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DATE: 11/19/2024

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SUBMITTED BY	Community Development	PREPARED BY:	Marguerite Allen
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HOME-ARP COMMITMENT AGREEMENT FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

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DRC Solutions must collect and report data on the beneficiaries of HOME-ARP funds, including demographics, ethnic group, income levels, household size, whether the household is experiencing homelessness, type of QP(s), and other relevant information requested by Tarrant County to evaluate the program's impact, such as progress toward service goals.

IX. Compliance with Laws

In providing the services required by this Agreement, DRC Solutions must observe and comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations, including without limitation, workers' compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage

statutes and regulations, and non-discrimination laws and regulations. DRC Solutions shall be responsible for ensuring its compliance with any laws and regulations applicable to Agreement activities.

X. Compliance of HOME-ARP Program Requirements

The parties agree to comply with all requirements set forth in the Notice, as applicable to supportive services projects.

XI. Applicability of Uniform Administrative Requirements and Financial Controls

The requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, as amended, apply to organizations receiving HOME-ARP funds, except for provisions specified in the Notice.

DRC Solutions will develop, implement, and maintain financial management and control systems, which include at a minimum accurate payroll, accounting and financial reporting records, cost source documentation, effective internal and budgetary controls, and determination of reasonableness, eligibility of costs, and timely and appropriate audits and resolution of any findings.

DRC Solutions will maintain an effective accounting system, which will:

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- b. Maintain records that permit the tracing of funds to a level of detail that establishes that the funds have been used in compliance with the Agreement requirements.
- c. Adequately identify the source and application of funds in each grant Agreement.
- d. Generate current and financial reports in accordance with Agreement requirements.

XII. Conflicts of Interest

- a. DRC Solutions ensures that it presently has no interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required hereunder.
- b. No officer, member, or employee of Tarrant County, and no public official of the governing body of the locality or localities in which the activities set forth in this Agreement are carried out, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in the review or approval of the undertaking or carrying out of these activities, shall participate in any decision relating to this Agreement which affects their personal or pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.
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- d. No member of or delegate to the U.S. Congress shall be admitted sharing any part hereof or to any benefit to arise here from.

XIII. Project Records and Records Retention

DRC Solutions shall maintain accurate records of all activities funded by HOME-ARP funds and shall make such records available for inspection by HUD, Tarrant County, or their designees upon request. Types of records include financial records, case files, program records, compliance records, all agreements, and amendments. These records must be kept for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of the submission of the final expenditure report.

XIV. Electronic Records

Electronic records are acceptable if they meet the same retention requirements and can be reliably accessed and retrieved.

XV. Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS)

Tarrant County will use IDIS to administer its HOME-ARP funds. Within 10 business days of this Agreement, Tarrant County will complete necessary activity set-up in IDIS. Upon receipt of appropriate documentation and after shepherding through any necessary approval processes, Tarrant County will process reimbursement request disbursements of HOME-ARP funds from its Treasury account and collect and report information on the use of HOME-ARP funds through IDIS.

XVI. Monitoring

Tarrant County will periodically monitor DRC Solutions to ensure all activities funded with HOME-ARP are compliant, including all file documentation pertaining to the implementation of this Agreement. Monitoring may include audits, site visits, physical inspections, and/or interviews. DRC Solutions shall fully cooperate with Tarrant County in monitoring the effectiveness of the work to be performed in compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

XVII. Corrective and Remedial Actions

Corrective or remedial actions for a performance deficiency will be designed to prevent a continuation of the deficiency; mitigate, to the extent possible, its adverse effects or consequences; and prevent its recurrence. Tarrant County and/or HUD may impose corrective or remedial actions, including potential repayment of ineligible funds, or recommend technical assistance as necessary or required.

XVIII. Amendments

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and all prior negotiations are merged into this Agreement. Any amendment, change, or addition to this Agreement shall be made only in writing and signed by both parties.

XIX. Availability of HOME-ARP Funds

If grant funds for Tarrant County are insufficient to cover the cost of this Agreement, Tarrant County may terminate this Contract without penalty upon providing written notice to DRC Solutions. No funds will be committed or available for any activities under this Agreement before

the completion of the environmental review and approval of the Requests for Release of Funds and Certification (RROF/C), as applicable.

