for approved services and for reasonable and allowable expenses directly related to those services.

2.6 USE FOR MATCH PROHIBITED

Grantee shall not use funds provided under this Grant Agreement for matching purposes in securing other funding without the written approval of the System Agency.

2.7 PROGRAM INCOME

Program income refers to gross income directly generated by a supporting activity during the period of performance. Unless otherwise required under the Grant Agreement, Grantee shall use Program Income, as provided in TxGMS, to further the Project, and Grantee shall spend the Program Income on the Project. Grantee shall identify and report Program Income in accordance with the Grant Agreement, applicable law, and any programmatic guidance. Grantee shall expend Program Income during the Grant Agreement term, when earned, and may not carry Program Income forward to any succeeding term. Grantee shall refund Program Income to the System Agency if the Program Income is not expended in the term in which it is earned. The System Agency may base future funding levels, in part, upon Grantee's proficiency in identifying, billing, collecting, and reporting Program Income, and in using Program Income for the purposes and under the conditions specified in this Grant Agreement.

2.8 NONSUPPLANTING

Grant funds must be used to supplement existing, new or corresponding programming and related activities. Grant funds may not be used to supplant (replace) existing funds that have been appropriated, allocated, or disbursed for the same purpose. System Agency may conduct Grant monitoring or audits may be conducted to review, among other things, Grantee's compliance with this provision.

2.9 INDIRECT COST RATES

The System Agency may acknowledge an indirect cost rate for Grantees that is utilized for all applicable Grant Agreements. For subrecipients receiving federal funds, indirect cost rates will be determined in accordance with applicable law including, but not limited to, 2 CFR 200.414(f). For recipients receiving state funds, indirect costs will be determined in accordance with applicable law including, but not limited to, TxGMS. Grantees funded with blended federal and state funding will be subject to both state and federal requirements when determining indirect costs. In the event of a conflict between TxGMS and applicable federal law or regulation, the provisions of federal law or regulation will apply. Grantee will provide any necessary financial documents to determine the indirect cost rate in accordance with the Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG) and TxGMS.

ARTICLE III. STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING

3.1 EXCESS OBLIGATIONS PROHIBITED

This Grant Agreement is subject to termination or cancellation, without penalty to System Agency, either in whole or in part, subject to the availability and actual receipt by System Agency of state or federal funds. System Agency is a state agency whose authority and appropriations are subject to actions of the Texas Legislature. If System Agency becomes subject to a legislative change, revocation of statutory authority, or lack of appropriated funds that would render either System Agency's or Grantee's delivery or performance under the Grant Agreement impossible or unnecessary, the Grant Agreement will be terminated or cancelled and be deemed null and void. In the event of a termination or cancellation under this Section, System Agency will not be liable to Grantee for any damages that are caused or associated with such termination or cancellation, and System Agency will not be required to give prior notice. Additionally, System Agency will not be liable to Grantee for any remaining unpaid funds under this Grant Agreement at time of termination.

3.2 NO DEBT AGAINST THE STATE

This Grant Agreement will not be construed as creating any debt by or on behalf of the State of Texas.

3.3 DEBTS AND DELINQUENCIES

Grantee agrees that any payments due under the Grant Agreement shall be directly applied towards eliminating any debt or delinquency it has to the State of Texas including, but not limited to, delinquent taxes, delinquent student loan payments, and delinquent child support during the entirety of the Grant Agreement term.

3.4 REFUNDS AND OVERPAYMENTS

- A. At its sole discretion, the System Agency may (i) withhold all or part of any payments to Grantee to offset overpayments, unallowable or ineligible costs made to the Grantee, or if any required financial status report(s) is not submitted by the due date(s); or (ii) require Grantee to promptly refund or credit - within thirty (30) calendar days of written notice – to System Agency any funds erroneously paid by System Agency which are not expressly authorized under the Grant Agreement.
- B. "Overpayments" as used in this Section include payments (i) made by the System Agency that exceed the maximum allowable rates; (ii) that are not allowed under applicable laws, rules, or regulations; or (iii) that are otherwise inconsistent with this Grant Agreement, including any unapproved expenditures. Grantee understands and agrees that it shall be liable to the System Agency for any costs disallowed pursuant to financial and compliance audit(s) of funds received under this Grant Agreement. Grantee further understands and agrees that reimbursement of such disallowed costs shall be paid by Grantee from funds which were not provided or otherwise made available to Grantee under this Grant Agreement.

ARTICLE IV. ALLOWABLE COSTS AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

4.1 ALLOWABLE COSTS

- A. Allowable Costs are restricted to costs that are authorized under Texas Uniform Grant Management Standards (TxGMS) and applicable state and federal rules and laws. This Grant Agreement is subject to all applicable requirements of TxGMS, including the

- criteria for Allowable Costs. Additional federal requirements apply if this Grant Agreement is funded, in whole or in part, with federal funds.
- B. System Agency will reimburse Grantee for actual, allowable, and allocable costs incurred by Grantee in performing the Project, provided the costs are sufficiently documented. Grantee must have incurred a cost prior to claiming reimbursement and within the applicable term to be eligible for reimbursement under this Grant Agreement. At its sole discretion, the System Agency will determine whether costs submitted by Grantee are allowable and eligible for reimbursement. The System Agency may take repayment (recoup) from remaining funds available under this Grant Agreement in amounts necessary to fulfill Grantee's repayment obligations. Grantee and all payments received by Grantee under this Grant Agreement are subject to applicable cost principles, audit requirements, and administrative requirements including applicable provisions under 2 CFR 200, 48 CFR Part 31, and TxGMS.
- C. OMB Circulars will be applied with the modifications prescribed by TxGMS with effect given to whichever provision imposes the more stringent requirement in the event of a conflict.

4.2 AUDITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- A. Audits
- i. Grantee understands and agrees that Grantee is subject to any and all applicable audit requirements found in state or federal law or regulation or added by this Grant Agreement.
 - ii. HHS Single Audit Unit will notify Grantee to complete the Single Audit Determination Form. If Grantee fails to complete the form within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of notice, Grantee may be subject to sanctions and remedies for non-compliance.
 - iii. If Grantee, within Grantee's fiscal year, expends federal funds awarded of at least \$750,000 for audit periods beginning before October 1, 2024 (beginning on or after October 1, 2024, at least \$1,000,000), Grantee shall have a single audit or program-specific audit in accordance with 2 CFR 200. The federal threshold amount includes federal funds passed through by way of state agency awards.
 - iv. If Grantee, within Grantee's fiscal year, expends at least \$750,000 in state funds awarded or other amount specified in the TxGMS, Grantee shall have a single audit or program-specific audit in accordance with TxGMS. The audit must be conducted by an independent certified public accountant and in accordance with 2 CFR 200, Government Auditing Standards, and TxGMS.
 - v. For-profit Grantees whose expenditures meet or exceed the federal or state expenditure thresholds stated above shall follow the guidelines in 2 CFR 200 or TxGMS, as applicable, for their program-specific audits.
 - vi. Each Grantee required to obtain a single audit must competitively re-procure single audit services once every six years. Grantee shall procure audit services in compliance with this section, state procurement procedures, as well as with applicable provisions of 2 CFR 200 and TxGMS.
- B. Financial Statements.
- Each Grantee that does not meet the expenditure threshold for a single audit or program-specific audit, must provide financial statements for the audit period.

