



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

COURT ORDER NUMBER 145048
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DATE: 4/15/2025

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO SUPPORT THE 3CP HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider the FY 2024 Continuum of Care (CoC) Grant Agreement between Tarrant County and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support the 3CP homeless assistance program, Grant #TX0093L6T012417, in the amount of \$479,850.00.

BACKGROUND

On March 19, 2024, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #142818, approved the submission of the FY 2024 CoC grant applications for the continuation and possible expansion of the Community Development permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing programs.

In Fall 2024, Tarrant County, through the Community Development Department, in conjunction with the City of Fort Worth, City of Arlington, and Partnership Home, applied for funding to support homeless assistance projects. The application was made in response to the U.S. Department of HUD's CoC Homeless Assistance Programs request for proposals.

With approval of this Grant Agreement, Tarrant County will receive grant funding totaling \$479,850.00 from HUD which will in part be distributed to local non-profit agencies through subrecipient agreements. This program provides rapid-rehousing resources to assist seventeen (17) households in Tarrant County overcoming homelessness.

The term of this agreement is from April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026. The subrecipient agreements will be presented to the Commissioners Court for approval at a later date.

The Criminal District Attorney's Office has reviewed the Grant Agreement as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT

Costs of administering this grant are paid with grant funds though grant # TX0093L6T012417. Funded agencies must fulfill any match requirements.

SUBMITTED BY	Community Development	PREPARED BY:	Janel Holt
		APPROVED BY:	James McClinton

Grant Number/FAIN: TX0093L6T012417
Recipient Name: Tarrant County
Tax ID No.: 75-6001170
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Number: DBH1UNN8U5J3

**CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM (Assistance Listing# 14.267)
GRANT AGREEMENT**

This Grant Agreement (“this Agreement”) is made by and between the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) and Tarrant County (the “Recipient”).

This Agreement, the Recipient’s use of funds provided under this Agreement (the “Grant” or “Grant Funds”), and the Recipient’s operation of projects assisted with Grant Funds are governed by

1. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42, approved March 9, 2024);
2. title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act 42 U.S.C. 11301 et seq. (the “Act”);
3. the Continuum of Care Program rule at 24 CFR part 578 (the “Rule”), as amended from time to time;
4. the Notice of Funding Opportunity for FY 2024 and FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Renewal or Replacement of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (NOFO), except for references in the NOFO to Executive Orders that have since been repealed;
5. all current Executive Orders; and
6. the Recipient’s application submissions on the basis of which these Grant Funds were approved by HUD, including the certifications, assurances, technical submission documents, and any information or documentation required to meet any grant award condition (collectively, the “Application”).

The Application is incorporated herein as part of this Agreement, except that only the project (those projects) listed below are funded by this Agreement. In the event of any conflict between any application provision and any provision contained in this Agreement, this Agreement shall control. Capitalized terms that are not defined in this agreement shall have the meanings given in the Rule.

- The Recipient is a Unified Funding Agency (UFA).
- The Recipient is the sole recipient designated by the applicable Continuum of Care.
- The Recipient is not the only recipient designated by the applicable Continuum of Care.

HUD’s total funding obligation authorized by this grant agreement is \$479850, allocated between the project(s) listed below (each identified by a separate grant number) and, within those projects, between budget line items, as shown below. The Grant Funds an individual project will receive are as shown in the Application on the final HUD-approved Summary Budget for the project. Recipient shall use the Grant Funds provided for the projects listed below, during the budget period(s) period stated below.

<u>Grant No. (FAIN)</u>	<u>Grant Term</u>	<u>Performance Period</u>	<u>Budget Period</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>
TX0093L6T012417	12	04/01/2025 - 03/31/2026	04/01/2025 - 03/31/2025	\$479,850
allocated between budget line items as follows:				
a. Continuum of Care Planning Activities				\$ <u>0</u>
b. Acquisition				\$ <u>0</u>
c. Rehabilitation				\$ <u>0</u>
d. New construction				\$ <u>0</u>
e. Leasing				\$ <u>0</u>
f. Rental assistance				\$ <u>369,012</u>
g. Supportive services				\$ <u>72,456</u>
h. Operating costs				\$ <u>0</u>
i. Homeless Management Information System				\$ <u>0</u>
j. Administrative costs				\$ <u>38,382</u>
k. Relocation costs				\$ <u>0</u>
l. VAWA Costs				\$ <u>0</u>
m. Rural Costs				\$ <u>0</u>
n. HPC homelessness prevention activities:				
Housing relocation and stabilization services				\$ <u>0</u>
Short-term and medium-term rental assistance				\$ <u>0</u>

Pre-award Costs for Continuum of Care Planning

The Recipient may, at its own risk, incur pre-award costs for continuum of care planning awards, after the date of the HUD selection notice and prior to the effective date of this Agreement, if such costs: a) are consistent with 2 CFR 200.458; and b) would be allowable as a post-award cost; and c) do not exceed 10 percent of the total funds obligated to this award. The incurrence of pre-award costs in anticipation of an award imposes no obligation on HUD either

to make the award, or to increase the amount of the approved budget, if the award is made for less than the amount anticipated and is inadequate to cover the pre-award costs incurred.

