



Lee County
Southwest Florida

**Board Of County Commissioners
HUMAN & VETERAN SERVICES**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Subrecipient Contract

With

CHILDCARE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.

March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025



CSFA # _____
CFDA # _____
Contract No. 10138
Funding Source: Community
Development Block Grant (CDBG).

**STANDARD NONPROFIT/GOVERNMENT CONTRACT
SUBRECIPIENT CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
And
Childcare of Southwest Florida, Inc.**

THIS CONTRACT between Lee County, a political subdivision, and Charter County of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY" and **CHILDCARE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC** a Nonprofit Corporation/Government/Municipality registered under the laws of Florida Chapter 617, operating under the laws of the State of Florida and, hereinafter referred to as "PROVIDER" will become effective upon the date approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

WHEREAS COUNTY believes it to be in the public interest to provide certain activities to the Lee County residents through the **PROVIDER** according to this Contract, the agency's intent as stated in the proposal and attachments and/or exhibits, and all other terms and conditions as specified.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises, and representations contained herein **COUNTY** and the **PROVIDER** agree as follows:

ARTICLE I: SCOPE OF SERVICES

Childcare of Southwest Florida, Inc. (CCSWFL) was established as a 501c3 organization in 1967. CCSWFL's mission is to strengthen and enhance the lives of children by providing quality early learning and affordable childcare services for low income working families. CCSWFL's primary goal is to reduce the number of children in need of services and increase their capacity to enroll, potentially at-risk children, in their affordable high-quality early education program.

The CDBG funds will be utilized to offer Tuition Assistance to 14 families (**\$3,911.42 per family; \$156.45 per week for 25 weeks**) living in Lehigh and Tice Area. The funds will directly benefit children, ages 6 weeks to 8 years old. The goal for this project is to eliminate the barrier of quality childcare from the family financial burden. It will empower families who cannot afford the cost of tuition to pursue, maintain, and/or enhance their careers. The goal for this project is to also increase CCSWFL enrollments capacity.

Any proposal/application submitted which resulted in this funding award are binding and incorporated herein as a part of this contract including all conditions and projected levels of service.

For federally funded projects, all requirements, and conditions as described in Attachment A, Program Guidelines must also be followed.

All projects funded by Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Homeless Assistance Grants must actively participate in the Centralized Intake/Coordinated Assessment process and input data into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

All activities funded with CDBG/HOME funds must benefit persons of income levels at or below 80% of the area median income and as defined in the pertinent program requirements. Subrecipient certifies that the activity carried out under this Agreement will meet the CDBG/HOME income eligibility requirements. All agencies accepting any funds from the **COUNTY** must create and maintain an active agency profile with the United Way 211 annually.

ARTICLE II: TERM OF CONTRACT

This Contract shall begin **March 1, 2024** and end, **February 28, 2025** unless terminated as specified in Article IX, Suspension/Termination.

For unit rate contracts, programs must be operational within 45 days of contract begin date (identified above).

ARTICLE III: COMPENSATION AND REPORTS

A. Contract Payment

The COUNTY will make payments on a reimbursement basis to the PROVIDER and the PROVIDER agrees to accept as full compensation the total amount not to exceed **\$54,760.00**. Payments will be authorized only for work completed and/or services delivered during the term of the contract as stated in ARTICLE II: TERM OF CONTRACT and prior to the payment request date. Documentation of eligible expenses will be provided as stated in ARTICLE III C. Contract Deliverables. Payment is subject to the provisions of ARTICLE III B. Deferred Payment/Return of Funds and ARTICLE IX: SUSPENSION/TERMINATION. Funding is contingent upon the availability of funds.

The COUNTY has agreed to purchase the service(s) listed in Article I. For unit rate contracts, this contract is for the payment of a fixed number of units of service at the fixed unit rate. For line-item contracts, this contract is for payment of line item amounts as identified in the approved budget.

Program	Category	Line Item: Annual Budget Amount	Total
CDBG	Tuition Assistance	\$54,760.00	\$54,760.00

For Partnering for Results (PFR) contracts, Lee County will fund no more than 40% of the program’s actual cash expenses. The agency must be able to substantiate receipt of at least 60% of revenue from other sources or the amount of contract may be reduced. Documentation of expenses may be required at any time during the contract term if the ratio of county funding to program expenses exceeds or is close to exceeding the 40/60% requirement. In addition, Lee County may not fund program if revenues significantly exceed expenses. Capacity building funds may be approved.

Once funding is approved and a contract issued by Human and Veteran Services (HVS) it must be returned by the agency for execution within 30 days. In addition, funds must begin to be drawn within 60 days of contract execution unless the Contract Coordinator authorizes additional time. Failure to return signed contract or begin spending funds within allocated time frame may result in reduction or forfeiture of funds.

B. Deferred Payment/Return of Funds

The COUNTY may defer payment to the PROVIDER for noncompliance with contract deliverables or program requirements.

If, as a result of monitoring or audit, units of service provided are not documented a payment may be deferred. If units are found to be unallowable, no future payments will be made until the full amount of overpayment is remitted to the COUNTY or a repayment agreement is accepted by COUNTY. If the monitoring or audit occurs after the term of this contract, the

PROVIDER will be required to remit funds to the **COUNTY** in accordance with the repayment conditions below.

The **PROVIDER** agrees to return to the **COUNTY** any overpayments due to funds disallowed pursuant to the terms of this Contract and/or Federal requirements. For contracts funded under the Partnering for Results (local general fund) process, repayment will be required if the amount paid exceeds 40% of program expenses. Such funds shall be considered **COUNTY** funds and must be refunded to the **COUNTY** within thirty (30) days of receiving notice from the **COUNTY** in writing regarding the overpayment. Should repayment not be made in a timely manner, the **COUNTY** will charge interest of one (1) percent per month compounded on the outstanding balance after forty (40) calendar days after the date of notification or discovery. The **PROVIDER** will be required to reimburse the **COUNTY** for any acts of non-compliance resulting in disallowed costs or fines.

C. Contract Deliverables

1. Required Reports (checked boxes are applicable)

EXHIBIT 1 and Exhibit 1A - Payment Request - Due: Monthly by the 20th of the following month. All payments will be **reimbursement** for eligible expenses/services defined as uncompensated expenses rendered during the contract term and paid prior to final payment request due date as indicated in the Contract Closeout Section (Article III 2 D). Copies of supporting documentation is required as part of the Payment Request for review of grant compliance and before payment will be authorized by Human and Veterans Services. **Reimbursement** for eligible expenses will be made after review and authorization of a correct and complete Exhibit 1 and all required back up documentation. Lee County must be payor of last resort, meaning that if services are eligible to be billed to any other entity including but not limited to: Medicaid, third party insurance or any other entity, Lee County will not pay for that service.

Appropriate back-up/supporting documentation may include: cancelled checks, vendor invoices, authorized purchase orders, attendance/service logs, other funder invoices, expenditure spreadsheets or other original documentation, as well as a copy of the **PROVIDER'S** check issued with authorized signature. For Construction Contracts, inspection reports from qualified officials should be submitted with the appropriate monthly payment request. **For PFR contracts**, documentation of expenses may be required as back-up/supporting documentation if the ratio of county funding to program expenses exceeds or is close to exceeding the 40/60% requirement.

The Exhibit 1 (Payment Request) must be submitted with an **authorized** signature. Cancelled checks, bank statements and/or other documentation from vendor that expense has been paid or service provided may be verified.

If applicable, processing of payment requests is also subject to requirements and conditions as outlined in Attachment A, Program Guidelines.

EXHIBIT 2- Program/Demographics/Beneficiary Report –Due: As indicated on Exhibit 2.

EXHIBIT 3 – Performance Outcomes Report – Due: As indicated on Exhibit 3.

EXHIBIT 4 – Revenue and Expenses Analysis Report – Due: 30 days following the end of each quarter. (Jan 31; April 30; July 31; Oct 31). Documentation to support expenditures and revenue MUST be uploaded i.e. QuickBooks; Profit/Loss Statement.

State grantor agency (if applicable) or any representatives to inspect all records, papers, documents, facility's goods and services of the **PROVIDER** and/or interview any clients and employees of the **PROVIDER** to be assured of satisfactory performance of the terms and conditions of this contract to the extent permitted by the law after giving the **PROVIDER** reasonable notice. The monitoring is a limited scope review of the contract and agency management and does not relieve the **PROVIDER** of its obligation to manage the grant in accordance with applicable rules and sound management practices.

Following such monitoring, the **COUNTY** will deliver to the **PROVIDER** a written report regarding the manner in which services are being provided. The **PROVIDER** will rectify all noted deficiencies within the specified period of time indicated in the monitoring report or provide the **COUNTY** with a reasonable and acceptable justification for not correcting the noted shortcomings. The **PROVIDER'S** failure to correct or justify the deficiencies within the time specified by the **COUNTY** may result in the withholding of payments, being deemed in breach or default, or termination of this Contract.

