

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF WEBB §

**Agreement by and Between Webb County
And
Habitat for Humanity of Laredo Inc.**

This contract is entered into by and between the County of Webb, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, acting by and through it's County Judge, the Honorable Tano Tijerina, as duly authorized by the Webb County Commissioners Court (hereinafter the "County") and the Habitat for Humanity of Laredo Inc. (hereinafter the "Habitat"), a Texas nonprofit organization.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, HABITAT is an organization that provides various volunteer, educational, and related services by constructing need based housing for the residents of Webb County; and

WHEREAS, HABITAT has proposed to the County that in exchange for providing Habitat with certain funds, it will design, plan, and construct a minimum of Two (2) new homes at agreed designated site locations; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it would be advantageous to the County for the HABITAT to perform these services for its residents; and

WHEREAS, the providing of such need based new construction services for the qualifying residents of Webb County constitutes a public purpose and is performed for the general health, interest, and welfare of the citizens of the County,

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and HABITAT hereby agree that for and in consideration of the mutual promises herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

The parties do agree and contract as follows:

**ARTICLE 1
SCOPE OF SERVICES**

HABITAT, covenants and agrees to provide the services set out in full below in a timely manner.

HABITAT will be responsible for constructing a minimum of Two (2) new homes for Colonia residents currently residing in eligible Colonias along Highway 359 by leveraging the County grant fund moneys of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) with their non-profit funds for construction from start to finish, and will meet the following requirements:

- 1) The new construction will meet accessibility requirements pursuant to 2306.514 of the Texas Government Code ;
- 2) The new construction must meet at a minimum all the standards of the current adopted International Residential Code (IRC);
- 3) The homes must be inspected by a licensed Texas Real Estate Commission (TREC) Inspector. The Inspector must ensure that all new construction homes are complete, safe, and met IRC. A copy of the inspection report must be provided to the homeowner and County;

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- 4) The homes to be constructed will be designed to fit the needs of the eligible colonia families in regards to size, property size, and location of infrastructure;
- 5) Leveraging of County grant funds may be provided by Habitat from other donations, grants, contributions, or their own funds; and
- 6) Contract build time must be adhered to. Extensions will not be considered.

Habitat will work with the Community Action Agency Self-Help Center and follow all time, program, and income requirements set forth by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Office of Colonia Initiatives and Habitat's program guidelines. If there is a conflict between the respective program guidelines the more stringent or restrictive guideline will prevail or the parties will use best efforts to obtain a waiver or reach a compromise as to the conflicting guidelines.

ARTICLE 2 PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

HABITAT, agrees to furnish all personnel with the required skills and expertise needed to perform the above-mentioned services at no additional cost to the County other than as provided in Article 5. In addition, HABITAT, shall provide all necessary vehicles, utilities, and miscellaneous expenses incurred in performing the scope of services at no additional cost to the County other than as provided in Article 5.

ARTICLE 3 REPORT TO COUNTY

HABITAT, shall submit a detailed annual report to the **Community Action Agency Self-Help Center**, which shall identify the services delivered and funds expended under this agreement. Report shall be filed and kept by the Community Action Agency Self-Help Center Program Grant Files.

ARTICLE 4 DURATION OF CONTRACT

This Agreement shall commence on the date of signing and shall terminate October 1, 2024 unless otherwise specifically provided by the terms of the Agreement or extended in writing by both parties. All funds must be fully expended within the Contract Term and must be expended at a reasonable rate acceptable to Webb County. Failure to fully expend funds may affect future funding. At a minimum, one home should be completed within the first year of funding.

ARTICLE 5 COMPENSATION

County shall remit payment to HABITAT a total of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for its services under this agreement, payable at respective stages of construction. All payments shall require a ten percent (10%) retainer that will be released no sooner than thirty (30) days after the final completion date. All payment requests shall require an itemized invoice and Webb County shall conduct an inspection to verify work completion prior to payment.

All inspection, permit and survey costs will be borne by HABILAT.

A basic hazard insurance policy will be purchased for the duration of One (1) year following the completion of the home and the cost will be borne by the homeowner paid through an escrow account managed by HABILAT.