4.3 SUBMISSION OF AUDITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. Audits.

Due the earlier of 30 days after receipt of the independent certified public accountant's report or nine months after the end of the fiscal year, Grantee shall submit one electronic copy of the single audit or program-specific audit to the System Agency via:

- i. HHS portal at <https://hhsportal.hhs.state.tx.us/heartwebextr/hhscSau> or,
- ii. Email to: single_audit_report@hhsc.state.tx.us.

B. Financial Statements.

Due no later than nine months after the Grantee's fiscal year-end, Grantees not required to submit an audit, shall submit one electronic copy of their financial statements via:

- i. HHS portal at <https://hhsportal.hhs.state.tx.us/heartwebextr/hhscSau>; or,
- ii. Email to: single_audit_report@hhsc.state.tx.us.

ARTICLE V. WARRANTY, AFFIRMATIONS, ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS

5.1 WARRANTY

Grantee warrants that all work under this Grant Agreement shall be completed in a manner consistent with standards under the terms of this Grant Agreement, in the applicable trade, profession, or industry; shall conform to or exceed the specifications set forth in the Grant Agreement; and all deliverables shall be fit for ordinary use, of good quality, and with no material defects. If System Agency, in its sole discretion, determines Grantee has failed to complete work timely or to perform satisfactorily under conditions required by this Grant Agreement, the System Agency may require Grantee, at its sole expense, to:

- i. Repair or replace all defective or damaged work;
- ii. Refund any payment Grantee received from System Agency for all defective or damaged work and, in conjunction therewith, require Grantee to accept the return of such work; and,
- iii. Take necessary action to ensure that Grantee's future performance and work conform to the Grant Agreement requirements.

5.2 GENERAL AFFIRMATIONS

Grantee certifies that, to the extent affirmations are incorporated into the Grant Agreement, the Grantee has reviewed the affirmations and that Grantee is in compliance with all requirements.

5.3 FEDERAL ASSURANCES

Grantee further certifies that, to the extent federal assurances are incorporated into the Grant Agreement, the Grantee has reviewed the federal assurances and that Grantee is in compliance with all requirements.

5.4 FEDERAL CERTIFICATIONS

Grantee further certifies that, to the extent federal certifications are incorporated into the Grant Agreement, the Grantee has reviewed the federal certifications and that Grantee is in compliance with all requirements. In addition, Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable federal laws, rules, and regulations, as they may pertain to this Grant Agreement.

5.5 STATE ASSURANCES

Except to the extent of any conflict under applicable law or requirements or guidelines of any federal awarding agency from which funding for this Grant Agreement originated, the Grantee must comply with the applicable state assurances included within the TxGMS which are incorporated here by reference.

ARTICLE VI. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

6.1 OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT

- A. All right, title, and interest in the Work Product, including all Intellectual Property Rights therein, is exclusively owned by System Agency. Grantee and Grantee's employees will have no rights in or ownership of the Work Product or any other property of System Agency.
- B. Any and all Work Product that is copyrightable under United States copyright law is deemed to be "work made for hire" owned by System Agency, as provided by Title 17 of the United States Code. To the extent that Work Product does not qualify as a "work made for hire" under applicable federal law, Grantee hereby irrevocably assigns and transfers to System Agency, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the Work Product, including any and all Intellectual Property Rights embodied therein or associated therewith, and in and to all works based upon, derived from, or incorporating the Work Product, and in and to all income, royalties, damages, claims and payments now or hereafter due or payable with respect thereto, and in and to all causes of action, either in law or in equity for past, present or future infringement based on the copyrights, and in and to all rights corresponding to the foregoing.
- C. Grantee agrees to execute all papers and to perform such other acts as System Agency may deem necessary to secure for System Agency or its designee the rights herein assigned.
- D. In the event that Grantee has any rights in and to the Work Product that cannot be assigned to System Agency, Grantee hereby grants to System Agency an exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free, transferable, irrevocable, and perpetual license, with the right to sublicense, to reproduce, distribute, modify, create derivative works of, publicly perform and publicly display, make, have made, use, sell and offer for sale the Work Product and any products developed by practicing such rights.
- E. The foregoing does not apply to Incorporated Pre-existing Works or Third Party IP that are incorporated in the Work Product by Grantee. Grantee shall provide System Agency access during normal business hours to all Grantee materials, premises, and computer files containing the Work Product.

6.2 GRANTEE'S PRE-EXISTING WORKS

- A. To the extent that Grantee incorporates into the Work Product any works of Grantee that were created by Grantee or that Grantee acquired rights in prior to the Effective Date of this Grant Agreement ("**Incorporated Pre-existing Works**"), Grantee retains ownership of such Incorporated Pre-existing Works.
- B. Grantee hereby grants to System Agency an irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free, transferable, worldwide right and license, with the right to sublicense, to use, reproduce, modify, copy, create derivative works of, publish, publicly perform and display, sell, offer to sell, make and have made, the Incorporated Pre-existing Works, in any medium, with or without the associated Work Product.

- C. Grantee represents, warrants, and covenants to System Agency that Grantee has all necessary right and authority to grant the foregoing license in the Incorporated Pre-existing Works to System Agency.

6.3 THIRD PARTY IP

- A. To the extent that any Third Party IP is included or incorporated in the Work Product by Grantee, Grantee hereby grants to System Agency, or shall obtain from the applicable third party for System Agency's benefit, the irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free right and license, for System Agency's internal business or governmental purposes only, to use, reproduce, display, perform, distribute copies of, and prepare derivative works based upon such Third Party IP and any derivative works thereof embodied in or delivered to System Agency in conjunction with the Work Product, and to authorize others to do any or all of the foregoing.
- B. Grantee shall obtain System Agency's advance written approval prior to incorporating any Third Party IP into the Work Product, and Grantee shall notify System Agency on delivery of the Work Product if such materials include any Third Party IP.
- C. Grantee shall provide System Agency all supporting documentation demonstrating Grantee's compliance with this Section 6.3, including without limitation documentation indicating a third party's written approval for Grantee to use any Third Party IP that may be incorporated in the Work Product.

6.4 AGREEMENTS WITH EMPLOYEES AND SUBCONTRACTORS

Grantee shall have written, binding agreements with its employees and subcontractors that include provisions sufficient to give effect to and enable Grantee's compliance with Grantee's obligations under this Article VI, Intellectual Property.

6.5 DELIVERY UPON TERMINATION OR EXPIRATION

No later than the first calendar day after the termination or expiration of the Grant Agreement or upon System Agency's request, Grantee shall deliver to System Agency all completed, or partially completed, Work Product, including any Incorporated Pre-existing Works, and any and all versions thereof. Grantee's failure to timely deliver such Work Product is a material breach of the Grant Agreement. Grantee will not retain any copies of the Work Product or any documentation or other products or results of Grantee's activities under the Grant Agreement without the prior written consent of System Agency.

