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REQUEST FOR AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM

Submission Deadline - Tuesday, 12:00 PM before Court Dates

SUBMITTED BY: Bill Moore

TODAY'S DATE: November 2, 2021

DEPARTMENT: County Attorney's Office

SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT HEAD:

REQUESTED AGENDA DATE: November 8, 2021

SPECIFIC AGENDA WORDING: Consideration of GrantWorks Contract No. APR-TX-21-126, American Rescue Plan Act Administrative Services, whereby Grant Works will provide professional services to Johnson County as a consultant in the administration of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).

PERSON(S) TO PRESENT ITEM: Bill Moore

SUPPORT MATERIAL: (Must enclose supporting documentation)

TIME: 5 minutes

ACTION ITEM: x

WORKSHOP: _____

(Anticipated number of minutes needed to discuss item) **CONSENT:** _____

EXECUTIVE: _____

STAFF NOTICE:

COUNTY ATTORNEY: _____

IT DEPARTMENT: _____

AUDITOR: x _____

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT: x _____

PERSONNEL: _____

PUBLIC WORKS: _____

BUDGET COORDINATOR: _____

OTHER: _____

*****This Section to be Completed by County Judge's Office*****

ASSIGNED AGENDA DATE: _____

REQUEST RECEIVED BY COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE _____

COURT MEMBER APPROVAL _____ Date _____

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT, MADE THIS November 8, 2021 BY AND BETWEEN JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS, hereinafter referred to as Client ("Client" or "Recipient"), and GRANTWORKS, INC., Austin, Texas, hereinafter referred to as Consultant ("Consultant"), procured in conformance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2254, Subchapter A, "Professional Services".

PART I – GENERAL CONDITIONS

I. SCOPE OF BASIC SERVICES

Consultant agrees to render administration services for Client's American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA") award (the "Contract"), as administered by the U.S. Department of Treasury (the "Department"), as provided in the provisions titled, "Part III, Scope of Basic Services" and attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein (the "Services").

II. COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

For and in consideration of the foregoing, Client agrees to pay Consultant a firm fixed price of One Million One Hundred Sixty Thousand and no/100 Dollars, (\$1,160,000.00) in accordance with the following schedule. Listing of specific milestones shall not be construed as a representation or warranty, and Consultant makes no representations or warranties, that these milestones measure overall contract progress facilitated by the Consultant's performance of the services, and any particular milestone will be achieved or that any specific Department or other requirements ultimately will be met. The fee schedule shall be based upon identified contract milestones, as follows:

Milestone		Billable Amount	Project Deliverable
Project Selection completed	15%	\$174,000.00	List of projects created and assigned preliminary budgets
Policies/Procedures and/or implementation strategy established	16%	\$185,600.00	P&P documentation (where appropriate), procurement documents, documentation supporting eligibility of each expense / project
25% of allocated funds expended	16%	\$185,600.00	\$8,247,597.75 expended
50% of allocated funds expended	16%	\$185,600.00	\$16,495,195.50 expended
75% of allocated funds expended	16%	\$185,600.00	\$24,742,793.25 expended
All allocated funds expended	16%	\$185,600.00	\$32,990,391.00 expended
Transfer of all close-out docs	5%	\$58,000.00	All reports filed with TDEM / USDT, all docs and records transferred. Closeout meeting complete
Total of all milestones		\$1,160,000.00	

Note: Administrative Activities include General Administration, Financial Management, Basic Acquisition, and Construction Phase Management services as referenced in Part III—Scope of ARPA Administration Services.

III. ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Section II above discusses compensation for the administration of ARPA direct allocation under Subtitle M section 603 of the American Rescue Plan Act. Rates and/or Fee for application, administration, or management of activities funded under other provisions of the ARP Act will be negotiated and provided as an addendum to this contract.