B. Audits and Inspections

The **PROVIDER** will make all records referenced in ARTICLE IV C. and all items included on financial statements available for audit or inspection purposes at any time during normal business hours and as often as **COUNTY** deems necessary.

The Clerk of Courts Internal Audit Division, the Federal or State grantor agency (if applicable), Lee County employees, or any of their duly authorized representatives have the right of timely and unrestricted access to any books, documents, papers, or other records of **PROVIDER** or Certified Public Accountant (CPA) that are pertinent to the contract, in order to make audits, examinations, excerpts, transcripts and copies of such documents. If contract noncompliance or material weaknesses in the organization are noted, the **COUNTY** or other authorized representatives have the right to unlimited access to records during an audit or inspection. This includes timely and reasonable access to a **PROVIDER'S** personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents.

C. Records

The **PROVIDER** shall retain all financial, client demographics, and programmatic records, supporting documentation, statistical records, and other records, which are necessary to document service provision, expenditures, income and assets of the **PROVIDER** by funding source, program, and functional expenses category during the term of this contract and a minimum of five (5) years from the date of contract expiration. The retention period may be longer depending on the funding source, and it is the **PROVIDER's** obligation to comply with all Federal and State of Florida retention schedules. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, or other action involving the records has been initiated before the expiration of the retention period, the records shall be retained for one (1) year after the final resolution of the action and final resolution of all issues that arise from such action.

PROVIDER specifically acknowledges its obligations to comply with §119.0701, F.S., as amended from time to time, with regard to public records, and shall:

- 1) keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the **COUNTY** in order to perform the services required under this Contract;
- 2) upon request from the County's custodian of public records, provide the **COUNTY** with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119 Florida Statutes or as otherwise provided by law;
- 3) ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public

- records disclosure requirements are not disclosed, except as authorized by law; and
- 4) meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost to the **COUNTY**, all public records in possession of **PROVIDER** upon termination of this Contract and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the **COUNTY** in a format that is compatible with the information technology system of the **COUNTY**.

If the PROVIDER has questions regarding the application of chapter 119, Florida statutes, to the PROVIDER's duty to provide public records relating to the contract, contact the custodian of public records at:

239-533-2221,

2115 SECOND STREET, FORT MYERS, FL 33901,

<http://www.leegov.com/publicrecords>.

D. Independent Audit

A complete independent financial audit of the agency's financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and/or current Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS) as applicable is required and must include the following:

- auditor's opinion
- requisite reports on internal control and compliance, if required
- management letter addressing internal controls (Note: If there were no items to be addressed, the letter must still be completed and state that no comments were noted.)
- management's response to such letter
- the programs that are funded by this Lee County contract either in the statement of functional expenses, revenues and expenditures, footnotes, schedule of Federal awards and State financial assistance or as supplemental data in the financial statements. The statement should be consistent with programs detailed in the corresponding proposal(s), exhibit(s), and attachment(s).

The audit must be submitted electronically to the **COUNTY** no later than one hundred eighty (180) days following the end of a nonprofit **PROVIDER'S** fiscal year and two hundred seventy (270) days following the end of a government/municipality **PROVIDER'S** fiscal year. If applicable, any corrective action plan must be submitted. Failure to submit the report within the required time frame can result in the withholding of payment, or termination of the contract by the **COUNTY**.

The audit must be conducted by an independent, licensed certified public accountant with an unmodified opinion on their current peer review and must be in accordance with the General Accounting Office (GAO) Yellow Book, Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards, OMB Circular A-133 "Audits of States, Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations" if applicable, the Florida Single Audit Act (F.S. 215.97) if applicable, and the Auditor General Rule 10.550 (Government) or 10.650 (Not For Profit) as applicable.

ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS

PROVIDER must submit a written request (email is acceptable) for a contract amendment which details the nature of and justification for the requested change and the desired effective date of the change(s). The **COUNTY** reserves the right to approve or deny all contract amendments. An approved amendment shall be documented on the contract amendment form and signed by both parties.

The Department Director may approve amendments to the contract, which do not substantially change the original contracted scope of service and statement of work, including extensions to the end date of the contract as identified in ARTICLE II. The Board of County Commissioners must approve amendments which increase or decrease contract funds; significantly change program design including target population or major changes in outcomes; change or add to the standard provider contract language, which is not for the purpose of correcting original omissions or clarifying original contract intent.

For federally funded projects, HUD must approve (24 CFR 583.405), in writing, any **significant** changes to an approved Homeless Continuum of Care program prior to initiating a contract amendment. Amendments to CDBG, HOME, or ESG which involve new or alteration of existing activities that will significantly change the scope, location, or objectives of the approved activities or beneficiaries must receive prior HUD approval.

ARTICLE VI: **CONTRACTOR STATUS**

A. Independent Contractor

It is the Parties' intention that the **PROVIDER** will be an independent contractor and not the **COUNTY's** employee for all purposes, including, but not limited to, the application of the Fair Labor Standards Act minimum wage and overtime payments, Federal Insurance Contribution Act, the Social Security Act, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, Florida revenue and taxation law, Florida Worker's Compensation law and Florida Unemployment Insurance Law. The **PROVIDER** will retain sole and absolute discretion in the judgment of the manner and means of carrying out the **PROVIDER'S** activities and responsibilities hereunder. The **PROVIDER** agrees that it is a separate and independent enterprise from the public employer, that it has made its own investment in its business, and that it will utilize a high level of skill necessary to perform the work. This agreement shall not be construed as creating any joint employment relationship between the **PROVIDER** and **COUNTY**, and **COUNTY** will not be liable for any obligation incurred by the **PROVIDER**, including, but not limited to, unpaid minimum wages and/or overtime premiums.

B. Subcontracts

Primary roles and responsibilities of **PROVIDER** cannot be subcontracted. It is mutually agreed that any program component that is subcontracted by **PROVIDER** must have a written contract upon execution of this contract. Provider must provide written notice to the **COUNTY** of all subcontractors as well as provide copies of all contracts entered into with subcontractors upon the **COUNTY's** request. Procurement and/or bidding of non-primary roles and responsibilities must be awarded on a fair and non-collusive basis and must be in compliance with all applicable Lee County, State of Florida and Federal standards. The **PROVIDER** shall not enter into a transaction with a person or affiliate placed on the Florida Department of Management Services' Convicted Vendor List. For projects and services receiving federal funds, the **PROVIDER** shall also not enter into a transaction with debarred, suspended or ineligible contractors and participants included on the Federal Excluded Parties List. The **PROVIDER** must ensure each subcontractor conforms to the terms and conditions of this contract and if applicable Attachment A, Program Guidelines and must be subject to indemnification as stated in Article VIII.

ARTICLE VII: **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The **PROVIDER** agrees that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required in this contract. The **PROVIDER** further agrees that no person having any such interest shall be

employed or engaged for said performance. The **PROVIDER** agrees that no employee, officer, agent of the provider or its sub-recipients shall participate in the selection, award or administration of a contract or construction bid if a conflict-of-interest, either real or implied, would be involved. The **PROVIDER** or sub-recipient employees, officers and agents should refrain from accepting gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from contractors or potential contractors based on the understanding that the receipt of such an item of value would influence any action or judgment of the **PROVIDER**.

For federally-funded contracts, conflict of interest provisions described in 2 CFR 200.112 and all other HUD regulations currently in effect and as may be amended from time to time shall apply.

ARTICLE VIII: RISK MANAGEMENT

A. Hold Harmless and Indemnity Clause

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, **PROVIDER** shall protect, defend, indemnify, save and hold the **COUNTY**, the Board of County Commissioners, its agents, officials, and employees harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, fines, loss or destruction of property, liabilities, damages, for claims based on the negligence, misconduct, or omissions of the **PROVIDER** resulting from the **PROVIDER'S** work as further described in this contract and its attachments, which may arise in favor of any person or persons resulting from the **PROVIDER'S** performance or non-performance of its obligations under this contract except any damages arising out of personal injury or property claims from third parties caused solely by the negligence, omission(s) or willful misconduct of the **COUNTY**, its officials, commissioners, employees or agents, subject to the limitations as set out in Florida general law, Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time. Further, **PROVIDER** hereby agrees to indemnify the **COUNTY** for all reasonable expenses and attorney's fees incurred by or imposed upon the **COUNTY** in connection therewith for any loss, damage, injury, liability or other casualty. **PROVIDER** additionally agrees that the **COUNTY** may employ an attorney of the **COUNTY'S** own selection to appear and defend any such action, on behalf of the **COUNTY**, at the expense of the **PROVIDER**. The **PROVIDER** further agrees to pay all reasonable expenses and attorney's fees incurred by the **COUNTY** in establishing the right to indemnity.

