

**06/03/2020**



**CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND**  
**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

**Denton County and the City of Coppell**

This Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between Denton County, Texas (the “County”) and the **City of Coppell Texas** (the “Municipality”), pursuant to Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code, to address the impact of the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus pandemic (“COVID-19”).

**GENERAL**

1. Coronavirus Relief Fund. The County has received federal funding under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”) to address and respond to the impact and effects of the COVID-19 emergency.
2. County Authority. The Resolution of the Denton County, Texas Commissioners Court, under Chapter 381 of the Local Government Code, lawfully establishing a COVID-19 municipality funding program (the “Municipality Program”), allowing the County to grant money to your Municipality, is attached hereto as Attachment A and incorporated by reference herein. Funds were received by the County from the US Department of the Treasury (the “Treasury”) under the Coronavirus Relief Fund (“CRF”), as provided for in the CARES Act. The use of these CRF funds to assist a municipality of the County with their expenditures incurred due to the effects of COVID-19 and to potentially fund a local grant program are legitimate and lawful uses of the CRF funds.
3. Municipality Authority. The Orders of the Municipality, establishing a COVID-19 emergency program or programs, allowing it to make grants of its award, is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein. The Municipality represents and warrants that its programs (if the Municipality decides to distribute the Municipal Funds through its own programs) will be in full compliance with Chapter 380 of the Local Government Code.
4. Inspector General Oversight & Recoupment. Section 601(f) provides that the Inspector General of the Treasury shall conduct monitoring and oversight of the receipt, disbursement, and use of CRF funds. If the Inspector General determines that a unit of local government has failed to comply with the use of funds rules (as described herein in Paragraphs 10-16, “Use of Funds”), the amount of CRF funds in noncompliance shall be “booked as a debt of such entity owed to the federal government.” The conditions and restrictions on the use of the CRF funds follows to all

recipients, from the County, to the Municipality, to businesses and individuals that receive such funds.

### **GRANT**

5. Amount. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the County agrees to grant and transfer to the Municipality the sum of \$45,210 of its CRF funds (“Municipal Funds”).

6. Separate Bank Account. The Municipality agrees to deposit these Municipal Funds into a separate, segregated account created solely for holding and disbursing these Municipal Funds. The account must be an interest bearing account and similarly insured and protected in the same manner as the Municipality’s other funds.

7. Calculation of Municipal Funds. The initial calculation of the grant amount of funds is based on the higher of the Municipality’s 2019 NCTCOG estimated population (772) or 2018 ACS estimated population (822), multiplied by \$55.00 per capita (“the Maximum Allocation”). That amount is reduced by:

- a. the excess of the Maximum Allocation minus the budgeted amount of eligible funds (as defined in Paragraph 8(a)), and further reduced by;
- b. the amount of funds redirected and contributed to the County’s programs (e.g., small business, housing and food programs), at the election of the Municipality, which is included in the Municipality’s proposed budget in Paragraph 8(a).

8. Conditions. Before receiving Municipal Funds, the Municipality must:

- a. provide the County with a proposed budget, which includes your contribution to the County’s programs (e.g., small business, housing, and food programs), and description of eligible uses of Municipal Funds (“Budget of Expenditures and Description of Intended Uses”). The form to complete your Budget of Expenditures and Description of Intended Uses is attached as Attachment B;
- b. agree to participate in the County’s CRF Compliance Forum (the “Forum”); and
- c. provide a copy of the appropriate Chapter 380 documentation.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MUNICIPALITY**

9. The responsibilities of the Municipality are:

- a. to comply with all terms and conditions of the CARES Act;
- b. to use Municipal Funds in compliance with the CARES Act;

- c. to promptly return to the County any Municipal Funds not used;
- d. to participate in the Forum;
- e. to maintain proper and adequate records of its own expenses, including monthly uploads to Dropbox, and supporting documentation of the expenditures, and provide copies of, or access to such, at any time as required by the County;
- f. to maintain proper and adequate records of the expenses of any grantees of Municipal Funds, including monthly uploads to Dropbox, and supporting documentation of the expenditures, and provide copies of, or access to such, at any time as required by the County;
- g. to return the Statement of Compliance Certificate by February 1, 2021;
- h. to cooperate and coordinate with other members in the Forum concerning a federal compliance audit; and
- i. to comply with Chapter 381 and Chapter 380, if applicable.

### **USE OF FUNDS**

10. Amounts paid from the Treasury's Coronavirus Relief Fund are subject to the restrictions outlined in the *Guidance for State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Governments* (dated April 22, 2020) and set forth in section 601(d) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the CARES Act. See Attachment C, which is incorporated by reference into this agreement.

11. Section 601(d) allows CRF funds/Municipal Funds to cover only those costs that:

- a. are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the effects COVID-19;
- b. were not accounted for in the most recently approved budget [of the Municipality], including any amendments; and
- c. are incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020. See *Coronavirus Relief Fund Frequently Asked Questions (Updated as of May 4, 2020)*. See Attachment C.

12. "Necessary Expenditure" Condition. The use of the money is limited to "necessary expenditures." The Treasury intends for broad interpretation of the word "necessary," meaning "reasonably necessary for its intended use in the reasonable judgment of the government officials responsible for spending the Fund payments." The Treasury's standard, reasonable judgment, adopts a subjective, not objective standard. Examples of eligible expenditures include, but are not limited to, payment for certain types of:

- a. medical expenses;
- b. public health expenses;
- c. payroll expenses;
- d. expenses relating to facilitating compliance;
- e. expenses associated with providing economic support in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency; and
- f. any other COVID-19-related expense reasonably necessary to the function of government.