- G. Waiver of Consequential Damages.** Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary herein, neither party shall be liable to the other for any indirect, incidental, special or consequential damages or loss of profits, anticipated or otherwise, or loss of revenues in connection with or arising out of, or in connection with, the subject matter of this Agreement.
- H. Limitation of Liability.** Each party agrees that, regardless of the type, nature or number of causes of action or claims by the Client (including without limitation claims for indemnity under this Agreement) or any third party claiming by, through or under the Client, the maximum amount of damages, individually or in the aggregate, that either party will be liable for or can be required to pay to the other or any other claimant is the amount of fees to be paid to the Consultant by the Client under this Agreement. The parties agree that this limitation of damages is reasonable and acknowledge that but for this limitation, neither party would enter into this Agreement.
- I. Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the sole and entire agreement of the parties with regard to contemporaneous understandings or written or oral agreements between the parties respecting the subject matter of this Agreement.
- J. Negotiated Terms.** The parties agree that the terms and conditions of this Agreement are the result of negotiations between the parties and that this Agreement shall not be construed in favor of or against either party by reason of the extent to which such party or its professional advisors participated in the preparation of this Agreement.
- K. Ownership of Work and Copyright.** The parties agree that the Consultant retains all ownership rights to forms, reports, and other documents produced in whole or in part under this Agreement until such documents are completed as contemplated under this Agreement and placed in the official Contract record or submitted as final documents to the Client or the Department. Consultant shall retain all ownership rights to templates, internal tracking systems, and other documents produced by Consultant that have a common use applicable to multiple clients and are not produced specifically for the Client under this Agreement. No report, maps, or other documents produced in whole or in part under this Agreement shall be the subject of an application for copyright by or on behalf of the Consultant.
- L. Remedies, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and Program Non-Compliance.** The parties hereto agree to resolve all disputes arising hereunder in accordance with this section. If a dispute arises out of or relates to this Agreement or any alleged breach hereof, including determination of responsibility for any costs disallowed as a result of non-compliance with federal, state or ARPA program requirements, the party desiring to resolve such dispute shall deliver a written notice of the dispute, including the specific claim in the dispute to the other party. Following the delivery of such notice, the parties involved in the dispute shall meet at least twice within the thirty (30) day period commencing with the date of the notice and in good faith shall attempt to resolve such dispute through negotiation. If any dispute is not resolved or settled by the parties as a result of such negotiation, the parties in good faith shall submit the dispute to non-binding mediation before a retired judge of a federal district court or Texas district court or a similarly qualified, mutually agreeable individual in Cleburne, Texas. The parties shall bear the costs of such mediation equally. If the dispute is not resolved through such mediation, either party may proceed to file suit.
- M. Force Majeure.** A "Force Majeure Event" means any event or cause beyond a party's reasonable control (including without limitation, construction delays, fire, flood, rain, weather, casualty, explosions, damage by third parties whether negligently or intentionally caused, strikes, work stoppages, picketing, acts of God or other casualties, or the laws or actions of any governmental authority), as a result of which at any time a party is unable to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement. If a Force Majeure Event occurs during the term of this Agreement that prevents the Consultant from performing its obligations hereunder, the Consultant and the Client will in good faith mutually agree on one of the following alternatives: (1) extend the time for performance, or (2) terminate this Agreement and, as mutually agreed, cause the payment to Consultant of fees not yet paid for services performed prior to the occurrence of the Force Majeure Event or cause the refund to Client of fees previously paid for services that were not performed prior to the occurrence of the Force Majeure Event.

Uniform Guidance, implementing the Single Audit Act, shall apply to this award. ii. Universal Identifier and System for Award Management (SAM), 2 C.F.R. Part 25, pursuant to which the award term set forth in Appendix A to 2 C.F.R. Part 25 is hereby incorporated by reference. iii. Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information, 2 C.F.R. Part 170, pursuant to which the award term set forth in Appendix A to 2 C.F.R. Part 170 is hereby incorporated by reference. iv. OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement), 2 C.F.R. Part 180, including the requirement to include a term or condition in all lower tier covered transactions (contracts and subcontracts described in 2 C.F.R. Part 180, subpart B) that the award is subject to 2 C.F.R. Part 180 and Treasury's implementing regulation at 31 C.F.R. Part 19. v. Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters, pursuant to which the award term set forth in 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Appendix XII to Part 200 is hereby incorporated by reference. vi. Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace, 31 C.F.R. Part 20. vii. New Restrictions on Lobbying, 31 C.F.R. Part 21. viii. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4601-4655) and implementing regulations. ix. Generally applicable federal environmental laws and regulations. c. Statutes and regulations prohibiting discrimination applicable to this award include, without limitation, the following: i. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d et seq.) and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. Part 22, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin under programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance; ii. The Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§ 3601 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, or disability; iii. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance; iv. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101 et seq.), and Treasury's implementing regulations at 31 C.F.R. Part 23, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance; and v. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability under programs, activities, and services provided or made available by state and local governments or instrumentalities or agencies thereto.

