

**MARION COUNTY
STANDARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
CHALLENGE GRANT**

THIS MARION COUNTY STANDARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (this "Agreement"), is made and entered into by and between **MARION COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, 601 SE 25th Ave., Ocala, FL 34471, ("COUNTY"), and the **PROJECT HOPE OF MARION COUNTY, INC.**, 830 NE 28th Street, Unit 201, Ocala, FL 34470 FEIN: 20-8657795, ("SUBRECIPIENT") (singularly "Party," collectively "Parties").

WHEREAS, on or about July 2025, the Parties entered into a MARION COUNTY STANDARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") whereby COUNTY provides Grant funds as a passthrough from the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) to SUBRECIPIENT for a scope of work to be carried out to provide homeless prevention services and program needs to those experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the parties seek to enter into this Agreement to reflect the FY2026-2027 funding to SUBRECIPIENT for the use of Challenge Grant funds to cover all associated homeless prevention and administrative costs of the program managed for individuals and households through June 30, 2027.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **RECITALS.** The Parties confirm and agree that the above Recitals are true and correct, and incorporate their terms and provisions herein for all purposes.
2. **FUNDING.** The Parties confirm and agree to abide by the Funding and Scope of Work attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A, and EXHIBIT B**. This agreement reflects the funding and scope of work of the Agreement to allow for reimbursement to SUBRECIPIENT of allowable costs of up to **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS, AND ZERO CENTS (\$128,775.00)** remaining at the termination or expiration of this Agreement will revert to COUNTY. This agreement also expands the requirements from the SUBRECIPIENT as stated in Exhibit A, paragraph J.
3. **TERM.** The period for the expenditure of Challenge Grant Funds allocated under the Agreement shall be expended by June 30, 2027. There shall be no extension for the expenditure of Challenge Grant Funds.
4. **INFORMATION REQUIRED BY 2 C.F.R. § 200.332 & SUB-GRANT INFORMATION.**
 - A. The SUBRECIPIENT's name: **PROJECT HOPE OF MARION COUNTY, INC.**
 - B. The SUBRECIPIENT'S Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): **ZHDSGYZE2FT2**
 - C. Federal Award Identification Number ("FAIN"): **E-22-DC-12-0001**
 - D. Federal Award Date of the award to the State: **July 2026**
 - E. State Award Identification Number: **LP034**
 - F. State Award Date of the award to the COUNTY: **July 2026**
 - G. Subaward Period of Performance Start and End Date: The Subaward period of performance shall begin on **July 1, 2026**, and shall end on **June 30, 2027**, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
 - H. Subaward Budget Period Start and End Date: The Subaward budget period shall begin on **July 1, 2026**, and shall end on **June 30, 2027**.

- I. Amount of State Funds Obligated by this Agreement by the COUNTY to the SUBRECIPIENT: **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$128,725.00).**
- J. Total Amount of State Funds Obligated by the COUNTY to the SUBRECIPIENT, including the amounts in this Agreement: **One Hundred twenty-eight thousand, six-hundred twenty-five and 00/100 dollars. (\$128,625.00)**

Title	Year	Amount	Project
Challenge Grant	2026	\$128,775.00	Housing Case Management/RRH
TOTAL		\$128,775.00	

- K. Total Amount of the State Award committed to the SUBRECIPIENT by the COUNTY: **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, SEVEN-HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$128,775.00)**
- L. State award project description, as required to be responsive to the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act ("FFATA"): Project Hope of Marion County will use these funds to provide housing, services and program needs for the residents they serve through their homeless prevention program.
- M. Contact information:
- Name of State Awarding Agency and Contact Information: Florida Department of Children and Families, 2415 N Monroe Street, Suite 400, Tallahassee, Florida 32303
 - Contact Information for the COUNTY: Roberta Cincotti, Continuum of Care Manager, Marion County Community Services, 2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, Florida 34471
 - Contact Information for the SUBRECIPIENT: April McDonald, Executive Director, PROJECT HOPE OF MARION COUNTY, INC. 830 NE 28th Street, Unit 201, Ocala FL 34470
- N. Assistance Listing Number and Title:

ALN #	Title	Year	Amount
14.231	Challenge Grant	2026	\$128,775.00
TOTAL			\$128,775.00

- O. The amount made available under the award and the Assistance Listings Number at the time of disbursement is **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, SEVEN-HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$128,775.00).**
- P. This sub-award is a program grant and not for Research and Development.

Q The Subrecipient agrees to expend, invoice, and request reimbursement for at least fifty percent (50%) of the total funds awarded no later than January 15, 2027, unless otherwise approved in writing by the County.

If the Subrecipient has not met the fifty percent (50%) expenditure benchmark by January 15, the County may review the Subrecipient's spending progress, program performance, client service needs, and ability to fully expend the remaining funds within the contract period.