XX. Annual Fiscal Condition Precedent

The parties acknowledge and agree that Tarrant County is a governmental entity subject to an annual budgetary process and restrictions on spending in conformity with that process and its approved budget. The parties further agree that, notwithstanding any other language or provision herein to the contrary, if for any reason funds are not budgeted expressly for this agreement for Tarrant County's fiscal years subsequent to that in which funds for this Agreement are first allocated, Tarrant County may immediately and without penalty, terminate this Agreement; provided, however that in no event shall such a termination be effective earlier than the expiration of the last date for which funds have already been so allocated under an existing, finally approved budget.

XXI. Force Majeure

Tarrant County is not responsible for any damage or delay caused by fire, wind, hail, or water, or any act of God, vandalism, pandemic, or political disturbance.

XXII. No Transfer

The parties to this Agreement will not sell, assign, transfer, or convey any benefits or obligations of this Agreement in whole or in part without the prior written consent of both parties. Any attempted assignment of same without approval shall be void and shall constitute a breach of this Agreement. It is agreed that Tarrant County has the right to inspect and approve in writing any proposed subcontracts between DRC Solutions and any subcontractor engaged in any activity in conjunction with projects contemplated under this Agreement prior to any changes being incurred.

XXIII. No Waiver of Immunity and Third Party

This Agreement shall not be interpreted to confer any benefit to a third party not party to this Agreement. This Agreement may not be interpreted to waive any statutory or common law defense, immunity, including governmental and sovereign immunity, or any limitation of liability, responsibility, or damage of any party to this Agreement, party's agent, or party's employee, otherwise provided by law.

XXIV. Boycott and Anti-terrorism Statutes

DRC Solutions verifies the acceptance and acknowledgement of the anti-boycott statutes as applicable by law and required by Chapters 2271, 2252, and 2272 of the Texas Government Code as follows:

- a. In compliance with Section 2271.001 et seq of the Texas Government Code, DRC Solutions verifies that neither it nor any of its affiliates currently boycott Israel and neither it nor any of its affiliates will boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement. "Boycott Israel" is defined in Section 808.001(1) of the Texas Government Code.

- b. In compliance with Section 2252.151 et seq. of the Texas Government Code, DRC Solutions warrants and represents that: (1) neither DRC Solutions nor any of its affiliates engages in scrutinized business operations in Sudan; (2) neither DRC Solutions nor any of its affiliates engages in scrutinized business operations in Iran; and (3) neither DRC Solutions nor any of its affiliates engages in scrutinized business operations with designated foreign terrorist organizations. “Scrutinized business operations in Sudan” is defined in Section 2270.0052 of the Texas Government Code. “Scrutinized business operations in Iran” is defined in Section 2270.0102 of the Texas Government Code. “Scrutinized business operations with designated foreign terrorist organizations” is defined in Section 2270.0152 of the Texas Government Code. DRC Solutions further represents and warrants that neither DRC Solutions nor any of its affiliates appears on any of the Texas Comptroller’s Scrutinized Companies List.

- c. In compliance with Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code (added by 87th Legislature, SB 13), DRC Solutions verifies that neither it nor any of its affiliates currently boycott energy companies and neither it nor any of its affiliates will boycott energy companies during the term of this Agreement. “Boycott energy company” is defined in Section 809.001(1) (added by 87th Legislature, SB 13) and means, without an ordinary business purpose, refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with a company because the company: (1) engages in the exploration, production, utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacturing of fossil fuel-based energy and does not commit or pledge to meet environmental standards beyond applicable federal and state law; or (2) does business with a company described in subsection (3).

- d. In compliance with Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code (added by 87th Legislature, SB 19), DRC Solutions verifies that neither it nor any of its affiliates have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and neither it nor any of its affiliates will discriminate during the term of the Agreement against a firearm entity or firearm trade organization. “Discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association” is defined in Section 2274.001(3) (added by 87th Legislature, SB 19) and means, with respect to the entity or association, to: (1) refuse to engage in the trade of any goods or services with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; (2) refrain from continuing an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; or (3) terminate an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association. The term does not include: (1) the established policies of a merchant, retail seller, or platform that restrict or prohibit the listing or selling of ammunition, firearms, or firearm accessories; and (2) a company’s refusal to engage in the trade of any goods or services, decision to refrain from continuing an existing business relationship, or decision to terminate an existing business relationship to comply with federal, state, or local law, policy, or regulations or a directive by a regulatory agency; or for any traditional business reason that is specific to the customer or potential customer and not based solely on an entity’s or association’s status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

XXV. Form 1295

DRC Solutions acknowledges and agrees that in accordance with Section 2252.908(b)-(c) of the Texas Government Code, it has fully, accurately, and completely disclosed all interested parties on the Texas Ethics Commission’s Form 1295 attached as “**Exhibit B.**”

XXVI. Invalidity

If any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement, for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability will not affect any other provision of this Agreement.

