



# Minnesota Department of Human Services County Grant Contract

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This Grant Contract, and all amendments and supplements to the contract ("CONTRACT"), is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Department of Human Services, Homelessness, Housing and Support Services Division ("STATE") and Ramsey County, an independent grantee, not an employee of the State of Minnesota, located at 121 7th Place, Suite 3000, St. Paul, MN 55101 ("COUNTY").

## RECITALS

STATE, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 256.01, subdivision 2(a)(6), has authority to enter into contracts for the following services: to provide emergency shelter, drop-in/day shelter or street outreach for individuals and families experiencing homelessness with funding from the Emergency Services Program.

COUNTY represents that it is duly qualified and willing to perform the services set forth in this CONTRACT to the satisfaction of STATE.

THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

## CONTRACT

### 1. CONTRACT TERM AND SURVIVAL OF TERMS.

**1.1. Effective date:** This CONTRACT is effective on **07/01/2025**, or the date that STATE obtains all required signatures under Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.98, subdivision 5, whichever is later.

**1.2. Expiration date.**

This CONTRACT is valid through 6/30/2027, or until all obligations set forth in this CONTRACT have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.

**1.3. No performance before notification by STATE.** COUNTY may not begin work under this CONTRACT, nor will any payments or reimbursements be made, until all required signatures have been obtained per Minn. Stat. § 16B.98, subd. 7, and COUNTY is notified to begin work by STATE's Authorized Representative.

**1.4. Survival of terms.** COUNTY shall have a continuing obligation after the expiration or termination of CONTRACT to comply with the following provisions of CONTRACT: Liability; Information Privacy and Security; Intellectual Property Rights; State audit; and Jurisdiction and Venue.

**1.5. Time is of the essence.** COUNTY will perform its duties within the time limits established in CONTRACT unless it receives written approval from STATE. In performance of CONTRACT, time is of the essence.

## **2. COUNTY'S DUTIES.**

**2.1 Duties.** COUNTY shall perform duties in accordance with **Attachment A**, Work Plan, which is attached and incorporated into this CONTRACT.

- a. Cooperate in the STATE's fiscal and program monitoring activities and implement and comply with such remedial action as is proposed by the STATE in a timely manner.

### **2.2. Grant Progress Reports.**

The GRANTEE shall comply with STATE Grant Progress Report requirements pursuant to OGM Policy 08-09, which include but are not limited to:

1. Participation in Minnesota's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), including entering program-related data (unless a waiver is granted by the STATE).
  - a. If a GRANTEE meets the definition of "victim service provider" as defined at 24 C.F.R. 576.2, then the GRANTEE is prohibited from entering any data into the Minnesota's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and is granted a waiver by the STATE.
2. Submitting Annual Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (generated in HMIS) in the format and containing the content established by the STATE. Unless otherwise notified by the STATE, the Annual Reports are due August 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, covering the prior twelve months (July 1-June 30).
3. If a waiver is granted by the STATE to enter program-related data in Minnesota's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), the GRANTEE shall:
  - a. Enter program-related data in an alternative ESP Report Template for Non-HMIS Providers (provided by the STATE).
  - b. Submit this alternative ESP Report Template for Non-HMIS Providers (containing the content format established by STATE) by the dates listed below (Unless otherwise notified by STATE):
    - ESP Annual Reports are due August 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, covering the prior twelve months (July 1-June 30).

**2.3 Accessibility.** Any information systems, tools, content, and work products produced under this CONTRACT, including but not limited to software applications, web sites, video, learning modules, webinars, presentations, etc., whether commercial, off-the-shelf (COTS) or custom, purchased or

developed, must comply with the [State of Minnesota Accessibility Standard](#),<sup>1</sup> as updated on July 1, 2024. This standard requires, in part, compliance with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 (Level AA) and Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Information technology deliverables and services offered must comply with the MN.IT Services Accessibility Standards and any documents, reports, communications, etc. contained in an electronic format that COUNTY delivers to or disseminates for the STATE must be accessible. (The relevant requirements are contained under the “Standards” tab at the link above.) Information technology deliverables or services that do not meet the required number of standards or the specific standards required may be rejected and STATE may withhold payment pursuant to clause 3.2(a) of CONTRACT.