The **PROVIDER** further agrees that it is responsible for any and all claims arising from the hiring of individuals relating to activities provided under the Contract. All individuals hired are employees of the **PROVIDER** and not of the **COUNTY**.

B. Insurance Requirements

Insurance – Nonprofit Providers

The **PROVIDER** agrees to secure and maintain the insurance coverage outlined below during the term of this Contract. The **PROVIDER** agrees that this insurance requirement shall not relieve or limit **PROVIDER'S** liability and that the **COUNTY** does not in any way represent that the insurance required is sufficient or adequate to protect the **PROVIDER'S** interests or liabilities, but are merely minimums. It is the responsibility of the **PROVIDER** to insure that all subcontractors comply with the insurance requirements.

Certificate(s) of Insurance **naming Lee Board of County Commissioners as Certificate Holder and additional insured** will be attached to this contract as an exhibit. Name and address for Certificate Holder should be: Lee Board of County Commissioners, P.O. Box 398, Fort Myers, FL 33902. Certificate(s) must be provided for the following coverage's at the time of contract execution and upon policy renewal. Renewal certificates are due to Lee County on or before expiration date.

1. **Workers' Compensation**– Statutory benefits as defined by Florida Statute 440 encompassing all operations contemplated by this contract or agreement to apply to all

owners, officers, and employees. Employers' liability will have minimum limits of:
 \$100,000 per accident
 \$500,000 disease limit
 \$100,000 disease limit per employee

2. **Commercial General Liability** – Coverage shall apply to premises and/or operations, products and/or completed operations, independent contractors, contractual liability, and broad form property damage exposures with minimum limits of:
 \$500,000 bodily injury per person (BI)
 \$1,000,000 bodily injury per occurrence (BI)
 \$500,000 property damage (PD) or
 \$1,000,000 combined single limit (CSL) of BI and PD

The General Liability Policy Certificate shall name "**Lee County, a political subdivision and Charter County of the State of Florida, its agents, employees, and public officials**" as "**Additional Insured**". The **PROVIDER** agrees that the coverage granted to the Additional Insured applies on a primary basis, with the Additional Insured's coverage being excess.

3. **Business Auto Liability** – The following Automobile Liability will be required and coverage shall apply to all owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles used with minimum limits of:
 \$100,000 bodily injury per person (BI)
 \$300,000 bodily injury per occurrence (BI)
 \$100,000 property damage (PD) or
 \$300,000 combined single limit (CSL) of BI and PD
4. **Directors & Officers Liability** – Entity coverage to cover claims against the organization directly for wrongful acts with limits not less than \$100,000.
5. **Fidelity Bonding** – Covering all employees who handle the agency's funds. The bond amount must be equivalent to the highest daily cash balance or a minimum amount of \$50,000.

Insurance – Government/Municipality

Documentation of the above coverage requirements are not applicable to government/municipalities that are self-insured.

C. Notice of cancellation or modification

The **COUNTY** will be given thirty (30) days notice prior to cancellation or modification of any stipulated insurance. Such notification will be in writing by registered mail, return receipt requested and addressed to the Lee County Risk Manager, P. O. Box 398, Ft. Myers, FL 33902.

ARTICLE IX: SUSPENSION/TERMINATION

A. Suspension

The **COUNTY** reserves the right to suspend funding for failure to comply with the requirements of this contract. Agencies that fail to submit required documents by the due date can be suspended, and payment will be withheld until all requirements are satisfied.

In the event **PROVIDER** ceases operation for any reason or files for protection from creditors under bankruptcy law, any remaining unpaid portion of this Contract, less funds for expenditures already incurred, shall be retained by the **COUNTY** and the **COUNTY** shall have no further

funding obligation to the **PROVIDER** with regard to those unpaid funds.

For contracts funded under “Partnering for Results”: Lee County will fund no more than 40% of the program’s actual cash expenses. The **COUNTY** reserves the right to suspend contract until final expenses/revenue is confirmed.

B. Termination by County

The **COUNTY** may at any time and for any reason cancel this Contract by giving twenty-four (24) hours written notice to the **PROVIDER** by Certified Mail, Process Server or Hand Delivery following a determination by the County Manager or designee, at its sole discretion, that such cancellation is in the best interest of the people of the county. From the date of cancellation, neither party shall have any further obligation unless specified in the termination notice.

If the financing for this project is contingent upon funding sources other than Lee County as identified in the proposal/application of the contract and such funds become unavailable the obligations of each party hereunder may be terminated upon no less than twenty-four (24) hours written notice.

For contracts funded under “Partnering for Results”: Lee County will fund no more than 40% of the program’s actual cash expenses. The **COUNTY** reserves the right to terminate contract upon no less than twenty four (24) hours written notice.

For unit rate contracts, if program is not operational within 45 days from contract start date, funds for said program will be withdrawn and contract will be amended or terminated.

C. Termination by Provider

The **PROVIDER** may at any time and for any reason cancel this Contract by giving seventy-two (72) hours prior written notice to the **COUNTY** by Certified Mail or Process Server of such and specifying the effective date.

COUNTY'S obligation to make any payments under any provision of this Contract shall cease on the effective date of termination.

ARTICLE X: ASSURANCE, CERTIFICATIONS, AND COMPLIANCE

The **PROVIDER** agrees that compliance with these assurances and certifications constitutes a condition of continued receipt of or benefit from funds provided through this Contract, and that it is binding upon the **PROVIDER**, its successors, transferees, and assignees for the period during which services are provided.

IMMIGRATION LAWS:

The **COUNTY** will not intentionally award contracts to any provider/contractor/vendor who knowingly employs unauthorized alien workers, constituting a violation of the employment provisions contained in 8 U.S.C. Section 1324 a(e) Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).

The **COUNTY** shall consider the employment by any **PROVIDER** of unauthorized aliens a violation of Section 274A(e) of the INA. Such violation by the recipient of the employment provisions contained in Section 274A(e) of the INA shall be grounds for unilateral cancellation of the contract by The **COUNTY**.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

The **PROVIDER** further assures that all contractors, subcontractors, or others with whom it arranges to provide services or benefits to participants or employees in connection with any of its programs and activities are not discriminating against those participants or employees in violation of statutes, regulations, guidelines and standards. By acceptance of this funding, the **PROVIDER** assures and certifies the following:

- A. That they will comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations of the United States, the State of Florida, the **COUNTY**, and the municipalities as said laws, ordinances, and regulations exist and are amended from time to time. In entering into this contract, the **COUNTY** does not waive the requirements of any **COUNTY** or local ordinance or the requirements of obtaining any permits or licenses that are normally required to conduct business or activity contemplated by the **PROVIDER**.
- B. That they will comply with all applicable Federal, State and local anti-discrimination laws pertaining to nondiscrimination in programs receiving Federal financial assistance, including but not limited to:
 - **Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964**, as amended, and its implementing regulations – including that recipients/grantees of federal financial assistance are required to take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to persons who are Limited English Proficiency (LEP), as per Executive Order 13166.
 - **Section 109 - Title I of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974**
 - **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973** (29 U.S.C. 794)
 - **Age Discrimination Act of 1975** (42 U.S.C. 610 et. seq.)
 - **Fair Housing Act**

Additional information can be accessed at the following websites:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/FHLaws
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/promotingfh/lep-mfh-faq

These requirements are designed to prevent discrimination in the delivery of benefits and services because of race, color, religion (creed), sex, national origin, age, familial status or disability. Affirmative marketing plans and use of universal design features for construction and rehabilitative projects should be incorporated when possible.

All advertising of residential real estate for sale, rent, or financing should contain an equal housing opportunity logotype, statement, or slogan as a means of educating the home seeking public that the property is available to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin. The choice of logotype, statement or slogan will depend on the type of media used (visual or auditory) and, in space advertising, on the size of the advertisement. Different styles/types/sizes of logos and information regarding brochures and can be located at the following website:

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/library/bookshelf11/hudgraphics/fheologo>

- C. That they will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (“ADA”) (as codified at U.S.C 42.126 (sections 12101-12213) and 28CFR35, which gives civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities, guaranteeing equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in employment, public accommodations, transportation, State and local government services, and telecommunications. A Single-Point-of-Contact shall be required if the agency employs 15 or more employees. The Single-Point-of-Contact will ensure effective communication with deaf or hard-of-hearing customers or companions in accordance with Section 504 and the ADA and coordinate activities and reports with the **PROVIDER’s** Single-Point-of-Contact.