XXVII. Prior Agreements Superseded

This Agreement constitutes the sole and only agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes any prior understandings or written or oral agreements between the parties respecting the written subject matter.

XXVIII. Section Headings

The headings contained herein are for convenience in reference to this Agreement and are not intended to define or to limit the scope of any provision of this Agreement.

XXIX. Dispute Resolution

- a. In the event of any dispute, controversy, or claim relating to this Agreement, the parties first seek to resolve the dispute through good faith negotiation. Each party shall appoint a representative with authority to resolve the dispute, and the parties shall meet within ten (10) business days after written notice of the dispute to attempt to resolve it.
- b. During the dispute resolution process, both parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement, except to the extent that performance is directly related to the dispute.
- c. Each party shall bear its own legal fees and costs associated with the dispute resolution process.

XXX. Termination

Tarrant County may terminate this Agreement if DRC Solutions fails to comply with the terms and conditions herein, subject to a 60-day notice period to remedy any non-compliance. Upon termination, DRC Solutions shall return any unexpended funds to Tarrant County within 30 calendar days. Additionally, DRC Solutions may terminate this Agreement if they are unable to comply with the terms and conditions here, subject to a 30-day notice period. Tarrant County will not be responsible for any reimbursement requests received after the termination date.

XXXI. Governing Law and Venue

This Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Texas. The venue for any lawsuit arising out of this Agreement will be the Fort Worth Division of the Northern District of

Texas if the lawsuit arises in Federal Court or Tarrant County, Texas if the matter arises in state court.

XXXII. Debarment and Suspension

DRC Solutions certifies that neither it, nor any of its principals, is currently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible from participating in federal programs or activities under any federal statutes or regulations. This certification is based on review of the System for Award System Management (SAM) database (www.sam.gov).

DRC Solutions agrees to maintain current registration in SAM.gov throughout the term of this Agreement and ensure that either it nor its principals become debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible during the term of this Agreement. DRC Solutions shall immediately notify Tarrant County in writing if it, or any of its principals, is debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible during the term of this Agreement. DRC Solutions shall be liable for any costs or damages incurred by Tarrant County because of such termination.

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DRC SOLUTIONS, INCLUDING ITS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AFFILIATES, SUBSIDIARIES AND SUBCONTRACTORS AGREE TO FULLY INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS TARRANT COUNTY, ITS COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LOSSES, DAMAGES, INJURIES (INCLUDING DEATH), CAUSES OF ACTION, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LIABILITIES, JUDGMENTS, SUITS, FINES, ASSESSMENTS, PENALTIES, ADVERSE AWARDS AND EXPENSES (WHETHER BASED UPON TORT, BREACH OF AGREEMENT, PATENT, TRADEMARK OR COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT, OR OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INFRINGEMENT, FAILURE TO PAY EMPLOYEE TAXES OR WITHHOLDINGS, FAILURE TO OBTAIN WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE, OR OTHERWISE), WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, LEGAL AND RELATED LEGAL FEES AND EXPENSES, OF ANY KIND OR NATURE (COLLECTIVELY, "LOSSES") INCURRED BY TARRANT COUNTY ARISING OUT OF, OR ON ACCOUNT OF, OR RESULTING FROM, ANY CLAIM AGAINST TARRANT COUNTY TO THE EXTENT SUCH LOSSES ARISE OUT OF OR ARE CAUSED BY: (a) DRC SOLUTIONS OR ITS SUBCONTRACTORS OR THEIR RESPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE'S NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS; (b) DRC SOLUTIONS OR ITS SUBCONTRACTORS OR THEIR RESPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE'S INTENTIONAL OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT; (c) DRC SOLUTIONS OR ITS SUBCONTRACTORS OR THEIR RESPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE'S BREACH OR VIOLATION OF APPLICABLE FEDERAL OR STATE LAW; (d) BREACH OF DRC SOLUTIONS' OBLIGATIONS OR WARRANTIES SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT; (e) DRC SOLUTIONS OR ITS SUBCONTRACTORS OR THEIR RESPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE'S DEFAULT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF, ATTEMPTED PERFORMANCE OF, OR FAILURE TO PERFORM, ITS OBLIGATIONS PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT; OR (f) ANY COMBINATION OF ABOVE.