### **3. CONSIDERATION AND TERMS OF PAYMENT.**

**3.1 Consideration.** STATE will pay for all services satisfactorily provided by COUNTY under this CONTRACT.

**a. Compensation.**

1. COUNTY will be paid in accordance with **Attachment B**, Budget, which is attached and incorporated into this CONTRACT.
2. Budget Modification.
  - a. COUNTY must obtain STATE written approval before changing any part of the budget.
  - b. Notwithstanding Clause 17.1 of CONTRACT, shifting of funds between budget line items does not require an amendment if the amount shifted does not exceed 10% of that budget year total and does not change the total obligation amount.
  - c. If COUNTY’s approved budget changes proceed without an amendment pursuant to this clause, COUNTY must record the budget change in EGMS or on a form provided by STATE.

**b. Travel and subsistence expenses.** Reimbursement for travel and subsistence expenses actually and necessarily incurred as a result of COUNTY's performance under this CONTRACT shall be no greater an amount than provided in the most current Commissioner’s Plan (which is incorporated by reference), promulgated by the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget as specified in the [Commissioner’s Plan, page 69, Chapter 15](#).<sup>2</sup> COUNTY shall not be reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses incurred outside the geographical boundaries of Minnesota unless it has received prior written approval from STATE. Minnesota shall be considered the home state for determining whether travel is out of state.

**c. Total obligation.** The total obligation of STATE for all compensation and reimbursements to COUNTY shall not exceed **one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000.00)**.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://mn.gov/mnit/about-mnit/accessibility/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://mn.gov/mmb/employee-relations/labor-relations/labor/commissioners-plan.jsp>

- d. **Withholding.** For compensation payable under this CONTRACT, which is subject to withholding under state or federal law, appropriate amounts will be deducted and withheld by STATE as required.

### **3.2. Terms of payment**

- a. **Invoices.** Payments shall be made by STATE promptly after COUNTY submits an invoice for services performed and the services have been determined acceptable by STATE's authorized agent pursuant to Clause 4.1. Invoices shall be submitted in a form prescribed by STATE, if applicable, and according to the following schedule: **Each month GRANTEE shall submit an Expenditure Report to Enterprise Grant Management System (EGMS) to request reimbursement and report expenditures.** If STATE does not prescribe a form, COUNTY may submit invoices in a mutually agreed invoice format.
- b. **Federal funds.** Not applicable.

## **4. CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT.**

**4.1. Satisfaction of STATE.** All services provided by COUNTY pursuant to this CONTRACT shall be performed to the satisfaction of STATE, as determined at the sole discretion of its authorized representative, and in accord with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations. COUNTY shall not receive payment for work found by STATE to be unsatisfactory, or performed in violation of federal, state, or local law, ordinance, rule, or regulation, or if COUNTY has failed to provide Grant Progress Reports pursuant to Clause 2.2, or if the Progress Reports are determined to be unsatisfactory.

**4.2. Payments to subcontractors.** (If applicable) As required by Minn. Stat. § 16A.1245, COUNTY must pay all subcontractors, within ten (10) calendar days of COUNTY's receipt of payment from STATE for undisputed services provided by the subcontractor(s) and must pay interest at the rate of 1-1/2 percent per month or any part of a month to the subcontractor(s) on any undisputed amount not paid on time to the subcontractor(s).

**4.3. Administrative costs and reimbursable expenses.** Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16B.98, subd. 1(a), COUNTY agrees to minimize administrative costs as a condition of this grant. COUNTY shall ensure that costs claimed for reimbursement shall be actual costs, to be determined in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.0 et seq. COUNTY shall not invoice STATE for services that are reimbursable via a public or private health insurance plan. If COUNTY receives funds from a source other than STATE in exchange for services, then COUNTY may not receive payment from STATE for those same services. COUNTY shall seek reimbursement from all sources before seeking reimbursement pursuant to CONTRACT.

### **4.4. Unexpended Funds.**

COUNTY must promptly return to the STATE any unexpended funds that have not been accounted for annually in a financial report to the STATE due at grant closeout.

