

**FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK  
AND HOUSING FORWARD**

**THIS FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENT** (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement") is entered as of the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023, between the Village of Oak Park, an Illinois home rule municipal corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Village") and Housing Forward, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Grantee").

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the Grantee shall provide support services to asylum seekers who reside at various locations in the Village as set forth in the Grantee's Proposal attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has agreed to provide funds to the Grantee in order to reimburse the Grantee for its services (hereinafter referred to as the "Project").

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Agreement, the Village and the Grantee agree as follows:

**1.0 RECITALS INCORPORATED.**

1.1. The above recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

**2.0 TERM OF AGREEMENT; RENEWAL.**

2.1. The term of this Agreement shall commence on November 4, 2023, unless otherwise provided herein, and shall terminate on December 4, 2023, unless earlier terminated by either party as set forth herein. The Grantee shall have no responsibility to provide rooms for occupancy for asylum seekers or other housing and shall not be responsible for relocating asylum seekers beyond said date unless this Agreement is renewed pursuant to Section 2.2 below.

2.2. The Parties may renew this Agreement on the same terms and conditions as set forth herein for an additional period of time pursuant to the written agreement of the Parties executed by the Parties' authorized representatives.

**3.0 REIMBURSEMENT FOR SUPPLIES.**

3.1. The Village shall reimburse the Grantee for the Grantee's purchase of one (1) laptop and one (1) printer in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00. The Grantee shall provide the Village with invoices and/or receipts in order to verify the Grantee's purchase of the laptop and printer prior to the Village's reimbursement of the Grantee for approval. The Village's approval of said invoices and/or receipts shall not be unreasonably withheld. Upon said approval, the Village shall reimburse the Grantee within fourteen (14) days.

#### **4.0 SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY GRANTEE.**

4.1. The Grantee shall provide on-site coordination and logistics for asylum seekers at the West Cook Young Men's Christian Association (hereinafter referred to as the "YMCA") facility located at 255 South Marion Street, Oak Park, Illinois 60302 and/or the Carleton Hotel (hereinafter referred to as the "Hotel") located at 1110 Pleasant Street, Oak Park, Illinois 60302 beginning on or before November 4, 2023 through 11:59 p.m. on December 4, 2023. The following personnel of Grantee shall provide the services: (1) Armando Smith, CPO, at the rate of \$65 per hour in an amount not to exceed \$3,900.00 for four (4) weeks; and (2) Amanda Young, Project Lead, at the rate of \$50 per hour in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00 for four (4) weeks.

4.2. The Grantee shall provide assessment, intake and coordination services for asylum seekers at the YMCA and the Hotel beginning on or before November 7, 2023 through 11:59 p.m. on December 4, 2023. The following personnel of Grantee shall provide the services: (1) one (1) full-time staff person at the rate of \$30 per hour in an amount not to exceed \$4,500.00 for four (4) weeks; (2) temporary personnel at the at the rate of \$45 per hour for 40 hours per week in an amount not to exceed \$7,200.00 for four (4) weeks; (3) two (2) part-time personnel at the rate of \$30 in an amount not to exceed \$2,400.00 for four weeks; and (4) two part-time personnel basic needs coordinators at the rate of \$30 per hour in an amount not to exceed \$1,920.00 for four (4) weeks. Personnel provided pursuant to this section shall be reimbursed for mileage in order to provide the services at a rate \$.55 per mile not to exceed \$110.00 for 100 miles per four (4) weeks.

4.3. The Grantee shall provide a volunteer manager for asylum seekers at the YMCA and/or the Hotel beginning on or before November 14, 2023 through 11:59 p.m. on December 4, 2023 at the rate of \$32 per hour at an amount not to exceed \$1,280.00.

4.4. The Grantee shall provide a floater/runner for asylum seekers at the YMCA and/or the Hotel beginning on or before November 7, 2023 through 11:59 p.m. on December 4, 2023 at the rate of \$25 per hour at an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 for four (4) weeks.