XXXIV. Notice

Any written notice required or permitted to be delivered hereunder shall be deemed to have been given when personally delivered, or if mailed, 72 hours after deposit of the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, certified, or registered, return receipt requested, properly addressed to the parties hereto at the respective addresses set forth below, or at such other addresses as they shall specify by written notice delivered to the following addresses:

TO TARRANT COUNTY:
Attn: Tarrant County Community
Development
2501 Parkview Dr., Ste. 420
Fort Worth, TX 76102

TO DRC SOLUTIONS:
1813 E. Lancaster Ave.
Fort Worth, TX 76103

XXXV. Term

This Agreement begins on the day it is executed. Funds must be expended for eligible and approved expenses within two (2) years. Extensions to this deadline must be made in writing and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Tarrant County reserves the right to deny extensions if DRC Solutions fails to meet expectations outlined in this Agreement. In no circumstance will Tarrant County grant extensions beyond September 30, 2030. After September 30, 2030, any HOME-ARP funds remaining will be cancelled and not available for obligations, reimbursement, or expenditure for any purpose.

XXXVI. Entire Agreement

This Agreement contains all the commitments and agreements between Tarrant County and DRC Solutions regarding this project.

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SIGNED AND EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

TARRANT COUNTY
STATE OF TEXAS

DRC SOLUTIONS

See Separate Signature Page



Tim O'Hare, County Judge

Bruce Frankel, CEO/President

APPROVED AS TO FORM

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABLE
FUNDS

*Craig Price by
Ann Diamond*



District Attorney's Office*

Tarrant County Auditor

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

Exhibit A – Program Summary

Summary

Amount of HOME-ARP Funding	\$247,440.24
Source of Funds	M21-DP480200
Project Description	Two (2) mobile system navigators will provide street outreach and housing navigation services to 200 households experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
Uses of HOME-ARP Funds	Salaries and benefits packages for two (2) mobile system navigators, supplies and materials required to provide supportive services to program participants
Supportive Services Type	Outreach services
# of Households Served (Goals)	200
Qualifying Population(s) Served	QP1 (Homeless)
Geographic Area Served	Tarrant County Consortium jurisdiction outside the areas of Arlington, Fort Worth, and Grand Prairie
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HOME-ARP Program Budget

The following costs are eligible project delivery costs to provide essential supportive services. They must be attributable to the identifiable objective of the service delivered. For more information, please see pg. 45 of the Notice.

Supplies and Materials	\$15,000.00
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Reimbursement and Reporting Schedule

Report 1 and Report 2 (as described) must be submitted within 30 days of the end of the month (e.g., May report must be submitted by June 30). No funds will be reimbursed after September 30, 2030.

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

Exhibit "B"

FORM 1295

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Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.
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**OFFICE USE ONLY
 CERTIFICATION OF FILING**

1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

DRC Solutions
 Fort Worth, TX United States

Certificate Number:
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Date Filed:
 09/23/2024

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

Tarrant County/Community Development

Date Acknowledged:
 09/23/2024

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.

HOME-ARP Commitment Agreement
 Mobile Case Management

4	Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of interest (check applicable)	
			Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is BRUCE FRANKEL, and my date of birth is 06/29/1952

My address is 629 Willow Drive, HURST, TX, 76054,
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in TARRANT County, State of TX, on the 23 day of SEPT, 2024.
(month) (year)


 Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
(Declarant)



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DRC Solutions must collect and report data on the beneficiaries of HOME-ARP funds, including demographics, ethnic group, income levels, household size, whether the household is experiencing homelessness, type of QP(s), and other relevant information requested by Tarrant County to evaluate the program's impact, such as progress toward service goals.

IX. Compliance with Laws

In providing the services required by this Agreement, DRC Solutions must observe and comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations, including without limitation, workers' compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage

statutes and regulations, and non-discrimination laws and regulations. DRC Solutions shall be responsible for ensuring its compliance with any laws and regulations applicable to Agreement activities.

X. Compliance of HOME-ARP Program Requirements

The parties agree to comply with all requirements set forth in the Notice, as applicable to supportive services projects.