Based on that review, the County may reduce or reallocate a portion of the Subrecipient's unspent funds to another approved provider.

Failure to meet the January 15, 2027, date does not automatically result in reallocation; however, it may be used as a basis for funding adjustments to ensure timely expenditure of funds and continued delivery of eligible services.

5. **AMENDMENTS.** Amendments to this Agreement shall be in the form of writing signed by both parties. COUNTY authorizes its Director of Community Services to execute any amendment so long as there is no increase in the total amount of funding.
6. **MISCELLANEOUS.**
 - A. All provisions of the Agreement not specifically amended herein shall remain in full force and effect. All other terms and conditions not otherwise changed are ratified and affirmed.
 - B. The following attachments are hereby incorporated into this Agreement as part hereof as though fully set forth herein.

Exhibit A – Funding and Scope of Work
Exhibit B - DCF Unified Contract LP034

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have entered into this Agreement by their duly authorized officers on the date of the last signature below.

WITNESS:

Mechelle Cobb 7/16/26
Witness Signature Date
Mechelle Cobb
Print Name
830 NE 28th St Unit 201 Ocala
Witness Address

Kelda Shaw 7/16/2026
Witness Signature Date
Kelda Shaw
Print Name
830 NE 28th St. 201, Ocala, FL 34470
Witness Address

PROJECT HOPE OF MARION COUNTY, INC.

By: April McDonald
Print Name: April McDonald
Title: Chief Executive Officer
Date: 7/16/2026

ATTEST:

Gregory C. Harrell, Clerk of Court

Date: _____

MARION COUNTY, a political subdivision
of the State of Florida

By: _____
Carl Zalak III, Chair

Date: _____

For Use and Reliance of Marion COUNTY
Only, Approved as To Form and Legal
Sufficiency

Matthew G. Minter
Matthew G. Minter COUNTY Attorney

FUNDING AND SCOPE OF WORK

- A. **PURPOSE OF CHALLENGE GRANT.** Provide housing services, and program needs, included in the CoC Plan.
- B. **OBJECTIVE OF THE CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM.** The objective of the CHALLENGE GRANT is to provide emergency shelter to homeless individuals; engage individuals living on the street through street outreach activities; provide homeless prevention services to enable those in danger of losing their home to remain stably housed; and provide rehousing services to help those who are homeless become stably housed.
- C. **CATCHMENT AREA.** For purposes of this Agreement, services shall occur within Marion COUNTY. Therefore, all eligible citizens living within Marion County shall be assisted.
- D. **HOURS AND LOCATION.** The location and service times of SUBRECIPIENT are:

PROJECT HOPE OF MARION COUNTY, INC.
830 NE 28TH STREET, UNIT 201
OCALA, FL 34470
Hours of Operation: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Any change in location and/or service time shall require a written request to COUNTY and approval prior to the time change.

- E. **CLIENTS TO BE SERVED.** Applicable definitions for individuals who are eligible for services under Challenge Grants are found in 24 CFR Part 576.2 and defined as "homeless" or "at risk of homelessness".
- F. SUBRECIPIENT agrees to utilize funds available under this Agreement to supplement rather than supplant funds otherwise available.
- G. Funding shall not continue beyond the end date of the grant which occurs on **June 30, 2027**, even if the Project Participant continues to have need of the assistance. SUBRECIPIENT shall submit any claims for eligible expenses within thirty (30) days after the calendar month in which the expenses are incurred or paid by SUBRECIPIENT or COUNTY may deny payment.
- H. SUBRECIPIENT shall submit Reimbursement/Payment requests to COUNTY for actual costs invoiced to SUBRECIPIENT in carrying out the Project as described in Sections I and J.
- I. SUBRECIPIENT shall submit supporting documentation with each request for reimbursement/payment to SUBRECIPIENT in carrying out the Project as described in Section J below. COUNTY shall render approval or disapproval of services within a maximum of five (5) working days of receipt of the request for reimbursement/payment unless otherwise stated in the Agreement. A "Request for Reimbursement/Payment" form shall be provided to SUBRECIPIENT by COUNTY.

