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January 5, 2024

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Behavioral Health, to enter into a **Sole Source** amendment to an existing contract with Merrimack County Human Services (VC#177435-B006) Boscawen, New Hampshire, to add funding to support housing services through the continuum of care project, by increasing the price limitation by \$262,258 from \$48,882 to \$311,140 with no change to the contract completion date of October 31, 2024, effective upon Governor and Council approval. 100% Federal Funds.

The original contract was approved by Governor and Council on October 18, 2023, item #10.

Funds are available in the following account for State Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025, with the authority to adjust budget line items within the price limitation and encumbrances between state fiscal years through the Budget Office, if needed and justified.

**05-95-42-423010-79270000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HHS: HUMAN SERVICES, HOMELESS & HOUSING, HOUSING – SHELTER PROGRAM**

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Class Title	Job Number	Current Budget	Increased (Decreased) Amount	Revised Budget
2024	074-500589	Grants for Pub Asst and Relief	N/A	\$32,588	\$174,839	\$207,427
2025	074-500589	Grants for Pub Asst and Relief	N/A	\$16,294	\$87,419	\$103,713
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$48,882</b>	<b>\$262,258</b>	<b>\$311,140</b>

**EXPLANATION**

This request is **Sole Source** because MOP 150 requires all amendments to agreements previously approved as sole source to be identified as sole source, and the Department is increasing the price limitation by more than 10% of the original contract. Due to an administrative oversight, only the expansion funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care 2022 federal award was included in the contract. This

request is to add the regular annual award amount from the HUD Continuum of Care 2022 federal award and to fully fund these Rapid Re-Housing Domestic Violence services through October 31, 2024. The Contractor is the only authorized contractor able to perform the services pursuant to HUD regulations and was named in the Department's proposal during the annual federal Continuum of Care competitive application process.

Approximately 15 households, comprised of approximately 22 people, will be provided services, at any given time annually.

Using the federally required Housing First model, the Contractor will continue providing a housing services Continuum of Care project focused on Rapid Re-Housing Domestic Violence services. The Contractor will continue to offer rental assistance, personalized supportive services and collaborative case management that supports housing stability and the development of independent living skills. Participants must be fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence while experiencing homelessness, or while at imminent risk of homelessness.

The Department will continue to monitor services by reviewing annual reports provided by the Contractor and conducting annual reviews related to compliance with administrative rules and contractual agreements.

Should the Governor and Council not authorize this request, the Contractor will not receive the full amount of HUD Continuum of Care funding allocated to deliver Rapid Re-Housing Domestic Violence services. This could result in fewer permanent housing options and supportive services available, leaving vulnerable individuals and families experiencing homelessness in unsafe situations without needed support.

Area served: Statewide.

Source of Federal Funds: Assistance Listing Number #14.267, FAIN # NH0134D1T002201.

In the event that the Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori A. Weaver  
Commissioner

**State of New Hampshire  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Amendment #1**

This Amendment to the Continuum of Care MCHS contract is by and between the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services ("State" or "Department") and Merrimack County Human Services ("the Contractor").

WHEREAS, pursuant to an agreement (the "Contract") approved by the Governor and Executive Council on October 18, 2023 (Item #10), the Contractor agreed to perform certain services based upon the terms and conditions specified in the Contract and in consideration of certain sums specified; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Form P-37, General Provisions, the Contract may be amended upon written agreement of the parties and approval from the Governor and Executive Council; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants and conditions contained in the Contract and set forth herein, the parties hereto agree to amend as follows:

1. Form P-37, General Provisions, Block 1.8, Price Limitation, to read:  
\$311,140
2. Modify Exhibit C, Payment Terms, lead in Section 3, to read:
  3. Payment shall be on a cost reimbursement basis for actual expenditures incurred in the fulfillment of this Agreement, and shall be in accordance with the approved line items, as specified in Exhibit C-1, Budget, Amendment #1. The Contractor shall submit an invoice with supporting documentation to the Department no later than the fifteenth (15th) working day of the month following the month in which the services were provided. The Contractor shall ensure each invoice:
3. Modify Exhibit C-1, Budget, by replacing it in its entirety with Exhibit C-1, Budget, Amendment #1, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

All terms and conditions of the Contract and prior amendments not modified by this Amendment remain in full force and effect. This Amendment shall be effective upon Governor and Council approval.

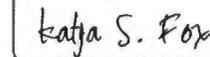
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their hands as of the date written below,

State of New Hampshire  
Department of Health and Human Services

1/8/2024

Date

DocuSigned by:



Name: Katja S. Fox

Title: Director

Merrimack County Human Services

1/5/2024

Date

DocuSigned by:



Name: Ross L. Cunningham

Title: County Administrator

The preceding Amendment, having been reviewed by this office, is approved as to form, substance, and execution.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

1/9/2024

Date

DocuSigned by:  
*Robyn Guarino*  
748734844041460  
Name: Robyn Guarino  
Title: Attorney

I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment was approved by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire at the Meeting on: \_\_\_\_\_ (date of meeting)

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Date

Name:  
Title:

Exhibit C-1, Budget, Amendment #1

Merrimack County Human Services, RRH-DV  
CoC Funds - NH0134D1T002201

SFY2024 - 11/1/23-6/30/24									
Activity Name	TOTAL PROGRAM COST			CONTRACTOR SHARE			BHS SHARE		
	BUDGET	YTD	MONTHLY	BUDGET	YTD	MONTHLY	BUDGET	YTD	MONTHLY
Rental Assistance	\$ 97,520	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 97,520	\$ -	\$ -
Supportive Services	\$ 100,175	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,175	\$ -	\$ -
Administration	\$ 9,732	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,732	\$ -	\$ -
25% Required Match	\$ 65,239	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,239	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL HUD FUNDS/BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 272,665</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 65,239</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 207,427</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

SFY2025 - 7/1/24-10/31/24									
Activity Name	TOTAL PROGRAM COST			CONTRACTOR SHARE			BHS SHARE		
	BUDGET	YTD	MONTHLY	BUDGET	YTD	MONTHLY	BUDGET	YTD	MONTHLY
Rental Assistance	\$ 48,760	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,760	\$ -	\$ -
Supportive Services	\$ 50,087	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,087	\$ -	\$ -
Administration	\$ 4,866	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,866	\$ -	\$ -
25% Required Match	\$ 32,619	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,619	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL HUD FUNDS/BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 136,333</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 32,619</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 103,713</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

TOTAL - 11/1/23-10/31/24									
Activity Name	TOTAL PROGRAM COST			CONTRACTOR SHARE			BHS SHARE		
	BUDGET	YTD	MONTHLY	BUDGET	YTD	MONTHLY	BUDGET	YTD	MONTHLY
Rental Assistance	\$ 146,280	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 146,280	\$ -	\$ -
Supportive Services	\$ 150,262	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,262	\$ -	\$ -
Administration	\$ 14,598	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,598	\$ -	\$ -
25% Required Match	\$ 97,858	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 97,858	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL HUD FUNDS/BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 408,998</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 97,858</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 311,140</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Total W/O Match \$ 311,140

**CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

I, Tara Reardon, Chair, Merrimack County Board of Commissioners hereby certify that:  
(Name of the Municipality Clerk/Municipality Official)

1. I am a duly elected Municipality Clerk/Municipality Official of Merrimack County  
(Municipality Name)

2. I hereby certify that Ross L. Cunningham, County Administrator (may list more than one  
(Authorized Signatory)

person) is authorized on behalf of this municipality to enter into the said contract with the State and to execute any and all documents, agreements, and other instruments; and any amendments, revisions, or modifications thereto, as he/she may deem necessary, desirable, or appropriate.

3. I hereby certify that this authority has not been amended or repealed and remains in full force and effect as of the date of the contract/contract amendment/agreement to which this certificate is attached. This authority was valid thirty (30) days prior to and remains valid for thirty (30) days from the date of this Certificate of Authority. I further certify that it is understood that the State of New Hampshire will rely on this certificate as evidence that the person(s) listed above currently occupy the position(s) indicated and that they have full authority to bind the municipality. To the extent that there are any limits on the authority of any listed individual to bind the municipality in contracts or other agreements with the State of New Hampshire, all such limitations are expressly stated herein.

Dated: 1.2.2024



\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Municipality Clerk/Municipality Official  
Name: Tara Reardon  
Title: Chair, Board of Commissioners



## CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

The New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex<sup>3</sup>) is organized under the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 5-B, Pooled Risk Management Programs. In accordance with those statutes, its Trust Agreement and bylaws, Primex<sup>3</sup> is authorized to provide pooled risk management programs established for the benefit of political subdivisions in the State of New Hampshire.

Each member of Primex<sup>3</sup> is entitled to the categories of coverage set forth below. In addition, Primex<sup>3</sup> may extend the same coverage to non-members. However, any coverage extended to a non-member is subject to all of the terms, conditions, exclusions, amendments, rules, policies and procedures that are applicable to the members of Primex<sup>3</sup>, including but not limited to the final and binding resolution of all claims and coverage disputes before the Primex<sup>3</sup> Board of Trustees. The Additional Covered Party's per occurrence limit shall be deemed included in the Member's per occurrence limit, and therefore shall reduce the Member's limit of liability as set forth by the Coverage Documents and Declarations. The limit shown may have been reduced by claims paid on behalf of the member. General Liability coverage is limited to Coverage A (Personal Injury Liability) and Coverage B (Property Damage Liability) only. Coverage's C (Public Officials Errors and Omissions), D (Unfair Employment Practices), E (Employee Benefit Liability) and F (Educator's Legal Liability Claims-Made Coverage) are excluded from this provision of coverage.

The below named entity is a member in good standing of the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange. The coverage provided may, however, be revised at any time by the actions of Primex<sup>3</sup>. As of the date this certificate is issued, the information set out below accurately reflects the categories of coverage established for the current coverage year.

This Certificate is issued as a matter of information only and confers no rights upon the certificate holder. This certificate does not amend, extend, or alter the coverage afforded by the coverage categories listed below.

<i>Participating Member:</i> Merrimack County 333 Daniel Webster Highway Suite 2 Boscawen, NH 03303		<i>Member Number:</i> 604	<i>Company Affording Coverage:</i> NH Public Risk Management Exchange - Primex <sup>3</sup> PO Box 23 Hooksett, NH 03106-9716	
Type of Coverage	Effective Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Limits - NH Statutory Limits May Apply, If Not:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>General Liability (Occurrence Form)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Professional Liability (describe)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Claims Made <input type="checkbox"/> Occurrence	1/1/2024	1/1/2025	Each Occurrence	\$ 2,000,000
			General Aggregate	\$ 10,000,000
			Fire Damage (Any one fire)	
			Med Exp (Any one person)	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Automobile Liability</b> Deductible    Comp and Coll: <input type="checkbox"/> Any auto			Combined Single Limit (Each Accident)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Workers' Compensation &amp; Employers' Liability</b>	1/1/2024	1/1/2025	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory	
			Each Accident	\$2,000,000
			Disease – Each Employee	\$2,000,000
			Disease – Policy Limit	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Property (Special Risk includes Fire and Theft)</b>			Blanket Limit, Replacement Cost (unless otherwise stated)	
<b>Description:</b> Proof of Primex Member coverage only.				

<b>CERTIFICATE HOLDER:</b>	<b>Additional Covered Party</b>	<b>Loss Payee</b>	<b>Primex<sup>3</sup> – NH Public Risk Management Exchange</b>
State of NH DHHS 129 Pleasant St Concord, NH 03301			<b>By:</b> <i>Mary Beth Purcell</i>
			<b>Date:</b> 1/2/2024    mpurcell@nhprimex.org
			Please direct inquiries to: <b>Primex<sup>3</sup> Claims/Coverage Services</b> 603-225-2841 phone 603-228-3833 fax

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August 31, 2023

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
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**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Behavioral Health, to enter into a **Sole Source** contract with Merrimack County Human Services (VC#177435-B006) Boscawen, NH, in the amount of \$48,882 for the provision of a housing services continuum of care project, effective November 1, 2023, or upon Governor and Council approval, whichever is later, through October 31, 2024. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are available in the following account for State Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025, upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the future operating budget, with the authority to adjust budget line items within the price limitation and encumbrances between state fiscal years through the Budget Office, if needed and justified.

05-95-42-423010-79270000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS, HHS: HUMAN SERVICES, HOMELESS & HOUSING, HOUSING – SHELTER PROGRAM

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Class Title	Job Number	Total Amount
2024	074-500585	Grants for Pub Asst and Relief	N/A	\$32,588
2025	074-500585	Grants for Pub Asst and Relief	N/A	\$16,294
			<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$48,882</b>

**EXPLANATION**

This request is **Sole Source** because federal regulations require all procurement efforts to be directed by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which requires the Department to specify the vendor's name during the annual, federal, Continuum of Care (CoC) competitive application process for up to a year prior to the grant award being issued. As the Collaborative Applicant, the Department is required to issue a Request for Proposals, through the Continuum, based on the HUD CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). HUD reviews and scores vendor applications based on federal rank and review policy, and scoring tools, created to match the federal NOFO. HUD subsequently awards funding based on strict federal criteria specifying eligible activities, populations to be served, expected performance outcomes, and time frames for the application competition and subsequent Departmental agreements. The Department receives notification of the awards and signed grant agreements from HUD several months later; at which time agreements, such as the one contained in this request, can be executed.

A total of 11 households, comprised of approximately 18 people, will be served, at any given time annually, through the Rapid Re-Housing project.

Using the federally required Housing First model, the Contractor will provide a housing services continuum of care project that includes the following categories:

- Rapid Re-Housing Domestic Violence (RRH DV) services that deliver rental assistance to individuals, youth and, or, families who are experiencing homelessness to facilitate each participant's transition to sustained permanent housing. RRH includes the provision of personalized supportive services and collaborative case management in support of housing stability and the development of independent living skills. Participants must be fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence while experiencing homelessness, or while at imminent risk of homelessness.