These provisions apply to all Recipients:

The Recipient:

- (1) shall not use grant funds to promote “gender ideology,” as defined in E.O. 14168, Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government;
- (2) agrees that its compliance in all respects with all applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws is material to the U.S. Government’s payment decisions for purposes of section 3729(b)(4) of title 31, United States Code;
- (3) certifies that it does not operate any programs that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
- (4) shall not use any Grant Funds to fund or promote elective abortions, as required by E.O. 14182, Enforcing the Hyde Amendment; and
- (5) Notwithstanding anything in the NOFO or Application, this Grant shall not be governed by Executive Orders revoked by E.O. 14154, including E.O. 14008, or NOFO requirements implementing Executive Orders that have been revoked.

The recipient must administer its grant in accordance with all applicable immigration restrictions and requirements, including the eligibility and verification requirements that apply under title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, as amended ([8 U.S.C. 1601-1646](#)) (PRWORA) and any applicable requirements that HUD, the Attorney General, or the U.S. Center for Immigration Services may establish from time to time to comply with PRWORA, [Executive Order 14218](#), or other Executive Orders or immigration laws.

No state or unit of general local government that receives funding under this grant may use that funding in a manner that by design or effect facilitates the subsidization or promotion of illegal immigration or abets policies that seek to shield illegal aliens from deportation.

Subject to the exceptions provided by PRWORA, the recipient must use SAVE, or an equivalent verification system approved by the Federal government, to prevent any Federal public benefit from being provided to an ineligible alien who entered the United States illegally or is otherwise unlawfully present in the United States.

HUD will not enforce provisions of the Grant Agreement to the extent that they require the project to use a housing first program model.

As stated in Section III.A.2 of the NOFO, Faith-based organizations may be recipients or subrecipients for funds under this agreement on the same basis as any other organization. Recipients may not, in the selection of subrecipients, discriminate against an organization based on the organization's religious character, affiliation, or exercise.

If any new projects funded under this Agreement are for project-based rental assistance for a term of fifteen (15) years, the funding provided under this Agreement is for the performance period stated herein only. Additional funding is subject to the availability of annual appropriations.

The budget period and performance period of renewal projects funded by this Agreement will begin immediately at the end of the budget period and performance period of the grant being renewed. Eligible costs incurred between the end of Recipient's budget period and performance period under the grant being renewed and the date this Agreement is executed by both parties may be reimbursed with Grants Funds from this Agreement. No Grant Funds for renewal projects may be drawn down by Recipient before the end date of the project's budget period and performance period under the grant that has been renewed.

For any transition project funded under this Agreement the budget period and performance period of the transition project(s) will begin immediately at the end of the Recipient's final operating year under the grant being transitioned. Eligible costs, as defined by the Act and the Rule incurred between the end of Recipient's final operating year under the grant being transitioned and the execution of this Agreement may be paid with funds from the first operating year of this Agreement.

HUD designations of Continuums of Care as High-performing Communities (HPCS) are published on HUD.gov in the appropriate Fiscal Years' CoC Program Competition Funding Availability page. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Application or this Agreement, Recipient may only use grant funds for HPC Homelessness Prevention Activities if the Continuum that designated the Recipient to apply for the grant was designated an HPC for the applicable fiscal year.

The Recipient must use the Grant Funds only for costs (including indirect costs) that meet the applicable requirements in 2 CFR part 200 (including appendices), as may be amended from time to time. The Recipient's indirect cost rate information is as provided in Addendum #1 to this Agreement. The Recipient must immediately notify HUD upon any change in the Recipient's indirect cost rate, so that HUD can amend the Agreement to reflect the change if necessary.

HUD notifications to the Recipient shall be to the address of the Recipient as stated in the Recipient's applicant profile in *e-snaps*. Recipient notifications to HUD shall be to the HUD Field Office executing the Agreement. No right, benefit, or advantage of the Recipient hereunder may be assigned without prior written approval of HUD.

The Recipient must comply with the applicable requirements in 2 CFR part 200, as may be

amended from time to time.

Build America, Buy America Act. The Grantee must comply with the requirements of the Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act, 41 USC 8301 note, and all applicable rules and notices, as may be amended, if applicable to the Grantee’s infrastructure project. Pursuant to HUD’s Notice, “Public Interest Phased Implementation Waiver for FY 2022 and 2023 of Build America, Buy America Provisions as Applied to Recipients of HUD Federal Financial Assistance” (88 FR 17001), any funds obligated by HUD on or after the applicable listed effective dates, are subject to BABA requirements, unless excepted by a waiver.