XI. Applicability of Uniform Administrative Requirements and Financial Controls

The requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, as amended, apply to organizations receiving HOME-ARP funds, except for provisions specified in the Notice.

DRC Solutions will develop, implement, and maintain financial management and control systems, which include at a minimum accurate payroll, accounting and financial reporting records, cost source documentation, effective internal and budgetary controls, and determination of reasonableness, eligibility of costs, and timely and appropriate audits and resolution of any findings.

DRC Solutions will maintain an effective accounting system, which will:

- a. Identify and record detailed transactions in the appropriate accounting period in which transactions occurred.
- b. Maintain records that permit the tracing of funds to a level of detail that establishes that the funds have been used in compliance with the Agreement requirements.
- c. Adequately identify the source and application of funds in each grant Agreement.
- d. Generate current and financial reports in accordance with Agreement requirements.

XII. Conflicts of Interest

- a. DRC Solutions ensures that it presently has no interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required hereunder.
- b. No officer, member, or employee of Tarrant County, and no public official of the governing body of the locality or localities in which the activities set forth in this Agreement are carried out, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in the review or approval of the undertaking or carrying out of these activities, shall participate in any decision relating to this Agreement which affects their personal or pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.
- c. DRC Solutions ensures that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest directly or indirectly which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed under this Agreement. DRC Solutions covenants that in performance of this Agreement no person having such interest shall be employed.

- d. No member of or delegate to the U.S. Congress shall be admitted sharing any part hereof or to any benefit to arise here from.

XIII. Project Records and Records Retention

DRC Solutions shall maintain accurate records of all activities funded by HOME-ARP funds and shall make such records available for inspection by HUD, Tarrant County, or their designees upon request. Types of records include financial records, case files, program records, compliance records, all agreements, and amendments. These records must be kept for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of the submission of the final expenditure report.

XIV. Electronic Records

Electronic records are acceptable if they meet the same retention requirements and can be reliably accessed and retrieved.

XV. Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS)

Tarrant County will use IDIS to administer its HOME-ARP funds. Within 10 business days of this Agreement, Tarrant County will complete necessary activity set-up in IDIS. Upon receipt of appropriate documentation and after shepherding through any necessary approval processes, Tarrant County will process reimbursement request disbursements of HOME-ARP funds from its Treasury account and collect and report information on the use of HOME-ARP funds through IDIS.

XVI. Monitoring

Tarrant County will periodically monitor DRC Solutions to ensure all activities funded with HOME-ARP are compliant, including all file documentation pertaining to the implementation of this Agreement. Monitoring may include audits, site visits, physical inspections, and/or interviews. DRC Solutions shall fully cooperate with Tarrant County in monitoring the effectiveness of the work to be performed in compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

XVII. Corrective and Remedial Actions

Corrective or remedial actions for a performance deficiency will be designed to prevent a continuation of the deficiency; mitigate, to the extent possible, its adverse effects or consequences; and prevent its recurrence. Tarrant County and/or HUD may impose corrective or remedial actions, including potential repayment of ineligible funds, or recommend technical assistance as necessary or required.

XVIII. Amendments

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and all prior negotiations are merged into this Agreement. Any amendment, change, or addition to this Agreement shall be made only in writing and signed by both parties.

XIX. Availability of HOME-ARP Funds

If grant funds for Tarrant County are insufficient to cover the cost of this Agreement, Tarrant County may terminate this Contract without penalty upon providing written notice to DRC Solutions. No funds will be committed or available for any activities under this Agreement before

the completion of the environmental review and approval of the Requests for Release of Funds and Certification (RROF/C), as applicable.

XX. Annual Fiscal Condition Precedent

The parties acknowledge and agree that Tarrant County is a governmental entity subject to an annual budgetary process and restrictions on spending in conformity with that process and its approved budget. The parties further agree that, notwithstanding any other language or provision herein to the contrary, if for any reason funds are not budgeted expressly for this agreement for Tarrant County's fiscal years subsequent to that in which funds for this Agreement are first allocated, Tarrant County may immediately and without penalty, terminate this Agreement; provided, however that in no event shall such a termination be effective earlier than the expiration of the last date for which funds have already been so allocated under an existing, finally approved budget.

XXI. Force Majeure

Tarrant County is not responsible for any damage or delay caused by fire, wind, hail, or water, or any act of God, vandalism, pandemic, or political disturbance.