Additionally, the Contractor will work to maximize each participant's ability to live more independently by providing connections to community and mainstream services.

The Department will monitor services by reviewing annual reports provided by the Contractor and conducting annual reviews related to compliance with administrative rules and contractual agreements.

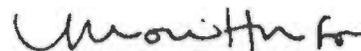
Should the Governor and Council not authorize this request, there will be fewer permanent housing options and supportive services available, leaving vulnerable individuals and families experiencing homelessness in unsafe situations without needed support. Additionally, the Department will be out of compliance with federal regulations, which could result in a loss of federal funding for these and other types of permanent housing and supportive service programs.

Area served: Statewide.

Source of Federal Funds: Assistance Listing Number #14.267, FAIN # NH0134D1T002201.

In the event that the Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Subject: Continuum of Care MCHS (SS-2024-DBH-09-CONTI-01)**

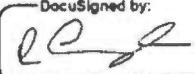
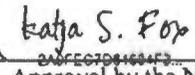
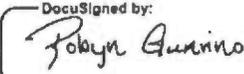
**Notice:** This agreement and all of its attachments shall become public upon submission to Governor and Executive Council for approval. Any information that is private, confidential or proprietary must be clearly identified to the agency and agreed to in writing prior to signing the contract.

**AGREEMENT**

The State of New Hampshire and the Contractor hereby mutually agree as follows:

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1. IDENTIFICATION.**

1.1 State Agency Name New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services		1.2 State Agency Address 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301-3857	
1.3 Contractor Name Merrimack County Human Services		1.4 Contractor Address 333 Daniel Webster Hwy. Suite 2 Boscawen, NH 03303	
1.5 Contractor Phone Number 603-796-6800	1.6 Account Number 05-95-42-423010-79270000	1.7 Completion Date 10/31/2024	1.8 Price Limitation \$48,882
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency Robert W. Moore, Director		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number (603) 271-9631	
1.11 Contractor Signature DocuSigned by:  Date: 8/31/2023		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory Ross L. Cunningham 2County Administrator	
1.13 State Agency Signature DocuSigned by:  Date: 8/31/2023		1.14 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory Katja S. Fox Director	
1.15 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel (if applicable) By: _____ Director, On: _____			
1.16 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) (if applicable) By:  On: 9/1/2023			
1.17 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council (if applicable) G&C Item number: _____ G&C Meeting Date: _____			

**2. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED.** The State of New Hampshire, acting through the agency identified in block 1.1 ("State"), engages contractor identified in block 1.3 ("Contractor") to perform, and the Contractor shall perform, the work or sale of goods, or both, identified and more particularly described in the attached EXHIBIT B which is incorporated herein by reference ("Services").

**3. EFFECTIVE DATE/COMPLETION OF SERVICES.**

3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, if applicable, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement as indicated in block 1.17, unless no such approval is required, in which case the Agreement shall become effective on the date the Agreement is signed by the State Agency as shown in block 1.13 ("Effective Date").

3.2 If the Contractor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Contractor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Contractor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Contractor for any costs incurred or Services performed. Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

**4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.**

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds affected by any state or federal legislative or executive action that reduces, eliminates or otherwise modifies the appropriation or availability of funding for this Agreement and the Scope for Services provided in EXHIBIT B, in whole or in part. In no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to reduce or terminate the Services under this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such reduction or termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account or source to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

**5. CONTRACT PRICE/PRICE LIMITATION/PAYMENT.**

5.1 The contract price, method of payment, and terms of payment are identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT C which is incorporated herein by reference.

5.2 The payment by the State of the contract price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Contractor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance hereof, and shall be the only and the complete

compensation to the Contractor for the Services. The State shall have no liability to the Contractor other than the contract price.

5.3 The State reserves the right to offset from any amounts otherwise payable to the Contractor under this Agreement those liquidated amounts required or permitted by N.H. RSA 80:7 through RSA 80:7-c or any other provision of law.

5.4 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made hereunder, exceed the Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8.

**6. COMPLIANCE BY CONTRACTOR WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS/ EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.**

6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal employment opportunity laws. In addition, if this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all federal executive orders, rules, regulations and statutes, and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State or the United States issue to implement these regulations. The Contractor shall also comply with all applicable intellectual property laws.

6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, handicap, sexual orientation, or national origin and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination.

6.3. The Contractor agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor's books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with all rules, regulations and orders, and the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**7. PERSONNEL.**

7.1 The Contractor shall at its own expense provide all personnel necessary to perform the Services. The Contractor warrants that all personnel engaged in the Services shall be qualified to perform the Services, and shall be properly licensed and otherwise authorized to do so under all applicable laws.

7.2 Unless otherwise authorized in writing, during the term of this Agreement, and for a period of six (6) months after the Completion Date in block 1.7, the Contractor shall not hire, and shall not permit any subcontractor or other person, firm or corporation with whom it is engaged in a combined effort to perform the Services to hire, any person who is a State employee or official, who is materially involved in the procurement, administration or performance of this Agreement. This provision shall survive termination of this Agreement.

7.3 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, shall be the State's representative. In the event of any dispute concerning the interpretation of this Agreement, the Contracting Officer's decision shall be final for the State.

## 8. EVENT OF DEFAULT/REMEDIES.

8.1 Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Contractor shall constitute an event of default hereunder ("Event of Default"):

8.1.1 failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;

8.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or

8.1.3 failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition of this Agreement.

8.2 Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:

8.2.1 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely cured, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) days after giving the Contractor notice of termination;

8.2.2 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the contract price which would otherwise accrue to the Contractor during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Contractor has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Contractor;

8.2.3 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and set off against any other obligations the State may owe to the Contractor any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and/or

8.2.4 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default, treat the Agreement as breached, terminate the Agreement and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

8.3. No failure by the State to enforce any provisions hereof after any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of its rights with regard to that Event of Default, or any subsequent Event of Default. No express failure to enforce any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of the right of the State to enforce each and all of the provisions hereof upon any further or other Event of Default on the part of the Contractor.

## 9. TERMINATION.

9.1 Notwithstanding paragraph 8, the State may, at its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement for any reason, in whole or in part, by thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor that the State is exercising its option to terminate the Agreement.

9.2 In the event of an early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Services, the Contractor shall, at the State's discretion, deliver to the Contracting Officer, not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of termination, a report ("Termination Report") describing in detail all Services performed, and the contract price earned, to and including the date of termination. The form, subject matter, content, and number of copies of the Termination Report shall be identical to those of any Final Report described in the attached EXHIBIT B. In addition, at the State's discretion, the Contractor shall, within 15 days of notice of early termination, develop and

submit to the State a Transition Plan for services under the Agreement.

## 10. DATA/ACCESS/CONFIDENTIALITY/PRESERVATION.

10.1 As used in this Agreement, the word "data" shall mean all information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, papers, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.

10.2 All data and any property which has been received from the State or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason.

10.3 Confidentiality of data shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A or other existing law. Disclosure of data requires prior written approval of the State.

11. **CONTRACTOR'S RELATION TO THE STATE.** In the performance of this Agreement the Contractor is in all respects an independent contractor, and is neither an agent nor an employee of the State. Neither the Contractor nor any of its officers, employees, agents or members shall have authority to bind the State or receive any benefits, workers' compensation or other emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

## 12. ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS.

12.1 The Contractor shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written notice, which shall be provided to the State at least fifteen (15) days prior to the assignment, and a written consent of the State. For purposes of this paragraph, a Change of Control shall constitute assignment. "Change of Control" means (a) merger, consolidation, or a transaction or series of related transactions in which a third party, together with its affiliates, becomes the direct or indirect owner of fifty percent (50%) or more of the voting shares or similar equity interests, or combined voting power of the Contractor, or (b) the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Contractor.

12.2 None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without prior written notice and consent of the State. The State is entitled to copies of all subcontracts and assignment agreements and shall not be bound by any provisions contained in a subcontract or an assignment agreement to which it is not a party.

13. **INDEMNIFICATION.** Unless otherwise exempted by law, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers and employees, from and against any and all claims, liabilities and costs for any personal injury or property damages, patent or copyright infringement, or other claims asserted against the State, its officers or employees, which arise out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omissions of the

Contractor, or subcontractors, including but not limited to the negligence, reckless or intentional conduct. The State shall not be liable for any costs incurred by the Contractor arising under this paragraph 13. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

#### 14. INSURANCE.

14.1 The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and continuously maintain in force, and shall require any subcontractor or assignee to obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:

14.1.1 commercial general liability insurance against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate or excess; and

14.1.2 special cause of loss coverage form covering all property subject to subparagraph 10.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the property.

14.2 The policies described in subparagraph 14.1 herein shall be on policy forms and endorsements approved for use in the State of New Hampshire by the N.H. Department of Insurance, and issued by insurers licensed in the State of New Hampshire.

14.3 The Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. Contractor shall also furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement no later than ten (10) days prior to the expiration date of each insurance policy. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference.

#### 15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

15.1 By signing this agreement, the Contractor agrees, certifies and warrants that the Contractor is in compliance with or exempt from, the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A ("*Workers' Compensation*").

15.2 To the extent the Contractor is subject to the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A, Contractor shall maintain, and require any subcontractor or assignee to secure and maintain, payment of Workers' Compensation in connection with activities which the person proposes to undertake pursuant to this Agreement. The Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, proof of Workers' Compensation in the manner described in N.H. RSA chapter 281-A and any applicable renewal(s) thereof, which shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. The State shall not be responsible for payment of any Workers' Compensation premiums or for any other claim or benefit for Contractor, or any subcontractor or employee of Contractor, which might arise under applicable State of New Hampshire Workers' Compensation laws in connection with the performance of the Services under this Agreement.

16. **NOTICE.** Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses given in blocks 1.2 and 1.4, herein.

17. **AMENDMENT.** This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire unless no such approval is required under the circumstances pursuant to State law, rule or policy.

18. **CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM.** This Agreement shall be governed, interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party. Any actions arising out of this Agreement shall be brought and maintained in New Hampshire Superior Court which shall have exclusive jurisdiction thereof.

19. **CONFLICTING TERMS.** In the event of a conflict between the terms of this P-37 form (as modified in EXHIBIT A) and/or attachments and amendment thereof, the terms of the P-37 (as modified in EXHIBIT A) shall control.

20. **THIRD PARTIES.** The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.

21. **HEADINGS.** The headings throughout the Agreement are for reference purposes only, and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

22. **SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** Additional or modifying provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT A are incorporated herein by reference.

23. **SEVERABILITY.** In the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to any state or federal law, the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

24. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings with respect to the subject matter hereof.



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Revisions to Standard Agreement Provisions

1. Revisions to Form P-37, General Provisions

1.1. Paragraph 3, Subparagraph 3.1, Effective Date/Completion of Services, is amended as follows:

3.1. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire as indicated in block 1.17, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on November 1, 2023 ("Effective Date").

1.2. Paragraph 12., Assignment/Delegation/Subcontracts, is amended by adding subparagraph 12.3. as follows:

12.3. Subcontractors are subject to the same contractual conditions as the Contractor and the Contractor is responsible to ensure subcontractor compliance with those conditions. The Contractor shall have written agreements with all subcontractors, specifying the work to be performed, and if applicable, a Business Associate Agreement in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Written agreements shall specify how corrective action shall be managed. The Contractor shall manage the subcontractor's performance on an ongoing basis and take corrective action as necessary. The Contractor shall annually provide the State with a list of all subcontractors provided for under this Agreement and notify the State of any inadequate subcontractor performance.



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Scope of Services

**1. Statement of Work**

**1.1. Continuum of Care**

**1.1.1. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)**

- 1.1.1.1. The Contractor must provide a Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) program, in this Agreement, that is targeted to serve 11 households comprised of approximately 18 people, at any given time annually, who are experiencing homelessness, as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), that delivers supportive services, including case management, and either short-term (1 to 3 months), or medium-term (4 to 24 months) rental assistance, based on participant's needs.
- 1.1.1.2. The Contractor must provide supportive services for no longer than six (6) months after rental assistance stops.
- 1.1.1.3. The Contractor must re-evaluate, at least annually, whether the program participants lack sufficient resources and support networks necessary to retain housing without CoC assistance and the types and amounts of assistance that the program participants need to retain housing.
- 1.1.1.4. The Contractor must ensure that program participants meet with their case manager at least once per month to assist the program participant with obtaining and maintaining long-term housing stability. The project is exempt from this requirement if the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 13925 *et seq.*) or the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (42 U.S.C. 10401 *et seq.*) prohibits the recipient carrying out the project from making its housing conditional on the participant's acceptance of services. The Contractor must integrate program participants into the community and promote housing stability.
- 1.1.1.5. The Contractor must assist program participants with developing or increasing their skills and obtaining income, and/or employment.
- 1.1.1.6. The Contractor must provide or connect program participants with supportive services.
- 1.1.1.7. The Contractor must support and document appropriate efforts to enhance the participant's ability to reach self-sufficiency.

**1.1.2. Rapid Re-Housing Domestic Violence (RRH DV) Project**

- 1.1.2.1. The Contractor must provide a RRH program as described in Section 1.1.1.



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- 1.1.2.2. The Contractor must provide a Rapid Re-Housing, Permanent Housing, Domestic Violence program, in this Agreement for individuals, youth and/or families. Participants must be fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence while experiencing homelessness, or while at imminent risk of homelessness, as defined by HUD.
- 1.1.2.3. The Contractor must provide either short-term (1 to 3 months), or medium-term (4 to 24 months) rental assistance, based on participants needs.
- 1.1.2.4. The Contractor must provide immediate assistance with identifying safe and confidential housing options with the support of Contractor's staff.
- 1.1.2.5. The Contractor must provide immediate referrals to assist with safety and security concerns.
- 1.1.2.6. The Contractor must provide participants with access to training and support groups that focus on trauma, recovery from trauma, and other supports.
- 1.1.2.7. The Contractor must assist participants in finding long-term safe and permanent housing.
- 1.1.2.8. The Contractor must provide supportive services, including at least monthly case management, and connect participants with supportive services to help participants obtain and remain in permanent housing.