4.5. The Grantee shall provide transportation services (bus/train passes, Uber/Lyft, etc.) for asylum seekers at the YMCA and/or the Hotel beginning on or before November 7, 2023 through 11:59 p.m. on December 4, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 for four (4) weeks.

4.6. The Grantee shall provide client assistance services for asylum seekers at the YMCA and the Hotel beginning on or before November 7, 2023 through 11:59 p.m. on December 4, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for four (4) weeks.

4.7. The Grantee shall provide laundry services for asylum seekers at the YMCA, the Church and/or the Hotel beginning on or before November 7, 2023 through 11:59 p.m. on December 4, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$520.00 for four (4) weeks.

4.8. The Grantee shall provide be reimbursed for its administrative expenses for asylum seekers at the YMCA and/or the Hotel beginning on or before November 7, 2023 through 11:59 p.m. on December 4, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$14,8860.00 for four (4) weeks.

4.9. The Grantee shall provide the services set forth above in Sections 4.1 through 4.8 at Grace Episcopal Church, 924 Lake Street, Oak Park, Illinois 60301 at the same rates set forth above in an additional amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

4.10. The Grantee shall provide the Village with invoices, receipts and/or payroll records in order to verify the Grantee's the provision of the services set forth in this Section 3.0 prior to the Village's reimbursement of the Grantee for approval on a bi-weekly basis when the amount set forth in Section 5.1 below has been exceeded. The Village's approval of said invoices, receipts and/or payroll records receipts set forth in this Section 4.0 shall not be unreasonably withheld. Upon said approval, the Village shall reimburse the Grantee within fourteen (14) days up to the maximum amounts set forth in this Section 4.0.

**5.0 INITIAL PAYMENT TO THE GRANTEE.**

5.1. The total not to exceed amount under this Agreement to be paid to the Grantee shall be \$73,968.00. The Village shall pay one-half (1/2) of this amount to the Grantee on or before November 17, 2023 which equals \$36,984.00 in order for the Grantee to continue to provide the services it has previously provided to the asylum seekers prior to the effective date of this Agreement. The Grantee shall provide the Village with an invoice for the amount set forth in this Section 5.1.

**6.0 PAYMENTS TO GRANTEE.**

6.1. Payments to the Grantee under this Agreement shall be made payable in the name of Grantee and sent to the following person and place, or directly deposited into a financial account maintained by the Grantee:

Chief Executive Director  
Lynda Schueler  
1851 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Maywood, IL 60153

The Grantee may change the person to whom payments are sent, or the place to which payments are sent, by delivering five (5) days prior written notice pursuant to Section 25.0 of this Agreement.

**7.0 ADHERENCE TO VILLAGE POLICIES.**

7.1. The Grantee shall adhere to the policies set forth in Exhibit 1, attached hereto and incorporated herein as though fully set forth, or, in the alternative, and that it will have adopted

policies of its own which are in substantial compliance with the policies set forth in Exhibit 1.

7.2. All such policies of the Grantee require prior review and approval by the Village before the Grantee can substitute adherence to its own policies for adherence to the Village policies set forth in Exhibit 1. Such policies may be submitted to the Village for review and approval prior to the execution of this Agreement or at any time during the term of this Agreement.

7.3. The Village shall provide the Grantee with timely written approval or disapproval of all such policies submitted by the Grantee. Disapproval shall be accompanied by the specific reasons why the submitted policy is not in substantial compliance with the Village policy set forth in Exhibit 1. The Grantee may revise and resubmit policies to the Village for review and approval. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld by the Village.

7.4. The Grantee shall be obligated to adhere to the policies set forth in Exhibit 1 until such time as its own written equivalent policy or policies have been filed with and approved by the Village.

7.5. The Grantee shall be obligated to submit any change in, or amendment to, such approved policy during the term of this agreement to the Village for its approval in the same manner as if it were submitting an entire new policy to the Village for its review and approval.

## **8.0 GRANTEE AND VILLAGE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES.**

8.1. At the Village's request, the Grantee shall also submit such written or verbal reports as reasonably deemed necessary by the Village Manager or the Village Manager's designee while this Agreement is in effect.

