

**HAYS COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE FUNDING AGREEMENT
WITH HAYS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

This Social Service Funding Agreement ("the Agreement"), is made by and between **Hays County, Texas** (the "County") located at 712 S. Stagecoach Trail, Suite 1071, Texas 78666, and the **Hays Consolidated Independent School District** (the "Agency"), a non-profit corporation, located at 21003 Interstate 35 Frontage Road, Kyle, Texas 78640.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, a Declaration of State of Disaster was issued by Governor Abbott certifying that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), which has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus, posed an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2020, Governor Abbott determined that that state of disaster continues to exist due to COVID-19 and issued a Proclamation renewing the disaster declaration for all counties; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2020, Governor Abbott determined that the state of disaster continues to exist due to COVID-19 and issued a Proclamation further renewing the disaster declaration for all counties; and

WHEREAS, as a result of COVID-19 and the response measures taken, the Agency is in need of assistance to meet the additional needs and services of the community, specifically funds to assist in the payment of behavioral health care services for Hays Consolidated Independent School District students affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Agency would like to request funding from the County made available under Sections 602(b) and 603(b) of the Social Security Act (the Act) as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA Act");

WHEREAS, the County seeks to implement funding derived from the ARPA Act after March 2, 2021 in order to maximize benefits for Hays County residents; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to engage the Agency as a subrecipient to assist the County in utilizing the ARPA Act funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, WITNESSETH:

Recitals. The recitals to this Agreement are hereby incorporated for all purposes.

1. **Effective Date.** The effective date of this Agreement ("Effective Date") is the date this Agreement has been finally approved by the County. Agency understands that this Agreement is dependent upon the approval of the County.
2. **Term.** The initial term of this Agreement is from the Effective Date to provide ARPA Act funding through December 31, 2024. Unless terminated by either party pursuant to paragraph 4.6, the Agreement will automatically renew for purposes of administering ARPA Act Funds, until December 31, 2024. After 2024, the contract must be revisited by County's governing body.

I.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

- 1.1 Purpose. The County has in good faith determined that this Agreement serves a public purpose. This public purpose includes, but is not limited to, the Agency's efforts to meet the additional needs and services of the community, specifically staffing costs, unemployment insurance costs, professional fees, additional contract services, supplies and related equipment and additional financial assistance, all incurred due to the impact of COVID-19 or in the delivery of public health and safety operations for Hays County residents.
- 1.2 Use of Funds. The Agency understands that the funds provided to it by the County will be used solely for the program services as more particularly described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein ("Allowable Expenditures").
- 1.3 Distribution of ARPA Act Funds. The County will pay ARPA Act funds during the period that begins on the Effective Date and ends on December 31, 2024. All funding will comply with ARPA program guidelines and services described in Exhibit A as attached.

The Agency agrees to accept the not to exceed amount of \$200,000.00 that will be disbursed from ARPA Act Funds.

II.

AGENCY PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 Subrecipient Status. The County and the Agency agree that the Agency is a Subrecipient as described in 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.93. A Subrecipient is a non-Federal agency that receives a subaward from a pass-through entity to carry out a part of a Federal program. The Agency, as a subrecipient, will be responsible for administering the expenditures of the ARPA Act funds (SLFRF Assistance Listing Number – Hays County ALN 21.027 awarded by United States Department of the Treasury) consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Act. As a Subrecipient, the Agency will be responsible for, among other things, determining eligibility for distribution of Federal funds, making programmatic decisions, and taking responsibility for compliance with the ARPA Act and other federal laws.
- 2.2 Single Audit Act. The Allowable Expenditures are considered to be federal financial assistance subject to the Single Audit Act (31 U.S.C. §§ 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.303 regarding internal controls, §§ 200.330 through 200.332 regarding subrecipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements. The Agency agrees to comply with the above.
- 2.3 Allowable Expenditures. The Agency agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations governing the expenditure of funds under this Agreement. The Agency shall submit to the County Auditor's office all necessary invoicing and appropriate documentation evidencing expenditures and that said expenditures are Allowable Expenditures. Allowable Expenditures are limited to those expenditures shown on Exhibit "A", attached hereto

and incorporated herein. The agency may elect to take the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed by 2 C.F.R. Part 200. Despite this agreed upon payment, Agency agrees to return to the County the amount representing the prorated amount of the funds unearned if Agency's project progress is insufficient or this agreement is terminated for any reason or if Agency fails in any other respect under this agreement.

- 2.4 County Audit. The Agency agrees to allow the County to review Agency records to determine their compliance with the terms of this Agreement. Agency, during normal business hours shall allow County reasonable access to its records and books and all other relevant records related to the administrative services provided for in this Agreement.