- D. That they will administer their programs under procedures, supervision, safeguards, and such other methods as may be necessary to prevent fraud and abuse, and that it will target its services to those who most need them.
- E. That if clients are to be transported under this contract, the **PROVIDER** will comply with the provisions of Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, which requires the coordination of transportation for the disadvantaged.
- F. That any products or materials purchased with contract funds shall be procured in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403.7065, Florida Statutes, which refers to the procurement of products or materials with recycled content.
- G. That they will comply with Chapter 39.201, Florida Statutes, that any person who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that a child is abused, abandoned, or neglected by a parent, legal custodian, caregiver, or other person responsible for the child's welfare, as defined in this chapter, shall report such knowledge or suspicion to the Florida Abuse Hotline (1-800-962-2873).
- H. That they will comply with Chapter 415.1034, Florida Statutes, that any person who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a vulnerable and or disabled adult has been abused, neglected, or exploited, shall immediately report such knowledge or suspicion to the Florida Abuse Hotline (1-800-962-2873).
- I. That if personnel in programs under this contract work directly with children/youths and vulnerable or disabled adults, the **PROVIDER** will comply with applicable provisions under Florida Statutes 943.0542; 943.04351; 393.0655; 402, regarding employment screening.
- J. That they will comply with Chapter 216.347, Florida Statutes, which prohibits the expenditure of contract funds for the purpose of lobbying the legislature, State or county agencies.
- K. That they will notify the **COUNTY** immediately of any funding source changes and/or additions from other sources that are different from that shown in the **PROVIDER'S** application/proposal. This notification must include a statement as to how this change in funding affects provision of service as well as the use of and continued need for **COUNTY** funds.
- L. That they will acknowledge support for activities funded wholly or in part by **COUNTY** funds. In publicizing, advertising, or describing the program, state "Funding provided by Lee Board of County Commissioners".
- M. That they will notify the **COUNTY** of any changes to the **PROVIDER** organization to include Board Membership (roster), Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws within ten (10) working days of the effective date.
- N. For federally funded programs, that they will comply with applicable uniform administrative requirements as described in 2 CFR Part 200 and all other established, applicable HUD regulations as now in effect and as may be amended from time to time.
- O. The **PROVIDER** shall ensure that Lee County funds are restricted to people legally able to reside in the US.

ARTICLE XIII: NOTICES

Official notices concerning this Contract will be directed to the following authorized representatives:

PROVIDER:

Name: Lisa Tortora
 Title: CFO
 Agency: Child Care of Southwest Florida, Inc.
 Address: 6831 Palisades Park Court Suite 6
Fort Myers, FL 33912
 Telephone: (239) 470-8438
 Fax: N/A
 E-Mail : lisat@ccswfl.org

COUNTY:

Name: Karen Cuevas
 Title: Contract Coordinator
 Agency: Human and Veteran Services
 Address: 2440 Thompson St Fort Myers,
FL 33901
 Telephone: 239-533-7994
 Fax : _____
 E-Mail : kcuevas@leegov.com

The signatures of the **two** persons shown below are designated and authorized to sign all applicable reports:

Lisa Tortora
 Name (printed/typed)
Lisa Tortora
 Signature
CFO
 Title

OR

Tamara Aronson
 Name (printed/typed)
Tamara Aronson
 Signature
Director of Child Care Operations
 Title

In the event that Provider designates different representatives after execution of this contract, notice of the name and address of the new representative will be rendered in writing by authorized officer of **PROVIDER** to the **COUNTY**.

ARTICLE XIV: SPECIAL PROVISIONS

If needed, **PROVIDER** may be called upon to assist the **COUNTY** during a natural disaster or emergency. This includes the use of the **PROVIDER'S** facility to assist with Emergency Food Stamp preregistration if facility is operational and computer terminals are available. **PROVIDER** will be responsible to notify United Way 211 immediately after a disaster declaration if the location is accessible and operational and of any **PROVIDER** staff who are available to assist with recovery efforts.

ARTICLE XV: ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCLUDED

This contract and its attachments, and any exhibits referenced in said attachments, together with any documents incorporated by reference, contain all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. There are no provisions, terms, conditions, or obligations other than those contained herein, and this contract shall supersede all previous communications, representations, or agreements, either verbal or written between the parties. If any term or

provision of this contract is legally determined unlawful or unenforceable, the remainder of the contract shall remain in full force and effect and such terms or provisions shall be stricken.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, PROVIDER and COUNTY have caused this contract and all Contract Exhibits and Attachments as indicated on next page to be executed by their undersigned officials as duly authorized.

PROVIDER:

By: Lisa Tortora
Name (print)

Lisa Tortora
(Signature of authorized officer)

CFO
Title

April 5, 2024
Date

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Lee

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me, by means of physical presence or online notarization, this 5th day of April, 2024(year), by, Lisa Tortora who is personally known to me or who has produced _____ as identification and who did (did not) take an oath.

NOTARY:
By: [Signature]
Notary of Public (Signature)

Carmen Green
Name (typed)



COUNTY: LEE COUNTY

By: Mike Greenwell
Name (print)

[Signature]
(Signature of authorized officer)

Board of County Commissioners Chairman
Title

4-23-24
Date

ATTEST:
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

By: [Signature]

Title: Deputy Clerk

Date: 04.23.2024



APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR THE RELIANCE OF LEE COUNTY ONLY:

By: [Signature]

Date: 04-23-24

OFFICE of the COUNTY ATTORNEY

Lee County Human and Veteran Services

CONTRACT EXHIBITS & ATTACHMENTS

Applicable items are checked. If item is not checked, it does not apply to this contract.

EXHIBITS (Required Reports/Documentation):

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Exhibit 1 | Payment Request |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Exhibit 2 | Beneficiary Report |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Exhibit 3 | Construction Progress Report |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Exhibit 4 | Unit Cost Analysis Report |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Exhibit 5 | Annual Progress Report or Closeout Report |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Exhibit 6 | Certificates of Insurance |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Exhibit 7 | Statement of Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Exhibit 8 | Declaration of Restrictive Covenant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Exhibit 9 | Annual Certification of Continued Operation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Exhibit 10 | Board of Directors Roster |

ATTACHMENTS

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | ATTACHMENT A | Program Guidelines (CDBG) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | ATTACHMENT B | Participation Requirements Faith-Based Organizations |

EXHIBIT 1 PAYMENT REQUEST Line Item Contract

Human and Veteran Services
2440 Thompson Street
Ft. Myers, FL 33901
submit by E-Mail: kcuevas@leegov.com

Phone: 239-533-7994
FAX: 239-533-7960

Contract No. _____
IDIS # _____
Contract Term: _____
Reporting Period _____

Check appropriate line:
 Regular Reimbursement
 Final Reimbursement

Agency: Childcare of Southwest Florida, Inc. _____
Mailing Address: 6831 Palisades Park Court, Ste. 6
Fort Myers, FL 339 _____
Phone: 239-250-2504 _____
FAX: 239-470-8438 _____
E-mail: jjeat@ccswfl.org _____

Reports are due by the twentieth calendar day after the end of the reporting period.

A. Approved Budget Categories	B. Approved Annual Budget Amount	C. Balance Forward end of prior month	D. Total Paid Expenditures for Reporting Period	E. Remaining Balance End of Reporting Period (Col. C-D)
Tuition Assistance	\$54,760.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total:	\$54,760.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

PROVIDER: By signing below, I certify that the work and/or services provided and reported in Exhibit 1 are for uncompensated expenses/units, and have been completed and/or delivered to the best of my knowledge. I further attest that payment has been made in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations and approved County contract. I understand that knowingly providing false information could result in investigation and prosecution.

I certify 100% of the hours worked were solely for the eligible activity as stipulated in the contracted Scope of Services and Exhibit 7 Statement of Work or that a activity tracking record (time sheet) has been provided. I further certify that all hours and services billed to this contract are eligible under CDBG regulations Statement of Work.

Signature of
Authorized Official: _____

Date approved: _____

FOR LEE COUNTY USE ONLY

By signing below, I certify that to the best of my knowledge and abilities, the work and/or services provided have been inspected, monitored or reviewed and appear to be in compliance with all applicable statutes, regulations, and approved County contract.

AUTHORIZED BY: _____

APPROVED AMOUNT: \$ _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

EXHIBIT 2: MONTHLY BENEFICIARY REPORT

Due Monthly with payment request. On all reports, the number of beneficiaries in all categories must equal the number of beneficiaries for the reporting period.

Subrecipient: _____ Activity: _____ Reporting Period: _____
(month covered)

Total beneficiaries served: _____

INCOME: Household income is calculated and reported according to the annual income limits published by HUD and can be found at: <http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il.html>. Income percentages indicate "at or below" that percentage and are a percentage of the area median income (AMI).

More than 80% AMI: _____ At or below 80% AMI: _____ At or below 50% AMI: _____ At or below 30% AMI: _____

RACE/ETHNICITY: Report the number of beneficiaries for the reporting period in the box below the appropriate category.