**1.2. Provisions Applicable to All Services**

- 1.2.1. The Contractor must adhere to all terms and conditions as set forth in the approved HUD Project Application #SF-424.
- 1.2.2. The Contractor must ensure that participants meet at least one, or more, of the qualifications of homelessness, as defined by HUD in 24 CFR 578.3.
- 1.2.3. The Contractor must participate in the regional and CoC CE System.
- 1.2.4. For the purposes of this Agreement, all references to days means business days, excluding state and federal holidays.
- 1.2.5. The Contractor must participate in meetings with the Department as requested by the Department.
- 1.2.6. The Contractor must ensure staff participate in training as required by the Department.
- 1.2.7. The Contractor must ensure the program includes, but is not limited to:
  - 1.2.7.1. Utilization of the Housing First model that ensures:



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- 1.2.7.1.1. Barriers to entering housing are not imposed beyond those required by federal regulations or state laws; and
- 1.2.7.1.2. Participation terminates only for the most severe reasons, after available options to maintain housing are exhausted, as detailed in HUD regulations, 24 CFR 578.91.
- 1.2.7.2. Development of an ongoing assessment of Housing and Supportive Services that is provided to participants in order to deliver assistance in obtaining necessary skills and resources to live in the community independently.
- 1.2.8. The Contractor must ensure participants connect with supportive services and community resources to meet basic needs including, but not limited to: housing, safety, food, mental health and medical care. The Contractor must ensure:
  - 1.2.8.1. Participants increase safety through planning and trauma-informed resource provision;
  - 1.2.8.2. Facilitation of the transition of individuals, youth, and families experiencing homelessness to permanent housing and maximized self-sufficiency;
  - 1.2.8.3. Participants are empowered by Contractor's program to increase safety and regain control and independence;
  - 1.2.8.4. Participants are offered connections to assistance in applying for Compensation funds, help filing for restraining orders, court advocacy and referrals to free legal services; and
  - 1.2.8.5. Households with children will be connected to education resources, school staff, and childcare services, based on need.
- 1.2.9. The Contractor must conduct an annual assessment of service needs of the program participants and adjust the services accordingly.
- 1.2.10. The Contractor must ensure their staff assist with referrals for substance misuse, mental health, medical needs, peer support, or any other need for referral assistance identified by the participant.
- 1.2.11. The Contractor must assess project outcomes, to include participants moving into and retaining permanent housing, as well as participants' connections with community and mainstream services, to increase independence and household income to sustain permanent housing.
- 1.2.12. The Contractor must actively participate in reviews conducted by the Department, onsite or remotely, as determined by the Department or HUD, on an annual basis, or as otherwise requested by the Department, that must include, but are not limited to, participant files and financial data to ensure

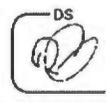


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compliance with contract objectives, state policies and federal regulations. The Contractor must:

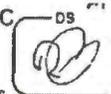
- 1.2.12.1. Ensure the Department and HUD have access to participant files;
  - 1.2.12.2. Ensure financial data is available, as requested by the Department and/ or HUD; and
  - 1.2.12.3. Provide other information that assists in determining contract compliance, as requested by the Department and/ or HUD.
- 1.2.13. Notwithstanding the confidentiality procedures established under 24 CFR Part 578.103(b), HUD, the HUD Office of the Inspector General, and the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives, must have the right of access to all books, documents, papers, or other records of the Contractor that are pertinent to the (CoC) grant, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcripts. These rights of access are not limited to the required retention period, but last as long as the records are retained.
- 1.2.14. The Contractor must adhere to federal and state financial and confidentiality laws, and comply with the approved HUD CoC program application, program narratives, budget detail and narrative, and amendments thereto, as detailed in the applicable Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) CoC Project Application approved by HUD.
- 1.2.15. The Contractor must cooperate fully with, and must answer all questions related to this Agreement from representatives of state or federal agencies who may conduct periodic observation and review of performance, activities, and conduct an inspection of records and documents.
- 1.2.16. The Contractor must provide services according to the HUD regulations outlined in Public Law 102-550, 24 CFR Part 578, the CoC Program, HUD Project Application #SF-424 and other written appropriate HUD policies/directives except for where HUD waivers are granted.
- 1.2.17. The Contractor must ensure participating individuals, youth, and families meet the requirement definition of homelessness, or at imminent risk of homelessness qualifications, as defined in HUD regulations, to be eligible for contract services, as applicable to the project.
- 1.2.18. Per The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended by S. 896, The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009, [https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/HAAA\\_HEARTH.PDF](https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/HAAA_HEARTH.PDF):
- 1.2.18.1. The Contractor must utilize the New Hampshire Homeless Management Information System (NH HMIS) as the primary reporting tool for outcomes and activities of shelter and housing programs funded through this contract.



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- 1.2.18.2. The Contractor must ensure all programs are licensed to provide client level data into the NH HMIS or into a comparable database, per 24 CFR 578, and as detailed in the following publication from The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV): <http://qlhrn.org/wordpress1/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Comparable-Database-for-DV-NNEDV.pdf>.
- 1.2.18.3. The Contractor must follow NH HMIS policy, including specific information required for data entry, accuracy of data entered, and time required for data entry. Refer to Exhibit E for Information Security requirements and Exhibit F for Privacy requirements.
- 1.2.19. The Contractor must comply with all record-keeping requirements as set forth by HUD under 24 CFR 578.103.
- 1.2.20. The Contractor must establish and maintain standard operating procedures to ensure CoC program funds are used in accordance with 24 CFR 578, 2 CFR Part 500, and must establish and maintain sufficient records to enable HUD and the Department to determine Contractor compliance, including but not limited to:
- 1.2.20.1. Continuum of Care Records. The Contractor must maintain the following documentation related to establishing and operating a CoC:
- 1.2.20.1.1. Records of Homeless Status. The Contractor must maintain acceptable evidence of homeless status in accordance with 24 CFR 576.500(b);
- 1.2.20.1.2. Records of at Risk of Homelessness Status. The Contractor must maintain records that establish "at risk of homelessness" status of each individual or family who receives CoC homelessness prevention assistance, as identified in 24 CFR 576.500(c); and
- 1.2.20.1.3. Records of Reasonable Belief of Imminent Threat of Harm. The Contractor must maintain documentation of each program participant who moved to a different CoC due to imminent threat of further domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault; or stalking, as defined in 24 CFR 578.51(c)(3). The Contractor must retain documentation that includes, but is not limited to:
- 1.2.20.1.3.1. The original incidence of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, only if the original violence is not already documented in the program participant's C



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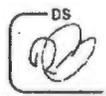
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This may be written observation of the housing or service provider; a letter or other documentation from a victim service provider, social worker, legal assistance provider, pastoral counselor, mental health provider, or other professional from whom the victim has sought assistance; medical or dental records; court records or law enforcement records; or written certification by the program participant to whom the violence occurred or by the head of household; and

1.2.20.1.3.2. The reasonable belief of imminent threat of further domestic violence, dating violence, or sexual assault or stalking, which would include threats from a third-party, such as a friend or family member of the perpetrator of the violence. This may be written observation by the housing or service provider; a letter or other documentation from a victim service provider, social worker, legal assistance provider, pastoral counselor, mental health provider, or other professional from whom the victim has sought assistance; current restraining order; recent court order or other court records; law enforcement report or records; communication records from the perpetrator of the violence or family members or friends of the perpetrator of the violence, including emails, voicemails, text messages, and social media posts; or a written certification by the program participant to whom the violence occurred or the head of household.

1.2.20.2. Records of Annual Income. For each program participant who receives housing assistance where rent or an occupancy charge is paid by the program participant, the Contractor must keep the following documentation of annual income:



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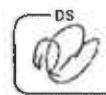
- 1.2.20.2.1. Income evaluation form specified by HUD and completed by the Contractor;
- 1.2.20.2.2. Source documents, which include but are not limited to:
  - 1.2.20.2.2.1. Most recent wage statement;
  - 1.2.20.2.2.2. Unemployment compensation statement;
  - 1.2.20.2.2.3. Public benefits statement; and bank statements for the assets held by the program participant; and
  - 1.2.20.2.2.4. Income received before the date of the evaluation.
- 1.2.20.2.3. To the extent that source documents are unobtainable, a written statement by a relevant third party, which may include an employer or a government benefits administrator, or the written certification by the Contractor's intake staff of the oral verification by the relevant third party of the income the program participant received over the most recent period; or
- 1.2.20.2.4. To the extent that source documents and third-party verification are unobtainable, the written certification by the program participant of the amount of income that the program participant is reasonably expected to receive over the three (3) month period following the evaluation.
- 1.2.20.3. Program Participant Records. In addition to evidence of homelessness status or at-risk-of-homelessness status, as applicable, the Contractor must keep records for each program participant that document:
  - 1.2.20.3.1. The services and assistance provided to that program participant, including evidence that the Contractor conducted an annual assessment of services for those program participants that remain in the program for more than a year and adjusted the service package accordingly, and including case management services as provided in 24 CFR 578.37(a)(1)(ii)(F); and
  - 1.2.20.3.2. Where applicable, compliance with the termination of assistance requirement in 24 CFR 578.91.



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- 1.2.20.4. Housing Standards. The Contractor must retain documentation of compliance with the housing standards in 24 CFR 578.75(b), including inspection reports.
- 1.2.20.5. Services Provided. The Contractor must document the types of supportive services provided under the Contractor's program and the amounts spent on those services. The Contractor must keep documentation that the records were reviewed at least annually and that the service package offered to program participants was adjusted as necessary.
- 1.2.21. The Contractor must maintain records that document compliance with:
  - 1.2.21.1. The organizational conflict-of-interest requirements in 24 CFR 578.95(c);
  - 1.2.21.2. The CoC board conflict-of-interest requirements in 24 CFR 578.95(b); and
  - 1.2.21.3. The other conflicts requirements in 24 CFR 578.95(d).
- 1.2.22. The Contractor must develop, implement and retain a copy of the personal conflict-of-interest policy that complies with the requirements in 24 CFR 578.95, including records supporting any exceptions to the personal conflict-of-interest prohibitions.
- 1.2.23. The Contractor must comply and retain documentation of compliance with:
  - 1.2.23.1. The homeless participation requirements in accordance with 24 CFR 578.75(g);
  - 1.2.23.2. The faith-based activities requirements in accordance with 24 CFR 578.87(b);
  - 1.2.23.3. Requirements of 24 CFR 578.93(c) for affirmatively furthering fair housing by maintaining copies of all marketing, outreach, and other materials used to inform eligible persons of the program;
  - 1.2.23.4. Other federal requirements in 24 CFR 578.99, as applicable;
  - 1.2.23.5. Other records specified by HUD. The Contractor must keep other records as specified by HUD; and
  - 1.2.23.6. Procurement requirements in 24 CFR 85.36 and 24 CFR part 84.
- 1.2.24. Confidentiality. In addition to meeting specific confidentiality and security requirements for HMIS data (76 FR 76917), the Contractor must develop and implement written procedures to ensure:
  - 1.2.24.1. All records containing protected identifying information of any participant who applies for and/or receives CoC assistance are kept secure and confidential;



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- 1.2.24.2. The address or location of any family violence project, assisted with CoC funds, are not made public, except with written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of the project; and
- 1.2.24.3. The address or location of any housing of a program participant is not made public, except as provided under a preexisting privacy policy of the recipient or sub recipient and consistent with state and local laws regarding privacy and obligations of confidentiality.

**2. Contract Administration**

- 2.1. The Contractor must have appropriate levels of staff to attend all meetings or trainings requested by the Department's Bureau of Homeless Services (BHS), including training in data security and confidentiality, according to state and federal laws. To the extent possible, BHS must notify the Contractor of the need to attend such meetings five (5) working days in advance of each meeting.
- 2.2. The Contractor must inform the Department of any staffing changes within thirty (30) days of the change.

**3. Reporting Requirements**

- 3.1. The Contractor must submit an Annual Performance Report (APR) to the Department within thirty (30) days after the Contract Completion Date on the form required, or specified, by the Department.
- 3.2. The Contractor must ensure the APR is submitted to:  
NH DHHS  
Bureau of Homeless Services  
129 Pleasant Street  
Concord, NH 03301
- 3.3. The Contractor must ensure the APR includes a summary of aggregate results of the project activities, consistent with the format proposed in the Contractor's application submitted to HUD for the relevant fiscal year COC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).
- 3.4. The Contractor must submit other reports as requested by the Department in compliance with NH HMIS policy and/or Department policies and procedures.
- 3.5. The Contractor may be required to collect and share data with the Department, in a format specified by the Department, for the provision of other key data and metrics, including client-level demographic, performance, and service data.

**4. Exhibits Incorporated**

- 4.1. The Contractor must use and disclose Protected Health Information in compliance with the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information (Privacy Rule) (45 CFR Parts 160 and 164) under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, and in accordance with the attached Exhibit F, Business Associate Agreement, which has been executed by the parties.



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- 4.2. The Contractor must manage all confidential data related to this Agreement in accordance with the terms of Exhibit E, DHHS Information Security Requirements.
- 4.3. The Contractor must comply with all Exhibits D through F, which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

**5. Additional Terms**

**5.1. Impacts Resulting from Court Orders or Legislative Changes**

- 5.1.1. The Contractor agrees that, to the extent future state or federal legislation or court orders may have an impact on the Services described herein, the State has the right to modify Service priorities and expenditure requirements under this Agreement so as to achieve compliance therewith.