III.

COUNTY PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 County Payment Responsibility. After receipt of the Agency's invoices, the County will endeavor to pay the Allowable Expenditures as soon as possible, but in any event no more than once monthly. The County shall have no obligation to pay Agency any Allowable Expenses over \$200,000.00 from ARPA Act Funds.

IV.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) (A.L.N. 21.027)

4.1 Use of Funds

- a. Recipient understands and agrees that the funds disbursed under this award may only be used in compliance with section 603(c) of the Social Security Act (the Act), Treasury's regulations implementing that section, and guidance issued by Treasury regarding the foregoing.
- b. Recipient will determine prior to engaging in any project using this assistance that it has the institutional, managerial, and financial capability to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of such project.

4.2 Scope of Activities; Budget.

- a. Activities. The Agency shall provide and administer the ARPA Act activities with the provisions of this Agreement (hereinafter "Activities").
 - i. Such Activities shall include those activities included in the ARPA Act funds budget attached to this Agreement as Exhibit A.
 - ii. The Agency shall make no unauthorized changes in the ARPA Act Activities as approved by the County; however, amounts allocated to line items within the total amount of the Budget may be transferred without formal amendment among items upon written request by the Agency and approval by the County. All other changes must be amended in accordance with Section V of this Agreement.
- b. Budget. The Agency has submitted for approval to the County a detailed ARPA Act funds budget;

which, in its approved form, is attached hereto as Exhibit A (hereinafter "Budget"). The County and the Agency may mutually agree to revise said budget from time to time in accordance with existing County policies. The County will pay to Agency ARPA Act funds consistent with Agency's Budget and in accordance with applicable County procedures, if any.

Except for lump sum advance payments authorized by the federal regulations and approved by the County, all payments made by Agency will be made for eligible expenses actually incurred and shall not exceed actual cash requirements.

- 4.3 Period of Performance The period of performance for this award begins on the date hereof and ends on December 31, 2026. As set forth in Treasury's implementing regulations, Recipient may use award funds to cover eligible costs incurred during the period that begins on the Effective Date December 21, 2021, and ends on December 31, 2026.
- 4.4 Reporting Recipient agrees to comply with any reporting obligations established by Treasury as they relate to this award.
- 4.5 Payment
- a. Amount of Grant. The amount to be paid to the Agency for the provision and administration of Activities under this Agreement shall be the total budget amount included in the ARPA funds budget attached to this contract as Exhibit A, payable as follows: drawdowns for the payment of eligible expenses shall be made upon Exhibit C, reviewed and approved by Hays County Program Manager for eligibility under the ARPA and for compliance with the terms of this Agreement.
- b. Vouchers; Voucher Review, Approval and Audit. Payments shall be made to the Agency as a reimbursement and shall be expressly contingent upon (i) the Agency submitting a request on Exhibit C, that (a) states Professional Behavioral Health Services, Administration, Salaries and Fringe Benefits for Behavioral Health Services District Staff, and certain costs for delivering Behavioral Health Services including Equipment, Supplies, Contractual Services, Rent/utilities, and District Specific Costs, (b) certifies that the activities performed and the payment requested are in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, and (c) is accompanied by documentation satisfactory to the County supporting the amount claimed, including, where applicable, copy of Payroll Reports that show Salary and Fringe Benefits for District Staff, Contracts for Behavioral Health Services, Invoices and Proof of Payment for Professional Behavioral Health Services, Equipment, Supplies, Contractual Services, Rent/utilities, Administrative and District Specific Costs paid by the Agency during the preceding month, and (ii) review, approval and audit of the Exhibit C by the County Program Manager and/or the County Auditor or his or her duly designated representative (the "Auditor"). Drawdowns for the payment of eligible expenses shall be made against the activities specified herein and in accordance with applicable performance requirements.
- 4.6 Insurance Payments Funds may be used to pay for Insurance Premiums for Hays County Residents who are uninsured.
- 4.7 Maintenance of and Access to Records
- a. Recipient shall maintain records and financial documents sufficient to evidence compliance with section 603(c) of the Act, Treasury's regulations implementing that section, and guidance issued by Treasury regarding the foregoing.
- b. The Treasury Office of Inspector General and the Government Accountability Office, or their authorized representatives, shall have the right of access to records (electronic and otherwise) of Recipient in order to conduct audits or other investigations.

c. Records shall be maintained by Recipient for a period of five (5) years after all funds have been expended or returned to Treasury, whichever is later.

4.8 Pre-award Costs. Pre-award costs, as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200.458, may not be paid with funding from this award.