## **5. PAYMENT RECOUPMENT.**

COUNTY must reimburse STATE upon demand or STATE may deduct from future payments under this CONTRACT or future CONTRACTS the following:

- a. Any amounts received by COUNTY from the STATE for contract services that have been inaccurately reported or are found to be unsubstantiated;
- b. Any amounts paid by COUNTY to a subcontractor not authorized in writing by STATE;
- c. Any amount paid by STATE for services which either duplicate services covered by other specific grants or contracts, or amounts determined by STATE as non-allowable under the line-item budget, clause 3.1(a);
- d. Any amounts paid by STATE for which COUNTY'S books, records and other documents are not sufficient to clearly substantiate that those amounts were used by COUNTY to perform contract services, in accordance with clause 2, COUNTY'S Duties; and/or
- e. Any amount identified as a financial audit exception.

## **6. TERMINATION.**

### **6.1. Termination by the State.**

- a. **Without cause.** STATE may terminate this CONTRACT without cause, upon 30 days' written notice to COUNTY. Upon termination, COUNTY will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed.
- b. **Termination for Cause.** STATE may immediately terminate this CONTRACT if the STATE finds that there has been a failure to comply with the provisions of the CONTRACT, that reasonable progress has not been made or that the purposes for which the funds were granted have not been or will not be fulfilled. STATE may take action to protect the interests of the State of Minnesota, including the refusal to disburse additional funds and requiring the return of all or part of the funds already disbursed.

### **6.2. Termination by the Commissioner of Administration.**

In accord with Minn. Stat. § 16B.991, subd. 2, the Commissioner of Administration may unilaterally terminate this CONTRACT if further performance under the CONTRACT would not serve agency purposes or is not in the best interest of the STATE.

**6.3. Insufficient funds.** STATE may immediately terminate this CONTRACT if it does not obtain funding from the Minnesota Legislature or other funding source; or if funding cannot be continued at a level sufficient to allow for the payment of the services covered here. Termination will be by written notice to COUNTY. STATE is not obligated to pay for any services that are provided after the effective date of termination. COUNTY will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed to the extent that funds are available. STATE will not be assessed any penalty if the CONTRACT is terminated because of the decision of the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source, not to appropriate funds. STATE must provide COUNTY notice of the lack of funding within a reasonable time of STATE'S receiving that notice.

**6.4. Breach.** Notwithstanding clause 6.1, upon STATE's knowledge of a curable material breach of the CONTRACT by COUNTY, STATE shall provide COUNTY written notice of the breach and ten (10) days to cure the breach. If COUNTY does not cure the breach within the time allowed, COUNTY will be in default of this CONTRACT and STATE may terminate the CONTRACT immediately thereafter. If COUNTY has breached a material term of this CONTRACT and cure is not possible, STATE may immediately terminate this CONTRACT.

**6.5. Conviction relating to a grant.** In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 16B.991, subd. 1, this CONTRACT will immediately be terminated if the recipient is convicted of a criminal offense relating to a grant agreement.

## **7. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES, RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY, and PROJECT MANAGER.**

**7.1. State.** STATE's authorized representative for the purposes of administration of this CONTRACT is **Andrea Simonett** or successor. Phone and email: **612-431-6327 and andrea.simonett@state.mn.us**. This representative shall have final authority for acceptance of COUNTY's services and if such services are accepted as satisfactory, shall so certify on each invoice submitted pursuant to Clause 3.2.

**7.2. County.** COUNTY's Authorized Representative is **Keith A. Lattimore** or successor. Phone and email: **651-266-1041 and keith.lattimore@co.ramsey.mn.us**. If COUNTY's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this CONTRACT, COUNTY must immediately notify STATE.

**7.3. Information Privacy and Security.** (If applicable) COUNTY's responsible authority for the purposes of complying with data privacy and security for this CONTRACT is **Keith A. Lattimore** or successor. Phone and email: **651-266-1041 and keith.lattimore@co.ramsey.mn.us**.