- 10. REMEDIAL ACTIONS.** In the event of Recipient's noncompliance with section 603 of the Act, other applicable laws, Treasury's implementing regulations, guidance, or any reporting or other program requirements, Treasury may impose additional conditions on the receipt of a subsequent tranche of future award funds, if any, or take other available remedies as set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.339. In the case of a violation of section 603(c) of the Act regarding the use of funds, previous payments shall be subject to recoupment as provided in section 603(e) of the Act.
- 11. HATCH ACT.** Recipient agrees to comply, as applicable, with requirements of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1508 and 7324-7328), which limit certain political activities of State or local government employees whose principal employment is in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by this federal assistance.
- 12. FALSE STATEMENTS.** Recipient understands that making false statements or claims in connection with this award is a violation of federal law and may result in criminal, civil, or administrative sanctions, including fines, imprisonment, civil damages and penalties, debarment from participating in federal awards or contracts, and/or any other remedy available by law.
- 13. PUBLICATIONS.** Any publications produced with funds from this award must display the following language: "This project [is being] [was] supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number [enter project FAIN] awarded to [name of Recipient] by the U.S. Department of the Treasury."
- 14. DEBTS OWED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.** a. Any funds paid to Recipient (1) in excess of the amount to which Recipient is finally determined to be authorized to retain under the terms of this award; (2) that are determined by the Treasury Office of Inspector General to have been misused; or (3) that are determined by Treasury to be subject to a repayment obligation pursuant to section 603(e) of the Act and have not been repaid by Recipient shall constitute a debt to the federal government. b. Any debts determined to be owed the federal government must be paid promptly by Recipient. A debt is delinquent if it has not been paid by the date specified in Treasury's initial written demand for payment, unless other

- 20. FEDERAL COMPLIANCE.** During the term of this Agreement, the parties shall comply with all Federal laws, regulations, and rules including the following:
- a. CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964.** Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.
 - b. Section 504 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.** The Consultant agrees that no otherwise qualified individual with disabilities shall, solely by reason of his/her disability, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination, including discrimination in employment, under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.
 - c. AGE DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 1975.** The Consultant shall comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 which provides that no person in the United States shall on the basis of age be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.
 - d. SECTIONS 106(b), 102(a)(4) and A109 OF THE HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974.** Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, no person shall on the ground of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under this Title.
 - e. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE.** During the performance of this Agreement, the Consultant agrees as follows:
 - i.** The Consultant will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. The Consultant will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Consultant agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
 - ii.** The Consultant will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Consultant, state that all qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.
 - iii.** The Consultant will not discourage or in any other manner discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant has inquired about, discussed, or disclosed the compensation of the employee or applicant or another employee or applicant. This provision shall not apply to instances in which an employee who has access to the compensation information of other employees or applicants as a part of such employee's essential job functions discloses the compensation of such other employees or applicants to individuals who do not otherwise have access to such information, unless such disclosure is in response to a formal complaint or charge, in furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the employer, or is consistent with the Consultant's legal duty to furnish information.
 - iv.** The Consultant will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided advising the said labor union or workers' representatives of the Consultant's commitments under this section and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
 - v.** The Consultant will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, "Equal Employment Opportunity," and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
 - vi.** The Consultant will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant

- 24. ENERGY EFFICIENCY.** The Consultant shall comply with the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94A 163, 89 Stat. 871). (2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II (H) and 42 U.S.C. 6201).
- 25. VERIFICATION NO BOYCOTT ISRAEL.** As required by Chapter 2271.002, Texas Government Code, the Consultant hereby verifies that it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel through the term of this Agreement. For purposes of this verification, "boycott Israel", as defined by §808.001(1) of the Texas Government Code, means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.
- 26. NO FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS.** Pursuant to Chapter 2252.152, Texas Government Code, the Consultant represents and certifies that, at the time of execution of this Agreement neither the Consultant, nor any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the same (i) engages in business with Iran, Sudan, or any foreign terrorist organization as described in Chapters 806 or 807 of the Texas Government Code, or Subchapter F of Chapter 2252 of the Texas Government Code, or (ii) is a company listed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Sections 806.051, 807.051, or 2252.153 of the Texas Government Code. The term "foreign terrorist organization" in this paragraph has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2252.151 of the Texas Government Code.