4.9 Administrative Costs Recipient may use funds provided under this award to cover both direct and indirect costs.

4.10 Cost Sharing. Cost sharing or matching funds are not required to be provided by Recipient.

4.11 Conflicts of Interest Recipient understands and agrees it must maintain a conflict of interest policy consistent with 2 C.F.R. § 200.318(c) and that such conflict-of-interest policy is applicable to each activity funded under this award. Recipient and subrecipients must disclose in writing to Treasury or the pass-through entity, as appropriate, any potential conflict of interest affecting the awarded funds in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.112.

4.12 Compliance with Applicable Law and Regulations

a. Recipient agrees to comply with the requirements of section 603 of the Act, regulations adopted by Treasury pursuant to section 603(f) of the Act, and guidance issued by Treasury regarding the foregoing. Recipient also agrees to comply with all other applicable federal statutes, regulations, and executive orders, and Recipient shall provide for such compliance by other parties in any agreements it enters into with other parties relating to this award.

b. Federal regulations applicable to this award include, without limitation, the following:

- i. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, other than such provisions as Treasury may determine are inapplicable to this Award and subject to such exceptions as may be otherwise provided by Treasury. Subpart F - Audit Requirements of the Uniform Guidance, implementing the Single Audit Act, shall apply to this award.
- ii. Universal Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM), 2 C.F.R. Part 25, pursuant to which the award term set forth in Appendix A to 2 C.F.R. Part 25 is hereby incorporated by reference.
- iii. Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information, 2 C.F.R. Part 170, pursuant to which the award term set forth in Appendix A to 2 C.F.R. Part 170 is hereby incorporated by reference.
- iv. OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement), 2 C.F.R. Part 180, including the requirement to include a term or condition in all lower tier covered transactions (contracts and subcontracts described in 2 C.F.R. Part 180, subpart B) that the award is subject to 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and Treasury's implementing regulation at 31 C.F.R. Part 19.
- v. Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters, pursuant to which the award term set forth in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix XII to Part 200 is hereby incorporated by reference.
- vi. Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace, 31 C.F.R. Part 20.

- vii. New Restrictions on Lobbying, 31 C.F.R. Part 21.
 - viii. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4601-4655) and implementing regulations.
 - ix. Generally applicable federal environmental laws and regulations.
- c. Statutes and regulations prohibiting discrimination applicable to this award include, without limitation, the following:
- i. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d et seq.) and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. Part 22, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin under programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance;
 - ii. The Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§ 3601 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, or disability;
 - iii. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance;
 - iv. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101 et seq.), and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. Part 23, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance; and
 - v. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability under programs, activities, and services provided or made available by state and local governments or instrumentalities or agencies thereto.

- 4.13 Remedial Actions In the event of Recipient's noncompliance with section 603 of the Act, other applicable laws, Treasury's implementing regulations, guidance, or any reporting or other program requirements, Treasury may impose additional conditions on the receipt of a subsequent tranche of future award funds, if any, or take other available remedies as set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.339. In the case of a violation of section 603(c) of the Act regarding the use of funds, previous payments shall be subject to recoupment as provided in section 603(e) of the Act.
- 4.14 Hatch Act Recipient agrees to comply, as applicable, with requirements of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1508 and 7324-7328), which limit certain political activities of State or local government employees whose principal employment is in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by this federal assistance.
- 4.15 False Statements Recipient understands that making false statements or claims in connection with this award is a violation of federal law and may result in criminal, civil, or administrative sanctions, including fines, imprisonment, civil damages and penalties, debarment from participating in federal awards or contracts, and/or any other remedy available by law.
- 4.16 Publications. Any publications produced with funds from this award must display the following

language: "This project [is being] [was] supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number [enter project FAIN] awarded to [name of Recipient] by the U.S. Department of the Treasury."

4.17 Debts Owed the Federal Government

- a. Any funds paid to Recipient (1) in excess of the amount to which Recipient is finally determined to be authorized to retain under the terms of this award; (2) that are determined by the Treasury Office of Inspector General to have been misused; or (3) that are determined by Treasury to be subject to a repayment obligation pursuant to section 603(e) of the Act and have not been repaid by Recipient shall constitute a debt to the federal government.
- b. Any debts determined to be owed the federal government must be paid promptly by Recipient. A debt is delinquent if it has not been paid by the date specified in Treasury's initial written demand for payment, unless other satisfactory arrangements have been made or if the Recipient knowingly or improperly retains funds that are a debt as defined in paragraph 14(a). Treasury will take any actions available to it to collect such a debt.