6.6 SURVIVAL

The provisions and obligations of this Article survive any termination or expiration of the Grant Agreement.

6.7 SYSTEM AGENCY DATA

- A. As between the Parties, all data and information acquired, accessed, or made available to Grantee by, through, or on behalf of System Agency or System Agency contractors, including all electronic data generated, processed, transmitted, or stored by Grantee in the course of providing data processing services in connection with Grantee's performance hereunder (the "System Agency Data"), is owned solely by System Agency.
- B. Grantee has no right or license to use, analyze, aggregate, transmit, create derivatives of, copy, disclose, or process the System Agency Data except as required for Grantee to fulfill its obligations under the Grant Agreement or as authorized in advance in writing by System Agency.

- C. For the avoidance of doubt, Grantee is expressly prohibited from using, and from permitting any third party to use, System Agency Data for marketing, research, or other non-governmental or commercial purposes, without the prior written consent of System Agency.
- D. Grantee shall make System Agency Data available to System Agency, including to System Agency's designated vendors, as directed in writing by System Agency. The foregoing shall be at no cost to System Agency.
- E. Furthermore, the proprietary nature of Grantee's systems that process, store, collect, and/or transmit the System Agency Data shall not excuse Grantee's performance of its obligations hereunder.

ARTICLE VII. PROPERTY

7.1 USE OF STATE PROPERTY

- A. Grantee is prohibited from using State Property for any purpose other than performing Services authorized under the Grant Agreement.
- B. State Property includes, but is not limited to, System Agency's office space, identification badges, System Agency information technology equipment and networks (e.g., laptops, portable printers, cell phones, iPads or tablets, external hard drives, data storage devices, any System Agency-issued software, and the System Agency Virtual Private Network (VPN client)), and any other resources of System Agency.
- C. Grantee shall not remove State Property from the continental United States. In addition, Grantee may not use any computing device to access System Agency's network or e-mail while outside of the continental United States.
- D. Grantee shall not perform any maintenance services on State Property unless the Grant Agreement expressly authorizes such Services.
- E. During the time that State Property is in the possession of Grantee, Grantee shall be responsible for:
 - i. all repair and replacement charges incurred by State Agency that are associated with loss of State Property or damage beyond normal wear and tear, and
 - ii. all charges attributable to Grantee's use of State Property that exceeds the Grant Agreement scope. Grantee shall fully reimburse such charges to System Agency within ten (10) calendar days of Grantee's receipt of System Agency's notice of amount due. Use of State Property for a purpose not authorized by the Grant Agreement shall constitute breach of contract and may result in termination of the Grant Agreement and the pursuit of other remedies available to System Agency under contract, at law, or in equity.

7.2 DAMAGE TO STATE PROPERTY

- A. In the event of loss, destruction, or damage to any System Agency or State of Texas owned, leased, or occupied property or equipment by Grantee or Grantee's employees, agents, Subcontractors, or suppliers, Grantee shall be liable to System Agency and the State of Texas for the full cost of repair, reconstruction, or replacement of the lost, destroyed, or damaged property.
- B. Grantee shall notify System Agency of the loss, destruction, or damage of equipment or property within one (1) business day. Grantee shall reimburse System Agency and the State of Texas for such property damage within ten (10) calendar days after Grantee's receipt of System Agency's notice of amount due.

7.3 PROPERTY RIGHTS UPON TERMINATION OR EXPIRATION OF CONTRACT

In the event the Grant Agreement is terminated for any reason or expires, State Property remains the property of the System Agency and must be returned to the System Agency by the earlier of the end date of the Grant Agreement or upon System Agency's request.

7.4 EQUIPMENT AND PROPERTY

All equipment and property acquired by Grantee, with funds awarded under this Grant Agreement, are subject to all applicable laws and governing authority including, but not limited to, applicable provisions of 2 CFR 200 and TxGMS. System Agency funds must not be used to purchase buildings or real property without prior written approval from System Agency. Any costs related to the initial acquisition of the buildings or real property are not allowable without written pre-approval.

ARTICLE VIII. RECORD RETENTION, AUDIT, AND CONFIDENTIALITY

8.1 RECORD MAINTENANCE AND RETENTION

- A. Grantee shall keep and maintain under GAAP or GASB, as applicable, full, true, and complete records necessary to fully disclose to the System Agency, the Texas State Auditor's Office, the United States Government, and their authorized representatives all information required to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement and all state and federal rules, regulations, and statutes. Grantee shall ensure these same requirements are included in all subcontracts.
- B. Grantee shall maintain and retain legible copies of this Grant Agreement and all records relating to the performance of the Grant Agreement, including supporting fiscal documents adequate to ensure that claims for grant funds are in accordance with applicable State of Texas requirements. These records shall be maintained and retained by the Grantee for a minimum of seven (7) years after the Grant Agreement expiration date or seven (7) years after all audits, claims, litigation, or disputes involving the Grant Agreement are resolved, whichever is later. Grantee shall ensure these same requirements are included in all subcontracts.

8.2 AGENCY'S RIGHT TO AUDIT

- A. Grantee shall make available at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice, and for reasonable periods, work papers, reports, books, records, supporting documents kept current by Grantee pertaining to the Grant Agreement for purposes of inspecting, monitoring, auditing, or evaluating by System Agency and the State of Texas. Grantee shall ensure these same requirements are included in all subcontracts.
- B. In addition to any right of access arising by operation of law, Grantee and any of Grantee's affiliate or subsidiary organizations, or Subcontractors shall permit the System Agency or any of its duly authorized representatives, as well as duly authorized federal, state or local authorities, unrestricted access to and the right to examine any site where business is conducted or services are performed, and all records, which includes but is not limited to financial, client and patient records, books, papers or documents related to this Grant Agreement. Grantee shall permit the System Agency or any of its duly authorized federal, state, or local authorities unrestricted access to and the right to examine all external contracts and or pricing models or methodologies related to the Grant Agreement. Grantee shall ensure these same requirements are included in all subcontracts. If the Grant Agreement includes federal funds, federal agencies that shall have a right of access to records as described in this section include: the federal agency

providing the funds, the Comptroller General of the United States, the General Accounting Office, the Office of the Inspector General, and any of their authorized representatives. In addition, agencies of the State of Texas that shall have a right of access to records as described in this section include: the System Agency, HHS's contracted examiners, the State Auditor's Office, the Office of the Texas Attorney General, and any successor agencies. Each of these entities may be a duly authorized authority.

- C. If deemed necessary by the System Agency or any duly authorized authority, for the purpose of oversight, including, but not limited to, reviews, inspections, audits and investigations, Grantee shall produce original documents related to this Grant Agreement.
- D. The System Agency and any duly authorized authority shall have the right to audit billings both before and after payment, and all documentation that substantiates the billings and payments related to the Grant Agreement, including those related to a Subcontractor.
- E. Grantee shall include the System Agency's and any of its duly authorized representatives', as well as duly authorized federal, state, or local authorities, unrestricted right of access to, and examination of, sites and information related to this Grant Agreement in any Subcontract it awards.