13. Funds may not be used to fill shortfalls in governmental revenue to cover expenditures that would not otherwise qualify under section 601(d). REVENUE REPLACEMENT IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED AND IS NOT A PERMISSIBLE USE OF FUNDS.

14. “Due To” Condition. The requirement that expenditures be incurred “due to” the public health emergency created by COVID-19 means that expenditures must be used for actions taken to respond to the public health emergency. These may include expenditures incurred by the Municipality to respond directly to the emergency, as well as expenditures incurred to respond to second-order effects of the emergency (e.g., economic support to those suffering from employment or business interruptions due to COVID-19-related business closures).

15. The Municipality expressly agrees without qualification or exception to adhere and comply with section 601(d) and the accompanying guidelines regarding its spending and uses of the Funds.

16. Return of Unused Funds by Municipality. Any Municipal Funds not spent on eligible expenses before December 30, 2020 must be returned to the County within 30 days after December 30, 2020.

### **CRF COMPLIANCE FORUM**

17. Description. The Forum is a county-wide initiative between the County and all of the Municipalities that have requested upfront funding of the Municipal Funds. It is a single, integrated initiative to mutually benefit all municipalities and the County.

18. Purpose. The Forum shall work for the mutual benefit of the County and the Municipalities, which will promote administrative efficiency, streamline initial compliance measures, and continuing through a potential audit, and foster collaboration between our counties.

19. Benefits. The primary goals of the Forum are to:

- a. provide answers to specific questions (e.g., eligible uses of funds);
- b. provide assistance with documentation guidelines;
- c. reduce noncompliance risk;
- d. reduce administrative burdens;
- e. manage and control the potential federal compliance audit; and
- f. collaborate and integrate grant programs.

### **REMEDIES**

20. Indemnity. To the extent allowable by law, the Municipality shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County and its officers, commissioners, employees, volunteers, and agents, from any and all costs and expenses, damages, liabilities, demands, causes of action, suits, charges, or legal or administrative proceedings, claims and losses, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and costs, caused by or arising out of any act or omission of the Municipality relating to the terms of this Agreement, including but not limited to any ineligible expenditures.

21. Recoupment. If the County, or its designee, reasonably determines that all or a portion of a Municipality's expenditure of Municipal Funds is an ineligible expenditure, then the Municipality shall immediately reimburse the County in an amount equal to the amount of the ineligible expenditure from funds of the Municipality other than Municipal Funds granted pursuant to this Agreement, and provide to the County evidence of such reimbursement. The Municipality shall have 30 days of receipt of the County's determination of an ineligible expenditure to reimburse the County for such expense. If the Municipality chooses to subsequently grant its Municipal Funds, it shall be responsible for properly tracing and accounting for when, how, why and by whom the expenses were ultimately incurred. This includes the documentation responsibilities listed in Paragraph 9(f-g) above. In the event the County has to enforce this Agreement, it shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred in doing so.

22. Offset. To the extent allowable by law, the County reserves the right in its sole discretion to apply any money, damages or costs incurred as a result of a material breach of this agreement by the Municipality against the future distribution of future tax revenues or receipts from the County to the Municipality.

### **OTHER**

23. Attorney's Fees and Costs. The County shall be entitled to recover its reasonable and necessary attorney's fees, costs and expenses, from the Municipality in the event the County must

enforce the terms of this Agreement in any way, including, but not limited to, litigation or mediation to the extent allowed by law.

24. Law and Venue. The laws of the State of Texas shall govern this Agreement, except where clearly superseded by federal law. Venue of any dispute shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in Denton County, Texas.

25. No Assignment. The Municipality may not assign this Agreement.

26. Entire Agreement. This Agreement supersedes and constitutes a merger of all prior oral and/or written agreements and understandings of the parties on the subject matter of this Agreement and is binding on the parties and their legal representatives, receivers, executors, successors, agents and assigns.

27. Amendment. Any Amendment of this Agreement must be by written instrument dated and signed by both parties.

28. Severability. No partial invalidity of this Agreement shall affect the remainder unless the public purpose to be served hereby is so greatly diminished thereby as to frustrate the object of this Agreement.

29. Survival. All provisions of this Agreement that impose continuing obligations on the parties, including but not limited to payment, agreement purpose, and confidentiality shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

30. Waiver. No waiver by either party of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing, and such waiver shall not be construed as or implied to be a subsequent waiver of that provision or any other provision.

31. Signature Authority. The signatories hereto represent to each other that they have the full right, power, and authority and have been given any approvals necessary to enter into this Agreement to bind the respective parties for which they sign, and to perform their obligations hereunder, and that the consent of no other parties is needed to fully effectuate this Agreement.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

32. This is a list of attachments and is included with this agreement and incorporated herein, as appropriate:

1. Attachment A: Chapter 381 Resolutions of the County;
2. Attachment B: Form Budget of Expenditures and Description of Intended Uses;
3. Attachment C: CRF Guidelines, Regulations (including statute, FAQs, and Guidance).

DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andy Eads, County Judge

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Date

Attest:

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County Clerk

CITY OF COPPELL, TEXAS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor or City Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Attest:

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City Secretary