	White	Black/ African American	Asian	American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	American Indian/ Alaskan Native & White	Asian & White	Black / African American & White	American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American	Other Multi- racial
Number Hispanic										
Number Non-Hispanic										

Female-Headed Households: _____

Units Occupied by Elderly: _____

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS:

Number of persons assisted with NEW access to the service/benefit being provided: _____

Number of persons assisted with IMPROVED access to the service/benefit being provided: _____

Number of beds CREATED in overnight shelter and/or other emergency housing: _____

NARRATIVE: For this reporting period, provide a brief summary of activities completed and any accomplishments achieved. _____

PROVIDER hereby certifies that all information reported in this exhibit has been collected and reported in compliance with all applicable statutes and regulations, and in accordance with the approved County contract.

Completed by: _____ Date _____

EXHIBIT 5: CDBG CLOSEOUT (BENEFICIARY REPORT)

Due with final payment request.

On all reports, the number of beneficiaries in all categories must equal the number of beneficiaries for the reporting period.

Subrecipient: _____ Activity: _____
 Reporting Period: from: _____ to _____ (months and year covered)
 Total beneficiaries served: _____

INCOME: Household income is calculated and reported according to the annual income limits published by HUD and can be found at: <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/cdbg-income-limits.html>

Percentages indicate "at or below" that percentage and are a percentage of the area median income (AMI).

More than 80% AMI: _____ At or below low 80% AMI: _____ At or below low 50% AMI: _____, At or below low 30% AMI: _____

RACE/ETHNICITY

Report the number of beneficiaries for the reporting period in the box below the appropriate category.

	White	Black/ African American	Asian	American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	American Indian/ Alaskan Native & White	Asian & White	Black/ African American & White	American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American	Other Multi- racial
Number Hispanic										
Number Non-Hispanic										

Female-Headed Households: _____

Units Occupied by Elderly: _____

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS:

Number of persons assisted with NEW access to the service/benefit being provided: _____

Number of persons assisted with IMPROVED access to the service/benefit being provided: _____

Number of beds CREATED in overnight shelter and/or other emergency housing: _____

NARRATIVE: For this reporting period, provide a brief summary of activities completed and any accomplishments achieved. _____

PROVIDER hereby certifies that all information reported in this exhibit has been collected and reported in compliance with all applicable statutes and regulations, and in accordance with the approved County contract.

Completed by: _____ Date: _____

EXHIBIT 6
CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

Insert Certificates of Insurance naming
**LEE COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND CHARTER COUNTY
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

as

Certificate Holder

Name and address for Certificate Holder should be:
LEE COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND CHARTER COUNTY OF
THE STATE OF FLORIDA
P.O. Box 398
FORT MYERS, FL 33902.

as required in Article VIII of the Contract, for the following
policies:

- Worker's Compensation
- General Liability
- Business Auto Liability
- Directors & Officers Liability
- Fidelity Bonding

The General Liability Policy Certificate must name

***"LEE COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND CHARTER COUNTY OF
THE STATE OF FLORIDA, ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND PUBLIC
OFFICIALS"***

as

"Additional Insured"

Exhibit 7

Scope of work:

Funding of CDBG Grant was approved for \$54,760.00. Funds will be used to offer tuition assistance to 14 families at \$3,911.42 per family for 25 weeks. This equates to a tuition assistance of \$156.45 per week. The ages of children will be from 6 weeks to 8 years old and only 1 child per family will be served. The tuition assistance program will benefit families in Lehigh and Tice who cannot currently afford the cost of childcare to pursue their own careers outside the home.

Childcare of Southwest Florida tuition assistance will be targeting low-income families that are working and do not qualify for subsidies from state, local or federal agencies.

This project will allow Childcare of Southwest Florida to help eliminate the barrier of quality childcare from parent's financial burden. The Childcare tuition assistance program provides early education tuition for low-income children in our four childcare centers in Lee County. Significant learning and development occur between the ages of 0-5. Sadly, many children face barriers to participate in quality early education programs because of the cost. When children do not receive a solid foundation early in life, they enter public schools at a profound educational and social-emotional disadvantage. Statistics show that investing in kindergarten readiness programs, especially for low-income families, yields the highest return on investment.

EXHIBIT 10

CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROSTER

Board of Directors roster must include the following:

- Names
- Indication of Officers
- Addresses
- Email Address
- Occupations
- Term of each Director
- Effective Date of Roster



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mark Wilke, Chair
Consultant
1421 SW 18th Terrace
Cape Coral, FL 33991
(239) 699-6752
wilkema@comcast.net
Member since February 2017
Term ends February 2026

Richard Akin, Vice-Chair
Retired
Health Care Administrator
1220 Westfield Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33919
(239) 850-2142
rbakin@aol.com
Member since January 2019
Term ends January 2025

Thomas Feurig, Treasurer
Management Consultant
11827 Island Ave.
Matlacha, FL 33993
(239) 677-9945
TomFeurig@gmail.com
Member since March 2015
Term ends March 2025

Dr. Barbara Mundy, Secretary
Director of Federal Programs
Hendry County School District
111 Curry Street
Labelle, FL 33935
(863) 674-4108
mundyb@hendry-schools.net
Member since August 2017
Term ends August 2023

Jessica Anderson
Customer Service
Lee County Tax Collector
2480 Thompson Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901
(239) 533-6520
JustJess@embarqmail.com
Member since September 2009
Term ends September 2024

William Bill Emo
Benefits Consultant
(239) 223-9588
emowilliam@yahoo.com
Member since May 2016
Term ends May 2025

John Bodner
Chief Administrative Officer
Lee County Clerk of Courts
1700 Monroe Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901
(239) 533-2547
Member since December 2023
Term Ends December 2026

Fred Maschmidt
Vice President, Investments
Raymond James
8000 Summerlin Lakes Drive, Ste. 100
Fort Myers, FL 33907
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Member since October 2018
Term ends October 2024

Landon W. Mullinax
General Manager
Scotlynn USA, Inc.
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lmullinax@scotlynn.com
Member since February 2019
Term ends February 2025

Martin Ndungu
President
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4550 Tilton Court
Fort Myers, FL 33907
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Member since February 2020
Term ends February 2026

Laura Puerto
Senior Public Relations Specialist
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4941 Bayline Drive
North Fort Myers, FL 33917
(239) 634-7858
laura.puerto@lcec.net
Member since February 2023
Term ends February 2026

Jerry Snyderman
Owner
Snyderman Shoes
11970 Rosemount Drive
Fort Myers, FL 33913
(239) 691-3783
chef17@aol.com
Member since February 2019
Term ends February 2025

05/05/2023

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

The CDBG program was authorized by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The primary objective is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. Projects must principally benefit persons of low to moderate income. All projects must address one of three national objectives:

1. Benefit lower income families, or
2. Aid in preventing or eliminating "slums and blight" or
3. Meet an "urgent need"

Regulatory guidance on the CDBG program is found at 24 CFR part 570, specifically in subparts C, J, and K and other Federal regulations found at 24 CFR parts 5 and 2 CFR 200 also apply.

The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** shall comply with all federal laws and regulations described in the HUD regulations, 24 CFR Part 570, and other applicable Federal regulations, including 2 CFR 200. CDBG funds made available under this agreement shall be used to assist low and moderate-income families. This may be determined by individually qualifying households for eligibility or by the determination that the census block in which the project is located is a low income area. The method used to determine compliance will be at the discretion of Lee County.

A. SUBCONTRACTS

The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** shall insure that any County approved subcontracts let in the performance of this agreement shall be awarded on a fair and non-collusive basis. All provisions of this agreement shall be included and made part of any subcontract executed in the performance of this agreement. The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** shall not enter into a transaction with debarred, suspended or ineligible contractors and participants included on the Federal Excluded Parties List or, for contracts over \$35,000, a person or affiliate placed on the Florida Department of Management Services' Convicted Vendor List. Verification of vendors can be found at:

http://www.dms.myflorida.com/business_operations/state_purchasing/vendor_information/convicted_suspended_discriminatory_complaints_vendor_lists

B. PROCUREMENT

1. The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** shall comply with current Lee County policy concerning the purchase of equipment and shall maintain inventory records of all non-expendable personal property.
2. The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** shall procure all materials, property or services in accordance with the requirements of 2 CFR 200 Procurement Standards, and shall subsequently follow Property Management Standards in accordance to 2 CFR 200, covering utilization and disposal of property.
3. No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract.

C. DOCUMENTATION AND RECORD-KEEPING

1. The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** shall maintain all records required by the Federal regulations specified in 24 CFR Part 570.506 that are pertinent to the activities to be funded under this agreement, including but not limited to:
 - a. A full description of each activity undertaken and its eligibility criteria.
 - b. Client data demonstrating client eligibility for services provided.
 - c. Documentation of the acquisition, improvement, use or disposition of real property acquired or improved with CDBG assistance. Properties retained shall continue to meet eligibility criteria and shall conform to the "changes in use" restrictions specified in 24 CFR Parts 570.503, as applicable.
 - d. Compliance with fair housing and equal opportunity components of the CDBG program.
 - e. Financial records as required by 24 CFR Part 570.502 and 2 CFR 200; and other records to comply with Subpart K of 24 CFR 570.

D. RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF FUNDS

The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** is prohibited from using funds provided herein or personnel employed in the administration of the program for: political activities, sectarian or religious activities, lobbying, political patronage, and nepotism activities.

1. HATCH ACT- The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** agrees that no funds provided, nor personnel employed under this agreement shall be in any way engaged in the conduct of political activities in violation of Chapter 15 of Title V of the United States Code. Employment Restrictions.
2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST - The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** agrees to abide by the provisions of 24 CFR 570.611 with respect to conflicts of interest, and covenants and certifies that it presently has no financial interest, and that no employee, agent, consultant, or officer will acquire any financial interest, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of any service required under this agreement.
3. LOBBYING - The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** hereby certifies that no federal funds have or will be paid by, or on its behalf, to any person influencing or attempting to influence a member of Congress, or an officer or employee of any agency, or of an office of Congress in connection with the award of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant or loan, the entering into a cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement. If any non-Federal funds have been used for such influence, the **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** shall submit a "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying" in accordance with its instructions.
4. RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION - The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** agrees that funds provided under this agreement to either a faith based organization or faith based program cannot be utilized for inherently religious activities, and must be utilized in accordance with the federal regulations specified in 24 CFR 570.200. Faith-based organizations must provide appropriate written notice in accordance to 24 CFR 5.109 describing certain protections available to applicants participating in the activities held at their facility.

E. ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** agrees to comply with any instructions or requests made by the County pursuant to the completion of any applicable environmental review, as well as the following regulations insofar as they apply to the performance of this agreement:

1. Clean Air Act, 42 U.S. C. 7401, et seq.
2. Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251, et seq., as amended.
3. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations pursuant to 40 CFR, Part 50, as amended.
4. Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4001), which requires that activities located in an area identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as having special flood hazards shall require flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program.
5. Lead-Based Paint regulations at 24 CFR 570.608, and 24 CFR Part 35 pertaining to all HUD assisted housing, which require that notice be provided that all properties constructed prior to 1978 may include lead-based paint. Such notification shall point out the hazards of lead-based paint and explain the symptoms, treatment, and precautions that should be taken, and the advisability and availability of blood lead level screening for children under seven.
6. Historic Preservation under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended (16 U.S.C. 470) and the procedures set forth in 36 CFR, Part 800.

F. PROGRAM INCOME

The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** shall report and remit to the grantee (Lee County) all program income as defined at 24 CFR 570.500 generated by activities carried out with CDBG funds at the end of the program year. Lee County will determine and utilize the program income in compliance with the requirements set forth at 24 CFR 570.504. Preference for use of the funds will be given to projects in the urban county's jurisdiction that remitted the program income, however due to the County's need to meet timeliness requirements, funds will be spent on eligible activities as determined necessary by the County.

G. RELOCATION, REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION, AND ONE-FOR-ONE HOUSING REPLACEMENT

The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** agrees to comply with the following:

1. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (URA), and implementing regulations at 49 CFR and 24 CFR 570.606;
2. Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan requirements of 24 CFR 570.606 under Section 104 of the Housing and Community Development Act; and
3. Optional relocation policies requirements of 570.606.

H. CIVIL RIGHTS

The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** agrees to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, Section 1104 and Section 109 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1965, Executive Order 11063, and with Executive Order 11246 as amended by Executive Orders 11375 and 12086.

The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, disability, or other handicap, age, marital/familial status, or status with regard to public assistance, unless in

areas allowable by the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** will take affirmative action to insure that all employment practices are free of such discrimination. The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** agrees to post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

LAND COVENANTS - This contract is subject to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) and 24 CFR 570.602 and 603. In regard to the sale, lease, or other transfer of land acquired, cleared or improved with assistance provided under this contract, the **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** shall cause or require a covenant running with the land to be inserted in the deed or lease for such transfer, prohibiting discrimination as herein defined, in the sale, lease or rental, or in the use or occupancy of such land, or in any improvements erected or to be erected thereon, providing that the **COUNTY (RECIPIENT)** and the United States are beneficiaries of and entitled to enforce such covenants. The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** in undertaking its obligation to carry out the program assisted hereunder, agrees to take such measures as are necessary to enforce such covenant, and will not itself so discriminate.

SECTION 504 - The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** agrees to comply with any Federal regulations issued pursuant to compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 706), which prohibits discrimination against the handicapped in any Federally assisted program.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION - The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** agrees that it shall be committed to carry out an Affirmative Action Program in keeping with the principles as provided in the President's Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965. The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** will use its best efforts to afford minority- and women-owned business enterprises the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of this agreement. The term "minority and female business enterprise" means a business at least fifty-one (51) percent owned and controlled by minority group members or women. For the purpose of this definition, "minority group members" are Afro-Americans, Spanish-speaking, Spanish surnamed or Spanish-heritage Americans, Asian Americans, and American Indians. The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** may rely on written representations by businesses regarding their status as minority and female business enterprises in lieu of an independent investigation. The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)**, state that it is an Equal Opportunity or Affirmative Action employer. The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** will include the provisions of Paragraph X A, Civil Rights, and B, Affirmative Action, in every subcontract or purchase order, specifically or by reference, so that such provisions will be binding upon each of its own **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)s** or subcontractors.

DAVIS BACON ACT - The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** agrees to comply with the requirements of the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act as amended, the provisions of Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 276a-276a-5; 40 U.S.C. 276c), and all other applicable Federal, state, and local laws and regulations pertaining to labor standards applicable to this agreement. The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** shall maintain documentation that demonstrates compliance with hour and wage requirements of this part.

The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** shall cause or require to be inserted in full provisions meeting the requirements of 29 CFR 5.5. All contractors or subcontractors on contracts in excess of \$2,000 which involve the employment of mechanics or laborers shall comply with Sections 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-330) as supplemented by Department of Labor Regulations (29 CFR. Part 5). Contractors and subcontractors shall be required to submit weekly payroll certifications concerning compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

SECTION 3 CLAUSE - Compliance with the provisions of Section 3 and the regulations set forth in 24 CFR 135 shall be a condition of the Federal financial assistance provided under this agreement and binding upon the **COUNTY (RECIPIENT)**, the **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)**, and any of the **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)**s and subcontractors. The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** certifies and agrees that no contractual or other impediment exists which would prevent compliance with these requirements. The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** further agrees to comply with these Section 3 requirements and to include the following language in subcontracts executed under this agreement:

"The work to be performed under this contract is a project assisted under a program providing direct Federal financial assistance from HUD and is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S. C. 1701. Section 3 requires that to the greatest extent feasible opportunities for training and employment be given to low and very low-income residents of the project area and contracts for work in connection with the project be awarded to business concerns that provide economic opportunities for low and very low-income persons residing in the metropolitan area in which the project is located."

I. CLOSEOUTS

The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)**'S obligation to the **COUNTY (RECIPIENT)** shall not end until all closeout requirements are completed. Activities during this closeout period shall include but are not limited to making final payments, disposing of program assets, reporting of beneficiaries, or any other activities related to CDBG compliance.

REVERSION OF ASSETS Upon expiration of the contract, the **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** shall transfer to the recipient any CDBG funds on hand at the time of the expiration and any accounts receivable attributable to the use of CDBG funds. It shall also include provisions designed to ensure that any real property under the **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)**'s control that was acquired or improved in whole or in part with CDBG funds (including CDBG funds provided to the sub recipient in the form of a loan) in excess of \$25,000 is either:

- a) Used to meet one of the national objectives until five years after expiration of the agreement, or for such longer period of time as determined to be appropriate by the recipient; or
- b) Not used to meet one of the national objectives, in which event the **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** shall pay to the recipient an amount equal to the current market value of the property less any portion of the value attributable to expenditures of non-CDBG funds for the acquisition of, or improvement to, the property.

J. PAYMENTS AND REPORTS

1. Payment requests will be subject to the **COUNTY (RECIPIENT)**'s execution of its Master Agreement with HUD and the activity being assigned a number in IDIS (Integrated Disbursement and Information System).

2. Construction Contract Payments – Requests for payment must be based upon actual uncompensated construction costs provided during the contract period and shall be accompanied by invoices for services rendered. Payment Requests shall be submitted within 20 days after the end of the reporting period, even if no activity has occurred. If the **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** fails to submit a Payment Request by the stated deadline, payment will be delayed until the following month. The **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** will not receive payment without submission of all applicable reports. Failure to submit a Payment Request within 60 days after the end of the reporting period will result in the **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** forfeiting all right to payment.

All payment requests (Exhibit 1) must be signed by the **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)**'s Executive Director or other duly authorized person, and accompanied by the contractor's signed request for payment (invoice). Final payment will not be made until the final inspection is made and approved by the Lee County or City Building Department, as applicable.