8.3 RESPONSE/COMPLIANCE WITH AUDIT OR INSPECTION FINDINGS

- A. Grantee must act to ensure its and its Subcontractors' compliance with all corrections necessary to address any finding of noncompliance with any law, regulation, audit requirement, or generally accepted accounting principle, or any other deficiency identified in any audit, review, inspection or investigation of the Grant Agreement and the services and Deliverables provided. Any such correction will be at Grantee's or its Subcontractor's sole expense. Whether Grantee's action corrects the noncompliance shall be solely the decision of the System Agency.
- B. As part of the services, Grantee must provide to HHS upon request a copy of those portions of Grantee's and its Subcontractors' internal audit reports relating to the services and Deliverables provided to the State under the Grant Agreement.
- C. Grantee shall include the requirement to provide to System Agency (and any of its duly authorized federal, state, or local authorities) internal audit reports related to this Grant Agreement in any Subcontract it awards. Upon request by System Agency, Grantee shall enforce this requirement against its Subcontractor. Further, Grantee shall include in any Subcontract it awards a requirement that all Subcontractor Subcontracts must also include these provisions.

8.4 STATE AUDITOR'S RIGHT TO AUDIT

The state auditor may conduct an audit or investigation of any entity receiving funds from the state directly under the Grant Agreement or indirectly through a subcontract under the Grant Agreement. The acceptance of funds directly under the Grant Agreement or indirectly through a subcontract under the Grant Agreement acts as acceptance of the authority of the state auditor, under the direction of the legislative audit committee, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Under the direction of the legislative audit committee, an entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the state auditor must provide the state auditor with access to any information the state auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit. Grantee shall ensure the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through the contract and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract it awards.

8.5 CONFIDENTIALITY

Grantee shall maintain as confidential and shall not disclose to third parties without System Agency's prior written consent, any System Agency information including but not limited to System Agency's business activities, practices, systems, conditions and services. This Article VIII will survive termination or expiration of this Grant Agreement. Further, the obligations of Grantee under this Article VIII will survive termination or expiration of this Grant Agreement. This requirement must be included in all subcontracts awarded by Grantee.

ARTICLE IX. GRANT REMEDIES, TERMINATION AND PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

9.1 REMEDIES

- A. To ensure Grantee's full performance of the Grant Agreement and compliance with applicable law, System Agency reserves the right to hold Grantee accountable for breach of contract or substandard performance and may take remedial or corrective actions, including, but not limited to the following:
- i. temporarily withholding cash disbursements or reimbursements pending correction of the deficiency;
 - ii. disallowing or denying use of funds for the activity or action deemed not to be in compliance;
 - iii. disallowing claims for reimbursement that may require a partial or whole return of previous payments or reimbursements;
 - iv. suspending all or part of the Grant Agreement;
 - v. requiring the Grantee to take specific actions in order to remain in compliance with the Grant Agreement;
 - vi. recouping payments made by the System Agency to the Grantee found to be in error;
 - vii. suspending, limiting, or placing conditions on the Grantee's continued performance of the Project;
 - viii. prohibiting the Grantee from receiving additional funds for other grant programs administered by the System Agency until satisfactory compliance resolution is obtained;
 - ix. withholding release of new grant agreements; and
 - x. imposing any other remedies, sanctions or penalties authorized under this Grant Agreement or permitted by federal or state statute, law, regulation or rule.
- B. Unless expressly authorized by System Agency, Grantee may not be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred while the Grant Agreement is suspended.
- C. No action taken by System Agency in exercising remedies or imposing sanctions will constitute or operate as a waiver of any other rights or remedies available to System Agency under the Grant Agreement or pursuant to law. Additionally, no action taken by System Agency in exercising remedies or imposing sanctions will constitute or operate as an acceptance, waiver, or cure of Grantee's breach. Unless expressly authorized by System Agency, Grantee may not be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred while the Grant Agreement is suspended or after termination.

9.2 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

The System Agency may terminate the Grant Agreement, in whole or in part, at any time when, in its sole discretion, the System Agency determines that termination is in the best interests of the State of Texas. The termination will be effective on the date specified in the System Agency's notice of termination.

9.3 TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

- A. Except as otherwise provided by the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, or any successor law, the System Agency may terminate the Grant Agreement, in whole or in part, upon either of the following conditions:
- i. Material Breach**

The System Agency may terminate the Grant Agreement, in whole or in part, if the System Agency determines, in its sole discretion, that Grantee has materially breached the Grant Agreement or has failed to adhere to any laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or orders of any public authority having jurisdiction, whether or not such violation prevents or substantially impairs performance of Grantee's duties under the Grant Agreement. Grantee's misrepresentation in any aspect including, but not limited to, of Grantee's Solicitation Application, if any, or Grantee's addition to the SAM exclusion list (identification in SAM as an excluded entity) may also constitute a material breach of the Grant Agreement.
 - ii. Failure to Maintain Financial Viability**

The System Agency may terminate the Grant Agreement if the System Agency, in its sole discretion, determines that Grantee no longer maintains the financial viability required to complete the services and deliverables, or otherwise fully perform its responsibilities under the Grant Agreement.
- B. System Agency will specify the effective date of such termination in the notice to Grantee. If no effective date is specified, the Grant Agreement will terminate on the date of the notification.

9.4 GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SYSTEM AGENCY'S TERMINATION COSTS

If the System Agency terminates the Grant Agreement for cause, the Grantee shall be responsible to the System Agency for all costs incurred by the System Agency and the State of Texas to replace the Grantee. These costs include, but are not limited to, the costs of procuring a substitute grantee and the cost of any claim or litigation attributable to Grantee's failure to perform any work in accordance with the terms of the Grant Agreement.

9.5 INHERENTLY RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Grantee may not use grant funding to engage in inherently religious activities, such as proselytizing, scripture study, or worship. Grantees may engage in inherently religious activities; however, these activities must be separate in time or location from the grant-funded program. Moreover, grantees must not compel program beneficiaries to participate in inherently religious activities. These requirements apply to all grantees, not just faith-based organizations.

9.6 POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Grant funds cannot be used for the following activities:

- A. Grantees and their relevant sub-grantees or subcontractors are prohibited from using grant funds directly or indirectly for political purposes, including lobbying, advocating for legislation, campaigning for, endorsing, contributing to, or otherwise supporting political candidates or parties, and voter registration campaigns. Grantees may use private, or non-System Agency money or contributions for political purposes but may not charge to, or be reimbursed from, System Agency contracts or grants for the costs of such activities.
- B. Grant-funded employees may not use official authority or influence to achieve any political purpose and grant funds cannot be used for the salary, benefits, or any other compensation of an elected official.

- C. Grant funds may not be used to employ, in any capacity, a person who is required by Chapter 305 of the Texas Government Code to register as a lobbyist. Additionally, grant funds cannot be used to pay membership dues to an organization that partially or wholly pays the salary of a person who is required by Chapter 305 of the Texas Government Code to register as a lobbyist.
- D. As applicable, Grantee will comply with 31 USC § 1352, relating to the limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions.