**5.2. Federal Civil Rights Laws Compliance: Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Programs and Services (CLAS)**

- 5.2.1. The Contractor must submit, within ten (10) days of the Agreement Effective Date, a detailed description of the communication access and language assistance services to be provided to ensure meaningful access to programs and/or services to individuals with limited English proficiency; individuals who are deaf or have hearing loss; individuals who are blind or have low vision; and individuals who have speech challenges.

**5.3. Credits and Copyright Ownership**

- 5.3.1. All documents, notices, press releases, research reports and other materials prepared during or resulting from the performance of the services of this Agreement must include the following statement, "The preparation of this (report, document etc.) was financed under a Contract with the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services, with funds provided in part by the State of New Hampshire and/or such other funding sources as were available or required, e.g., the United States Department of Health and Human Services."

- 5.3.2. All materials produced or purchased under this Agreement must have prior approval from the Department before printing, production, distribution or use.

- 5.3.3. The Department must retain copyright ownership for any and all original materials produced, including, but not limited to:

- 5.3.3.1. Brochures;
- 5.3.3.2. Resource directories;
- 5.3.3.3. Protocols or guidelines;
- 5.3.3.4. Posters; and
- 5.3.3.5. Reports



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5.3.4. The Contractor must not reproduce any materials produced under this Agreement without prior written approval from the Department.

**5.4. Operation of Facilities: Compliance with Laws and Regulations**

5.4.1. In the operation of any facilities for providing services, the Contractor must comply with all laws, orders and regulations of federal, state, county and municipal authorities and with any direction of any Public Officer or officers pursuant to laws which must impose an order or duty upon the contractor with respect to the operation of the facility or the provision of the services at such facility. If any governmental license or permit must be required for the operation of the said facility or the performance of the said services, the Contractor will procure said license or permit, and will at all times comply with the terms and conditions of each such license or permit. In connection with the foregoing requirements, the Contractor hereby covenants and agrees that, during the term of this Agreement the facilities must comply with all rules, orders, regulations, and requirements of the State Office of the Fire Marshal and the local fire protection agency, and must be in conformance with local building and zoning codes, by-laws and regulations.

**5.5. Eligibility Determinations**

5.5.1. If the Contractor is permitted to determine the eligibility of individuals, youth, and/ or families such eligibility verifications must be made in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, orders, guidelines, policies and procedures.

5.5.2. Eligibility determinations must be made on forms provided, or required by the Department for that purpose and must be made and remade, or reissued at such times as are prescribed by the Department.

5.5.3. In addition to the determination forms required by the Department, the Contractor must maintain a data file on each participant of services hereunder, which file must include all information necessary to support an eligibility determination and such other information as the Department requests. The Contractor must furnish the Department with all forms and documentation regarding eligibility determinations that the Department may request or require.

5.5.4. The Contractor understands that all applicants for services hereunder, as well as individuals declared ineligible have a right to a fair hearing regarding that determination. The Contractor hereby covenants and agrees that all applicants for services must be permitted to fill out an application form and that each applicant or re-applicant must be informed of his/her right to a fair hearing in accordance with applicable regulations.

**6. Records**

6.1. The Contractor must keep records that include, but are not limited to:



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- 6.1.1. Books, records, documents and other electronic or physical data evidencing and reflecting all costs and other expenses incurred by the Contractor in the performance of the Contract, and all income received or collected by the Contractor.
- 6.1.2. All records must be maintained in accordance with accounting procedures and practices, which sufficiently and properly reflect all such costs and expenses, and which are acceptable to the Department, and to include, without limitation, all ledgers, books, records, and original evidence of costs such as purchase requisitions and orders, vouchers, requisitions for materials, inventories, valuations of in-kind contributions, labor time cards, payrolls, and other records requested or required by the Department.
- 6.1.3. Statistical, enrollment, attendance or visit records for each recipient of services, which records must include all records of application and eligibility (including all forms required to determine eligibility for each such recipient), records regarding the provision of services and all invoices submitted to the Department to obtain payment for such services.
- 6.2. Period of Record Retention. The Contractor must ensure all records, originals or copies made by microfilming, photocopying, or other similar methods, pertaining to CoC funds are retained for five (5) years following the Contract Completion Date and receipt of final payment by the Contractor, unless records are otherwise required to be maintained for a period in excess of the five (5) year period according to state or federal law or regulation.
- 6.3. During the term of this Agreement and the period for retention hereunder, the Department, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and any of their designated representatives must have access to all reports and records maintained pursuant to this Agreement for purposes of audit, examination, excerpts and transcripts.
- 6.4. If, upon review of the Final Expenditure Report, the Department must disallow any expenses claimed by the Contractor as costs hereunder, the Department retains the right, at its discretion, to deduct the amount of such expenses as are disallowed or to recover such sums from the Contractor.



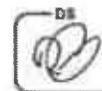
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Payment Terms

1. This Agreement is funded by:
  - 1.1. 100% Federal funds, Title XIV Housing Programs under the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act (HEARTH Act), Subtitle A-Housing Assistance (Public Law 102-550), as awarded on March 28, 2023, by the US Dept of Housing and Urban Development, Continuum of Care Program, Assistance Listing # 14.267, FAIN NH0134D1T002201.
2. For the purposes of this Agreement the Department has identified:
  - 2.1. The Contractor as a Subrecipient, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.331.
  - 2.2. The Agreement as NON-R&D, in accordance with 2 CFR §200.332.
3. The Contractor must submit an invoice with supporting documentation to the Department no later than the fifteenth (15th) working day of the month following the month in which the services were provided. The Contractor must ensure each invoice:
  - 3.1. Includes the Contractor's Vendor Number issued upon registering with New Hampshire Department of Administrative Services.
  - 3.2. Is submitted in a form that is provided by or otherwise acceptable to the Department.
  - 3.3. Identifies and requests payment for allowable costs incurred in the previous month.
  - 3.4. Includes supporting documentation of allowable costs with each invoice that may include, but are not limited to, time sheets, payroll records, receipts for purchases, and proof of expenditures, as applicable.
  - 3.5. Is completed, dated and returned to the Department with the supporting documentation for allowable expenses to initiate payment.
  - 3.6. Is assigned an electronic signature, includes supporting documentation, and is emailed to [housingupportsinvoices@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:housingupportsinvoices@dhhs.nh.gov) or mailed to:

NH DHHS  
Bureau of Homeless Services  
129 Pleasant Street  
Concord, NH 03301
4. The Department shall make payments to the Contractor within forty-five (45) days of receipt of each invoice and supporting documentation for authorized expenses, subsequent to approval of the submitted invoice.
5. The final invoice and supporting documentation for authorized expenses shall be due to the Department no later than forty (40) days after the contract completion date specified in Form P-37, General Provisions Block.1.7, Completion Date.
6. Notwithstanding Paragraph 17 of the General Provisions Form P-37, changes limited to adjusting amounts within the price limitation and adjusting encumbrances between State Fiscal Years and budget class lines through the Budget Office may be made by written agreement of both parties, without obtaining approval of the Governor and Executive Council, if needed and justified.
7. Audits
  - 7.1. The Contractor must email an annual audit to [dhhs.act@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:dhhs.act@dhhs.nh.gov) if any of the following conditions exist:



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- 7.1.1. Condition A - The Contractor expended \$750,000, or more, in federal funds received as a subrecipient pursuant to 2 CFR Part 200, during the most recently completed fiscal year.
- 7.1.2. Condition B - The Contractor is subject to audit pursuant to the requirements of NH RSA 7:28, III-b.
- 7.1.3. Condition C - The Contractor is a public company and required by Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) regulations to submit an annual financial audit.
- 7.1.4. Condition D - The contractor expends less than \$750,000 in federal funds, during the fiscal year, is exempt from Federal Monitoring Requirements, except as noted in 2 CFR 200.503, but records must be available for review, or audit, by appropriate officials of the Federal agency, pass through entity, and Government Accountability Office (GAO). Federal awards expended as a recipient or a subrecipient are subject to audit under this part. The payments received for goods or services provided as a contractor are not Federal awards. Section § 200.331 sets forth the considerations in determining whether payments constitute a Federal award or a payment for goods or services provided as a contractor.
- 7.2. If Condition A exists, the Contractor must submit an annual Single Audit performed by an independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA) to [dhhs.act@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:dhhs.act@dhhs.nh.gov) within 120 days after the close of the Contractor's fiscal year, conducted in accordance with the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal awards.
  - 7.2.1. The Contractor must submit a copy of any Single Audit findings and any associated corrective action plans. The Contractor must submit quarterly progress reports on the status of implementation of the corrective action plan.
- 7.3. If Condition B or Condition C exists, the Contractor must submit an annual financial audit performed by an independent CPA within 120 days after the close of the Contractor's fiscal year.
- 7.4. In addition to, and not in any way in limitation of obligations of the Contract, it is understood and agreed by the Contractor that the Contractor shall be held liable for any state or federal audit exceptions and shall return to the Department all payments made under the Contract to which exception has been taken, or which have been disallowed because of such an exception.
- 7.5. If the Contractor is not subject to the audit requirements of 2 CFR part 200, the Contractor shall submit one (1) copy of an audited financial report to the Department, utilizing the guidelines set forth by the Comptroller General of the United States in "Standards for Audit of Governmental Organizations, Program Activities, and Functions," within 120 days after the close of the Contractor's fiscal year, conducted in accordance with the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal awards 90 days after contract completion date.
8. Project Costs: Payment Schedule; Review by the State
  - 8.1. Project Costs: As used in this Agreement, the term "Project Costs" means all expenses directly or indirectly incurred by the Contractor in the performance of the Project Activities, as determined by the State to be eligible and allowable for payment, in accordance with Public Law 102-550, as well as allowable cost standards set forth in 2 CFR part 200 as

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revised from time to time and with the rules, regulations, and guidelines established by the State. All subcontractors shall meet the requirements of 2 CFR part 200.

- 8.2. Continuum of Care funds may be used to pay for eligible costs listed in 24 CFR 578 when used to establish and operate projects under five program components: permanent housing; transitional housing; supportive services only; HMIS; and, in some cases, homeless prevention or an identified program component under the applicable Notice of Funding Opportunity, such as the Joint Transitional Housing, and Permanent Housing-Rapid ReHousing component project. Administrative costs are eligible for all components. All components are subject to the restrictions on combining funds for certain eligible activities in a single project found in 24 CFR 578.87(c).
- 8.3. Match Funds:
- 8.3.1. The Contractor shall provide sufficient matching funds, as required by HUD regulations and policies described in 24 CFR 578.73.
- 8.3.2. Match funds shall be documented with each payment request.
- 8.3.3. The Contractor shall match all grant funds except for leasing funds, with no less than twenty-five (25) percent of funds or *in-kind* contributions from other sources.
- 8.3.4. The Contractor may choose to utilize *Cash Match*, or *In-Kind Match*, for the cost of activities that are eligible under subpart D of 24 CFR 578. The Contractor shall:
- 8.3.4.1. The Contractor must substantiate the cash match in a commitment letter, and then must be tracked through the Contractor's financial statements, general ledgers, and other records that reflect yearly financial status to show that the cash was spent on eligible program expenses within the grant term.
- 8.3.5. The cash match written commitment must be documented on the committing agency's letterhead and must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the agency providing the cash match. The documentation, at a minimum, must include the following:
- 8.3.5.1. Amount of cash to be provided for the project.
- 8.3.5.2. Specific date the cash will be available to the project.
- 8.3.5.3. Grant and fiscal year to which the cash match will be contributed.
- 8.3.5.4. Allowable activities to be funded by the cash match. Documentation of expended match must include:
- 8.3.5.4.1. Agreement for cash match.
- 8.3.5.4.2. Cash match tracking which is done according to general accounting principles in the general ledger.
- 8.3.5.4.3. Source documentation that cash match is spent on eligible activities under CoC Program interim rule.
- 8.3.6. The Contractor must maintain records of the source and use of contributions made to satisfy the match requirement in 24 CFR 578.73.



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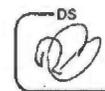
- 8.3.7. If the Contractor utilizes *In-Kind Match*, the Contractor must ensure the following requirements are met:
- 8.3.7.1. The *in-kind* property, equipment, or goods must be substantiated in a commitment letter and must be tracked by the subrecipient agency to demonstrate that these items were delivered to the project, and/or, to its participants, during the grant term.
  - 8.3.7.2. Written commitments for *in-kind* property, equipment, or goods must be documented on the committing agency's letterhead and must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the agency providing the *in-kind* match. The documentation, at a minimum, must include the following:
    - 8.3.7.2.1. Description and value of the donated property, equipment, or goods;
    - 8.3.7.2.2. Specific date the property, equipment, or goods will be made available to the project;
    - 8.3.7.2.3. Grant and fiscal year to which the property, equipment, or goods will be contributed; and
    - 8.3.7.2.4. Method used to determine the value of the property, equipment, or goods
- 8.3.8. *In-Kind Services* must be substantiated in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and then must be tracked by the recipient or subrecipient to show that the services were delivered to program participants during the grant term. Any services or benefits committed to a program participant rather than the recipient or subrecipient through an MOU are generally ineligible to be counted as match.
- 8.3.8.1. Written commitments of *in-kind* services, during the application, must be initially documented on the committing agency's letterhead. The document must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the agency providing the *in-kind* services.
  - 8.3.8.2. An MOU must be in place between the recipient/subrecipient and service provider by the time of grant execution and must include detail of the *in-kind* services, their value, and the calculation method to be used in determining their value. Any services provided prior to the execution of the MOU cannot be counted towards match.
- 8.3.9. Each MOU must:
- 8.3.9.1. Establish the unconditional commitment to provide the services, provided that the project is selected for funding by the CoC and HUD.
  - 8.3.9.2. Specify the services to be provided to the project.
  - 8.3.9.3. List the profession of the person who will provide the services.
  - 8.3.9.4. Include the hourly cost of the services.