## **8. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.**

**8.1. Worker's Compensation.** The COUNTY certifies that it is in compliance with Minn. Stat. § 176.181, subd. 2, pertaining to workers' compensation insurance coverage. The COUNTY'S employees and agents will not be considered employees of the STATE. Any claims that may arise under the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Act on behalf of these employees or agents and any claims made by any third party as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of these employees or agents are in no way the STATE'S obligation or responsibility.

## **9. LIABILITY.**

To the extent provided for in Minn. Stat. §§ 466.01-466.15, the COUNTY agrees to be responsible for any and all claims or causes of action arising from the performance of this grant contract by COUNTY or COUNTY'S agents or employees. This clause shall not be construed to bar any legal remedies COUNTY may have for the STATE'S failure to fulfill its obligations pursuant to this grant.

## **10. INFORMATION PRIVACY AND SECURITY.**

- a. It is expressly agreed that STATE will not be disclosing or providing information protected under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13 (the "Data

Practices Act”) as “not public data” on individuals to COUNTY under this Contract. “Not public data” means any data that is classified as confidential, private, nonpublic, or protected nonpublic by statute, federal law or temporary classification. Minn. Stat. § 13.02, subd. 8a.

- b. It is expressly agreed that COUNTY will not create, receive, maintain, or transmit "protected health information", as defined in the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (“HIPAA”), 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, on behalf of STATE for a function or activity regulated by 45 C.F.R. 160 or 164. Accordingly, COUNTY is not a "business associate" of STATE, as defined in HIPAA, 45 C.F.R. § 160.103 as a result of, or in connection with, this CONTRACT. Therefore, COUNTY is not required to comply with the privacy provisions of HIPAA as a result of, or for purposes of, performing under this CONTRACT. If COUNTY has responsibilities to comply with the Data Practices Act or HIPAA for reasons other than this CONTRACT, COUNTY will be responsible for its own compliance.

## **11. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS.**

**11.1. Definitions.** Works means all inventions, improvements, discoveries (whether or not patentable or copyrightable), databases, computer programs, reports, notes, studies, photographs, negatives, designs, drawings, specifications, materials, tapes, and disks conceived, reduced to practice, created or originated by COUNTY, its employees, agents, and subcontractors, either individually or jointly with others in the performance of the CONTRACT. Works includes “Documents.” Documents are the originals of any data bases, computer programs, reports, notes, studies, photographs, negatives, designs, drawings, specifications, materials, tapes, disks, or other materials, whether in tangible or electronic forms, prepared by COUNTY, its employees, agents, or subcontractors, in the performance of this CONTRACT.

**11.2. Ownership.** STATE owns all rights, title, and interest in all of the intellectual property, including copyrights, patents, trade secrets, trademarks, and service marks in the Works and Documents created and paid for under this CONTRACT. The Works and Documents will be the exclusive property of STATE and all such Works and Documents must be immediately returned to STATE by COUNTY upon completion or termination of this CONTRACT. To the extent possible, those Works eligible for copyright protection under the United States Copyright Act will be deemed to be “works made for hire.” If using STATE data, COUNTY must cite the data, or make clear by referencing that STATE is the source.

### **11.3. Responsibilities.**

- a. **Notification.** Whenever any Works or Documents (whether or not patentable) are made or conceived for the first time or actually or constructively reduced to practice by COUNTY, including its employees and subcontractors, and are created and paid for under this CONTRACT, COUNTY will immediately give STATE’s Authorized Representative written notice thereof, and must promptly furnish the Authorized Representative with complete information and/or disclosure thereon. COUNTY will assign all right, title, and interest it may have in the Works and the Documents to STATE.