Payment request shall be sent to the Community Action Agency Self-Help Center of Webb County and will be processed and payment remitted within Thirty (30) days.

It is expressly understood and agreed by the parties hereto that the Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is subject to the availability of funds. Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is the total maximum sum specifically allocated to fully discharge any and all liabilities that may be incurred by Webb County under the provisions of this Agreement, regardless of the nature and notwithstanding any word, statement, or thing contained or inferred from the provisions of this Agreement, which might in any light by any person be interpreted to the contrary.

**ARTICLE 6
NON-ASSIGNABILITY**

HABILAT shall not assign any interest in this agreement nor delegate the performance of any of its duties herein specified without the written consent of County.

**ARTICLE 7
ACCESS BY COUNTY TO RECORDS**

HABILAT expressly agrees to maintain complete and accurate financial records of expenditures made by HABILAT and, as requested by the Commissioner's Court, the County Auditor, or their designee, shall make the records available to the Commissioners' Court, County Auditor or their designees, for inspection and review. Additionally, HABILAT shall permit representatives of the County, including but not limited to the County Auditor and independent auditor, access to the names, addresses, services rendered, and all other required documents related to the HABILAT performance under this contract. All such required records shall be clearly identified and readily accessible to the County for three (3) years after payment under this contract, or after termination of this contract, whichever is later.

**ARTICLE 8
COUNTY'S RIGHT TO TERMINATE**

This contract may be terminated by County for cause upon giving Habitat 30 days written notice to cure. If Habitat after 30 days fails to cure, title to the home and all work completed and materials purchased shall be transferred to the County without delay in order for the County to complete the home within the State imposed guidelines.

**ARTICLE 9
ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This contract supersedes any and all prior agreements between the County and HABILAT whether written or oral.

**ARTICLE 10
INDEMNIFICATION**

HABITAT shall indemnify and hold County harmless from any and all claims arising out of the performance of its duties under this agreement.

**ARTICLE 11
NOTICES**

All notices called for or contemplated hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given when personally delivered or forty eight (48) hours after mailed to each party by certified mail; return receipt requested, postage prepaid as follows:

To County: County Judge/Executive Administrator
1000 Houston St.
Laredo, Texas 78040

and

Ray Rodriguez
Assistant General Counsel
Webb County Civil Legal Division
1000 Houston St.
Laredo, Texas 78040

HABITAT: Carol Sherwood
Executive Director
4703 Warehouse Ln.
Laredo, Texas 78041

**ARTICLE 12
SEVERABILITY**

If any item, provision, covenant or condition of this contract should be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, and such term, provision or condition is not an essential part of the contract and appears not to have been a controlling or material inducement to the making thereof, the same shall be deemed of no effect, and shall upon application of either party be stricken from the contract without affecting the binding force of the contract as it shall remain after omitting such provision.

**ARTICLE 13
LAW OF TEXAS**

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and shall be enforced in the Webb County, Texas.

**ARTICLE 14
AMENDMENT**

No changes to this Agreement shall be made except upon written agreement of both parties.

**ARTICLE 15
HEADINGS**

The headings used herein are for convenience of reference only and shall not constitute a part hereof or affect the construction or interpretation hereof.

**ARTICLE 16
WAIVER**

The failure on the part of any party to exercise or to delay in exercising, and no course of dealing with respect to any right hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right. The remedies provided herein are cumulative and not exclusive of any remedies provided by law or in equity, except as expressly set forth herein.

**ARTICLE 17
TERMINOLOGY AND DEFINITIONS**

All personal pronouns used herein, whether used in the masculine, feminine, or neutral, shall include all other genders; the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular.

Signed in duplicate originals, both of equal force, on this the ____ day of _____, 2022, effective _____ of _____.



WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS

**HON. TANO E. FLERINA
WEBB COUNTY JUDGE**

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF
LAREDO INC.**

**CAROL SHERWOOD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

ATTESTED:

**Margie Ramirez Ibarra
Webb County Clerk**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**Ray Rodriguez, Asst. General Counsel
Webb County Civil Legal Division**

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Passed and approved by the Webb County Commissioners Court on September 12th, 2022; Item No.8 (c).