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- 8.3.9.5. List the grant and fiscal year to which the *in-kind* match will be contributed.
- 8.3.9.6. Detail the system to be used to document the actual quantity and value of the services provided to program participants during the grant term.
- 8.3.10. During the grant term, the actual *in-kind* services provided to participants must be documented. The documentation must include the following:
  - 8.3.10.1. Quantity of services provided.
  - 8.3.10.2. Value of the services.
  - 8.3.10.3. Date(s) on which the services were provided.
- 8.3.11. Subrecipients must request information from third-party service providers on *in-kind* service match activity at least annually and are responsible for verifying that the match is eligible and related to program participants served in the operating year.
- 8.4. Payment of Project Costs:
  - 8.4.1. The State agrees to provide payment on a cost reimbursement basis for actual, eligible expenditures incurred in the fulfillment of this agreement, and shall be in accordance with the approved line items as specified in the applicable Exhibit C, Budget, and as defined by HUD under the provisions of Public Law 102-550 and other applicable regulations, subject to the availability of sufficient funds.
  - 8.4.2. The Contractor shall only be reimbursed for those costs designated as eligible and allowable costs as stated in these Payment Terms. The Contractor must have written approval from the State prior to billing for any other expenses.
- 8.5. Review of the State Disallowance of Costs:
  - 8.5.1. At any time during the performance of the Services, and upon receipt of the Annual Performance Report, Termination Report or Audited Financial Report, the State may review all Project Costs incurred by the Contractor and all payments made to date.
  - 8.5.2. Upon such review, the State shall disallow any items of expenses that are not determined to be allowable or are determined to be in excess of actual expenditures, and shall, by written notice specifying the disallowed expenditures, informing the Contractor of any such disallowance.
  - 8.5.3. If the State disallows costs for which payment has not yet been made, it shall refuse to pay such costs. Any amounts awarded to the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement are subject to recapture.
  - 8.5.4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Contractor agrees that funding under this Agreement may be withheld, in whole or in part, in the event of non-compliance with any Federal or State law, rule or regulation applicable to the services provided, or if the said services, products, required report submissions, as detailed in this agreement, or NH-HMIS data entry requirements, have not been satisfactorily completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

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9. Expense Eligibility

9.1. Based on the continued receipt/availability of federal funds, the Contractor shall utilize Continuum of Care Program funds, as specified in these Payment Terms, from the HUD Continuum of Care Program, for contract services.

9.2. Operating Expenses:

9.2.1. Eligible operating expenses include:

9.2.1.1. Maintenance and repair of housing.

9.2.1.2. Property taxes and insurance (including property and car).

9.2.1.3. Scheduled payments to reserve for replacement of major systems of the housing (provided that the payments must be based on the useful life of the system and expected replacement cost).

9.2.1.4. Building security for a structure where more than fifty (50) percent of the units or area is paid for with grant funds.

9.2.1.5. Utilities, including electricity, gas and water.

9.2.1.6. Furniture and equipment.

9.2.2. Ineligible costs include:

9.2.2.1. Rental assistance and operating costs in the same project.

9.2.2.2. Operating costs of emergency shelter and supportive service-only facilities.

9.2.2.3. Maintenance and repair of housing where the costs of maintaining and repairing the housing are included in the lease.

9.2.2.4. Ineligible costs. Any cost not described as eligible below is not an eligible cost of providing supportive services using Continuum of Care program funds. Staff training and costs of obtaining professional licensure or certifications needed to provide supportive services are not eligible costs.

9.3. Supportive Services

9.3.1. Eligible supportive services costs shall comply with all HUD regulations in 24 CFR 578.53, and are available to individuals actively participating in the permanent housing program.

9.3.2. Special populations. All eligible costs are eligible to the same extent for program participants who are unaccompanied homeless youth; persons living with HIV/AIDS; and victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

9.3.3. Eligible costs shall include:

9.3.3.1. Annual assessment of Service Needs. The costs of the assessment required by 578.53(a) (2).

9.3.3.2. Assistance with moving costs. Reasonable one-time moving costs are eligible and include truck rental and hiring a moving company.



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- 9.3.3.3. Case management. The costs of assessing, arranging, coordinating, and monitoring the delivery of individualized services to meet the needs of the program participant(s) are eligible costs.
- 9.3.3.4. Child Care. The costs of establishing and operating child care, and providing child-care vouchers, for children from families experiencing homelessness, including providing meals and snacks, and comprehensive and coordinated developmental activities are eligible.
- 9.3.3.5. Education Services. The costs of improving knowledge and basic educational skills are eligible.
- 9.3.3.6. Employment assistance and job training. The costs of establishing and operating employment assistance and job training programs are eligible, including classroom, online and/or computer instruction, on-the-job instruction, services that assist individuals in securing employment, acquiring learning skills, and/or increasing earning potential. The cost of providing reasonable stipends to program participants in employment assistance and job training programs is also an eligible cost.
- 9.3.3.7. Food. The cost of providing meals or groceries to program participants is eligible.
- 9.3.3.8. Housing search and counseling services. Costs of assisting eligible program participants to locate, obtain, and retain suitable housing are eligible.
- 9.3.3.9. Legal services. Eligible costs are the fees charged by licensed attorneys and by person(s) under the supervision of licensed attorneys, for advice and representation in matters that interfere with homeless individual or family's ability to obtain and retain housing.
- 9.3.3.10. Life Skills training. The costs of teaching critical life management skills that may never have been learned or have been lost during course of physical or mental illness, domestic violence, substance abuse, and homelessness are eligible. These services must be necessary to assist the program participant to function independently in the community. Component life skills training are the budgeting of resources and money management, household management, conflict management, shopping for food and other needed items, nutrition, the use of public transportation, and parent training.
- 9.3.3.11. Mental Health Services. Eligible costs are the direct outpatient treatment of mental health conditions that are provided by licensed professionals. Component services are crisis interventions; counseling; individual, family, or group therapy sessions; the prescription of psychotropic medications or explanations about the use and management of medications; and combinations of therapeutic approaches to address multiple problems.
- 9.3.3.12. Outpatient health services. Eligible costs are the direct outpatient treatment of medical conditions when provided by licensed medical professionals.



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- 9.3.3.13. Outreach Services. The costs of activities to engage persons for the purpose of providing immediate support and intervention, as well as identifying potential program participants, are eligible.
- 9.3.3.14. Substance abuse treatment services. The costs of program participant intake and assessment, outpatient treatment, group and individual counseling, and drug testing are eligible. Inpatient detoxification and other inpatient drug or alcohol treatment are ineligible.
- 9.3.3.15. Transportation Services, as described in 24CFR 578(e) (15).
- 9.3.3.16. Utility Deposits. This form of assistance consists of paying for utility deposits. Utility deposits must be one-time, paid directly to utility companies.
- 9.3.3.17. Direct provision of services. If a service, described as eligible in these Payment Terms, is being directly delivered by the recipient or subrecipient, eligible costs for those services also include the following:
  - 9.3.3.17.1. The costs of labor or supplies, and materials incurred by the recipient or subrecipient in directly providing supportive services to program participants.
  - 9.3.3.17.2. The salary and benefit packages of the recipient and subrecipient staff who directly deliver the services.
- 9.3.4. Grant funds may be used for rental assistance for Individuals, youth, and families experiencing homelessness.
- 9.3.5. Rental assistance cannot be provided to a program participant who is already receiving rental assistance, or living in a housing unit receiving rental assistance or operating assistance through other federal, State, or local sources.
- 9.3.6. Rental assistance shall be administered in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the Continuum as set forth in 24 CFR 578.7(a) (9) and 24 CFR 578.51. and may be:
  - 9.3.6.1. Short term, up to 3 months of rent;
  - 9.3.6.2. Medium term, for 3-24 months; or
  - 9.3.6.3. Long-term, for longer than 24 months.
- 9.3.7. Grant funds may be used for security deposits in an amount not to exceed 2 months of rent.
- 9.3.8. An advance payment of the last month's rent may be provided to the landlord, in addition to the security deposit and payment of first month's rent.
- 9.3.9. Rental assistance will only be provided for a unit if the rent is reasonable, as determined by the Contractor, in relation to rents being charged for comparable unassisted units, taking into account the location, size, type, quality, amenities, facilities, and management and maintenance of each unit.
- 9.3.10. The Contractor may use grant funds in an amount not to exceed one month's rent to pay for any damage to housing due to the action of a program participant.

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For Leasing funds only: Property damages may be paid only from funds paid to the landlord from security deposits.

9.3.11. Housing shall be in compliance with all State and local housing codes, licensing requirements, the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, and any other requirements of the jurisdiction in which the housing is located regarding the condition of the structure and operation of the housing or services.

9.3.12. The Contractor shall provide one of the following types of rental assistance: Tenant-based, Project-based, or Sponsor-based rental assistance as described by HUD in 24 CFR 578.51.

9.3.12.1. Tenant-based rental assistance is rental assistance in which program participants choose housing of an appropriate size in which to reside. When necessary to facilitate the coordination of supportive services, recipients and subrecipients may require program participants to live in a specific area for their entire period of participation, or in a specific structure for the first year and in a specific area for the remainder of their period of participation. Short and medium term rental assistance provided under the Rapid Re-Housing program component must be tenant based rental assistance.

9.3.12.2. Sponsor-based rental assistance is provided through contracts between the recipient and sponsor organization. A sponsor may be a private, nonprofit organization, or a community mental health agency established as a public nonprofit organization. Program participants must reside in housing owned or leased by the sponsor.

9.3.12.3. Project-based rental assistance is provided through a contract with the owner of an existing structure, where the owner agrees to lease the subsidized units to program participants. Program participants will not retain rental assistance if they move.

9.3.12.4. For project-based, sponsor-based, or tenant-based rental assistance, program participants must enter into a lease agreement for a term of at least one year, which is terminable for cause. The leases must be automatically renewable upon expiration for terms that are a minimum of one month long, except on prior notice by either party.

9.4. Administrative Costs:

9.4.1. Eligible administrative costs include:

9.4.1.1. The Contractor may use funding awarded under this part, for the payment of project administrative costs related to the planning and execution of Continuum of Care activities. This does not include staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities eligible under 24 CFR 578.43 through 578.57, because those costs are eligible as part of those activities.

9.4.1.2. General management, oversight, and coordination. Costs of overall program management, coordination, monitoring and evaluation. These costs include, but are not limited to, necessary expenditures for the following:



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- 9.4.1.2.1. Salaries, wages, and related costs of the Contractor's staff, or other staff engaged in program administration.
- 9.4.1.2.2. In charging costs to this category, the Contractor may include the entire salary, wages, and related costs allocable to the program of each person whose primary responsibilities with regard to the program involve program administration assignments, or the pro rata share of the salary, wages, and related costs of each person whose job includes any program administration assignments. The Contractor may only use one of these methods for each fiscal year grant. Program administration assignments include the following:
  - 9.4.1.2.2.1. Preparing program budgets and schedules, and amendments to those budgets and schedules.
  - 9.4.1.2.2.2. Developing systems for assuring compliance with program requirements.
  - 9.4.1.2.2.3. Developing interagency agreements and agreements with subrecipient and Contractors to carry out program activities.
  - 9.4.1.2.2.4. Monitoring program activities for progress and compliance with program requirements.
  - 9.4.1.2.2.5. Preparing reports and other documents related to the program for submission to HUD.
  - 9.4.1.2.2.6. Coordinating the solution of audit and monitoring findings.
  - 9.4.1.2.2.7. Preparing reports and other documents directly related to the program submission to HUD.
  - 9.4.1.2.2.8. Evaluating program results against stated objectives.
  - 9.4.1.2.2.9. Managing or supervising persons whose primary responsibilities are among those program administration assignments, as listed immediately above.
  - 9.4.1.2.2.10. Travel costs incurred for official business in carrying out the program.
  - 9.4.1.2.2.11. Administrative services performed under third party contracts or agreements, including such services as

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general legal services, accounting services, and audit services.

9.4.1.2.2.12. Other costs for goods and services required for administration of the program, including such goods and services as rental or purchase of equipment, insurance, utilities, office supplies, and rental and maintenance, but not purchase, of office space.

9.4.1.2.2.13. Training on Continuum of Care requirements. Costs of providing training on Continuum of Care requirements and attending HUD-Sponsored Continuum of Care trainings.

9.4.1.2.2.14. Environmental review. Costs of carrying out the environmental review responsibilities under 24 CFR 578.31.

9.5. Leasing:

9.5.1. When the Contractor is leasing the structure, or portions thereof, grant funds may be used to pay for 100 percent of the costs of leasing a structure or structures, or portions thereof, to provide housing or supportive services to homeless persons for up to three (3) years. Leasing funds may not be used to lease units or structures owned by the contractor, their parent organization, any other related organization(s), or organizations that are members of a partnership, where the partnership owns the structure, unless HUD authorized an exception for good cause.

9.5.2. Requirements:

9.5.2.1. Leasing structures. When grants are used to pay rent for all or part of a structure or structures, the rent paid must be reasonable in relation to rents being charged in the area for comparable space. In addition, the rent paid may not exceed rents currently being charged by the same owner for comparable unassisted space.

9.5.2.2. Leasing individual units. When the grant funds are used to pay rent for individual housing units, the rent paid must reasonable in relation to rents being charged for comparable units, taking into account the location, size, type, quality, amenities, facilities, and management services. In addition, the rents may not exceed rents currently being charged for comparable units, and the rent paid may not exceed HUD-determined fair market rents.