XXII. No Transfer

The parties to this Agreement will not sell, assign, transfer, or convey any benefits or obligations of this Agreement in whole or in part without the prior written consent of both parties. Any attempted assignment of same without approval shall be void and shall constitute a breach of this Agreement. It is agreed that Tarrant County has the right to inspect and approve in writing any proposed subcontracts between DRC Solutions and any subcontractor engaged in any activity in conjunction with projects contemplated under this Agreement prior to any changes being incurred.

XXIII. No Waiver of Immunity and Third Party

This Agreement shall not be interpreted to confer any benefit to a third party not party to this Agreement. This Agreement may not be interpreted to waive any statutory or common law defense, immunity, including governmental and sovereign immunity, or any limitation of liability, responsibility, or damage of any party to this Agreement, party's agent, or party's employee, otherwise provided by law.

XXIV. Boycott and Anti-terrorism Statutes

DRC Solutions verifies the acceptance and acknowledgement of the anti-boycott statutes as applicable by law and required by Chapters 2271, 2252, and 2272 of the Texas Government Code as follows:

- a. In compliance with Section 2271.001 et seq of the Texas Government Code, DRC Solutions verifies that neither it nor any of its affiliates currently boycott Israel and neither it nor any of its affiliates will boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement. "Boycott Israel" is defined in Section 808.001(1) of the Texas Government Code.

- b. In compliance with Section 2252.151 et seq. of the Texas Government Code, DRC Solutions warrants and represents that: (1) neither DRC Solutions nor any of its affiliates engages in scrutinized business operations in Sudan; (2) neither DRC Solutions nor any of its affiliates engages in scrutinized business operations in Iran; and (3) neither DRC Solutions nor any of its affiliates engages in scrutinized business operations with designated foreign terrorist organizations. “Scrutinized business operations in Sudan” is defined in Section 2270.0052 of the Texas Government Code. “Scrutinized business operations in Iran” is defined in Section 2270.0102 of the Texas Government Code. “Scrutinized business operations with designated foreign terrorist organizations” is defined in Section 2270.0152 of the Texas Government Code. DRC Solutions further represents and warrants that neither DRC Solutions nor any of its affiliates appears on any of the Texas Comptroller’s Scrutinized Companies List.

- c. In compliance with Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code (added by 87th Legislature, SB 13), DRC Solutions verifies that neither it nor any of its affiliates currently boycott energy companies and neither it nor any of its affiliates will boycott energy companies during the term of this Agreement. “Boycott energy company” is defined in Section 809.001(1) (added by 87th Legislature, SB 13) and means, without an ordinary business purpose, refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with a company because the company: (1) engages in the exploration, production, utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacturing of fossil fuel-based energy and does not commit or pledge to meet environmental standards beyond applicable federal and state law; or (2) does business with a company described in subsection (3).

- d. In compliance with Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code (added by 87th Legislature, SB 19), DRC Solutions verifies that neither it nor any of its affiliates have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and neither it nor any of its affiliates will discriminate during the term of the Agreement against a firearm entity or firearm trade organization. “Discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association” is defined in Section 2274.001(3) (added by 87th Legislature, SB 19) and means, with respect to the entity or association, to: (1) refuse to engage in the trade of any goods or services with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; (2) refrain from continuing an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; or (3) terminate an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association. The term does not include: (1) the established policies of a merchant, retail seller, or platform that restrict or prohibit the listing or selling of ammunition, firearms, or firearm accessories; and (2) a company’s refusal to engage in the trade of any goods or services, decision to refrain from continuing an existing business relationship, or decision to terminate an existing business relationship to comply with federal, state, or local law, policy, or regulations or a directive by a regulatory agency; or for any traditional business reason that is specific to the customer or potential customer and not based solely on an entity’s or association’s status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

XXV. Form 1295

DRC Solutions acknowledges and agrees that in accordance with Section 2252.908(b)-(c) of the Texas Government Code, it has fully, accurately, and completely disclosed all interested parties on the Texas Ethics Commission's Form 1295 attached as "Exhibit B."

XXVI. Invalidity

If any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement, for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability will not affect any other provision of this Agreement.

XXVII. Prior Agreements Superseded

This Agreement constitutes the sole and only agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes any prior understandings or written or oral agreements between the parties respecting the written subject matter.

