

RESOLUTION NO. 32-2014

Reauthorizing a Cooperation Agreement Between the City of Worthington and the Board of County Commissioners, Franklin County, Ohio on Behalf of the City of Worthington in Order to Participate in the Franklin County, Ohio Department of Housing and Urban Development Entitlement Program and Abide by the Covenants of That Program.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383, 42 U.S.C. 5301), as amended, Franklin County, Ohio is recognized by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development as an urban county and entitled to Community Development Block Grant Program funds and HOME Investment Partnership funds for urban counties; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provision of Section 307.85, Ohio Revised Code, the Board of County Commissioners, Franklin County, Ohio, is authorized to enter into agreements with cities and villages in Franklin County to exercise certain powers and perform functions or render services on behalf of the said cities and villages; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Worthington is located within the geographical boundaries of Franklin County, Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Worthington desires to reaffirm its participation and inclusion of its population in the Franklin County Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership programs and to reauthorize the Cooperation Agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for an additional three-year period (April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2018);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Cooperation Agreement with the Board of County Commissioners, Franklin County, Ohio, attached hereto and incorporated herein as EXHIBIT A, is hereby reauthorized for the period April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2018 for the purpose of cooperating and participating in the Franklin County HUD Entitlement program per the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383), 42 U.S.C. 5301, as amended, and Section 570.105 b 3 (iii), Community Development Block Grant Program Rules and Regulations.

SECTION 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to sign said Cooperation Agreement and to take such actions as are necessary or appropriate to consummate or implement the transaction described in or contemplated by this Resolution.

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SECTION 3. That the Clerk be instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book.

Adopted July 7, 2014

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael
President of Council

Attest:

/s/ D. Kay Thress
Clerk of Council

EXHIBIT A

COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM RENEWAL AND EXTENSION

WHEREAS, this agreement , made and concluded at Worthington, Ohio, this _____ day of _____, 2014, by and between the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Ohio (hereinafter referred to as “Board” or “County”), being duly authorized in the premises by the provisions of a resolution adopted on _____, 2014, and the City of Worthington, Franklin County, and its City Manager being duly authorized in the premises by the provisions of Resolution 32-2014 dated July 7, 2014 (“Worthington”)(the “Agreement”):

NOW THEREFORE, It is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto, upon considerations herein set forth as follows:

1. Board and Worthington will cooperate in the undertaking or assist in the undertaking of essential community renewal activities as funded through the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) and HOME Investment Partnership programs for the period of April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2018. The parties further agree not to obstruct or restrict the implementation of the County’s approved Consolidated Plan during the course of this agreement. All of these aforementioned activities shall be carried out in accordance with CDBG and HOME program rules and regulations and the applicable provisions of the Ohio Revised Code, including but not limited to the Community and Economic Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383, 42 U.S.C 5301) as amended, and Section 570.105 b 3 (iii), Community Development Block Grant Rules and Regulations.
2. County-wide community development plans and projects, program budgets and the needs and goals established in the Consolidated Plan and amendments thereto, shall be binding on said Board and Worthington for the Forty-First, Forty-Second, and Forty-Third program years of the afore cited HUD entitlement programs, which end March 31, 2018 and for such additional time as may be required for the expenditure of funds and completion of funded activities granted to the County and any program income received for such period.
3. This Agreement gives the Board the authority to carry out the activities funded from annual Community Development Block and HOME Grants from Federal Fiscal Years 2015, 2016, and 2017 appropriations, and from any program income generated from the expenditure of such funds. Worthington must inform the Board of any program income generated through the expenditure of those funds. Said program income must be returned to the

County. If any program income is authorized to be retained by Worthington, it may only be used for eligible activities in accordance with all CDBG requirements.

That the Board has the responsibility for monitoring and reporting to HUD on the use of any such program income thereby requires appropriate record keeping and reporting by the participating unit as may be needed for this purpose; and, that in the event of close-out or change in status of the participating unit, any program income that is on hand or received subsequent to the close-out of change in status shall also be returned to the County.

During the period of qualification no included unit of general local government may withdraw from the urban county recertification agreement unless the urban county does not receive a CDBG or HOME grant for any year during such period.

4. The County's Department of Economic Development and Planning (EDP) is authorized to act for the Board and is accepted by Worthington as an agent of the Board in planning, administering, and the overall coordination of the programs which are the subject of this Agreement.
5. It is accepted by Worthington that the County's HUD entitlement program, the programs it chooses to fund and the priorities it chooses to address reflect the needs of the entire county.
6. The following standards shall apply to real property acquired or improved in whole or in part using CDBG funds that is within the control of a participating unit of local government:

Worthington will notify the Board as soon as it knows of any modification or change in the use of the real property from that planned at the time of acquisition or improvement including disposition;

Worthington will be required to reimburse the Board in the full amount equal to the current fair market value (less any portion thereof attributable to the expenditures of non-CDBG funds) of property acquired or improved with CDBG funds that is sold or transferred for a use which does not qualify under the CDBG regulations; and,

Treatment of program income generated from the disposition or transfer of property prior to or subsequent to the close-out, change of status or termination of this Agreement between the Board and the participating unit, will be subject to the provisions of Section 3 of this Agreement.

