

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

FOR

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

THIS AGREEMENT, by and between SARASOTA COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY" and the CITY OF NORTH PORT, a Florida municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as "CITY."

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, makes provisions whereby urban counties may enter into cooperation agreements with certain units of general, local government to undertake or assist in undertaking essential community development and housing assistance activities pursuant to Community Development Block Grants, hereinafter referred to as "CDBG",

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the parties that the COUNTY undertake activities to plan and carry out or assist in carrying out the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program for the benefit of residents of Sarasota County,

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has entered into an interlocal agreement with the City of Sarasota to form a consortium for the purpose of receiving HOME Investment Partnership Program funds,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the parties that the COUNTY undertake activities to plan and carry out, or assist in carrying out, the HOME Program, and

WHEREAS, Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969, authorizes the City and County to form an interlocal agreement to provide services and accept grant and assistance funds for the mutual advantage of each governmental entity, and

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto do mutually agree as follows:

1. The CITY hereby authorizes the COUNTY to make application for and receive CDBG and HOME Grants from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, hereinafter referred to as "HUD", on its behalf, and shall further authorize the COUNTY to include the CITY's population for the purposes of calculating and making Community Development Block Grants and HOME Grants directly to the COUNTY.
2. The CITY shall not apply for grants from appropriations under the Small Cities or State CDBG Programs for fiscal years during the period in which it participates in the COUNTY's Community Development Block Grant Program.
3. The CITY shall only participate in a HOME Program through the COUNTY or COUNTY's participation in a HOME consortium. The City shall not form a HOME consortium with any other local government for any reason.
4. The COUNTY shall, at no cost to the CITY, provide the staff, resources, and other services necessary to planning and administering CDBG and HOME Programs.
5. The COUNTY and CITY do hereby agree to cooperate, undertake, or assist in undertaking community renewal and lower income housing assistance activities, specifically urban renewal and publicly-assisted housing.
6. The COUNTY will insure that CITY officials and the citizens of the CITY have an opportunity to submit projects for funding consideration. Projects submitted by CITY officials or citizens shall be reviewed as projects submitted by the COUNTY or other municipalities participating in the program. The CITY acknowledges and agrees that the COUNTY will have final responsibility for selecting programs to receive funding and filing the annual financial statements with HUD.

7. The CITY and the COUNTY agree that, pursuant to 24 CFR 570.501(b), the CITY is subject to the same requirements applicable to subrecipients, including the requirement for a written agreement set forth in 24 CFR 570.503.
8. This Agreement covers fiscal years 2017, 2018, and 2019, which is the County's Urban County Qualification period, and any additional qualification periods as defined in paragraph 9 of this Agreement. This Agreement shall give the COUNTY authority to carry out activities which will be funded from the CDBG and HOME appropriations. This agreement will remain in effect until all funds and program income received from the expenditure of such funds have been fully expended and the activities funded with CDBG and HOME funds have been completed. The CITY and COUNTY may not terminate or withdraw from this Agreement while it remains in effect.
9. At the end of the County's Urban County Qualification period which covers 2017, 2018, and 2019, this agreement will automatically be renewed for participation of the parties in successive three (3) year qualification periods, unless the County or the City provides written notice to the other party that it elects not to participate in a new qualification period. A copy of this written notice must also be provided to the HUD Field Office. In the event either party chooses not to participate its written notice shall be received by other party and the HUD Field Office by the date specified in the HUD Urban County Qualification notice. If the CITY fails to exercise the option at the end of the urban county qualification period, it will not have the opportunity to exercise that option until the end of any subsequent urban county qualification period. The COUNTY will notify the CITY in writing, by the date specified in the Department of Housing and Urban Development urban county notice, for each subsequent qualification period of the City's right not to participate in future qualification periods. Failure by either party to adopt any amendment to the Agreement

13. The CITY and COUNTY acknowledge and agree that the COUNTY is prohibited from providing funding for activities in, or in support of, any cooperating unit of general local government (including the CITY) which does not affirmatively further fair housing within its own jurisdiction or that impedes the COUNTY's actions to comply with its fair housing certification.
14. The CITY hereby certifies that it 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 its jurisdiction.
15. Neither the County nor the City may sell, trade or otherwise transfer all or any portion of CDBG or HOME funds 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 Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.
16. This agreement shall become effective when a fully executed copy is filed for record with the Sarasota County Clerk of the Circuit Court.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the CITY and the COUNTY do hereby authorize and have executed this Agreement as of the date written below.

ATTEST:

Helene Rumbach
City Clerk

Approved as to form and correctness:

By: *[Signature]*
City Attorney

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

By: *Jacqueline D'Arone*
Mayor

Date: *April 26, 2016*

ATTEST:

KAREN E. RUSHING.
Clerk to the Circuit Court and Ex-Officio
Clerk to the Board of County
Commissioners of Sarasota County,
Florida

By: *[Signature]*
Deputy Clerk
(SEAL)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: *[Signature]*
Chairman

Date: *May 24, 2016*



CERTIFICATION OF LEGAL OPINION

The terms and provisions of this Agreement are fully authorized under State and local law which provide full legal authority for the County to execute and perform the Agreement.

[Signature]
County Attorney
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