XXVIII. Section Headings

The headings contained herein are for convenience in reference to this Agreement and are not intended to define or to limit the scope of any provision of this Agreement.

XXIX. Dispute Resolution

- a. In the event of any dispute, controversy, or claim relating to this Agreement, the parties first seek to resolve the dispute through good faith negotiation. Each party shall appoint a representative with authority to resolve the dispute, and the parties shall meet within ten (10) business days after written notice of the dispute to attempt to resolve it.
- b. During the dispute resolution process, both parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement, except to the extent that performance is directly related to the dispute.
- c. Each party shall bear its own legal fees and costs associated with the dispute resolution process.

XXX. Termination

Tarrant County may terminate this Agreement if DRC Solutions fails to comply with the terms and conditions herein, subject to a 60-day notice period to remedy any non-compliance. Upon termination, DRC Solutions shall return any unexpended funds to Tarrant County within 30 calendar days. Additionally, DRC Solutions may terminate this Agreement if they are unable to comply with the terms and conditions here, subject to a 30-day notice period. Tarrant County will not be responsible for any reimbursement requests received after the termination date.

XXXI. Governing Law and Venue

This Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Texas. The venue for any lawsuit arising out of this Agreement will be the Fort Worth Division of the Northern District of

Texas if the lawsuit arises in Federal Court or Tarrant County, Texas if the matter arises in state court.

XXXII. Debarment and Suspension

DRC Solutions certifies that neither it, nor any of its principals, is currently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible from participating in federal programs or activities under any federal statutes or regulations. This certification is based on review of the System for Award System Management (SAM) database (www.sam.gov).

DRC Solutions agrees to maintain current registration in SAM.gov throughout the term of this Agreement and ensure that either it nor its principals become debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible during the term of this Agreement. DRC Solutions shall immediately notify Tarrant County in writing if it, or any of its principals, is debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible during the term of this Agreement. DRC Solutions shall be liable for any costs or damages incurred by Tarrant County because of such termination.

XXXIII. Indemnification

DRC SOLUTIONS, INCLUDING ITS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AFFILIATES, SUBSIDIARIES AND SUBCONTRACTORS AGREE TO FULLY INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS TARRANT COUNTY, ITS COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LOSSES, DAMAGES, INJURIES (INCLUDING DEATH), CAUSES OF ACTION, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LIABILITIES, JUDGMENTS, SUITS, FINES, ASSESSMENTS, PENALTIES, ADVERSE AWARDS AND EXPENSES (WHETHER BASED UPON TORT, BREACH OF AGREEMENT, PATENT, TRADEMARK OR COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT, OR OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INFRINGEMENT, FAILURE TO PAY EMPLOYEE TAXES OR WITHHOLDINGS, FAILURE TO OBTAIN WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE, OR OTHERWISE), WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, LEGAL AND RELATED LEGAL FEES AND EXPENSES, OF ANY KIND OR NATURE (COLLECTIVELY, "LOSSES") INCURRED BY TARRANT COUNTY ARISING OUT OF, OR ON ACCOUNT OF, OR RESULTING FROM, ANY CLAIM AGAINST TARRANT COUNTY TO THE EXTENT SUCH LOSSES ARISE OUT OF OR ARE CAUSED BY: (a) DRC SOLUTIONS OR ITS SUBCONTRACTORS OR THEIR RESPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE'S NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS; (b) DRC SOLUTIONS OR ITS SUBCONTRACTORS OR THEIR RESPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE'S INTENTIONAL OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT; (c) DRC SOLUTIONS OR ITS SUBCONTRACTORS OR THEIR RESPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE'S BREACH OR VIOLATION OF APPLICABLE FEDERAL OR STATE LAW; (d) BREACH OF DRC SOLUTIONS' OBLIGATIONS OR WARRANTIES SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT; (e) DRC SOLUTIONS OR ITS SUBCONTRACTORS OR THEIR RESPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE'S DEFAULT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF, ATTEMPTED PERFORMANCE OF, OR FAILURE TO PERFORM, ITS OBLIGATIONS PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT; OR (f) ANY COMBINATION OF ABOVE.