3. **PROVIDER (SUBRECIPIENT)** shall submit reports as required to assist the **COUNTY (RECIPIENT)** in the preparation of HUD Labor Relations, WBE/MBE, Equal Opportunity Employment, and HUD Section 3 reports, pursuant to 24 CFR 570.502, 507, and 92.

ATTACHMENT B: COMPLIANCE AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The PROVIDER further assures that all contractors, subcontractors, or others with whom it arranges to provide services or benefits to participants or employees in connection with any of its programs and activities are not discriminating against those participants or employees in violation of statutes, regulations, guidelines, and standards. By acceptance of this funding, the PROVIDER assures and certifies the following:

- A. That they will comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations of the United States, the State of Florida, the COUNTY, and the municipalities as said laws, ordinances, and regulations exist and are amended from time to time. In entering into this contract, the COUNTY does not waive the requirements of any COUNTY or local ordinance or the requirements of obtaining any permits or licenses that are normally required to conduct business or activity contemplated by the PROVIDER.
- B. That they will comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local anti-discrimination laws pertaining to nondiscrimination in programs receiving Federal financial assistance, including but not limited to:
 - Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and its implementing regulations – including that recipients/grantees of federal financial assistance are required to take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to persons who are Limited English Proficiency (LEP), as per Executive Order 13166.
 - Section 109 - Title I of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974
 - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794)
 - Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 610 et. seq.)
 - Fair Housing Act- Additional information can be accessed at the following websites:
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/FHLaws
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp
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- C. That they will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (“ADA”) (as codified at 42 U.S.C. 126 sections 12101-12213) and 28 CFR 35, which gives civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities, guaranteeing equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in employment, public accommodations, transportation, State and local government services, and telecommunications. A Single-Point-of-Contact shall be required if the agency employs 15 or more employees. The Single-Point-of-Contact will ensure effective communication with deaf or hard-of-hearing customers or companions in accordance with Section 504 and the ADA and coordinate activities and reports with the PROVIDER’s Single-Point-of-Contact.
- D. That they will administer their programs under procedures, supervision, safeguards, and such other methods as may be necessary to prevent fraud and abuse, and that it will target its services to those who most need them.
- E. That if clients are to be transported under this contract, the PROVIDER will comply with the provisions of Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, which requires the coordination of transportation for the disadvantaged.
- F. That any products or materials purchased with contract funds shall be procured in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403.7065, Florida Statutes, which refers to the procurement of products or materials with recycled content.

- G. That they will comply with Chapter 39.201, Florida Statutes, that any person who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that a child is abused, abandoned, or neglected by a parent, legal custodian, caregiver, or other person responsible for the child's welfare, as defined in this chapter, shall report such knowledge or suspicion to the Florida Abuse Hotline (1-800-962-2873).
- H. That they will comply with Chapter 415.1034, Florida Statutes, that any person who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a vulnerable and or disabled adult has been abused, neglected, or exploited, shall immediately report such knowledge or suspicion to the Florida Abuse Hotline (1-800-962-2873).
- I. That if personnel in programs under this contract work directly with children/youths and vulnerable or disabled adults, the PROVIDER will comply with applicable provisions under Florida Statutes 943.0542; 943.04351; 393.0655; 402, regarding employment screening.
- J. That they will comply with Chapter 216.347, Florida Statutes, which prohibits the expenditure of contract funds for the purpose of lobbying the legislature, State, or county agencies.
- K. That they will notify the COUNTY immediately of any funding source changes and/or additions from other sources that are different from that shown in the PROVIDER'S application/proposal. This notification must include a statement as to how this change in funding affects provision of service as well as the use of and continued need for COUNTY funds.
- L. That they will acknowledge support for activities funded wholly or in part by COUNTY funds. In publicizing, advertising, or describing the program, state "Funding provided by Lee County Board of County Commissioners".
- M. That they will notify the COUNTY of any SIGNIFICANT changes to the PROVIDER organization to include Board Membership (roster), Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws within ten (10) working days of the effective date.
- N. For federally funded programs, that they will comply with applicable uniform administrative requirements as described in 2 CFR Part 200 and all other established, applicable HUD regulations as now in effect and as may be amended from time to time.
- O. The PROVIDER shall ensure that Lee County funds are restricted to people legally able to reside in the U.S.
- P. The PROVIDER will input applicable updates to the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness Database on a regular basis, usually quarterly.
- Q. The PROVIDER is prohibited from using contracted funds for the following: political activities; lobbying; political patronage; nepotism activities; and inherently religious activities such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization.
- R. The PROVIDER must verify employment eligibility of all new employees hired during the contract term through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system.

The attached document has been approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Please review the instructions below and forward to the appropriate office when complete.

Meeting Date:	11/15/2022; 11/07/2023
Agenda Item #:	C12; C24
Agenda Item Title:	Accept Annual Grant Funding from HUD
	(1) Childcare of Southwest Florida, Inc. – Contract 10138

Department	Instructions
County Attorney	Please review the attached document(s) at the BLUE sticker. If you have any questions concerning the document(s), contact the originating department. After completion, forward to the CHAIR/VICE CHAIR for signature.
Chair/Vice Chair	Sign the attached document(s) at the RED sticker. After completion, forward to the MINUTES OFFICE for execution.
Minutes Office	Execute the attached document(s). After document(s) are completely executed, return the remaining originals to Laurel Chick, County Administration for distribution.

Date out from Administration: 04/19/24

Return to Dept. Novus

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RECEIVED BY
LEE CO. ATTORNEY

2024 APR 23 PM 12:19
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MINUTES OFFICE

CONTRACT ROUTING CHECKLIST

#10138

CONTRACT TYPE: SUBRECIPIENT CONTRACT

SUBJECT: Project known as: TUITION ASSISTANCE
CDBG

between Lee County and CHILDCARE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.

Reference: Agenda Item Report; Board action to approve attached contract on:

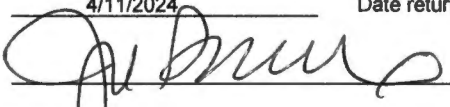
Agenda Item #12 DATE: 11/15/2022
Agenda Item #24 DATE: 11/07/2023

The subject contract is forwarded herewith for review and/or endorsements:

(1) By the Director of Human & Veteran Services
Project Sponsoring Department

Recommending Execution
 Not recommending execution for the following
reason(s) _____

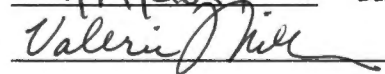
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(2) By Risk Management

Recommending Execution
 Not recommending execution for the following
reason(s) _____

Date Received 4/17/2024 Date returned/forwarded 4.18.24

Signed 

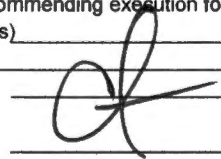
(3) Laurel Chick, County Administration

SAC 04/19/24

(4) By the County Attorney

Recommending Execution
 Not recommending execution for the following
reason(s) _____

Date Received _____ Date returned/forwarded 04-23-24

Signed 

(5) Chairman, Board of County Commissioners _____

(6) Clerks Office, Minutes Department _____

(7) Diana Schnabel, Human & Veteran Services _____



AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: November 15, 2022
DEPARTMENT: Human and Veteran Services
REQUESTER: Roger Mercado
TITLE: Accept Annual Grant Funding from HUD

I. MOTION REQUESTED

A) Accept \$4,553,978 in Grant Funds from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

B) Approve budget amendment resolutions as follows:

1. \$ 3,143,590 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Entitlement Fund # 13920
2. \$ 1,131,175 in HOME Investment Partnership Funds, Entitlement Fund # 13921
3. \$ 279,213 in Emergency Solution Grant (ESG), Entitlement Fund # 00100

C) Allow Board Chair, on behalf of the Board, to sign agreements, certifications, resolutions, and other related documents, including but not limited to:

1. Grant agreements, once received from HUD;
2. Sub-recipient agreements once prepared, and if necessary, approve any future amendments to the agreements for this fiscal year and previous years that do not substantially alter the original intent of the contract;
3. HUD environmental assessments; and
4. Amendments to the Lee County Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans once prepared in accordance with Administrative Code 15-2.

II. ITEM SUMMARY

Approval accepts \$4,553,978 in entitlement funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for fiscal year 2022-2023 budget. This funding is used for planning, homeless services, non-profit capital improvement, and affordable housing projects administered by Human and Veteran Services. This funding will yield approximately 19,819 beneficiaries, as projected from previous data.

III. BACKGROUND AND IMPLICATIONS OF ACTIONA) Board Action and Other History

Pursuant to Section 116 (b) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5316), 24 CFR 91, Lee County submitted the 2022 Annual Action Plan (as part of the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This Annual Action Plan serves as the application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) entitlement resources to HUD. HUD approved the Annual Action Plan, and pursuant to Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, (42 USC 5301 et seq.) requested the execution of the grant agreements with Lee County. Funding from HUD will be available to Lee County upon execution of the grant agreements.