The policies/procedures of the Franklin County HUD Entitlement Program will apply to any projects involving acquisition, whereby EDP will be notified

during the planning and design process of any approved project, where applicable land acquisitions and other items are subject to the Uniform Relocation and Real Properties Acquisition Act of 1970.

7. Worthington, pursuant to 24 CFR 570.501 (b) is subject to the same requirements applicable to subrecipients, including the requirements of a written agreement set forth in 24 CFR 570.503.

Section 570.503, Code of Federal Regulations, requires the Board and any participating unit of local government to execute a written agreement prior to the disbursement of any federal funds. As such, the County has prepared a Template Funding Agreement, which must be executed. That agreement includes certain administrative, legal, and financial procedures, which define the responsibilities of the grantor and grantee. The Template Funding Agreement shall remain in effect during any period that the subrecipient has control over CDBG funds, including program income.

At a minimum, the Template Funding Agreement shall contain provisions as prescribed in the Code of Federal Regulations concerning: Statement of Work; Records and Record Keeping; Program Income; OMB Circulars; Other program requirements; except that the County is responsible for initiating the review process under Executive Order 12372; Suspension and Termination; and reversion of assets meeting the prescribed criteria; and disposing of assets in a manner comparable to that described in the aforementioned Code of Federal Regulations.

8. Worthington is included in Franklin County for the purpose of planning and implementing the County HUD Entitlement Program. Worthington shall not apply for separate grants under the Small Cities or State CDBG Programs from appropriations for fiscal years during the period in which it is participating in the urban county's CDBG program; and Worthington may not participate in a HOME consortium except through Franklin County, regardless of whether or not Franklin County receives a HOME formula allocation.
9. No CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership Program funds provided by Franklin County under this Agreement may be used for activities in, or in support of any cooperating unit of, general local government that does not affirmatively further fair housing within its own jurisdiction or that impedes Franklin County's actions to comply with its fair housing certification.
10. Cities/Villages, and counties in Ohio have authority under Section 307.15 of the Ohio Revised Code to enter into agreements whereby a Board of County Commissioners undertakes, and is authorized by the contracting subdivision, to exercise any power, perform any function, or render any service on behalf of the city/village, which such city/village may exercise, perform, or render;

and

11. The city/village and the County each have authority to carry out the kinds of activities which are the objectives of the Act pursuant to Section 303.26 of the Ohio Revised code, et seq.; and
12. Worthington elects to include the total areas and population of its corporation in Franklin County for the purpose of planning and implementing the County HUD Entitlement program.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board, in consideration of the promises and agreements of Worthington herein set forth, hereby promises and agrees as follows:

1. That it or its agent shall prepare the local portion of the County-wide Consolidation Plan based upon information as to its needs, objectives, plans, and programs supplied by Worthington or its agent, pursuant to the applicable rules and regulations governing the CDBG and the HOME Investment Partnership Programs
2. Board assumes full responsibility and all obligations for preparation of the application and execution of the program including, but not limited to, the analysis of needs, setting of objectives, development of plans, programs, and budgets, and furnishing assurances and certifications. Board is also responsible for the accomplishment of goals set forth in its Consolidated Plan.
3. Board shall prepare and submit to the appropriate Federal Agency, the County HUD Entitlement program submission, and assume all related responsibilities as to said submission.
4. Board shall acquire as applicable, by purchase or condemnation, land and structures thereon for property or easements needed in connection with the County HUD Entitlement program, which is the subject of this Agreement, title to said property and easements to be taken in the name of Worthington. Said acquisition procedures shall be accomplished in accordance with applicable provisions of the Uniform Relocation and Real Properties Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and agreements of the Board herein set forth, Worthington hereby promises and agrees as follows:

1. That it will promptly submit to the Board its needs, objectives, plans, required reports and programs for preparation by the Board of the local portion of the Consolidated Plan.
2. That it will implement plans concerning community development and HOME activities prepared by the Board, however, the Board shall retain full

responsibility and obligations for preparation and implementation of said plans.

3. That it will take all actions with the Board that are necessary to assure compliance with the urban county's certification required by Section 104 (b) of Title I of the Community and Economic Development Act of 1974, as amended, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, Section 109 of Title I of the Community and Economic Development Act of 1974, as amended; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and other applicable laws.
4. That it may not sell, trade, or otherwise transfer all or any portion of the funds (identified under this Agreement) to another such metropolitan city, urban county, unit of general local government, or Indian tribe, or insular area that directly or indirectly receives CDBG funds in exchange for any other funds, credits or non-Federal considerations, but must use such funds for activities eligible under Title I of the Act.
5. Worthington has adopted and is enforcing:
 - a. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
 - b. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within jurisdictions.

The Board, however, shall retain primary responsibility for implementing compliance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands hereof on the day and year first above written by the Board of County Commissioners, Franklin County, Ohio, being the governing body of the said County, and by the City of Worthington, its City Manager per a duly enacted Resolution of the City Council of Worthington.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Date

MARILYN BROWN, PRESIDENT

PAULA BROOKS

JOHN O'GRADY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

CITY OF WORTHINGTON

Date

MATTHEW GREESON, CITY MANAGER

The terms and provisions of this Agreement are fully authorized under state and local law, and the Agreement provides full legal authority for the County to undertake or assist in undertaking essential community development and housing assistance activities.

ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
FRANKLIN COUNTY

Approved as to form and legality of purpose: _____
Pamela A. Fox, Director of Law
City of Worthington