PART III - SCOPE OF BASIC SERVICES

Depending on the selected project(s), some provisions may not apply. The type(s) of project(s) selected will determine the type(s) of service(s) necessary to implement the project(s). Neither the Consultant nor any party contracted by the Consultant will expend or obligate project funds on behalf of Johnson County without the authorization of the Commissioner's Court or written approval of their appointed designee.

See below for project types.

A. Projects with Beneficiaries including Households, Non-profits, Businesses, and Industries:

1. Identify the need for this program.
2. Project planning, design, and startup: Assist recipient with procuring necessary vendors as needed.
3. Intake meetings: Advertise, schedule, and conduct intake with interested potential beneficiaries. During intake meetings case managers will collect all available documentation necessary to determine eligibility.
4. Eligibility verification: Management staff will review all intake documentation and verify eligibility; If applicable, verify duplicative benefits (DOB); Maintain recipient data in a secure system and comply with all record-keeping requirements: Assistance package generation and approval; Review change requests and all required documentation related to any change requests; and Final Documentation of recipients: File, audit, and closeout; and Complete final audit to ensure all procedures were properly followed.

B. Premium Pay to Eligible Workers and Eligible Employers:

1. Identify the need for this program.
2. Project planning, design, and startup.
3. Advertise, schedule, and conduct intake with interested potential eligible employers: During intake meetings case managers will collect all available documentation necessary to determine eligibility.
4. Eligibility verification: Management staff will review all intake documentation and verify eligibility; If applicable, verify duplicative benefits (DOB); and Maintain recipient data in a secure system and comply with all record-keeping requirements.
5. Assistance package generation and approval.
6. Review change requests and all required documentation related to any change requests.

1. Assist Client in establishing and maintaining a Direct Deposit account and/or separate local bank account, journals, and ledgers.
2. Assist Client in submitting the Direct Deposit Authorization Form and/or Depository/Authorized Signatory form to Department.
3. Assist Client in preparation of drawdown requests from Department and disbursements of funds within the allotted time period.

G. Environmental Review

1. Assist Client in preparing environmental documents as necessary. Each ARP funded project shall, if applicable, be assessed to determine whether and/or to what extent environmental reviews may be required by local or state law. GrantWorks may assist in completing required environmental reviews once an assessment is completed.

H. Audit/Close-out Procedures

1. Prepare final Reports, including any General Report, Financial Reports and Completion Reports, as required.
2. Assist Client in responding to any monitoring and audit findings and resolving any third-party claims.

Additional General Terms Regarding Third-Party Services

Some services will be performed by third-party service providers. See Section IV of this Agreement regarding special services outside the scope of work.

Assistance by Consultant with (1) verification of equipment suppliers or other service contractors, (2) selection of bid award winners, or (3) any other activity relating to contractors, subcontractors, bid award winners or any other third party not directly engaged through a written agreement with Consultant to provide services required to be provided by Consultant under this Agreement (collectively "Third Parties") is not intended to be and shall not be construed as an endorsement, representation or warranty by Consultant of any kind relating to such Third Party Service Providers or of the quality of such Third Parties work, and all such endorsements, representations or warranties hereby are expressly disclaimed.

Assistance by Consultant with the fulfillment of any requirements imposed by Third Parties, governmental or otherwise, shall not be construed as a representation or warranty, and Consultant makes no representations or warranties, that any particular requirement will be achieved or met, and Consultant assumes no responsibility for the achievement or failure to achieve such requirements.

All assistance by Consultant described in this Agreement based on information provided by Third Parties shall be considered information provided by Client, and Consultant shall be entitled to rely on such information without any additional duty of inquiry or investigation.