ARTICLE X. INDEMNITY

10.1 GENERAL INDEMNITY

- A. GRANTEE SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OF TEXAS AND SYSTEM AGENCY, AND/OR THEIR OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, ASSIGNEES, AND/OR DESIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED COSTS, ATTORNEYS' FEES, AND EXPENSES ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING FROM ANY ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF GRANTEE OR ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS, ORDER FULFILLERS, OR SUPPLIERS OF SUBCONTRACTORS IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY PURCHASE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE GRANT AGREEMENT.**
- B. THIS PARAGRAPH IS NOT INTENDED TO AND WILL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE GRANTEE TO INDEMNIFY OR HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OR THE SYSTEM AGENCY FOR ANY CLAIMS OR LIABILITIES RESULTING FROM THE NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE SYSTEM AGENCY OR ITS EMPLOYEES.**
- C. FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, SYSTEM AGENCY SHALL NOT INDEMNIFY GRANTEE OR ANY OTHER ENTITY UNDER THE GRANT AGREEMENT.**

10.2 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

GRANTEE SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE SYSTEM AGENCY AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, VIOLATIONS, MISAPPROPRIATIONS, OR INFRINGEMENT OF ANY PATENT, TRADEMARK, COPYRIGHT, TRADE SECRET, OR OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND/OR OTHER INTANGIBLE PROPERTY, PUBLICITY OR PRIVACY RIGHTS, AND/OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING FROM:

- i. THE PERFORMANCE OR ACTIONS OF GRANTEE PURSUANT TO THIS GRANT AGREEMENT;**
- ii. ANY DELIVERABLE, WORK PRODUCT, CONFIGURED SERVICE OR OTHER SERVICE PROVIDED HEREUNDER; AND/OR**
- iii. SYSTEM AGENCY'S AND/OR GRANTEE'S USE OF OR ACQUISITION OF ANY REQUESTED SERVICES OR OTHER ITEMS PROVIDED TO SYSTEM AGENCY BY GRANTEE OR OTHERWISE TO WHICH SYSTEM AGENCY HAS ACCESS AS A RESULT OF GRANTEE'S PERFORMANCE UNDER THE GRANT AGREEMENT.**

10.3 ADDITIONAL INDEMNITY PROVISIONS

- A. GRANTEE AND SYSTEM AGENCY AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY INDEMNITY CLAIM. GRANTEE SHALL BE LIABLE TO PAY ALL COSTS OF DEFENSE, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES.**
- B. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY THE GRANTEE WITH THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND GRANTEE MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL.**
- C. GRANTEE SHALL REIMBURSE SYSTEM AGENCY AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FOR ANY CLAIMS, DAMAGES, COSTS, EXPENSES OR OTHER AMOUNTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS, ARISING FROM ANY SUCH CLAIM. IF THE SYSTEM AGENCY DETERMINES THAT A CONFLICT EXISTS BETWEEN ITS INTERESTS AND THOSE OF GRANTEE OR IF SYSTEM AGENCY IS REQUIRED BY APPLICABLE LAW TO SELECT SEPARATE COUNSEL, SYSTEM AGENCY WILL BE PERMITTED TO SELECT SEPARATE COUNSEL AND GRANTEE SHALL PAY ALL REASONABLE COSTS OF SYSTEM AGENCY'S COUNSEL.**

ARTICLE XI. GENERAL PROVISIONS

11.1 AMENDMENTS

Except as otherwise expressly provided, the Grant Agreement may only be amended by a written Amendment executed by both Parties.

11.2 NO QUANTITY GUARANTEES

The System Agency makes no guarantee of volume or usage of work under this Grant Agreement. All work requested may be on an irregular and as needed basis throughout the Grant Agreement term.

11.3 CHILD ABUSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- A. Grantees shall comply with child abuse and neglect reporting requirements in Texas Family Code Chapter 261. This section is in addition to and does not supersede any other legal obligation of the Grantee to report child abuse.**
- B. Grantee shall use the Texas Abuse Hotline Website located at <https://www.txabusehotline.org/Login/Default.aspx> as required by the System Agency. Grantee shall retain reporting documentation on site and make it available for inspection by the System Agency.**

11.4 CERTIFICATION OF MEETING OR EXCEEDING TOBACCO-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY MINIMUM STANDARDS

- A. Grantee certifies that it has adopted and enforces a Tobacco-Free Workplace Policy that meets or exceeds all of the following minimum standards of:**

- i. Prohibiting the use of all forms of tobacco products, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff and chewing tobacco;
 - ii. Designating the property to which this Policy applies as a "designated area," which must at least comprise all buildings and structures where activities funded under this Grant Agreement are taking place, as well as Grantee owned, leased, or controlled sidewalks, parking lots, walkways, and attached parking structures immediately adjacent to this designated area;
 - iii. Applying to all employees and visitors in this designated area; and
 - iv. Providing for or referring its employees to tobacco use cessation services.
- B. If Grantee cannot meet these minimum standards, it must obtain a waiver from the System Agency.

11.5 INSURANCE AND BONDS

Unless otherwise specified in this Contract, Grantee shall acquire and maintain, for the duration of this Contract, insurance coverage necessary to ensure proper fulfillment of this Contract and potential liabilities thereunder with financially sound and reputable insurers licensed by the Texas Department of Insurance, in the type and amount customarily carried within the industry as determined by the System Agency. Grantee shall provide evidence of insurance as required under this Contract, including a schedule of coverage or underwriter's schedules establishing to the satisfaction of the System Agency the nature and extent of coverage granted by each such policy, upon request by the System Agency. In the event that any policy is determined by the System Agency to be deficient to comply with the terms of this Contract, Grantee shall secure such additional policies or coverage as the System Agency may reasonably request or that are required by law or regulation. If coverage expires during the term of this Contract, Grantee must produce renewal certificates for each type of coverage. In addition, if required by System Agency, Grantee must obtain and have on file a blanket fidelity bond that indemnifies System Agency against the loss or theft of any grant funds, including applicable matching funds. The fidelity bond must cover the entirety of the grant term and any subsequent renewals. The failure of Grantee to comply with these requirements may subject Grantee to remedial or corrective actions detailed in section 10.1, General Indemnity, above.

These and all other insurance requirements under the Grant apply to both Grantee and its Subcontractors, if any. Grantee is responsible for ensuring its Subcontractors' compliance with all requirements.

11.6 LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY

- A. Grantee shall not have any authority to act for or on behalf of the System Agency or the State of Texas except as expressly provided for in the Grant Agreement; no other authority, power, or use is granted or implied. Grantee may not incur any debt, obligation, expense, or liability of any kind on behalf of System Agency or the State of Texas.
- B. Grantee may not rely upon implied authority and is not granted authority under the Grant Agreement to:
 - i. Make public policy on behalf of the System Agency;
 - ii. Promulgate, amend, or disregard administrative regulations or program policy decisions made by State and federal agencies responsible for administration of a System Agency program; or
 - iii. Unilaterally communicate or negotiate with any federal or state agency or the Texas Legislature on behalf of the System Agency regarding System Agency programs or

the Grant Agreement. However, upon System Agency request and with reasonable notice from System Agency to the Grantee, the Grantee shall assist the System Agency in communications and negotiations regarding the Work under the Grant Agreement with state and federal governments.