- b. Filing and recording of ownership interests.** COUNTY must, at the request of STATE, execute all papers and perform all other acts necessary to transfer or record STATE's ownership interest in the Works and Documents created and paid for under this CONTRACT. COUNTY must perform all acts, and take all steps necessary to ensure that all intellectual property rights in these Works and Documents are the sole property of STATE, and that neither COUNTY nor its employees, agents, or subcontractors retain any interest in and to these Works and Documents.
- c. Duty not to infringe on intellectual property rights of others.** COUNTY represents and warrants that the Works and Documents created and paid for under this CONTRACT do not and will not infringe upon any intellectual property rights of other persons or entities. Notwithstanding Clause 9, COUNTY will indemnify; defend, to the extent permitted by the Attorney General; and hold harmless STATE, at COUNTY's expense, from any action or claim brought against STATE to the extent that it is based on a claim that all or part of these Works or Documents infringe upon the intellectual property rights of others. COUNTY will be responsible for payment of any and all such claims, demands, obligations, liabilities, costs, and damages, including but not limited to, attorney's fees. If such a claim or action arises, or in COUNTY's or STATE's opinion is likely to arise, COUNTY must, at STATE's discretion, either procure for STATE the right or license to use the intellectual property rights at issue or replace or modify the allegedly infringing Works or Documents as necessary and appropriate to obviate the infringement claim. This remedy of STATE will be in addition to and not exclusive of other remedies provided by law.
- d. Federal license granted.** If federal funds are used in the payment of this CONTRACT, pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 75.322, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is granted a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the work for Federal purposes, and to authorize others to do so.

## **12. PUBLICITY.**

**12.1. General publicity.** Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this CONTRACT must identify STATE as the sponsoring agency and must not be released without prior written approval from the STATE's authorized representative. For purposes of this provision, publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, websites, social media, and similar public notices prepared by or for the COUNTY individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, with respect to the program, publications, or services provided resulting from this CONTRACT. All projects primarily funded by state grant appropriation must publicly credit the State of Minnesota, including on the COUNTY's website when practicable.

**12.2. Endorsement.** COUNTY must not claim that STATE endorses its products or services.

**13. OWNERSHIP OF EQUIPMENT.** The STATE shall have the right to require transfer of all equipment purchased with grant funds (including title) to STATE or to an eligible non-STATE party named by the STATE. If federal funds are granted by the STATE, then disposition of all equipment purchased under this grant contract shall be in accordance with OMB Uniform Grant Guidance, 2 C.F.R. §



200.313. For all equipment having a current per unit fair market value of \$10,000 or more, STATE shall have the right to require transfer of the equipment (including title) to the Federal Government. These rights will normally be exercised by STATE only if the project or program for which the equipment was acquired is transferred from one grantee to another.

## **14. AUDIT REQUIREMENTS AND COUNTY DEBARMENT INFORMATION.**

### **14.1. State audit.**

Under Minn. Stat. § 16B.98, subd. 8, the books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the COUNTY or other party that are relevant to the CONTRACT are subject to examination by STATE and either the legislative auditor or the state auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the CONTRACT end date, receipt and approval of all final reports, or the required period of time to satisfy all state and program retention requirements, whichever is later.

**14.2. Independent audit.** If COUNTY conducts or undergoes an independent audit during the term of this CONTRACT that is relevant to this CONTRACT, notice of the relevant audit must be provided to STATE within thirty (30) days of the audit's completion and a copy provided, if requested.

**14.3. Federal audit requirements and COUNTY debarment information.** COUNTY certifies it will comply with 2 C.F.R § 200.501 et seq., as applicable. To the extent federal funds are used for this CONTRACT, COUNTY acknowledges that COUNTY and STATE shall comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. § 200.331. Non-Federal entities receiving \$1,000,000 or more of federal funding in a fiscal year must obtain a single or program-specific audit conducted for that year in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.501. Failure to comply with these requirements could result in forfeiture of federal funds.

### **14.4. Debarment by STATE, its departments, commissions, agencies or political subdivisions.**

COUNTY certifies that neither it nor its principles are presently debarred or suspended by the State of Minnesota, or any of its departments, commissions, agencies, or political subdivisions, as shown on the Minnesota Department of Administration's [Suspended/Debarred Vendor Report](https://mn.gov/admin/osp/government/suspended-debarred/).<sup>3</sup> COUNTY's certification is a material representation upon which the CONTRACT award was based. COUNTY shall provide immediate written notice to STATE's authorized representative if at any time it learns that this certification was erroneous when submitted or becomes erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

### **14.5. Certification regarding debarment, suspension, ineligibility, and voluntary exclusion – lower tier covered transactions.**

COUNTY's certification is a material representation upon which CONTRACT award was based. Federal money will be used or may potentially be used to pay for all or part of the work under CONTRACT, therefore COUNTY must certify the following, as required by 2 C.F.R. § 180, or its regulatory equivalent.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://mn.gov/admin/osp/government/suspended-debarred/>

#### **a. Instructions for Certification**

1. By signing and submitting this CONTRACT, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this CONTRACT is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverages sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this CONTRACT is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this response that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 C.F.R. part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this CONTRACT that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 C.F.R. part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 C.F.R. part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

**b. Lower Tier Covered Transactions.**

1. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this CONTRACT, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this CONTRACT.