Lee County is a recipient of entitlement resources from HUD in accordance with 24 CFR 576.3, and Section 106 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires recipients of HUD funding to file Annual Action Plans outlining projects that will use the grant funds. The Board approved the submission of the 2020 Annual Action Plan on August 4, 2020 (Agenda Item # 7), the 2021 Annual Action Plan on August 3, 2021 (Agenda Item # 21), and the 2022 Annual Action Plan on August 2, 2022 (Agenda Item # 10). As the projects progress and community needs shift, funds may be reallocated between projects within the Action Plans. As required by 24 CFR 91.505, Lee County's Administrative Code 15-2, and the proposed Annual Plan was published for public review, and made available for public comment for 30 days.

B) Policy Issues

Lee County Administrative Code 3-17 Grant Program Administrative Procedures requires each department to ensure compliance with all grant terms and requirements. HUD has accepted the Annual Action Plan and awarded Lee County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds.

C) BoCC Goals

Meets requirements for HUD grant funding, which provides for human services in Lee County. These funds are used for projects and activities that benefit low-to-moderate income individuals in Lee County. Compliance with HUD requirements ensures Lee County entitlement status to continue receiving CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds annually.

D) Analysis

Lee County's Annual Action Plans are developed through consultation with staff and the public. The 2022-2023 Annual Plan outlines five priority areas including, affordable housing, housing and services for persons who are homeless, public facility improvements, economic development and community revitalization. The plan also establishes the following goals to meet community needs:

1. Affordable Housing Development
2. Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction
3. Down Payment Assistance
4. Housing and Services for Persons who are Homeless
5. Public Services for Community Revitalization
6. Infrastructure Improvements
7. Economic Development
8. Public Facility Improvements

The projects listed in the 2022 Annual Action Plan are designed to accomplish the goals identified in the Consolidated Plan. Projects in the Annual Action Plan, include, but are not limited to, Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, Community Infrastructure, Community Public Services, Down Payment Assistance, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, and Non-Profit Capital Improvement. The estimated amount entitlement funds for HUD Fiscal Year 2022 is \$4,553,978.

HUD's funding award is based on site visits, management of funds, compliance with Annual Plan rules, accuracy in preparing performance reports, and proof that all projects assisted under programs administered by HUD are in compliance with contractual agreements, certifications, and the requirements of law as set forth by Lee County's Five Year Consolidated and Annual Action Plans. Funds will be made available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget upon receipt of agreement and approval of a budget resolution.

The Annual Action Plan was the subject of two public meetings, and the draft plan was made available for public review for 30 days. The public comment period opened July 1, 2022 and ended on August 1, 2022.

The Annual Action Plan will cover the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, and was submitted to HUD on August 11, 2022.

- E) Options
Approve budget amendment resolutions associated with the receipt of federal grants.

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A)	Current year dollar amount of item:	\$4,553,978
B)	Is this item approved in the current budget?	No
C)	Is this a revenue or expense item?	N/A
D)	Is this Discretionary or Mandatory?	Discretionary
E)	Will this item impact future budgets? If yes, please include reasons in III(D) above.	No
F)	Fund: Entitlement funds Program: HUD Project: CDBG Year 33, ESG Year 22, and HOME Year 31 Account Strings: 11134913920, 11135100100, and 11135013921	
G)	Fund Type?	Other: HUD Entitlement Funds
H)	Comments: The Annual Action Plan has been accepted and grant agreements have been executed. Grant funds need to be made available in Fiscal year 2022-2023 budget.	

V. RECOMMENDATION

Approve

VI. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

The 2022 Annual Action Plan (as part of the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan) was submitted to HUD on August 11, 2022. The grant agreements will be returned to HUD upon execution by the Board. Funds will be made available for drawdown on HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS). The program year start date for HUD funds received is October 1, 2022.

VII. FOLLOW UP

- A) The Board may need to periodically sign documents required by HUD.:
1. Sub-recipient agreements with the municipalities once prepared, and if necessary, approve any future amendments to the agreements for this fiscal year and previous years, that do not substantially alter the original intent of the agreement,
 2. HUD environmental assessments,
 3. Amendments to the Lee County Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans once prepared in accordance with Administrative Code 15-2.
- B) Human and Veteran Services staff will continue to administer HUD entitlement programs and urban county cooperation agreements.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Budget Resolution Request CDBG 2022	10/21/2022	Backup Material
Budget Resolution Request ESG 2022	10/21/2022	Backup Material
Budget Resolution Request HOME 2022	10/21/2022	Backup Material
Budget Amendment ESG	11/3/2022	Budget Amendment
Budget Amendment CDBG	11/3/2022	Budget Amendment
Budget Amendment HOME	11/3/2022	Budget Amendment

<u>Lee County FY 2022 Initial Grant Agreements</u>	11/14/2022	Agreement
<u>111522R-C-12-RESO 22-11-18 Budget Amendment ESG</u>	11/21/2022	Resolution
<u>111522R-C-12-RESO 22-11-19 Budget Amendment CDBG</u>	11/21/2022	Resolution
<u>111522R-C-12-RESO 22-11-20 Budget Amendment HOME</u>	11/21/2022	Resolution
<u>111522R-C-12-Grant Agreement</u>	11/21/2022	Agreement
<u>111522R-C-12-Subrecipient Agreement(s) - Lee County Homeless Coalition Contract 9723</u>	4/17/2023	Contract
<u>111522R-C-12-Subrecipient Agreement(s) - Lee County Sheriff's Office</u>	5/16/2023	Agreement
<u>111522R-C-12-Subrecipient Agreement(s) - City of Bonita Springs Contract 9738</u>	5/26/2023	Contract
<u>111522R-C-12-Subrecipient Agreement(s) - Centerstone of Florida, Inc. - Contract 9750</u>	5/30/2023	Contract
<u>111522R-C-12-Subrecipient Agreement(s) - Fort Myers Police Department-HOT Team</u>	6/5/2023	Agreement
<u>111522R-C-12-Subrecipient Agreement(s) - Pine Manor Improvement Assoc Contract 9669</u>	6/7/2023	Contract

REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action	Date
Human and Veteran Services	Isley, Rae	Approved	11/2/2022 - 4:17 PM
Human and Veteran Services	Mercado, Roger	Approved	11/2/2022 - 5:04 PM
Budget Services	Henkel, Anne	Approved	11/3/2022 - 12:44 PM
Budget Services	Winton, Peter	Approved	11/4/2022 - 9:14 AM
County Attorney	Fraser, Andrea	Approved	11/4/2022 - 9:25 AM
County Manager	Mora, Marc	Approved	11/8/2022 - 11:05 AM

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: November 7, 2023
DEPARTMENT: Human and Veteran Services
REQUESTER: Roger Mercado
TITLE: Accept Annual Grant Funding From HUD

I. MOTION REQUESTED

A) Accept \$4,457,072 in Grant Funds from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

B) Approve budget amendment resolutions as follows:

- \$ 3,085,111 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Entitlement Fund # 13920
- \$ 1,095,673 in HOME Investment Partnership Funds, Entitlement Fund # 13921
- \$ 276,288 in Emergency Solution Grant (ESG), Entitlement Fund # 00100

C) Authorize Board Chair, on behalf of the Board, to sign agreements, certifications, resolutions, and other related documents, including but not limited to:

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C)	Is this a revenue or expense item?	Revenue
D)	Is this Discretionary or Mandatory?	Discretionary
E)	Will this item impact future budgets? If yes, please include reasons in III(D) above.	No
F)	Fund: Entitlement Funds Program: HUD Project: CDBG Year 23, ESG Year 23, and HOME Year 23 Account Strings: 11138413920 ; 11138513921 ; 11138600100	
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Description	Upload Date	Type
TRANSMITTAL LETTER FROM HUD	9/29/2023	Letter
Unsigned CDBG Grant Agreement	10/2/2023	Agreement
Unsigned ESG Grant Agreement	10/2/2023	Agreement
Unsigned HOME Grant Agreement	10/2/2023	Agreement
Budget Amendment CDBG	10/27/2023	Budget Amendment
Budget Amendment ESG	10/27/2023	Budget Amendment
Budget Amendment HOME	10/27/2023	Budget Amendment

REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action	Date
Human and Veteran Services	Isley, Rae	Approved	10/25/2023 - 10:25 AM
Human and Veteran Services	Mercado, Roger	Approved	10/27/2023 - 9:11 AM
Budget Services	Henkel, Anne	Approved	10/27/2023 - 12:11 PM
Budget Services	Winton, Peter	Approved	10/27/2023 - 3:18 PM
County Attorney	Swindle, Amanda	Approved	10/30/2023 - 10:17 AM
County Manager	Codie, Robert	Approved	10/30/2023 - 11:29 AM