EXHIBIT A

- J. REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM:
- a. Supporting documentation for all expenses for which reimbursement is requested, in accordance with the Rollup Packet and Backup Documentation
 - b. Client Tracking software with HMIS number
 - c. HMIS Caper Report
 - d. Invoice & Match Report
- K. Should SUBRECIPIENT fail to submit adequate supporting documentation with each request for reimbursement/payment as required by COUNTY in a timely manner, COUNTY may disapprove the request.
- L. Within thirty (30) days after completion of all services to be performed by it, SUBRECIPIENT shall render a final and complete statement to COUNTY of all costs and charges for services not previously invoiced. COUNTY shall not be responsible for payments of any charges, claims, or demands of SUBRECIPIENT not received within said thirty (30) day period; however, such time may be extended in COUNTY's discretion not to exceed a period of ninety (90) days, provided the delay in its submission is not occasioned by any fault or negligence of SUBRECIPIENT
- M. SERVICE TASKS. The tasks to be performed under this Agreement must comply with the written standards and all applicable rules, regulations, and policies related to the Challenge Grant program. The following are allowable activities under this Agreement, as defined in 24 CFR Part 576, Subpart B.
- N. PERFORMANCE MEASURES. Should SUBRECIPIENT be unable to meet the required deliverables as outlined by DCF, any penalty assessed to COUNTY for failure to meet deliverables will be passed through to the SUBRECIPIENT. As referenced in Exhibit E Original Contract. This does include all Terms and Conditions Governing Performance outlined within the first 17 pages of the DCF Unified Contract.
- O. Quarterly Program Analysis Requirements. In compliance with this Agreement and funding obligations established by the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF), the SUBRECEPIENT shall perform quarterly task analysis and monitoring activities encompassing the following but not limited to one or more core components: (1) provision of intensive, client-centered case management designed to address housing instability, social service engagement, treatment, recovery and behavioral health needs, and other barriers to permanency; (2) implementation of warm handoff protocols between service providers—including but not limited to emergency shelters, transitional housing, addition and recovery providers, healthcare entities, behavioral health providers, legal aid organizations, and employment programs—to ensure uninterrupted service continuity; and (3) active participation in the local Coordinated Entry System (CES), including administration of standardized assessments (e.g., VI-SPDAT), timely and accurate data entry into HMIS, and compliance with prioritization procedures for housing placements. The Subgrantee shall submit detailed quarterly performance reports to the CoC lead agency, defined service activities, client progress metrics, and system coordination outcomes. Specific analysis requirements will be developed in collaboration with the CoC committee. Failure to comply with the reporting standards may result in corrective action, suspension or termination of this Agreement.

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P. HOUSING RELOCATION AND STABILIZATION SERVICES. See (24 CFR Part 576.105) Funds may be used to provide Financial assistance costs, Rental application fees, Security deposits, Last month's rent, Utility deposits, Utility payments, Moving costs, Services costs, Housing search and placement, Housing stability case management, Maximum amounts and periods of assistance, Use with other subsidies, Housing counseling. Refer to Exhibit B of this Agreement, Section B.1.2 and Exhibit E2 of DCF Contract No. LP034

Q. The parties acknowledge that the COUNTY is prohibited from funding activities in or in support of any municipality that does not affirmatively further fair housing within its own jurisdiction or impedes the COUNTY'S actions to comply with its fair housing certification.

SUBRECEPIENT shall not use grant funds to promote "gender ideology", as defined in E.O. 14168, Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government.

SUBRECEPIENT agrees that its compliance in all respects with all applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws is material to the U.S. Government's payment decisions for purposes of section 3729(b)(4) of title 31, United States Code.

SUBRECEPIENT certifies that it does not operate any programs promoting diversity, equity and inclusion that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws.

SUBRECEPIENT shall not use any Grant Funds to fund or promote elective abortions, as required by E.O. 14182, Enforcing the Hyde Amendment, and

Notwithstanding anything in this Grant shall not be governed by Executive Orders revoked by E.O. 14154, including E.O. 14008, or NOFO requirements implementing Executive Orders that have been revoked.

SUBRECEPIENT must administer its grant in accordance with all applicable immigration restrictions and requirements, including the eligibility and verification requirements that apply under Title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, as amended (U.S.C. 1601-1646) (PRWORA) and any applicable requirements that HUD, the Attorney General, or the U.S. Center for Immigration Services may establish from time to time to comply with PRWORA, Executive Order 14218, or other Executive Orders or immigration laws.

SUBRECEPIENT understands that no state or unit of general local government that receives funding under this grant may use that funding in a manner that by design or effect facilitates the subsidization or promotion of illegal immigration or abets policies that seek to shield illegal aliens from deportation.

SUBRECEPIENT shall be subject to the exceptions provided by PRWORA, the recipient must use SAVE, or an equivalent verification system approved by the Federal government, to prevent any Federal public benefit from being provided to an ineligible alien who entered the United States illegally or is otherwise unlawfully present in the United States.

EXHIBIT A

SUBRECIPIENT understands that HUD will not enforce provisions of the Grant Agreement to the extent that they require the project to use a housing first program model. As stated in Section III(A)(2) of the NOFO or any FRA, Faith-based organizations may be recipients or subrecipients for funds under this agreement on the same basis as any other organization. Recipients may not, in the selection of subrecipients, discriminate against an organization based on the organization's religious character, affiliation, or exercise.

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