Waste, Fraud, Abuse, and Whistleblower Protections. Any person who becomes aware of the existence or apparent existence of fraud, waste or abuse of any HUD award must report such incidents to both the HUD official responsible for the award and to HUD’s Office of Inspector General (OIG). HUD OIG is available to receive allegations of fraud, waste, and abuse related to HUD programs via its hotline number (1-800-347-3735) and its online hotline form. You must comply with 41 U.S.C. § 4712, which includes informing your employees in writing of their rights and remedies, in the predominant native language of the workforce. Under 41 U.S.C. § 4712, employees of a government contractor, subcontractor, grantee, and subgrantee—as well as a personal services contractor—who make a protected disclosure about a Federal grant or contract cannot be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as long as they reasonably believe the information they disclose is evidence of:

1. Gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or grant;
2. Waste of Federal funds;
3. Abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract or grant;
4. Substantial and specific danger to public health and safety; or
5. Violations of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract or grant.

HUD may terminate all or a portion of the Grant in accordance with the Act, the Rule, and 2 CFR 200.340. The Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and may be amended only in writing executed by HUD and the Recipient.

By signing below, Recipients that are states and units of local government certify that they are following a current HUD approved CHAS (Consolidated Plan).

This agreement is hereby executed on behalf of the parties as follows:

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development**

BY: Leticia Ibarra
(Signature)

Leticia Ibarra, CPD Director – Fort Worth

3/25/2025
(Date/Federal Award Date)

RECIPIENT

Tarrant County
(Name of Organization)

BY: _____
(Signature of Authorized Official)

Tim O'Hare, County Judge
(Typed Name and Title of Authorized Official)

(Date)

Indirect Cost Information for Award Applicant/Recipient

1. Federal Program/Assistance Listing Program Title:
CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM/Assistance Listing# 14.267

2. Legal Name of Applicant/Recipient: Tarrant County

3. Indirect Cost Rate Information for the Applicant/Recipient:
Please check the box that applies to the Applicant/Recipient and complete the table only as provided by the instructions accompanying this form.

- The Applicant/Recipient will not charge indirect costs using an indirect cost rate.
- The Applicant/Recipient will calculate and charge indirect costs under the award by applying a *de minimis* rate as provided by 2 CFR 200.414(f), as may be amended from time to time.
- The Applicant/Recipient will calculate and charge indirect costs under the award using the indirect cost rate(s) in the table below, and each rate in this table is included in an indirect cost rate proposal developed in accordance with the applicable appendix to 2 CFR part 200 and, *if required*, has been approved by the cognizant agency for indirect costs.

Agency/department/major function	Indirect cost rate	Type of Direct Cost Base	Type of Rate
	%		
	%		
	%		

4. Submission Type (check only one):
 Initial submission Update

5. Effective date(s):
4/1/25-3/31/26

6. Certification of Authorized Representative for the Applicant/Recipient:
**Under penalty of perjury, I certify on behalf of the Applicant/Recipient that

- (1) all information provided on this form is true, complete, and accurate, and
- (2) the Applicant/Recipient will provide HUD with an update to this form immediately upon learning of any change in the information provided on this form, and
- (3) I am authorized to speak for the Applicant/Recipient regarding all information provided on this form.

Signature: _____
Date: _____
Name: Tim O'Hare
Title: County Judge

****Warning:** Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil and administrative penalties (18 U.S.C §§ 287, 1001, 1010, 1012, 1014; 31 U.S.C. § 3729, 3802; 24 CFR § 28.10(b)(iii)).

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Instructions for Completing the Indirect Cost Information for the Award Applicant/Recipient

Number	Item	Instructions
1	Federal Program/ Assistance Listing Program Title	Enter the title of the program as listed in the applicable funding announcement or notice of funding availability.
2	Legal Name of Applicant/ Recipient	Enter the legal name of the entity that will serve as the recipient of the award from HUD.
3	Indirect Cost Rate Information for the Applicant/ Recipient	<p>Mark the one (and only one) checkbox that best reflects how the indirect costs of the Applicant/Recipient will be calculated and charged under the award. Do not include indirect cost rate information for subrecipients.</p> <p>The table following the third checkbox must be completed only if that checkbox is checked. When listing a rate in the table, enter the percentage amount (for example, "15%"), the type of direct cost base to be used (for example, "MTDC"), and the type of rate ("predetermined," "final," "fixed," or "provisional").</p> <p>If using the Simplified Allocation Method for indirect costs, enter the applicable indirect cost rate and type of direct cost base in the first row of the table.</p> <p>If using the Multiple Allocation Base Method, enter each major function of the organization for which a rate was developed and will be used under the award, the indirect cost rate applicable to that major function, and the type of direct cost base to which the rate will be applied.</p> <p>If the Applicant/Recipient is a government and more than one agency or department will carry out activities under the award, enter each agency or department that will carry out activities under the award, the indirect cost rate(s) for that agency or department, and the type of direct cost base to which each rate will be applied.</p>
4	Submission Type	Check the appropriate box to identify whether this is the first submission of this form for the award or an update to a previous submission of this form for the award.
5	Effective date(s)	Enter the date(s) for which the information on this form applies.
6	Certification of Authorized Representative for the Applicant/ Recipient	An employee or officer of the Applicant/Recipient with the capacity and authority to make this certification for the Applicant/Recipient must make the certification by signing as provided. They must also provide the date of their signature, full name, and position title.