XXXIV. Notice

Any written notice required or permitted to be delivered hereunder shall be deemed to have been given when personally delivered, or if mailed, 72 hours after deposit of the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, certified, or registered, return receipt requested, properly addressed to the parties hereto at the respective addresses set forth below, or at such other addresses as they shall specify by written notice delivered to the following addresses:

TO TARRANT COUNTY:
Attn: Tarrant County Community
Development
2501 Parkview Dr., Ste. 420
Fort Worth, TX 76102

TO DRC SOLUTIONS:
1813 E. Lancaster Ave.
Fort Worth, TX 76103

XXXV. Term

This Agreement begins on the day it is executed. Funds must be expended for eligible and approved expenses within two (2) years. Extensions to this deadline must be made in writing and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Tarrant County reserves the right to deny extensions if DRC Solutions fails to meet expectations outlined in this Agreement. In no circumstance will Tarrant County grant extensions beyond September 30, 2030. After September 30, 2030, any HOME-ARP funds remaining will be cancelled and not available for obligations, reimbursement, or expenditure for any purpose.

XXXVI. Entire Agreement

This Agreement contains all the commitments and agreements between Tarrant County and DRC Solutions regarding this project.

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SIGNED AND EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

TARRANT COUNTY
STATE OF TEXAS

DRC SOLUTIONS

See Separate Signature Page


Tim O'Hare, County Judge



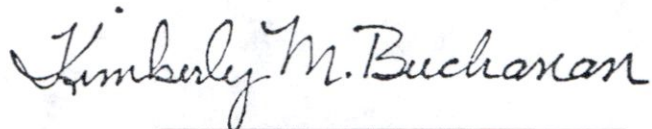
Bruce Frankel, CEO/President

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Certification of Funds
In the Amount of: \$247,440.24

Craig Price by
Ann Diamond 

District Attorney's Office*



Tarrant County Auditor

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

Exhibit A – Program Summary

Summary

Amount of HOME-ARP Funding	\$247,440.24
Source of Funds	M21-DP480200
Project Description	Two (2) mobile system navigators will provide street outreach and housing navigation services to 200 households experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
Uses of HOME-ARP Funds	Salaries and benefits packages for two (2) mobile system navigators, supplies and materials required to provide supportive services to program participants
Supportive Services Type	Outreach services
# of Households Served (Goals)	200
Qualifying Population(s) Served	QPI (Homeless)
Geographic Area Served	Tarrant County Consortium jurisdiction outside the areas of Arlington, Fort Worth, and Grand Prairie
Term of Agreement	This Agreement begins on the day it is executed. Funds must be expended for eligible and approved expenses within two (2) years.

HOME-ARP Program Budget

The following costs are eligible project delivery costs to provide essential supportive services. They must be attributable to the identifiable objective of the service delivered. For more information, please see pg. 45 of the Notice.

Supplies and Materials	\$15,000.00
Salary and Benefits Packages	\$217,440.24
TOTAL	\$247,440.24

Reimbursement and Reporting Schedule

Report 1 and Report 2 (as described) must be submitted within 30 days of the end of the month (e.g., May report must be submitted by June 30). No funds will be reimbursed after September 30, 2030.

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

Exhibit "B"

FORM 1295

1 of 1

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.
 Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

**OFFICE USE ONLY
 CERTIFICATION OF FILING**

Certificate Number:
 2024-1217771

Date Filed:
 09/23/2024

Date Acknowledged:
 09/23/2024

1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

DRC Solutions
 Fort Worth, TX United States

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

Tarrant County/Community Development

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.

HOME-ARP Commitment Agreement
 Mobile Case Management

4	Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of Interest (check applicable)	
			Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is BRUCE FRANKEL, and my date of birth is 06/29/1952

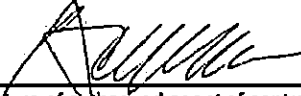
My address is 629 Willow Drive, WORTH, TX, 76054

(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in TARRANT County, State of TX, on the 23 day of SEPT, 2024.

(month) (year)



 Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
 (Declarant)

Consideration of a HOME Investment Partnerships Program – American Rescue Plan
Commitment Agreement between Tarrant County and DRC Solutions for the Provision of
Supportive Services

SIGNED AND EXECUTED this <#SignedAndExecutedDay#> day of
<#SignedAndExecutedMonth#>, <#SignedAndExecutedYear#>.

**COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS**

Consideration of a HOME Investment Partnerships Program – American Rescue Plan
Commitment Agreement between Tarrant County and DRC Solutions for the Provision of
Supportive Services

SIGNED AND EXECUTED this 25 day of November, 2024.

**COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim O'Hare", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Tim O'Hare
County Judge
11/25/2024