**15. JURISDICTION AND VENUE.**

This CONTRACT, and amendments and supplements, are governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota. Venue for all legal proceedings arising out of this CONTRACT, or breach of the CONTRACT, shall be in the state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

**16. CLERICAL ERRORS AND NON-WAIVER.**

**16.1. Clerical error.** Notwithstanding Clause 17.1, STATE reserves the right to unilaterally fix clerical errors contained in the CONTRACT without executing an amendment. COUNTY will be informed of errors that have been fixed pursuant to this paragraph.

**16.2. Non-waiver.** If STATE fails to enforce any provision of this CONTRACT, that failure does not waive the provision or STATE's right to enforce it.

**17. AMENDMENT, ASSIGNMENT, SEVERABILITY, ENTIRE AGREEMENT, AND DRAFTING PARTY.**

**17.1. Amendments.** Any amendments to this CONTRACT shall be in writing and shall be executed by the same parties who executed the original CONTRACT, or their successors in office.

**17.2. Assignment.** COUNTY shall neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this CONTRACT without the prior written consent of STATE.

**17.3. Entire Agreement.**

- a. If any provision of this CONTRACT is held to be invalid or unenforceable in any respect, the validity and enforceability of the remaining terms and provisions of this CONTRACT shall not in any way be affected or impaired. The parties will attempt in good faith to agree upon a valid and enforceable provision that is a reasonable substitute, and will incorporate the substitute provision in this CONTRACT according to clause 17.1.

- b. This CONTRACT contains all negotiations and agreements between STATE and COUNTY. No other understanding regarding this CONTRACT, whether written or oral may be used to bind either party.

**17.4. Drafting party.** The parties agree that each party individually has had an opportunity to review with a legal representative, negotiate and draft this CONTRACT, and that, in the event of a dispute, the CONTRACT shall not be construed against either party.

## **18. PROCURING GOODS AND CONTRACTED SERVICES.**

**18.1. Contracting and bidding requirements.** COUNTY certifies that it shall comply with Minn. Stat. § 471.345.

**18.2. Prevailing wage.** For projects that include construction work of \$25,000 or more, prevailing wage rules apply per Minn. Stat. §§ 177.41 through 177.44; consequently, the bid request must state the project is subject to *prevailing wage*. These rules require that the wages of laborers and workers should be comparable to wages paid for similar work in the community as a whole. Vendors should submit a prevailing wage form along with their bids.

**18.3 Debarred vendors.** In the provision of goods or services under this CONTRACT, COUNTY must not contract with vendors who are suspended or debarred in Minnesota or under federal law. Before entering into a subcontract, COUNTY must check if vendors are suspended or debarred by referencing the Minnesota Department of Administration's [Suspended/Debarred Vendor Report](#).<sup>4</sup> A link to vendors debarred by Federal agencies is provided at the bottom of the web page.

## **19. SUBCONTRACTS.**

COUNTY, as an awardee organization, is legally and financially responsible for all aspects of this award that are subcontracted, including funds provided to sub-recipients and subcontractors, in accordance with 45 C.F.R. §§ 75.351-75.352. COUNTY shall ensure that the material obligations, borne by the COUNTY in this CONTRACT, apply as between COUNTY and subrecipients, in all subcontracts, to the same extent that the material obligations apply as between the STATE and COUNTY.

## **20. LEGAL COMPLIANCE.**

**20.1 General compliance.** All performance under this CONTRACT must be in compliance with state and federal law and regulations, and local ordinances. Allegations that STATE deems reasonable, in its sole discretion, of violations of state or federal law or regulations, or of local ordinances, may result in CONTRACT termination and/or reporting to local authorities by STATE.

