

**SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND THE
WOMEN’S CENTER FOR THE RAPE CRISIS AND VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAM**

This Agreement (“Agreement”) is between Tarrant County (the “COUNTY”), a political subdivision of the State of Texas, and The Women’s Center (“SUBRECIPIENT”), (collectively, the “Parties”), and shall be effective on January 1, 2022 (“Effective Date”). The Parties have reviewed this Agreement and agree to the following:

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, President Joseph Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) to provide support to the State and local governments to respond to the financial impacts of COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“FRF FUNDS”) authorized the ARPA (C.F.D.A #21.027) are to be used to mitigate the ongoing effects of COVID-19 and support the nation’s pandemic recovery; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has received FRF FUNDS to respond to the continuous impact of COVID-19 as outlined in the Interim Final Rule promulgated by the Department of Treasury (“Treasury”); and

WHEREAS, Treasury has issued guidance for the use of FRF FUNDS in the form of Frequently Asked Questions and will continue to issue guidance and clarification on the appropriate use of these funds; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and SUBRECIPIENT find that FRF FUNDS distributed in accordance with this Agreement shall meet the eligible uses outlined in the Treasury’s Interim Final Rule, subsequent final rule and additional guidance; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has increased the need for services for victims of sexual and other violence; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and SUBRECIPIENT find that services provided to help victims heal from trauma, raise awareness about sexual violence and remove legal barriers for victims are an eligible use of FRF funds; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and SUBRECIPIENT find that the program(s) and related expenditures outlined in this Agreement is/are eligible under current FRF FUNDS guidance and rules promulgated by the U.S. Treasury and find that the program(s) outlined herein will mitigate the ongoing effects of COVID-19 and support pandemic recovery in Tarrant County.

THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

I.
DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

The Women's Center will use FRF FUNDS to provide services that respond to the increase in incidents of sexual violence resulting from the pandemic. The funds will enable The Women's Center to provide onsite advocacy at JPS, provide targeted services to Tarrant County's Hispanic community, and support outreach and violence prevention services for school age children.

II.
PAYMENT

The COUNTY shall make available an amount of up to \$750,000.00 (SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS) to SUBRECIPIENT from the COUNTY's FRF FUNDS to reimburse SUBRECIPIENT for expenses related to eligible uses of FRF FUNDS incurred on or before October 1, 2021, as outlined in the Treasury's Interim Final Rule, reflected in Appendix B, and in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined below:

Tarrant County approves and pays reimbursement requests within thirty (30) days of receipt of a complete request. Errors in the reimbursement request, including insufficient documentation, may result in payment delays. SUBRECIPIENT is responsible for submitting a complete and accurate reimbursement request. Payment is considered made on the date postmarked. Each reimbursement request must contain the following supporting documentation:

- i. Signed Request for Reimbursement (RFR) form
- ii. General Ledger (monthly, generated from SUBRECIPIENT's accounting system) coinciding with RFR
- iii. Timesheets and Payroll Reports (monthly, generated from SUBRECIPIENT's payroll system) if budget included personnel
- iv. Invoices of all other expenditures
- v. Proof of payment of all expenditures

III.
TERM/TERMINATION

This Agreement shall become effective upon signature by both Parties and shall continue in full force and effect until September 31, 2024, unless terminated earlier in accordance with this Agreement. At the County's option, this Agreement may be renewed for up to one (1) additional one-year periods (each a "Renewal Term") under the same terms and conditions. If at any time SUBRECIPIENT state contract is suspended or revoked, or if SUBRECIPIENT becomes excluded, debarred, or suspended from any federal program, this Agreement automatically terminates effective on the date of the suspension, revocation, or exclusion, and SUBRECIPIENT must submit a final, formal statement in the manner set out above and below requesting payment.

The County may immediately terminate this Agreement, without prior notice, if SUBRECIPIENT fails to perform any obligation found herein and the failure:

- i. Creates a potential threat to health or safety: or
- ii. Violated a law, ordinance, or regulation designed to protect health or safety.

Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. Upon receipt of notice to terminate, SUBRECIPIENT shall discontinue all services in connection with the performance of this Agreement and shall proceed to promptly cancel all existing orders and contracts insofar as such orders to contracts are chargeable to this Agreement. Any and all assets purchased under this agreement shall transfer to the County for purposes outlined herein.