9.5.2.3. Utilities. If electricity, gas, and water are included in the rent, these utilities may be paid from leasing funds. If utilities are not provided by the landlord, these utility costs are operating costs, except for supportive service facilities. If the structure is being used as a supportive service facility, then these utility costs are a supportive service cost.



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- 9.5.2.4. Security deposits and first and last month's rent. The Contractor may use grant funds to pay security deposits, in an amount not to exceed 2 months of actual rent. An advance payment of last month's rent may be provided to the landlord in addition to security deposit and payment of the first month's rent.
  - 9.5.2.5. Occupancy agreements and subleases. Occupancy agreements and subleases are required as specified in 24 CFR 578.77(a).
  - 9.5.2.6. Calculation of occupancy charges and rent. Occupancy charges and rent from program participants must be calculated as provided in 24 CFR 578.77.
  - 9.5.2.7. Program income. Occupancy charges and rent collected from program participants are program income and may be used as provided under 24 CFR 578.97.
  - 9.5.2.8. Transition. Refer to 24CFR 578.49(b)(8).
  - 9.5.2.9. Rent paid may only reflect actual costs and must be reasonable in comparison to rents charged in the area for similar housing units. Documentation of rent reasonableness must be kept on file by the Contractor.
  - 9.5.2.10. The portion of rent paid with grant funds may not exceed HUD-determined fair market rents.
  - 9.5.2.11. The Contractor shall pay individual landlords directly; funds may not be given directly to participants to pay leasing costs.
  - 9.5.2.12. Property damages may only be paid from money paid to the landlord for security deposits.
  - 9.5.2.13. The Contractor cannot lease a building that it already owns to itself.
  - 9.5.2.14. Housing must be in compliance with all State and local housing codes, licensing requirements, the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, and any other requirements of the jurisdiction in which the housing is located regarding the condition of the structure and operation of the housing or services.
- 9.6. The Contractor may charge program participants rent and utilities (heat, hot water). However, the amount charged may not exceed the maximum amounts specified in HUD regulations (24 CFR 578.77). Other services such as cable, air conditioning, telephone, Internet access, cleaning, parking, pool charges, etc. are at the participant's option.
- 9.7. The Contractor shall have any staff charged in full or part to this contract, or counted as match, complete weekly or bi-weekly timesheets.
10. Contractor Financial Management System
- 10.1. Fiscal Control: The Contractor shall establish fiscal control and fund accounting procedures that ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, grant funds and any required nonfederal expenditures. This responsibility applies to funds disbursed in direct operations of the Contractor.
  - 10.2. The Contractor shall maintain a financial management system that complies with 2 CFR part 200 or such equivalent system as the State may require.



Exhibit C-1, Budget

Merrimack County Human Services, Rapid Re-Housing  
CoC Funds - NH0134D1T002201

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Activity Name	TOTAL PROGRAM COST			CONTRACTOR SHARE			BHS SHARE		
	BUDGET	YTD	MONTHLY	BUDGET	YTD	MONTHLY	BUDGET	YTD	MONTHLY
Rental Assistance	\$ 22,584	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,584	\$ -	\$ -
Supportive Services	\$ 8,468	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,468	\$ -	\$ -
Administration	\$ 1,530	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,530	\$ -	\$ -
25% Required Match	\$ 8,531	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,531	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL HUD FUNDS/BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 41,113</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 8,531</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 32,582</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

SFY2025 - 7/1/24-10/31/24

Activity Name	TOTAL PROGRAM COST			CONTRACTOR SHARE			BHS SHARE		
	BUDGET	YTD	MONTHLY	BUDGET	YTD	MONTHLY	BUDGET	YTD	MONTHLY
Rental Assistance	\$ 11,292	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,292	\$ -	\$ -
Supportive Services	\$ 4,234	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,234	\$ -	\$ -
Administration	\$ 788	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 788	\$ -	\$ -
25% Required Match	\$ 4,265	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,265	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL HUD FUNDS/BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 20,579</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,265</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 16,314</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

TOTAL - 11/1/23-10/31/24

Activity Name	TOTAL PROGRAM COST			CONTRACTOR SHARE			BHS SHARE		
	BUDGET	YTD	MONTHLY	BUDGET	YTD	MONTHLY	BUDGET	YTD	MONTHLY
Rental Assistance	\$ 33,876	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,876	\$ -	\$ -
Supportive Services	\$ 12,702	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,702	\$ -	\$ -
Administration	\$ 2,304	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,304	\$ -	\$ -
25% Required Match	\$ 12,796	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,796	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL HUD FUNDS/BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 61,678</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 12,796</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 48,882</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Total W/O Match : \$ 48,882

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## SECTION A: CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees to comply with the provisions of Sections 5151-5160 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. 701 et seq.), and further agrees to have the Contractor's representative, as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions execute the following Certification:

### ALTERNATIVE I - FOR CONTRACTORS OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS

US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - CONTRACTORS  
US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - CONTRACTORS  
US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - CONTRACTORS

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Sections 5151-5160 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D; 41 U.S.C. 701 et seq.). The January 31, 1989 regulations were amended and published as Part II of the May 25, 1990 Federal Register (pages 21681-21691), and require certification by contractors (and by inference, sub-contractors), prior to award, that they will maintain a drug-free workplace. Section 3017.630(c) of the regulation provides that a contractor (and by inference, sub-contractors) that is a State may elect to make one certification to the Department in each federal fiscal year in lieu of certificates for each Agreement during the federal fiscal year covered by the certification. The certificate set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the Agreement. False certification or violation of the certification shall be grounds for suspension of payments, suspension or termination of Agreements, or government wide suspension or debarment. Contractors using this form should send it to:

Commissioner  
NH Department of Health and Human Services  
129 Pleasant Street  
Concord, NH 03301-6505

1. The Contractor certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:
  - 1.1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the Contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
  - 1.2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about
    - 1.2.1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
    - 1.2.2. The Contractor's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
    - 1.2.3. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
    - 1.2.4. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
  - 1.3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the Agreement be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
  - 1.4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the Agreement, the employee will
    - 1.4.1. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
    - 1.4.2. Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
  - 1.5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 1.4.2 from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every contract officer on whose contract activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal

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- agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected Agreement;
- 1.6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 1.4.2, with respect to any employee who is so convicted
    - 1.6.1. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
    - 1.6.2. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
  - 1.7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, and 1.6.
2. The Contractor may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific Agreement.

Place of Performance (street address, city, county, state, zip code) (list each location)

Check  if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

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### SECTION B: CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 319 of Public Law 101-121, Government wide Guidance for New Restrictions on Lobbying, and 31 U.S.C. 1352, and further agrees to have the Contractor's representative, as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions execute the following Certification:

US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – CONTRACTORS  
US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - CONTRACTORS  
US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - CONTRACTORS

Programs (indicate applicable program covered):

- \*Temporary Assistance to Needy Families under Title IV-A
- \*Child Support Enforcement Program under Title IV-D
- \*Social Services Block Grant Program under Title XX
- \*Medicaid Program under Title XIX
- \*Community Services Block Grant under Title VI
- \*Child Care Development Block Grant under Title IV

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, loan, or cooperative agreement (and by specific mention sub-contractor).
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, loan, or cooperative agreement (and by specific mention sub- contractor), the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, (Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying, in accordance with its instructions, see <https://omb.report/icr/201009-0348-022/doc/20388401>
3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award document for sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.



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### SECTION C: CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees to comply with the provisions of Executive Office of the President, Executive Order 12549 and 45 CFR Part 76 regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters, and further agrees to have the Contractor's representative, as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions execute the following Certification:

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

1. By signing and submitting this Agreement, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. If necessary, the prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the NH Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.
3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when DHHS determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, DHHS may terminate this transaction for cause or default.
4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the DHHS agency to whom this Agreement is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
5. 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 meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549: 45 CFR Part 76. See <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/CFR-2004-title45-vol1/CFR-2004-title45-vol1-part76/context>.
6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this Agreement 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 debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by DHHS.
7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," provided by DHHS, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
8. 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 debarred, suspended, ineligible, or involuntarily excluded from the covered transaction, 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 Nonprocurement List (of excluded parties) at <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-22/chapter-V/part-513>.

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9. 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.
10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal government, DHHS may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

### PRIMARY COVERED TRANSACTIONS

11. The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
  - 11.1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
  - 11.2. Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal (Agreement) been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or a contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
  - 11.3. Are not presently indicted for otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (l)(b) of this certification; and
  - 11.4. Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.
12. Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal (contract).

### LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

13. By signing and submitting this lower tier proposal (Agreement), the prospective lower tier participant, as defined in 45 CFR Part 76, certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals:
  - 13.1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.
  - 13.2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the above, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal (Agreement).
14. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal (Agreement) that it will include this clause entitled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.



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### SECTION D: CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO FEDERAL NONDISCRIMINATION, EQUAL TREATMENT OF FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS, CLEAN AIR AND CLEAN WATER ACT

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees by signature of the Contractor's representative as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions, to execute the following certification:

Contractor will comply, and will require any subcontractors to comply, with any applicable federal nondiscrimination requirements, which may include:

1. The Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. Section 3789d) which prohibits recipients of federal funding under this statute from discriminating, either in employment practices or in the delivery of services or benefits, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, and sex. The Act requires certain recipients to produce an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan;
2. The Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. Section 5672(b)) which adopts by reference, the civil rights obligations of the Safe Streets Act. Recipients of federal funding under this statute are prohibited from discriminating, either in employment practices or in the delivery of services or benefits, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, and sex. The Act includes Equal Employment Opportunity Plan requirements;
3. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. Section 2000d, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin in any program or activity);
4. The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794), which prohibits recipients of Federal financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of disability, in regard to employment and the delivery of services or benefits, in any program or activity;
5. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Sections 12131-34), which prohibits discrimination and ensures equal opportunity for persons with disabilities in employment, State and local government services, public accommodations, commercial facilities, and transportation;
6. The Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. Sections 1681, 1683, 1685-86), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in federally assisted education programs;
7. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. Sections 6106-07), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance. It does not include employment discrimination;
8. 28 C.F.R. pt. 31 (U.S. Department of Justice Regulations – OJJDP Grant Programs); 28 C.F.R. pt. 42 (U.S. Department of Justice Regulations – Nondiscrimination; Equal Employment Opportunity; Policies and Procedures); Executive Order No. 13279 (equal protection of the laws for faith-based and community organizations); Executive Order No. 13559, which provide fundamental principles and policy-making criteria for partnerships with faith-based and neighborhood organizations;
9. 28 C.F.R. pt. 38 (U.S. Department of Justice Regulations – Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations); and Whistleblower protections 41 U.S.C. §4712 and The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub. L. 112-239, enacted January 2, 2013) the Pilot

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Program for Enhancement of Contract Employee Whistleblower Protections, which protects employees against reprisal for certain whistle blowing activities in connection with federal grants and contracts.

10. The Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) which seeks to protect human health and the environment from emissions that pollute ambient, or outdoor, air.

11. The Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387) which establishes the basic structure for regulating discharges of pollutants into the waters of the United States and regulating quality standards for surface waters.

The certificate set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the Agreement. False certification or violation of the certification shall be grounds for suspension of payments, suspension or termination of Agreements, or government wide suspension or debarment.

In the event a Federal or State court or Federal or State administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination after a due process hearing on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex against a recipient of funds, the recipient will forward a copy of the finding to the Office for Civil Rights, to the applicable contracting agency or division within the Department of Health and Human Services, and to the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Ombudsman.

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees by signature of the Contractor's representative as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions, to execute the following certification:

1. By signing and submitting this Agreement, the Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions indicated above.

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### SECTION E: CERTIFICATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE

Public Law 103-227, Part C - Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994 (Act), requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for the provision of health, day care, education, or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs either directly or through State or local governments, by Federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment. Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1000 per day and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity.

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees, by signature of the Contractor's representative as identified in Section 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions, to execute the following certification:

1. By signing and submitting this Agreement, the Contractor agrees to make reasonable efforts to comply with all applicable provisions of Public Law 103-227, Part C, known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994.

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### SECTION F: CERTIFICATION REGARDING THE FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (FFATA) COMPLIANCE

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) requires prime awardees of individual Federal grants equal to or greater than \$30,000 and awarded on or after October 1, 2010, to report on data related to executive compensation and associated first-tier sub-grants of \$30,000 or more. If the initial award is below \$30,000 but subsequent grant modifications result in a total award equal to or over \$30,000, the award is subject to the FFATA reporting requirements, as of the date of the award.

In accordance with 2 CFR Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information), the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) must report the following information for any sub award or contract award subject to the FFATA reporting requirements:

1. Name of entity
2. Amount of award
3. Funding agency
4. NAICS code for contracts / CFDA program number for grants
5. Program source
6. Award title descriptive of the purpose of the funding action
7. Location of the entity
8. Principle place of performance
9. Unique Entity Identifier (SAM UEI; DUNS#)
10. Total compensation and names of the top five executives if:
  - 10.1. More than 80% of annual gross revenues are from the Federal government, and those revenues are greater than \$25M annually and
  - 10.2. Compensation information is not already available through reporting to the SEC.  
Prime grant recipients must submit FFATA required data by the end of the month, plus 30 days, in which the award or award amendment is made.

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions agrees to comply with the provisions of The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act, Public Law 109-282 and Public Law 110-252, and 2 CFR Part 170 (Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information), and further agrees to have the Contractor's representative, as identified in Sections 1.11 and 1.12 of the General Provisions execute the following Certification:

The below named Contractor agrees to provide needed information as outlined above to the NH Department of Health and Human Services and to comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Financial Accountability and Transparency Act.

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## FORM A

As the Grantee identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions, I certify that the responses to the below listed questions are true and accurate.

1. The UEI (SAM.gov) number for your entity is: kkp8QVLRMN87
2. In your business or organization's preceding completed fiscal year, did your business or organization receive (1) 80 percent or more of your annual gross revenue in U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, sub-grants, and/or cooperative agreements; and (2) \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, subgrants, and/or cooperative agreements?

