



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

COURT ORDER NUMBER 145005
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DATE: 4/2/2025

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND CREATE + COLLABORATE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES TO TARRANT COUNTY RESIDENTS

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

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BACKGROUND

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SUBMITTED BY	Commissioner, Precinct 1	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Jamal Williams Roderick Miles, Jr.
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THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF TARRANT §

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WHEREAS, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court hereby finds that the program provided by **Create + Collaborate** benefits the residents of Tarrant County, Texas, and hereby declares that this **Agreement** is one of a professional service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, this **Agreement** is made and entered into this 2nd day of April 2025, by and between **Create + Collaborate** acting by and through its duly authorized agent, and **TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS ("COUNTY")**, acting by and through its County Judge.

Create + Collaborate and the **COUNTY** agree as follows:

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2. **COUNTY**, for and in consideration of the services provided, agrees to pay to **Create + Collaborate** a lump sum payment of **\$5,000.00** for services rendered to the residents of Tarrant County, Texas for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025.
3. **TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY TEXAS LAW, CREATE + COLLABORATE HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS COUNTY, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, OFFICIALS, AND EMPLOYEES FROM ANY LOSS, DAMAGE, INJURY OR CLAIM ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENT OPERATION OF ITS PROGRAM. SAID INDEMNIFICATION WILL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, ALL AMOUNTS OF ALL CLAIMS, ATTORNEYS' FEES, AND COSTS OF COURT.**
4. Nothing contained in this **Agreement** shall be deemed or construed by the parties hereto, nor by any third party, as creating the relationship of principal and agent, partnership, joint enterprise, common enterprise, joint venture, joint owners, or joint tenants between the parties. The parties hereby declare and acknowledge that the relationship existing is one of independent contractor. This **Agreement** does not and shall not be construed to entitle either party or any of their respective employees or officials, if applicable, to any benefit, privilege or other amenities of employment from the other party.

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SIGNED AND EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Ricquel Archer
Founder/Director
Create + Collaborate

**COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS**

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Criminal District Attorney's Office*

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Exhibit A to Contract with Tarrant County, Texas



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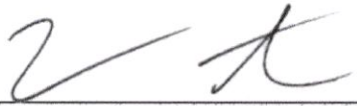
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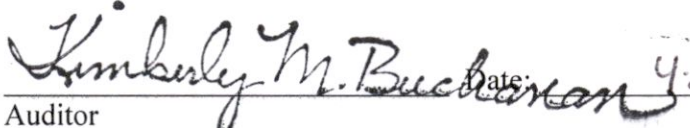
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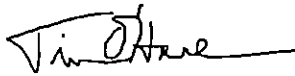
AGREEMENT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS
and Create + Collaborate (FY 2025)

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Consideration of a Grant Agreement between Tarrant County and Create + Collaborate to
Provide Support Services to Tarrant County Residents

SIGNED AND EXECUTED this 2 day of April, 2025.

**COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS**

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

Tim O'Hare
County Judge
4/10/2025