Within thirty (30) days after receipt of a notice of termination, SUBRECIPIENT agrees to submit an invoice showing, in detail, the services performed under this Agreement up to and including the date of termination.

Force Majeure: In the event that either Party is unable to perform its any of its obligation under the Agreement or to enjoy any of the benefits because of natural disaster, global pandemic, actions or decrees of governmental bodies or communication line failure not the fault of the affected party (referred to as a “Force Majeure Event”), the party who has been so affected immediately agrees to give notice to the other part and agrees to do everything possible to resume performance. Upon receipt of such notice, the Agreement is immediately suspended. If the period of nonperformance exceeds ten (10) calendar days from the receipt of notice of the Force Majeure Event, the Party whose ability to perform has not been affected may terminate the Agreement immediately by giving written notice to the other Party.

IV. AMENDMENTS

This Contract may not be amended without a written agreement; however, SUBRECIPIENT may move up to 10% of allocated funds within any budget category without written approval of the COUNTY, except for Equipment or Indirect Cost budget line items, if the movement is consistent with the budget in Appendix B. To move any amount over and above a cumulative total of 10% of allocated funds within any budget category, SUBRECIPIENT must submit a written request to COUNTY and receive written approval of same.

V. STANDARDS FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

In accordance with 2 CFR 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, SUBRECIPIENT will develop, implement and maintain financial management and control systems, which include at a minimum accurate payroll, accounting and financial reporting records, cost source documentation, effective internal

and budgetary controls, and determination of reasonableness, allowability and allocability of costs, and timely and appropriate audits and resolution findings.

SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain an effective accounting system, which will:

- i. Identify and record valid transactions
- ii. Record transactions to the proper accounting period in which transactions occurred
- iii. Describe transactions in sufficient detail to permit proper classification
- iv. Maintain records that permit the tracing of funds to a level of detail that establishes that the funds have been used in compliance with contract requirements
- v. Adequately identify the source and application of funds of each grant contract
- vi. Generate current and accurate financial reports in accordance with contract requirements

V. MONITORING

SUBRECIPIENT agrees that COUNTY will, until the expiration of the federal retention period as referenced in 2 CFR 200.334, have access to and the right to examine at reasonable times any directly pertinent books, papers, and records (hard copy, as well as computer generated data) of the sub-recipient involving transactions related to this agreement. This right to audit also extends to any obligations assigned to any subcontracts or agreements formed between SUBRECIPIENT and any subcontractors to the extent that those subcontracts or agreements relate to fulfillment of SUBRECIPIENT's obligations to COUNTY under this agreement. The SUBRECIPIENT must agree that COUNTY will have access during normal working hours to all necessary facilities, staff, and workspace to conduct audits. The COUNTY will provide the SUBRECIPIENT with reasonable advance notice of intended audits. The SUBRECIPIENT must provide records within ten (10) business days or a mutually agreed upon timeline. SUBRECIPIENT may withhold any information that it is mandated to withhold to comply with state or federal law.

VI. ALLOWABLE COSTS

COUNTY payment to SUBRECIPIENT does not preclude COUNTY from determining that certain costs were ineligible for reimbursement. If the COUNTY determines that a cost the COUNTY has paid for is ineligible for reimbursement, the SUBRECIPIENT will refund the ineligible amount to the COUNTY. COUNTY will determine whether costs submitted by SUBRECIPIENT are allowable and eligible for reimbursement. If COUNTY has paid funds to SUBRECIPIENT for unallowable or ineligible costs, COUNTY will notify SUBRECIPIENT in writing, and SUBRECIPIENT shall return the funds to COUNTY within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of this written notice. COUNTY may withhold all or part of any payments to SUBRECIPIENT to offset reimbursement for any unallowable or ineligible expenditure that SUBRECIPIENT has not refunded to COUNTY, or if required financial report(s) are not submitted by the due date(s).

VI.
INDEPENDENT SINGLE OR PROGRAM SPECIFIC AUDIT

If SUBRECIPIENT, within SUBRECIPIENT'S fiscal year, expends a total amount of at least SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$750,000) in federal funds awarded, SUBRECIPIENT shall have a single audit or program-specific audit in accordance with the 2 CFR 200. The \$750,000 federal threshold amount includes federal funds passed through by way of State and local agency awards.