X  NO                      \_\_\_\_\_ YES

If the answer to #2 above is NO, stop here

If the answer to #2 above is YES, please answer the following:

3. Does the public have access to information about the compensation of the executives in your business or organization through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986?

\_\_\_\_\_ NO                      \_\_\_\_\_ YES

If the answer to #3 above is YES, stop here

If the answer to #3 above is NO, please answer the following:

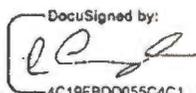
4. The names and compensation of the five most highly compensated officers in your business or organization are as follows:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor Name:

8/31/2023

Date:

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Name: Ross L. Cunningham

Title: 2 County Administrator

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### Exhibit E

### DHHS Information Security Requirements

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#### A. Definitions

The following terms may be reflected and have the described meaning in this document:

1. "Breach" means the loss of control, compromise, unauthorized disclosure, unauthorized acquisition, unauthorized access, or any similar term referring to situations where persons other than authorized users and for an other than authorized purpose have access or potential access to personally identifiable information, whether physical or electronic. With regard to Protected Health Information, "Breach" shall have the same meaning as the term "Breach" in section 164.402 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.
2. "Computer Security Incident" shall have the same meaning "Computer Security Incident" in section two (2) of NIST Publication 800-61, Computer Security Incident Handling Guide, National Institute of Standards and Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce.
3. "Confidential Information" or "Confidential Data" means all confidential information disclosed by one party to the other such as all medical, health, financial, public assistance benefits and personal information including without limitation, Substance Abuse Treatment Records, Case Records, Protected Health Information and Personally Identifiable Information.

Confidential Information also includes any and all information owned or managed by the State of NH - created, received from or on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or accessed in the course of performing contracted services - of which collection, disclosure, protection, and disposition is governed by state or federal law or regulation. This information includes, but is not limited to Protected Health Information (PHI), Personal Information (PI), Personal Financial Information (PFI), Federal Tax Information (FTI), Social Security Numbers (SSN), Payment Card Industry (PCI), and or other sensitive and confidential information.

4. "End User" means any person or entity (e.g., contractor, contractor's employee, business associate, subcontractor, other downstream user, etc.) that receives DHHS data or derivative data in accordance with the terms of this Contract.
5. "HIPAA" means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
6. "Incident" means an act that potentially violates an explicit or implied security policy, which includes attempts (either failed or successful) to gain unauthorized access to a system or its data, unwanted disruption or denial of service, the unauthorized use of a system for the processing or storage of data; and changes to system hardware, firmware, or software characteristics without the owner's knowledge, instruction, or consent. Incidents include the loss of data through theft or device misplacement, loss

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or misplacement of hardcopy documents, and misrouting of physical or electronic mail, all of which may have the potential to put the data at risk of unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification or destruction.

7. "Open Wireless Network" means any network or segment of a network that is not designated by the State of New Hampshire's Department of Information Technology or delegate as a protected network (designed, tested, and approved, by means of the State, to transmit) will be considered an open network and not adequately secure for the transmission of unencrypted PI, PFI, PHI or confidential DHHS data.
8. "Personal Information" (or "PI") means information which can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity, such as their name, social security number, personal information as defined in New Hampshire RSA 359-C:19, biometric records, etc., alone, or when combined with other personal or identifying information which is linked or linkable to a specific individual, such as date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, etc.
9. "Privacy Rule" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, promulgated under HIPAA by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
10. "Protected Health Information" (or "PHI") has the same meaning as provided in the definition of "Protected Health Information" in the HIPAA Privacy Rule at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.
11. "Security Rule" shall mean the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 C.F.R. Part 164, Subpart C, and amendments thereto.
12. "Unsecured Protected Health Information" means Protected Health Information that is not secured by a technology standard that renders Protected Health Information unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals and is developed or endorsed by a standards developing organization that is accredited by the American National Standards Institute.

#### I. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DHHS AND THE CONTRACTOR

##### A. Business Use and Disclosure of Confidential Information.

1. The Contractor must not use, disclose, maintain or transmit Confidential Information except as reasonably necessary as outlined under this Contract. Further, Contractor, including but not limited to all its directors, officers, employees and agents, must not use, disclose, maintain or transmit PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy and Security Rule.

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2. The Contractor must not disclose any Confidential Information in response to a request for disclosure on the basis that it is required by law, in response to a subpoena, etc., without first notifying DHHS so that DHHS has an opportunity to consent or object to the disclosure.
3. If DHHS notifies the Contractor that DHHS has agreed to be bound by additional restrictions over and above those uses or disclosures or security safeguards of PHI pursuant to the Privacy and Security Rule, the Contractor must be bound by such additional restrictions and must not disclose PHI in violation of such additional restrictions and must abide by any additional security safeguards.
4. The Contractor agrees that DHHS Data or derivative there from disclosed to an End User must only be used pursuant to the terms of this Contract.
5. The Contractor agrees DHHS Data obtained under this Contract may not be used for any other purposes that are not indicated in this Contract.
6. The Contractor agrees to grant access to the data to the authorized representatives of DHHS for the purpose of inspecting to confirm compliance with the terms of this Contract.

II. METHODS OF SECURE TRANSMISSION OF DATA

1. Application Encryption. If End User is transmitting DHHS data containing Confidential Data between applications, the Contractor attests the applications have been evaluated by an expert knowledgeable in cyber security and that said application's encryption capabilities ensure secure transmission via the internet.
2. Computer Disks and Portable Storage Devices. End User may not use computer disks or portable storage devices, such as a thumb drive, as a method of transmitting DHHS data.
3. Encrypted Email. End User may only employ email to transmit Confidential Data if email is encrypted and being sent to and being received by email addresses of persons authorized to receive such information.
4. Encrypted Web Site. If End User is employing the Web to transmit Confidential Data, the secure socket layers (SSL) must be used and the web site must be secure. SSL encrypts data transmitted via a Web site.
5. File Hosting Services, also known as File Sharing Sites. End User may not use file hosting services, such as Dropbox or Google Cloud Storage, to transmit Confidential Data.
6. Ground Mail Service. End User may only transmit Confidential Data via *certified* ground mail within the continental U.S. and when sent to a named individual.
7. Laptops and PDA. If End User is employing portable devices to transmit Confidential Data said devices must be encrypted and password-protected.

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8. Open Wireless Networks. End User may not transmit Confidential Data via an open wireless network. End User must employ a virtual private network (VPN) when remotely transmitting via an open wireless network.
9. Remote User Communication. If End User is employing remote communication to access or transmit Confidential Data, a virtual private network (VPN) must be installed on the End User's mobile device(s) or laptop from which information will be transmitted or accessed.
10. SSH File Transfer Protocol (SFTP), also known as Secure File Transfer Protocol. If End User is employing an SFTP to transmit Confidential Data, End User will structure the Folder and access privileges to prevent inappropriate disclosure of information. SFTP folders and sub-folders used for transmitting Confidential Data will be coded for 24-hour auto-deletion cycle (i.e. Confidential Data will be deleted every 24 hours).
11. Wireless Devices. If End User is transmitting Confidential Data via wireless devices, all data must be encrypted to prevent inappropriate disclosure of information.

### III. RETENTION AND DISPOSITION OF IDENTIFIABLE RECORDS

The Contractor will only retain the data and any derivative of the data for the duration of this Contract. After such time, the Contractor will have 30 days to destroy the data and any derivative in whatever form it may exist, unless, otherwise required by law or permitted under this Contract. To this end, the parties must:

#### A. Retention

1. The Contractor agrees it will not store, transfer or process data collected in connection with the services rendered under this Contract outside of the United States. This physical location requirement shall also apply in the implementation of cloud computing, cloud service or cloud storage capabilities, and includes backup data and Disaster Recovery locations.
2. The Contractor agrees to ensure proper security monitoring capabilities are in place to detect potential security events that can impact State of NH systems and/or Department confidential information for contractor provided systems.
3. The Contractor agrees to provide security awareness and education for its End Users in support of protecting Department confidential information.
4. The Contractor agrees to retain all electronic and hard copies of Confidential Data in a secure location and identified in section IV. A.2
5. The Contractor agrees Confidential Data stored in a Cloud must be in a FedRAMP/HITECH compliant solution and comply with all applicable statutes and regulations regarding the privacy and security. All servers and devices must have currently-supported and hardened operating systems, the latest anti-viral, antihacker, anti-spam, anti-spyware, and anti-malware utilities. The environment, as a whole, must have aggressive intrusion-detection and firewall protection.

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6. The Contractor agrees to and ensures its complete cooperation with the State's Chief Information Officer in the detection of any security vulnerability of the hosting infrastructure.

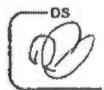
#### B. Disposition

1. If the Contractor will maintain any Confidential Information on its systems (or its sub-contractor systems), the Contractor will maintain a documented process for securely disposing of such data upon request or contract termination; and will obtain written certification for any State of New Hampshire data destroyed by the Contractor or any subcontractors as a part of ongoing, emergency, and or disaster recovery operations. When no longer in use, electronic media containing State of New Hampshire data shall be rendered unrecoverable via a secure wipe program in accordance with industry-accepted standards for secure deletion and media sanitization, or otherwise physically destroying the media (for example, degaussing) as described in NIST Special Publication 800-88, Rev 1, Guidelines for Media Sanitization, National Institute of Standards and Technology, U. S. Department of Commerce. The Contractor will document and certify in writing at time of the data destruction, and will provide written certification to the Department upon request. The written certification will include all details necessary to demonstrate data has been properly destroyed and validated. Where applicable, regulatory and professional standards for retention requirements will be jointly evaluated by the State and Contractor prior to destruction.
2. Unless otherwise specified, within thirty (30) days of the termination of this Contract, Contractor agrees to destroy all hard copies of Confidential Data using a secure method such as shredding.
3. Unless otherwise specified, within thirty (30) days of the termination of this Contract, Contractor agrees to completely destroy all electronic Confidential Data by means of data erasure, also known as secure data wiping.

#### IV. PROCEDURES FOR SECURITY

- A. Contractor agrees to safeguard the DHHS Data received under this Contract, and any derivative data or files, as follows:
  1. The Contractor will maintain proper security controls to protect Department confidential information collected, processed, managed, and/or stored in the delivery of contracted services.
  2. The Contractor will maintain policies and procedures to protect Department confidential information throughout the information lifecycle, where applicable, (from creation, transformation, use, storage and secure destruction) regardless of the media used to store the data (i.e., tape, disk, paper, etc.).

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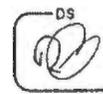
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3. The Contractor will maintain appropriate authentication and access controls to contractor systems that collect, transmit, or store Department confidential information where applicable.
4. The Contractor will ensure proper security monitoring capabilities are in place to detect potential security events that can impact State of NH systems and/or Department confidential information for contractor provided systems.
5. The Contractor will provide regular security awareness and education for its End Users in support of protecting Department confidential information.
6. If the Contractor will be sub-contracting any core functions of the engagement supporting the services for State of New Hampshire, the Contractor will maintain a program of an internal process or processes that defines specific security expectations, and monitoring compliance to security requirements that at a minimum match those for the Contractor, including breach notification requirements.
7. The Contractor will work with the Department to sign and comply with all applicable State of New Hampshire and Department system access and authorization policies and procedures, systems access forms, and computer use agreements as part of obtaining and maintaining access to any Department system(s). Agreements will be completed and signed by the Contractor and any applicable sub-contractors prior to system access being authorized.
8. If the Department determines the Contractor is a Business Associate pursuant to 45 CFR 160.103, the Contractor will execute a HIPAA Business Associate Agreement (BAA) with the Department and is responsible for maintaining compliance with the agreement.
9. The Contractor will work with the Department at its request to complete a System Management Survey. The purpose of the survey is to enable the Department and Contractor to monitor for any changes in risks, threats, and vulnerabilities that may occur over the life of the Contractor engagement. The survey will be completed annually, or an alternate time frame at the Departments discretion with agreement by the Contractor, or the Department may request the survey be completed when the scope of the engagement between the Department and the Contractor changes.
10. The Contractor will not store, knowingly or unknowingly, any State of New Hampshire or Department data offshore or outside the boundaries of the United States unless prior express written consent is obtained from the Information Security Office leadership member within the Department.
11. Data Security Breach Liability. In the event of any security breach Contractor shall make efforts to investigate the causes of the breach, promptly take measures to prevent

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future breach and minimize any damage or loss resulting from the breach. The State shall recover from the Contractor all costs of response and recovery from

the breach, including but not limited to: credit monitoring services, mailing costs and costs associated with website and telephone call center services necessary due to the breach.

12. Contractor must, comply with all applicable statutes and regulations regarding the privacy and security of Confidential Information, and must in all other respects maintain the privacy and security of PI and PHI at a level and scope that is not less than the level and scope of requirements applicable to federal agencies, including, but not limited to, provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a), DHHS Privacy Act Regulations (45 C.F.R. §5b), HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules (45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164) that govern protections for individually identifiable health information and as applicable under State law.
13. Contractor agrees to establish and maintain appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect the confidentiality of the Confidential Data and to prevent unauthorized use or access to it. The safeguards must provide a level and scope of security that is not less than the level and scope of security requirements established by the State of New Hampshire, Department of Information Technology. Refer to Vendor Resources/Procurement at <https://www.nh.gov/doi/vendor/index.htm> for the Department of Information Technology policies, guidelines, standards, and procurement information relating to vendors.
14. Contractor agrees to maintain a documented breach notification and incident response process. The Contractor will notify the State's Privacy Officer and the State's Security Officer of any security breach immediately, at the email addresses provided in Section VI. This includes a confidential information breach, computer security incident, or suspected breach which affects or includes any State of New Hampshire systems that connect to the State of New Hampshire network.
15. Contractor must restrict access to the Confidential Data obtained under this Contract to only those authorized End Users who need such DHHS Data to perform their official duties in connection with purposes identified in this Contract.
16. The Contractor must ensure that all End Users:
  - a. comply with such safeguards as referenced in Section IV A. above, implemented to protect Confidential Information that is furnished by DHHS under this Contract from loss, theft or inadvertent disclosure.
  - b. safeguard this information at all times.
  - c. ensure that laptops and other electronic devices/media containing PHI, PI, or PFI are encrypted and password-protected.