11.7 CHANGE IN LAWS AND COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

Grantee shall comply with all laws, regulations, requirements, and guidelines applicable to a Grantee providing services and products required by the Grant Agreement to the State of Texas, as these laws, regulations, requirements, and guidelines currently exist and as amended throughout the term of the Grant Agreement. Notwithstanding Section 11.1, Amendments, above, System Agency reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to unilaterally amend the Grant Agreement to incorporate any modifications necessary for System Agency's compliance, as an agency of the State of Texas, with all applicable state and federal laws, regulations, requirements and guidelines.

11.8 SUBCONTRACTORS

Grantee may not subcontract any or all of the Work and/or obligations under the Grant Agreement without prior written approval of the System Agency. Subcontracts, if any, entered into by the Grantee shall be in writing and be subject to the requirements of the Grant Agreement. Should Grantee subcontract any of the services required in the Grant Agreement, Grantee expressly understands and acknowledges System Agency is in no manner liable to any subcontractor(s) of Grantee. In no event shall this provision relieve Grantee of the responsibility for ensuring that the services performed under all subcontracts are rendered in compliance with the Grant Agreement.

11.9 PERMITTING AND LICENSURE

At Grantee's sole expense, Grantee shall procure and maintain for the duration of this Grant Agreement any state, county, city, or federal license, authorization, insurance, waiver, permit, qualification or certification required by statute, ordinance, law, or regulation to be held by Grantee to provide the goods or services required by this Grant Agreement. Grantee shall be responsible for payment of all taxes, assessments, fees, premiums, permits, and licenses required by law. Grantee shall be responsible for payment of any such government obligations not paid by its Subcontractors during performance of this Grant Agreement.

11.10 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Grantee and Grantee's employees, representatives, agents, Subcontractors, suppliers, and third-party service providers shall serve as independent contractors in providing the services under the Grant Agreement. Neither Grantee nor System Agency is an agent of the other and neither may make any commitments on the other party's behalf. The Grantee is not a "governmental body" solely by virtue of this Grant Agreement or receipt of grant funds under this Grant Agreement. Grantee shall have no claim against System Agency for vacation pay, sick leave, retirement benefits, social security, worker's compensation, health or disability benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, or employee benefits of any kind. The Grant Agreement shall not create any joint venture, partnership, agency, or employment relationship between Grantee and System Agency.

11.11 GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

The Grant Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to the conflicts of law provisions. The venue of any suit

arising under the Grant Agreement is fixed in any court of competent jurisdiction of Travis County, Texas, unless the specific venue is otherwise identified in a statute which directly names or otherwise identifies its applicability to the System Agency.

11.12 SEVERABILITY

If any provision contained in this Grant Agreement is held to be unenforceable by a court of law or equity, such construction will not affect the legality, validity, or enforceability of any other provision or provisions of this Grant Agreement. It is the intent and agreement of the Parties this Grant Agreement shall be deemed amended by modifying such provision to the extent necessary to render it valid, legal and enforceable while preserving its intent or, if such modification is not possible, by substituting another provision that is valid, legal and enforceable and that achieves the same objective. All other provisions of this Grant Agreement will continue in full force and effect.

11.13 SURVIVABILITY

Expiration or termination of the Grant Agreement for any reason does not release Grantee from any liability or obligation set forth in the Grant Agreement that is expressly stated to survive any such expiration or termination, that by its nature would be intended to be applicable following any such expiration or termination, or that is necessary to fulfill the essential purpose of the Grant Agreement, including without limitation the provisions regarding return of grant funds, audit requirements, records retention, public information, warranty, indemnification, confidentiality, and rights and remedies upon termination.

11.14 FORCE MAJEURE

Neither Grantee nor System Agency shall be liable to the other for any delay in, or failure of performance, of any requirement included in the Grant Agreement caused by force majeure. The existence of such causes of delay or failure shall extend the period of performance until after the causes of delay or failure have been removed provided the non-performing party exercises all reasonable due diligence to perform. Force majeure is defined as acts of God, war, fires, explosions, hurricanes, floods, failure of transportation, or other causes that are beyond the reasonable control of either party and that by exercise of due foresight such party could not reasonably have been expected to avoid, and which, by the exercise of all reasonable due diligence, such party is unable to overcome.

11.15 NO IMPLIED WAIVER OF PROVISIONS

The failure of the System Agency to object to or to take affirmative action with respect to any conduct of the Grantee which is in violation or breach of the terms of the Grant Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of the violation or breach, or of any future violation or breach.

11.16 FUNDING DISCLAIMERS AND LABELING

A. Grantee shall not use System Agency's name or refer to System Agency directly or indirectly in any media appearance, public service announcement, or disclosure relating to this Grant Agreement including any promotional material without first obtaining written consent from System Agency. The foregoing prohibition includes, without limitation, the placement of banners, pop-up ads, or other advertisements promoting Grantee's or a third party's products, services, workshops, trainings, or other commercial offerings on any website portal or internet-based service or software application hosted or managed by Grantee. This does not limit the Grantee's responsibility to comply with obligations related to the Texas Public Information Act or Texas Open Meetings Act.

- B. In general, no publication (including websites, reports, projects, etc.) may convey System Agency’s recognition or endorsement of the Grantee’s project without prior written approval from System Agency. Publications funded in part or wholly by HHS grant funding must include a statement that “HHS and neither any of its components operate, control, are responsible for, or necessarily endorse, this publication (including, without limitation, its content, technical infrastructure, and policies, and any services or tools provided)” at HHS’s request.

11.17 MEDIA RELEASES

- A. Grantee shall not use System Agency’s name, logo, or other likeness in any press release, marketing material or other announcement without System Agency’s prior written approval. System Agency does not endorse any vendor, commodity, or service. Grantee is not authorized to make or participate in any media releases or public announcements pertaining to this Grant Agreement or the Services to which they relate without System Agency’s prior written consent, and then only in accordance with explicit written instruction from System Agency.
- B. Grantee may publish, at its sole expense, results of Grantee performance under the Grant Agreement with the System Agency’s prior review and approval, which the System Agency may exercise at its sole discretion. Any publication (written, visual, or sound) will acknowledge the support received from the System Agency and any Federal agency, as appropriate.

11.18 PROHIBITION ON NON-COMPETE RESTRICTIONS

Grantee shall not require any employees or Subcontractors to agree to any conditions, such as non-compete clauses or other contractual arrangements, that would limit or restrict such persons or entities from employment or contracting with the State of Texas.

11.19 SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

Nothing in the Grant Agreement will be construed as a waiver of the System Agency’s or the State’s sovereign immunity. This Grant Agreement shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver of any of the privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to the System Agency or the State of Texas. The failure to enforce, or any delay in the enforcement, of any privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to the System Agency or the State of Texas under the Grant Agreement or under applicable law shall not constitute a waiver of such privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities or be considered as a basis for estoppel. System Agency does not waive any privileges, rights, defenses, or immunities available to System Agency by entering into the Grant Agreement or by its conduct prior to or subsequent to entering into the Grant Agreement.

