

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND MY
HEALTH MY RESOURCES OF TARRANT COUNTY TO OPERATE THE TARRANT
COUNTY ARPA FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT PROGRAM**

This Interlocal Agreement (“Agreement”) is between Tarrant County (the “County”), a political subdivision of the State of Texas, and My Health My Resources of Tarrant County (“MHMR”), a unit of local government as outlined in Chapter 534 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (collectively, the “Parties”), and shall be effective on October 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 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 both find FRF FUNDS distributed in accordance with this Agreement shall meet the eligible uses outlined in the Treasury’s Final Rule and additional guidance; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused financial hardship and disproportionately impacted individuals with disabilities and the families that care for them; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and MHMR 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.

WHEREAS, this Agreement is made pursuant to the authority of Sections 791.001-792.029 of the Texas Government Code; and

THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

I.
DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

Individual and Family Support Program will provide financial support to people with disabilities that have experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through direct financial support, this program will allow individuals with disabilities to continue to live independently and will supplement other available resources within the community.

II.
PAYMENT

The COUNTY shall make available an amount of up to **\$1,500,000.00 (ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS)** to MHMR from the COUNTY's FRF FUNDS to reimburse MHMR for expenses related to eligible uses of FRF FUNDS 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. MHMR 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 MHMR's accounting system) coinciding with RFR
- iii. Timesheets and Payroll Reports (monthly, generated from MHMR'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 continue in full force and effect until August 31, 2024, unless terminated earlier in accordance with this Agreement. If at any time MHMR's state contract is suspended or revoked, or if MHMR becomes excluded, debarred, or suspended from any federal program, this Agreement automatically terminates effective on the date of the suspension, revocation, or exclusion, and MHMR 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 MHMR fails to perform any obligation found herein and the failure:

- i. Creates a potential threat to health or safety, or
- ii. Violates 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, MHMR 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, MHMR 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 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 Agreement may not be amended without a written amendment; however, MHMR 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, MHMR 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, MHMR 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.

MHMR 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, and
- vi. Generate current and accurate financial reports in accordance with contract requirements.

VI. MONITORING

MHMR 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 MHMR and any subcontractors to the extent that those subcontracts or agreements relate to fulfillment of MHMR's obligations to COUNTY under this agreement. MHMR 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 MHMR with reasonable advance notice of intended audits. MHMR must provide records within ten (10) business days or a mutually agreed upon timeline. MHMR may withhold any information that it is mandated to withhold to comply with state or federal law.

VII. ALLOWABLE COSTS

COUNTY payment to MHMR 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, MHMR will refund the ineligible amount to the COUNTY. COUNTY will determine whether costs submitted by MHMR are allowable and eligible for reimbursement. If COUNTY has paid funds to MHMR for unallowable or ineligible costs, COUNTY will notify MHMR in writing, and MHMR 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 MHMR to offset reimbursement for any unallowable or ineligible expenditure that MHMR has not refunded to COUNTY, or if required financial report(s) are not submitted by the due date(s).

VIII. INDEPENDENT SINGLE OR PROGRAM SPECIFIC AUDIT

If MHMR, within MHMR's fiscal year, expends a total amount of at least SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$750,000) in federal funds awarded, MHMR 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.

IX. 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, MHMR must request disposition instructions from the COUNTY.

X. PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND REGULAR REPORTING

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

XI. DEBARMENT AND SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT

MHMR 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. MHMR agrees to maintain an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov).

XII.
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.

XIII.
SUBCONTRACTING AUTHORITY

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

XIV.
DOCUMENTATION

MHMR shall keep and maintain, for a period not less than five (5) years after December 31, 2023, any and all records relating to use of the FRF FUNDS described herein.

XV.
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 MY HEALTH MY RESOURCES:
Kevin McClean, Sr.
3840 Hulen St.
Fort Worth, Texas 76107

XVI.
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.

XVII.
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.

XVIII.
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

**MY HEALTH MY RESOURCES
(MHMR) OF TARRANT COUNTY**

 11/11/22

Susan Garnett
Chief Executive Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

(Criminal District Attorney)

CERTIFICATION OF
AVAILABLE FUNDS:

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 purpose of Individual and Family Support Program is to offer financial support to people with disabilities that have experience a financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. This program will enable recipients to continue living independently. My Health My Resources (MHMR) of Tarrant County will use FRF grant dollars to provide direct financial assistance for: Assistive Technology (laptops/computers), Durable Medical Equipment and Repairs, Emergency Needs, Home, and Vehicle Modifications (to accommodate for their disability), Out-of-pocket medication costs, and Trainings (caregiver, assistive technology). Funds can also be used toward basic needs, including household supplies, child-related expenses, respite care, and transportation. Funds are to be used as a provider of last resort if Medicaid or insurance provider does not cover costs. We anticipate supporting more than 400 households.

APPENDIX B
PROGRAM BUDGET

Program Budget: October 1, 2022, through August 31, 2024

Category	Total Program Budget
Personnel	\$39,520.00
Fringe	\$13,832.00
Travel	\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00
Supplies	\$755,229.00
Contractual	\$0.00
Other:	\$541,912.00
Subtotal	\$1,350,493.00
Indirect	\$149,506.63
Total	\$ 1,500,000.00

APPENDIX C
EVALUATION MATRIX/REPORTING

Quarterly Report Periods		Report Due Date
First	Jan 1-Mar 31	Apr 15
Second	Apr 1-Jun 30	July 15
Third	July 1-Sep 30	Oct 15
Fourth	Oct 1-Dec 31	Jan 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
Year 3	July 1- June 30, 2024	July 15, 2024

Activity Number	Activity Conducted	Time Frame for Activity	Expected Number to be Served by each Activity	Expected Outcomes	Community Benefit
1	Emergency Needs and Supplies	October 1, 2022, through August 31, 2024	408	80% of participants who receive direct assistance will report improved household stability. 100% of households who receive direct assistance will report improved financial stability	The program will enable people with disabilities who have experienced financial hardship to continue living independently.
2	Respite Services Support	October 1, 2022, through August 31, 2024	150	80% of participants will report a decrease in caregiver strain	
	Transportation Support	October 1, 2022, through August 31, 2024	380	90% of participants will report improved access to and from vocational or medical-related appointments	