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- d. send emails containing Confidential Information only if encrypted and being sent to and being received by email addresses of persons authorized to receive such information.
- e. limit disclosure of the Confidential Information to the extent permitted by law.
- f. Confidential Information received under this Contract and individually identifiable data derived from DHHS Data, must be stored in an area that is physically and technologically secure from access by unauthorized persons during duty hours as well as non-duty hours (e.g., door locks, card keys, biometric identifiers, etc.).
- g. only authorized End Users may transmit the Confidential Data, including any derivative files containing personally identifiable information, and in all cases, such data must be encrypted at all times when in transit, at rest, or when stored on portable media as required in section IV above.
- h. in all other instances Confidential Data must be maintained, used and disclosed using appropriate safeguards, as determined by a risk-based assessment of the circumstances involved.
- i. understand that their user credentials (user name and password) must not be shared with anyone. End Users will keep their credential information secure. This applies to credentials used to access the site directly or indirectly through a third party application.

Contractor is responsible for oversight and compliance of their End Users. DHHS reserves the right to conduct onsite inspections to monitor compliance with this Contract, including the privacy and security requirements provided in herein, HIPAA, and other applicable laws and Federal regulations until such time the Confidential Data is disposed of in accordance with this Contract.

#### V. LOSS REPORTING

The Contractor must notify the State's Privacy Officer and Security Officer of any Security Incidents and Breaches immediately, at the email addresses provided in Section VI.

The Contractor must further handle and report Incidents and Breaches involving PHI in accordance with the agency's documented Incident Handling and Breach Notification procedures and in accordance with 42 C.F.R. §§ 431.300 - 306. In addition to, and notwithstanding, Contractor's compliance with all applicable obligations and procedures, Contractor's procedures must also address how the Contractor will:

1. Identify Incidents;
2. Determine if personally identifiable information is involved in Incidents;
3. Report suspected or confirmed Incidents as required in this Exhibit or P-37;

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4. Identify and convene a core response group to determine the risk level of Incidents and determine risk-based responses to Incidents; and
5. Determine whether Breach notification is required, and, if so, identify appropriate Breach notification methods, timing, source, and contents from among different options, and bear costs associated with the Breach notice as well as any mitigation measures.

Incidents and/or Breaches that implicate PI must be addressed and reported, as applicable, in accordance with NH RSA 359-C:20.

**VI. PERSONS TO CONTACT**

A. DHHS Privacy Officer:

DHHSPrivacyOfficer@dhhs.nh.gov B.

DHHS Security Officer:

DHHSInformationSecurityOffice@dhhs.nh.gov

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**BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT**

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions of the Agreement (Form P-37) ("Agreement"), and any of its agents who receive use or have access to protected health information (PHI), as defined herein, shall be referred to as the "Business Associate." The State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services, "Department" shall be referred to as the "Covered Entity." The Contractor and the Department are collectively referred to as "the parties."

The parties agree, to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Public Law 104-191, the Standards for Privacy and Security of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 CFR Parts 160, 162, and 164 (HIPAA), provisions of the HITECH Act, Title XIII, Subtitle D, Parts 1&2 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, 42 USC 17934, et sec., applicable to business associates, and as applicable, to be bound by the provisions of the Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Patient Records, 42 USC s. 290 dd-2, 42 CFR Part 2, (Part 2), as any of these laws and regulations may be amended from time to time.

(1) Definitions.

- a. The following terms shall have the same meaning as defined in HIPAA, the HITECH Act, and Part 2, as they may be amended from time to time:

"Breach," "Designated Record Set," "Data Aggregation," "Designated Record Set," "Health Care Operations," "HITECH Act," "Individual," "Privacy Rule," "Required by law," "Security Rule," and "Secretary."

- b. Business Associate Agreement, (BAA) means the Business Associate Agreement that includes privacy and confidentiality requirements of the Business Associate working with PHI and as applicable, Part 2 record(s) on behalf of the Covered Entity under the Agreement.
- c. "Constructively Identifiable," means there is a reasonable basis to believe that the information could be used, alone or in combination with other reasonably available information, by an anticipated recipient to identify an individual who is a subject of the information.
- d. "Protected Health Information" ("PHI") as used in the Agreement and the BAA, means protected health information defined in HIPAA 45 CFR 160.103, limited to the information created, received, or used by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity, and includes any Part 2 records, if applicable, as defined below.
- e. "Part 2 record" means any patient "Record," relating to a "Patient," and "Patient Identifying Information," as defined in 42 CFR Part 2.11.
- f. "Unsecured Protected Health Information" means protected health information that is not secured by a technology standard that renders protected health information unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals and is developed or endorsed by a standards developing organization that is accredited by the American National Standards Institute.

(2) Business Associate Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information.

- a. Business Associate shall not use, disclose, maintain, store, or transmit Protected Health Information (PHI) except as reasonably necessary to provide the services outlined under the Agreement. Further, Business Associate, including but not limited to all its directors,

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officers, employees, and agents, shall protect any PHI as required by HIPAA and 42 CFR Part 2, and not use, disclose, maintain, store, or transmit PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of HIPAA or 42 CFR Part 2.

- b. Business Associate may use or disclose PHI, as applicable:
  - I. For the proper management and administration of the Business Associate;
  - II. As required by law, according to the terms set forth in paragraph c. and d. below;
  - III. According to the HIPAA minimum necessary standard;
  - IV. For data aggregation purposes for the health care operations of the Covered Entity; and
  - V. Data that is de-identified or aggregated and remains constructively identifiable may not be used for any purpose outside the performance of the Agreement.
- c. To the extent Business Associate is permitted under the BAA or the Agreement to disclose PHI to any third party or subcontractor prior to making any disclosure, the Business Associate must obtain a business associate agreement with the third party or subcontractor, that complies with HIPAA and ensures that all requirements and restrictions placed on the Business Associate as part of this BAA with the Covered Entity, are included in those business associate agreements with the third party or subcontractor.
- d. The Business Associate shall not, disclose any PHI in response to a request or demand for disclosure, such as by a subpoena or court order, on the basis that it is required by law, without first notifying Covered Entity so that Covered Entity can determine how to best protect the PHI. If Covered Entity objects to the disclosure, the Business Associate agrees to refrain from disclosing the PHI and shall cooperate with the Covered Entity in any effort the Covered Entity undertakes to contest the request for disclosure, subpoena, or other legal process. If applicable relating to Part 2 records, the Business Associate shall resist any efforts to access part 2 records in any judicial proceeding.

(3) Obligations and Activities of Business Associate.

- a. Business Associate shall implement appropriate safeguards to prevent unauthorized use or disclosure of all PHI in accordance with HIPAA Privacy Rule and Security Rule with regard to electronic PHI, and Part 2, as applicable.
- b. The Business Associate shall immediately notify the Covered Entity's Privacy Officer at the following email address, [DHHSPrivacyOfficer@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:DHHSPrivacyOfficer@dhhs.nh.gov) after the Business Associate has determined that any use or disclosure not provided for by its contract, including any known or suspected privacy or security incident or breach has occurred potentially exposing or compromising the PHI. This includes inadvertent or accidental uses or disclosures or breaches of unsecured protected health information.
- c. In the event of a breach, the Business Associate shall comply with the terms of this Business Associate Agreement, all applicable state and federal laws and regulations and any additional requirements of the Agreement.
- d. The Business Associate shall perform a risk assessment, based on the information available at the time it becomes aware of any known or suspected privacy or security breach as described above and communicate the risk assessment to the Covered Entity. The risk assessment shall include, but not be limited to:
  - I. The nature and extent of the protected health information involved, including the types of identifiers and the likelihood of re-identification;

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- II. The unauthorized person who accessed, used, disclosed, or received the protected health information;
  - III. Whether the protected health information was actually acquired or viewed; and
  - IV. How the risk of loss of confidentiality to the protected health information has been mitigated.
- e. The Business Associate shall complete a risk assessment report at the conclusion of its incident or breach investigation and provide the findings in a written report to the Covered Entity as soon as practicable after the conclusion of the Business Associate's investigation.
  - f. Business Associate shall make available all of its internal policies and procedures, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by the Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity to the US Secretary of Health and Human Services for purposes of determining the Business Associate's and the Covered Entity's compliance with HIPAA and the Privacy and Security Rule, and Part 2, if applicable.
  - g. Business Associate shall require all of its business associates that receive, use or have access to PHI under the BAA to agree in writing to adhere to the same restrictions and conditions on the use and disclosure of PHI contained herein and an agreement that the Covered Entity shall be considered a direct third party beneficiary of all the Business Associate's business associate agreements.
  - h. Within ten (10) business days of receipt of a written request from Covered Entity, Business Associate shall make available during normal business hours at its offices all records, books, agreements, policies and procedures relating to the use and disclosure of PHI to the Covered Entity, for purposes of enabling Covered Entity to determine Business Associate's compliance with the terms of the BAA and the Agreement.
  - i. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity, Business Associate shall provide access to PHI in a Designated Record Set to the Covered Entity; or as directed by Covered Entity, to an individual in order to meet the requirements under 45 CFR Section 164.524.
  - j. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity for an amendment of PHI or a record about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, the Business Associate shall make such PHI available to Covered Entity for amendment and incorporate any such amendment to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under 45 CFR Section 164.526.
  - k. Business Associate shall document any disclosures of PHI and information related to any disclosures as would be required for Covered Entity to respond to a request by an individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.528.
  - l. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity for a request for an accounting of disclosures of PHI, Business Associate shall make available to Covered Entity such information as Covered Entity may require to fulfill its obligations to provide an accounting of disclosures with respect to PHI in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.528.
  - m. In the event any individual requests access to, amendment of, or accounting of PHI directly from the Business Associate, the Business Associate shall within five (5)

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business days forward such request to Covered Entity. Covered Entity shall have the responsibility of responding to forwarded requests. However, if forwarding the individual's request to Covered Entity would cause Covered Entity or the Business Associate to violate HIPAA and the Privacy and Security Rule, the Business Associate shall instead respond to the individual's request as required by such law and notify Covered Entity of such response as soon as practicable.

- n. Within thirty (30) business days of termination of the Agreement, for any reason, the Business Associate shall return or destroy, as specified by Covered Entity, all PHI received from or created or received by the Business Associate in connection with the Agreement, and shall not retain any copies or back-ups of such PHI in any form or platform.
- l. If return or destruction is not feasible, or the disposition of the PHI has been otherwise agreed to in the Agreement, or if retention is governed by state or federal law, Business Associate shall continue to extend the protections of the Agreement, to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible for as long as the Business Associate maintains such PHI. If Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, requires that the Business Associate destroy any or all PHI, the Business Associate shall certify to Covered Entity that the PHI has been destroyed.

(4) Obligations of Covered Entity

Covered Entity shall post a current version of the Notice of the Privacy Practices on the Covered Entity's website: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oos/hipaa/publications.htm> in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.520.

- a. Covered Entity shall promptly notify Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of permission provided to Covered Entity by individuals whose PHI may be used or disclosed by Business Associate under this BAA, pursuant to 45 CFR Section 164.506 or 45 CFR Section 164.508.
- b. Covered entity shall promptly notify Business Associate of any restrictions on the use or disclosure of PHI that Covered Entity has agreed to in accordance with 45 CFR 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.

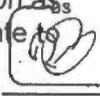
(5) Termination of Agreement for Cause

In addition to the General Provisions (P-37) of the Agreement, the Covered Entity may immediately terminate the Agreement upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a material breach by Business Associate of the Business Associate Agreement. The Covered Entity may either immediately terminate the Agreement or provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the alleged breach within a timeframe specified by Covered Entity.

(6) Miscellaneous

- a. Definitions, Laws, and Regulatory References. All laws and regulations used, herein, shall refer to those laws and regulations as amended from time to time. A reference in the Agreement, as amended to include this Exhibit I, to a Section in HIPAA or 42 Part 2, means the Section as in effect or as amended.
- b. Change in law. Covered Entity and Business Associate agree to take such action as is necessary from time to time for the Covered Entity and/or Business Associate to

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comply with the changes in the requirements of HIPAA, 42 CFR Part 2 other applicable federal and state law.

- c. Data Ownership. The Business Associate acknowledges that it has no ownership rights with respect to the PHI provided by or created on behalf of Covered Entity.
- d. Interpretation. The parties agree that any ambiguity in the BAA and the Agreement shall be resolved to permit Covered Entity and the Business Associate to comply with HIPAA and 42 CFR Part 2.
- e. Segregation. If any term or condition of this BAA or the application thereof to any person(s) or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other terms or conditions which can be given effect without the invalid term or condition; to this end the terms and conditions of this BAA are declared severable.
- f. Survival. Provisions in this BAA regarding the use and disclosure of PHI, return or destruction of PHI, extensions of the protections of the BAA in section (3) n.l., the defense and indemnification provisions of section (3) g. and Paragraph 13 of the General Provisions (P-37) of the Agreement, shall survive the termination of the BAA

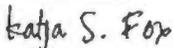
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Business Associate Agreement:

Department of Health and Human Services

Merrimack County

The State

Name of the Contractor

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Signature of Authorized Representative

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Katja S. Fox

Ross L. Cunningham

Name of Authorized Representative

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Director

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Exhibit F

Contractor Initials 