11.20 ENTIRE CONTRACT AND MODIFICATION

The Grant Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties and is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the promises, representations, negotiations, discussions, and other agreements that may have been made in connection with the subject matter hereof. Any additional or conflicting terms in any future document incorporated into the Grant Agreement will be harmonized with this Grant Agreement to the extent possible.

11.21 COUNTERPARTS

This Grant Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be an original, and all such counterparts will together constitute but one and the same Grant Agreement.

11.22 PROPER AUTHORITY

Each Party represents and warrants that the person executing this Grant Agreement on its behalf has full power and authority to enter into this Grant Agreement.

11.23 E-VERIFY PROGRAM

Grantee certifies that it utilizes and will continue to utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to determine the eligibility of:

- A. all persons employed to perform duties within Texas during the term of the Grant Agreement; and
- B. all persons, (including subcontractors) assigned by the Grantee to perform work pursuant to the Grant Agreement within the United States of America.

11.24 CIVIL RIGHTS

- A. Grantee agrees to comply with state and federal anti-discrimination laws, including:
 - i. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §2000d et seq.);
 - ii. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. §794);
 - iii. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.);
 - iv. Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107);
 - v. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1688);
 - vi. Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. §2011 et seq.); and
 - vii. The System Agency's administrative rules, as set forth in the Texas Administrative Code, to the extent applicable to this Grant Agreement.
- B. Grantee agrees to comply with all amendments to the above-referenced laws, and all requirements imposed by the regulations issued pursuant to these laws. These laws provide in part that no persons in the United States may, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, political beliefs, or religion, be excluded from participation in or denied any aid, care, service or other benefits provided by Federal or State funding, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination.
- C. Grantee agrees to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and its implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. Part 80 or 7 C.F.R. Part 15, prohibiting a contractor from adopting and implementing policies and procedures that exclude or have the effect of excluding or limiting the participation of clients in its programs, benefits, or activities on the basis of national origin. State and federal civil rights laws require contractors to provide alternative methods for ensuring access to services for applicants and recipients who cannot express themselves fluently in English. Grantee agrees to take reasonable steps to provide services and information, both orally and in writing, in appropriate languages other than English, in order to ensure that persons with limited English proficiency are effectively informed and can have meaningful access to programs, benefits, and activities.
- D. Grantee agrees to post applicable civil rights posters in areas open to the public informing clients of their civil rights and including contact information for the HHS Civil Rights Office. The posters are available on the HHS website at: <https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/your-rights/civil-rights-office/civil-rights-posters>
- E. Grantee agrees to comply with Executive Order 13279, and its implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. Part 87 or 7 C.F.R. Part 16. These provide in part that any organization that participates in programs funded by direct financial assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture or the United States Department of Health and Human Services shall not discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion or religious belief.

- F. Upon request, Grantee shall provide HHSC's Civil Rights Office with copies of the Grantee's civil rights policies and procedures.
- G. Grantee must notify HHSC's Civil Rights Office of any complaints of discrimination received relating to its performance under this Grant Agreement. This notice must be delivered no more than ten (10) calendar days after receipt of a complaint. Notice provided pursuant to this section must be directed to:

HHSC Civil Rights Office
701 W. 51st Street, Mail Code W206
Austin, Texas 78751
Phone Toll Free: (888) 388-6332
Phone: (512) 438-4313
Fax: (512) 438-5885
Email: HHSCivilRightsOffice@hhsc.state.tx.us

11.25 ENTERPRISE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

Grantee shall conform to HHS standards for data management as described by the policies of the HHS Office of Data, Analytics, and Performance. These include, but are not limited to, standards for documentation and communication of data models, metadata, and other data definition methods that are required by HHS for ongoing data governance, strategic portfolio analysis, interoperability planning, and valuation of HHS System data assets.

11.26 DISCLOSURE OF LITIGATION

- A. The Grantee must disclose in writing to the contract manager assigned to this Grant Agreement any material civil or criminal litigation or indictment either threatened or pending involving the Grantee. "Threatened litigation" as used herein shall include governmental investigations and civil investigative demands. "Litigation" as used herein shall include administrative enforcement actions brought by governmental agencies. The Grantee must also disclose any material litigation threatened or pending involving Subcontractors, consultants, and/or lobbyists. For purposes of this section, "material" refers, but is not limited, to any action or pending action that a reasonable person knowledgeable in the applicable industry would consider relevant to the Work under the Grant Agreement or any development such a person would want to be aware of in order to stay fully apprised of the total mix of information relevant to the Work, together with any litigation threatened or pending that may result in a substantial change in the Grantee's financial condition.
- B. This is a continuing disclosure requirement; any litigation commencing after Grant Agreement Award must be disclosed in a written statement to the assigned contract manager within seven calendar days of its occurrence.

11.27 NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

The Grant Agreement is made solely and specifically among and for the benefit of the Parties named herein and their respective successors and assigns, and no other person shall have any right, interest, or claims hereunder or be entitled to any benefits pursuant to or on account of the Grant Agreement as a third-party beneficiary or otherwise.

11.28 BINDING EFFECT

The Grant Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, be binding upon, and be enforceable against each Party and their respective permitted successors, assigns, transferees, and delegates.



Attachment H-1

Fiscal Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)

The certifications enumerated below represent material facts upon which DSHS relies when reporting information to the federal government required under federal law. If the Department later determines that the Contractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, DSHS may pursue all available remedies in accordance with Texas and U.S. law. Signor further agrees that it will provide immediate written notice to DSHS if at any time Signor learns that any of the certifications provided for below were erroneous when submitted or have since become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. ***If the Signor cannot certify all of the statements contained in this section, Signor must provide written notice to DSHS detailing which of the below statements it cannot certify and why.***

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| Legal Name of Contractor: Tarrant County | FFATA Contact: (Name, Email and Phone Number): Honorable Tim O'Hare, County Judge countyjudgegrants@tarrantcountytexas.gov 817-884-1040 |
| Primary Address of Contractor: 100 E Weatherford St. | Zip Code: 9-digits required www.usps.com 76196-0103 |
| Unique Entity ID (UEI): This number replaces the DUNS www.sam.gov DBH1UNN8U5J3 | State of Texas Comptroller Vendor Identification Number (VIN) – 14 digits: 17560011706 |

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| Printed Name of Authorized Representative: Honorable Tim O'Hare, County Judge | Signature of Authorized Representative |
| Title of Authorized Representative County Judge | Date Signed |

Fiscal Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) CERTIFICATION

As the duly authorized representative (Signor) of the Contractor, I hereby certify that the statements made by me in this certification form are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Did your organization have a gross income, from all sources, of less than \$300,000 in your previous tax year? Yes No

If your answer is "Yes", skip questions "A", "B", and "C" and finish the certification. If your answer is "No", answer questions "A" and "B".

A. Certification Regarding % of Annual Gross from Federal Awards.

Did your organization receive 80% or more of its annual gross revenue from federal awards during the preceding fiscal year? Yes No

B. Certification Regarding Amount of Annual Gross from Federal Awards.

Did your organization receive \$25 million or more in annual gross revenues from federal awards in the preceding fiscal year? Yes No

If your answer is "Yes" to both question "A" and "B", you must answer question "C".
If your answer is "No" to either question "A" or "B", skip question "C" and finish the certification.