VII.
EQUIPMENT

Any purchase of equipment must be consistent with the Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart D. Equipment acquired under this Agreement must be used for the originally authorized purpose. Consistent with 2 CFR 200.313, any equipment acquired using federal funds shall vest in the non-Federal entity.

Procedures for managing equipment must meet the following requirements:

- i. Property records must be maintained that include a description of the property, a serial number or other identification number, the source of funding for the property, name of title holder, acquisition date, cost of the property, percentage of Federal participation in the project costs for the Federal award under which the property was acquired, the location, use and condition of the property, and any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and sale price of the property.
- ii. A physical inventory of the property must be taken, and the results reconciled with the property records at least once every two years.
- iii. A control system must be developed to ensure adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft of the property. Any loss, damage, or theft must be investigated.
- iv. Adequate maintenance procedures must be developed to keep the property in good condition.
- v. If the non-Federal entity is authorized or required to sell the property, proper sales procedures must be established to ensure the highest possible return.

Disposition. When original or replacement equipment acquired under this Agreement is no longer needed or in use for the project or program outlined herein, SUBRECIPIENT must request disposition instructions from the COUNTY.

VIII.
PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND REGULAR REPORTING

SUBRECIPIENT shall provide monthly reports to COUNTY as outlined in Appendix C. Additional measures may be established and reported on as mutually agreed to by SUBRECIPIENT and COUNTY. SUBRECIPIENT will submit fiscal, progress, programmatic, and other reports as requested by COUNTY in the approved format.

IX.
DEPARTMENT AND SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT

SUBRECIPIENT is not entitled to receive payment under this Agreement for services performed by any personnel who have been excluded, debarred, or suspended under a federal program, unless given explicit permission by the COUNTY. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to maintain an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov)

X.
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

It is understood that any relationship created by this Agreement between the Parties shall be that of independent contractors. Under no circumstances shall either Party be deemed an employee of the other nor shall either Party act as an agent of the other Party. Any and all joint venture, joint enterprise, or partnership status is hereby expressly denied, and the Parties expressly state that they have not formed expressly or impliedly a joint venture, joint enterprise, or partnership.

XI.
SUBCONTRACTING AUTHORITY

SUBRECIPIENT may enter into contracts as necessary for the performance of the scope of services outlined in this Agreement. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to comply with all applicable purchasing laws in choosing subcontractors and executing any contracts pursuant to this Agreement.

XII.
DOCUMENTATION

SUBRECIPIENT shall keep and maintain, for a period not less than five (5) years after December 31st, 2026, any and all records relating to use of the FRF FUNDS described herein.

XIII.
FORM 1295 COMPLIANCE

SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that it has fully, accurately, and completely disclosed all interested parties and has acknowledged the completeness of this disclosure by filing Form 1295, attached as Appendix D, with the Texas Ethics Commission as required by law.

**XIV.
NOTICE**

Any notice required or permitted to be delivered hereunder shall be deemed to have been given when personally delivered, or if mailed, seventy-two (72) hours after deposit of the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, certified, or registered, return receipt requested, properly addressed to the Parties hereto at the respective addresses set forth below, or at such other addresses as they shall specify by written notice delivered to the following addresses:

TO THE COUNTY:
G.K. Maenius
100 E Weatherford
Fort Worth, Texas 76916

TO: THE WOMEN'S CENTER
Laura Hilgart
1723 Hemphill
Fort Worth, Texas, 76110

**XV.
SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and enforceable. If a court finds that any provision of this Agreement is invalid or unenforceable, but that by limiting such provision it would become valid and enforceable, then such provision shall be deemed to be written, construed, and enforced as so limited.

**XVI.
APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE**

This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Texas. This exclusive venue for any action arising out of, in connection with, or in any way relating to this Agreement shall be in a state of federal court of competent jurisdiction in Tarrant County, Texas.

**XVII.
ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the Parties and supersedes all prior representations.

SIGNED AND EXECUTED this ____ day of _____, 2022.

**COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS**

B. Glen Whitley
County Judge

THE WOMEN'S CENTER



Laura Hilgart
President and CEO

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CERTIFICATION OF
AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Criminal District Attorney's Office

Tarrant County Auditor

*By law, the Criminal District Attorney's Office may only approve contracts for its clients. We reviewed this document as to form from our client's legal perspective. Other parties may not rely on this approval. Instead, those parties should seek contract review from independent counsel.

APPENDIX A SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Women's Center will use our FRF grant dollars to fund a portion of the salary of therapists, case managers, crisis workers, and members of the Legal Services team to prevent layoffs during the time when Tarrant County victims are most at need. The funds will also be used to hire a new Onsite Hospital Advocate which will be housed overnight in the JPS Emergency Department. In addition, the Women's Center will provide Violence Prevention Education to school aged children, parents and professionals, and targeted outreach to the County's large Hispanic population.

The Center expects to serve 3,500 victims (Direct Services) to help them escape violence, recover from trauma, participate in the criminal justice system to convict perpetrators and restore productive lives.

**APPENDIX B
PROGRAM BUDGET**

Program Budget: October 2021 – September 2024

Category	Total Program Budget
Personnel	\$514,019.13
Fringe	\$102,728.22
Travel	\$0
Equipment	\$7,500.00
Supplies	\$23,250.00
Contractual	\$0
Other:	\$102,502.65
Total	<u>\$750,000.00</u>

APPENDIX C EVALUATION MATRIX/REPORTING

Required Reporting Dates:

Quarterly Report Periods		Report Due
First	July 1- Sept 30	Oct 15
Second	Oct 1- Dec 31	Jan 15
Third	Jan 1- Mar 31	April 15
Fourth	April 1- Jun 30	July 15

Annual Report Periods		Report Due Date
Year 1	July 1- June 30, 2022	July 15, 2022
Year 2	July 1- June 30, 2023	July 15, 2023

Program Reporting Information						
Activity Number	Activity Conducted	Time Frame for Activity	Anticipated Cost of Activity	Expected Number to be Served by each Activity	Expected Outcomes	Intended Benefit
1	Crisis Services (Hospital, Hotline, and Case Management)	October 2022 - September 2023	\$139,361 (12% of the \$1,074,132 budget for this service)	3000	85% Reduce their level of crisis	Help victims heal from trauma & overcome the consequences of victimization, regain control & improve their lives long-term. Uses evidence-based counseling modalities.
2	Evidence Based and Trauma Informed Individual and Group Counseling Clients	October 2022 - September 2023	\$ 55,319 (4% of the \$1,312,828 budget for this service)	775	80% of clients who finish counseling after an initial assessment and at least 3 counseling sessions will achieve improvement on at least 75% of treatment goals	Help victims heal from trauma & overcome the consequences of victimization, regain control & improve their lives long-term. Uses evidence-based counseling modalities.
3	Violence Prevention and Education (Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Education, Community Training Outreach with Adults and Professionals)	October 2022 - September 2023	\$ 31,915 (4% of the \$823,902 budget for this service)	108,000	80% of children who receive the Play it Safe! Program will score at least 80% correct on a post-test given two weeks after the training	Raise awareness about sexual violence, helping children & adults reduce their risk of victimization AND provides children with an opportunity to disclose abuse so it can be stopped. Includes designated outreach to Hispanic Community.
4	Comprehensive Legal services for victims of violent crime	October 2022 - September 2023	\$ 23,405 (8% of the \$287,050 budget for this service)	240	80% will have a successful legal outcome	Remove legal barriers for victims including, but not limited to, family law issues like child support, child custody, and divorce; filing emergency and non-emergency protection orders, responding to subpoenas for both records & testimony and protecting client safety, privacy, and confidentiality.

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

1 of 1

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.
Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

OFFICE USE ONLY CERTIFICATION OF FILING

1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

The Women's Center of Tarrant County
FORT WORTH, TX United States

Certificate Number:
2022-855806

Date Filed:
03/01/2022

Date Acknowledged:

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

Tarrant County, Texas

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.

FRF Agreement
Services for victims of sexually based crimes

4	Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of interest (check applicable)	
			Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.



6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is Laura M. Hilgart, and my date of birth is 01/06/58.

My address is 2328 Irwin St. Fort Worth Tx 76110 USA.
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in Tarrant County County, State of Tx, on the 1st day of March, 2022.
(month) (year)

[Signature]
Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
(Declarant)