**20.2 Nondiscrimination.** COUNTY will not discriminate against any person on the basis of the person's race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, gender identity or expression, disability, public assistance status, sexual orientation, age, familial status, membership or activity in a local commission, or status as a member of the uniformed services. COUNTY must refrain from such

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<sup>4</sup> <https://mn.gov/admin/osp/government/suspended-debarred/>

discrimination as a matter of its contract with STATE. "Person" includes, without limitation, a STATE employee, COUNTY's employee, a program participant, and a member of the public. "Discriminate" means, without limitation, to fail or refuse to hire, discharge, or otherwise discriminate against any person with respect to the compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, or; exclude from participation in, deny the benefits of, or subject to discrimination under any COUNTY program or activity.

COUNTY will ensure that all of its employees and agents comply with Minnesota Management and Budget Policy #[1329](#) (Sexual Harassment Prohibited) and #[1436](#) (Harassment and Discrimination Prohibited).

**20.3 Grants management policies.** COUNTY must comply with required [Grants Management Policies and procedures](#) as specified in Minn. Stat. § 16B.97, subd. 4(a)(1). Compliance under this paragraph includes, but is not limited to, participating in monitoring and financial reconciliation as required by Office of Grants Management (OGM) Policy 08-10.

**20.4 Conflict of interest.** COUNTY certifies that it does not have any conflicts of interest related to this CONTRACT, as defined by OGM Policy 08-01. COUNTY shall immediately notify STATE if a conflict of interest arises.

## **21. OTHER PROVISIONS**

**21.1. No Religious Based Counseling.** COUNTY agrees that no religious based counseling shall take place under the auspices of this CONTRACT.

21.2. The COUNTY must monitor subcontractors, including for-profit subcontractors through a post-award review.

21.3. The COUNTY must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 1201) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794), as amended.

21.4. The COUNTY must comply with minimum wage and maximum hours provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

21.5. All written material developed by COUNTY and distributed to STATE clients under this CONTRACT must be written in a manner that will allow STATE to comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes with regard to plain language in written materials, including Minnesota Statutes, section 256.016 and Executive Order 14-07.

21.6. The COUNTY must comply with the provisions of Chapter 15, Title 5 of the United States Code with regard to political activity.

21.7. The COUNTY must comply with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and will provide a drug-free workplace. This includes taking specific actions as described in 7 C.F.R. §§ 3021.200 through 3021.230.

21.8. The COUNTY must establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that is, or gives the appearance of, being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have family, business, or other ties.

21.9. The COUNTY must comply (when applicable) with the registration and reporting requirements of Minnesota's Charities Laws, primarily Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 309, the Minnesota Charitable Solicitation Act.

21.10. The COUNTY must comply with the fair housing regulations, grantees must administer its programs and activities relating to housing in a manner to affirmatively further fair housing.

21.11. The COUNTY must establish a process for and comply with a client rights of appeal.

21.12. The COUNTY must assure that termination of assistance to any individual or family for violation of program requirements is:

- a. in accordance with a formal written process,
- b. recognizes the rights of persons affected, and
- c. in compliance with 21.11 of these provisions.

21.13. The COUNTY must comply with Minnesota Statutes Section [256K.49](#).

21.14. The COUNTY must comply with HUD regulations 24 C.F.R., part 100, Subpart A to administer its programs and activities relating to housing in a manner to affirmatively further fair housing.

21.15. The COUNTY must comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act which provides protection for whistle-blowers and addresses destruction of litigation-related document.

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Signature Page Follows

By signing below, the parties agree to the terms and conditions contained in this CONTRACT.

**APPROVED**

**1. STATE ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION**

*Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16A and section 16C.05 or Department of Administration Policy 21-01.*

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract No: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. COUNTY**

*Signatory certifies that County's articles of incorporation, by-laws, or corporate resolutions authorize Signatory both to sign on behalf of and bind the County to the terms of this Agreement. County and Signatory agree that the State Agency relies on the Signatory's certification herein.*

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. STATE AGENCY**

By (with delegated authority): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Distribution: (fully executed contract to each)**

Contracts and Legal Compliance Division

County

State Authorized Representative