C. Certification Regarding Public Access to Compensation Information.

Does the public have access to information about the compensation of the senior executives in your business or organization (including parent organization, all branches, and all affiliates worldwide) through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986? Yes No

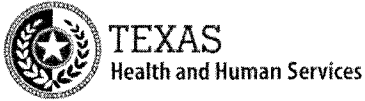
If your answer is "Yes" to this question, where can this information be accessed?

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| N/A |
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If your answer is "No" to this question, you must provide the names and total compensation of the top five highly compensated officers below.

Provide compensation information here:

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| N/A |
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DATE: May 24, 2024

TIN: 17560011706
CONTACT NAME: Yanisha Box
GRANTEE: Tarrant County
ADDRESS: 100 E. Weatherford St. Rm 506, Fort Worth, TX 76196

The indirect cost rate(s) contained herein are for use on grants with Federal, State, or both governments to which 2 CFR Part 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards or the State of Texas Uniform Grant Management Standards apply, subject to the limitations contained in the sections below.

SECTION 1: HHS SYSTEMS ISSUED RATE(S)

| HHS System Issued Rate | | | | | | |
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| Rate Type | RATE PERIOD | | Rate | Rate Base | Applicable To | Next Proposal Due |
| | Start Date | End Date | | | | |
| Fixed with Carry-forward | Oct 1, 2023 | Sep 30, 2024 | 32.86% ** | Direct Salaries | Health Department | Nov 30, 2024 |

***If the indirect cost rate for the next fiscal year is not approved prior to the new fiscal year, use this rate as a billing rate until a new rate is established. ICR Proposals must be submitted in accordance with the above timelines to continue recovering indirect costs.*

Rate Base Details

Direct Salaries means total direct salaries and wages, excluding fringe benefits. The rate applies to all programs administered by the non-federal entity. To determine the amount of indirect costs to be billed under this agreement, direct salaries and wages should be summed and multiplied by the rate. All other program costs, including fringe benefits associated with direct salaries, should be eliminated.

SECTION 2: ACCOUNTING TREATMENT OF FRINGE BENEFITS COST

Accounting Methods

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| Fringe Benefit Rate: | N/A |
| Fringe Benefits: | Vacation, sick pay, F.I.C.A, Retirement , Health & Life Insurance, Worker's compensation, Unemployment Insurance, car, mobile phone, and uniform allowances, meals, clothing, adoption assistance, tuition reimbursement, longevity, premium pays(l, e. shift, field training, etc.), certification pay, juvenile supplement pay, flexible spending accounts, health saving accounts and employee assistance program. |
| Paid Absences: | Vacation, holiday and sick leave pay is claimed on grants, contracts and other agreements as part of the normal cost for salaries and wages. Separate claims are not made for the cost of these paid absences. |

SECTION 3: Deadlines for Proposal Submissions

Your FY2025 Fixed with Carry-forward ICR proposal with the FY2023 carry-forward adjustment must be submitted via the Landing Page for Subrecipients no later than November 30, 2024. Please provide your FY2023 audit report* along with the ICR Proposal Packet. Select the "Submit ICR Proposal" option to upload all required documents. The proposal packet must be submitted on the HHS Indirect Cost Rate Group approved ICR Proposal Packet templates. Select "Technical Assistance" to request copies of the approved templates.

*Your audit should include a Schedule of Indirect Costs. The Schedule of Indirect Costs must show the incurred expenses versus the recovered expenses for the carry-forward calculation. Please see the enclosed example.

SECTION 4: KEY GUIDELINES AND CONDITIONS

- A. LIMITATIONS:** Use of the rate(s) contained in the Agreement is subject to all statutory or administrative limitations and is applicable to a given Federal award or contract only to the extent that funds are available. Acceptance of the rate(s) agreed to herein is predicated upon the following conditions: (1) that no costs other than those incurred by the grantee were included in its indirect cost pool as finally accepted and that such incurred costs are legal obligations of the grantee and allowable under the governing cost principles, (See 2 CFR 200, Subpart E); (2) Unallowable costs have been adjusted appropriately when allocating costs identified in the proposal; (3) that the same costs that have been treated as indirect costs have not been claimed as direct costs; (4) that similar types of costs have been accorded consistent treatment; and (5) that the information provided by the grantee which was used as a basis for acceptance of the rate(s) agreed to herein is not subsequently found to be materially inaccurate; (6) that a restricted rate or limit to the indirect cost rate or amount is not required under the enabling statute or by the cognizant federal agency; (7) indirect costs may only be recovered to the extent direct costs were incurred; and (8) the rates cited in this Agreement may be subject to audit. Indirect cost elements and the type of distribution base used in computing the rates are subject to revision when a final rate is negotiated to settle the provisional rate or if unusual circumstances affect the negotiated predetermined rate. In such situations, the rate(s) may be subject to renegotiation at the discretion of the cognizant agency.
- B. CHANGES IMPACTING THE INDIRECT COST RATE PROPOSAL:** This agreement is based on the organizational structure and the accounting methodology purported by the grantee to be in effect during the Agreement period. Changes which affect the amount of reimbursement resulting from the use of this Agreement require prior approval from the cognizant organization. Failure to obtain approval may result in subsequent cost disallowance. To notify us of organizational changes which impact the indirect cost rate, please submit a Technical Assistance request at the Landing Page referenced in Section 3 of this agreement.

C. NOTIFICATION TO FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES: A copy of this document may be provided by the grantee to other Federal or State funding sources as a means of notifying them of the Agreement contained herein.

D. APPLICATION OF INDIRECT COST RATE TO EXISTING GRANTS: Indirect costs charged to a grant by means other than the rate(s) cited in this Agreement should be adjusted to the applicable rate cited herein.

E. GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONS (REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS, COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT, ETC): Title 12 of Texas Local Government Code §391.0115(e) limits your organization’s indirect costs to 15% or less of your organization's total expenditures.

SECTION 5: RATE TYPE DEFINITIONS

A. Fixed Carry-forward and Adjustments: A fixed carry-forward rate means an indirect cost rate which has the same characteristics as a predetermined rate, except that the difference between the estimated costs and the actual, allowable costs of the period covered by the rate is carried forward as an adjustment to the rate computation of a subsequent period. When the actual costs for this period are determined, an adjustment will be made to a rate of a future year(s) to compensate for the difference between the costs used to establish the fixed rate and actual costs.

SECTION 6. ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT

GRANTEE

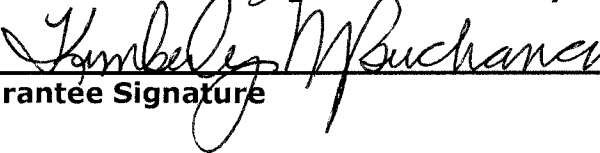
COGNIZANT AGENCY

Tarrant County
Grantee Name

Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Agency Name

Kimberly Buchanan Title County Auditor, CPA
Name of Grantee Signature Authority

Racheal Kane, Federal Funds Director
Name of Agency Signature Authority


Grantee Signature

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