4.18 Disclaimer

- a. The United States expressly disclaims any and all responsibility or liability to Recipient or third persons for the actions of Recipient or third persons resulting in death, bodily injury, property damages, or any other losses resulting in any way from the performance of this award or any other losses resulting in any way from the performance of this award or any contract, or subcontract under this award.
- b. The acceptance of this award by Recipient does not in any way establish an agency relationship between the United States and Recipient.

4.19 Protections for Whistleblowers.

- a. In accordance with 41 U.S.C. § 4712, Recipient may not discharge, demote, or otherwise discriminate against an employee in reprisal for disclosing to any of the list of persons or entities provided below, information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a federal contract or grant, a gross waste of federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant.
- b. The list of persons and entities referenced in the paragraph above includes the following:
 - i. A member of Congress or a representative of a committee of Congress;
 - ii. An Inspector General;
 - iii. The Government Accountability Office;
 - iv. A Treasury employee responsible for contract or grant oversight or management;
 - v. An authorized official of the Department of Justice or other law enforcement agency;
 - vi. A court or grand jury; or
 - vii. A management official or other employee of Recipient, contractor, or subcontractor who has the responsibility to investigate, discover, or address misconduct.
- c. Recipient shall inform its employees in writing of the rights and remedies provided under this section, in the predominant native language of the workforce.

4.20 Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States. Pursuant to Executive Order 13043, 62 FR 19217 (Apr.

18, 1997), Recipient should encourage its contractors to adopt and enforce on-the- job seat belt policies and programs for their employees when operating company-owned, rented or personally owned vehicles.

- 4.21 Reducing Text Messaging While Driving Pursuant to Executive Order 13513, 74FR 51225 (Oct. 6, 2009), Recipient should encourage its employees, subrecipients, and contractors to adopt and enforce policies that ban text messaging while driving, and Recipient should establish workplace safety policies to decrease accidents caused by distracted drivers.

V

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 5.1. Amendments or Modifications. No amendments or modifications to this Agreement may be made, nor any provision waived, unless in writing signed by a person duly authorized to sign agreements on behalf of each party.
- 5.2. Relationship of Parties. In performing this Agreement, both the County and Agency will act in an individual capacity, and not as agents, representatives, employees, employers, partners, joint-venturers, or associates of one another. The employees or agents of either party may not be, nor be construed to be, the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose.
- 5.3. Captions. The captions in this Agreement are for convenience only and are not a part of this Agreement. The captions do not in any way limit or amplify the terms and provisions of this Agreement.
- 5.4. Venue and Law. Venue for any legal action related to this Agreement is in Hays County, Texas. This Agreement is subject to all legal requirements of County, State and Federal laws, and Agency agrees that it will promptly comply with all such applicable laws, regulations, orders and rules of the State, County and other applicable governmental agencies. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and court decisions of the State of Texas without regard, however, to the conflicts of laws provisions of Texas law.
- 5.5. Sole Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the sole Agreement between County and Agency. Any prior agreements, promises, negotiations, or representations, verbal or otherwise, not expressly stated in this Agreement, are of no force and effect.
- 5.6. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated at any time at the option of either party, without future or prospective liability for performance upon giving thirty (30) days written notice thereof.
- 5.7. Survival of terms of Agreement and obligations of parties. The terms of this Agreement and the obligation of the parties relating to Section 14 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
- 5.8. Public Information Act Requirements. The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to this contract and the Agency agrees that the contract can be terminated if the Agency knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

5.9. Certificate of Interested Parties. Agency agrees to comply with Texas Government Code Section 2252.908, as it may be amended, and to complete Form 1295 "Certificate of Interested Parties" as part of this Agreement if required by said statute.

5.10 Notices. Notices required by this Agreement are as follows:

County;

County Judge
111 E. San Antonio St., Ste. 300
San Marcos, Texas 78666

and

County Auditor
712 S. Stagecoach Trail, Suite 1071
San Marcos, Texas 78666

Agency:

Hays Consolidated Independent School District
21003 Interstate 35 Frontage Road
Kyle, Texas 78640
Attention: Dr. Eric Wright

5.11 Procurement. The Parties recognize that Agency's status as a Subrecipient satisfies procurement requirements under 2 C.F.R. Part 200. However, should the laws of the State of Texas also or instead be applied to this Agreement, then the Parties agree that the Hays County Commissioners Court, by way of approving this Agreement, has granted an exemption to competitive procurement pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §262.024(a)(4) and §262.024(a)(2).

(SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS)

HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS.

By: _____
Ruben Becerra
Hays County Judge

_____ Date

ATTEST:

By: _____
Elaine H. Cardenas MBA PhD

_____ Date

Hays Consolidated Independent School District

By: _____
Dr. Eric Wright
Superintendent of Schools

_____ Date