8.2. In connection with the foregoing and other actions to be taken under this Agreement, Grantee hereby designates its Chief Executive Director Lynda Schueler as its authorized representative who shall have the power and authority to make or grant or do all things, certificates, requests, demands, approvals, consents, notices and other actions required that are ministerial in nature or described in this Agreement for and on behalf of the Grantee and with the effect of binding the Grantee. The Village is entitled to rely on the full power and authority of the person executing this Agreement on behalf of the Grantee as having been properly and legally given by the Grantee. The Grantee shall have the right to change its authorized representative by providing the Village with written notice of such change which notice shall be sent in accordance with Section 25.0 of this Agreement.

## **9.0 GRANTEE'S AUTHORITY.**

9.1. The Grantee warrants that it is the real party in interest to this Agreement, that it is not acting for or on behalf of an undisclosed party, and that it possesses the legal authority to apply for this grant and to execute this Agreement. Any person binding the Grantee shall, when

required, provide written evidence of the legal authority for his or her agency. The Grantee acknowledges that it has read, understood and agreed to all provisions of this Agreement.

**10.0 STATUS OF GRANTEE AND GRANTEE’S PERSONNEL OR CONTRACTED AGENTS.**

10.1. The Grantee shall be an independent contractor to the Village. Grantee shall solely be responsible for the payment of all salaries, benefits and costs of supplying personnel for the services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement.

10.2. All personnel necessary for the performance required by this Agreement shall be the Grantee’s employees, or contracted agents, and shall in all respects be subject to Grantee’s rules and regulations governing its employees. Neither the Grantee, nor its personnel, nor its contracted agents shall be considered to be agents or employees of the Village.

**11.0 THE GRANTEE’S BUSINESS ORGANIZATION.**

11.1. During the term of this Agreement, the Grantee shall maintain its registration to do business in the State of Illinois with the Illinois Secretary of State, and be incorporated as an Illinois not-for-profit corporation. Grantee shall also be registered with the United States Internal Revenue Service and approved to operate as a tax-exempt organization pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), commonly referred to as “501(c)(3),” as amended.

11.2. The Grantee shall hire and maintain a qualified and competent staff to provide all management and administrative services necessary to accomplish the Project.

11.3. The Grantee shall operate in accordance with this Agreement, Grantee’s articles of incorporation and by-laws, and actions of the Grantee’s board of directors.

**12.0 FINANCIAL RECORDS.**

12.1. At any time during the term of this Agreement, the Village shall have the right to examine the Grantee’s financial records with reasonable notice, during regular business hours, with regard to the funds provided pursuant to this Agreement. The Village’s requests for information may be based on requests from federal or state regulatory agencies, other governmental agencies, courts of law, consultants hired by the Village or other parties, which in the Village’s opinion, require the information.

12.2. The Grantee is accountable for all Village disbursed funds under this Agreement. The Grantee’s financial management system shall be structured to provide for accurate, current, and complete disclosure of the expenditure of all funds provided by the Village under this Agreement. The Grantee shall maintain effective control and accountability over all funds disbursed and equipment, property, or other assets acquired with Village funds. The Grantee shall keep records sufficient to permit the tracing of funds to a level of expenditure adequate to ensure that funds have not been unlawfully spent.

12.3. The Grantee shall maintain for a minimum of five (5) years following the latter of the expiration or termination of this Agreement, or longer if required by law, adequate books, records, and supporting documents to verify the amounts, recipients and uses of all disbursements of funds passing in conjunction with this Agreement. During the term of this Agreement and such five (5) year period, all books, records and supporting documents related hereto shall be available for inspection and audit by the Village, or any duly authorized Village representative, and Grantee agrees to cooperate fully to accomplish any such audit by a mutually agreeable auditor. During the term of this Agreement and such five (5) year period, the Grantee shall provide full access to all relevant materials and to provide copies of same upon request.

12.3.1. The Grantee shall cooperate with the Village and provide the Village, when requested, with access to data, information and documentation pertaining to the Project.

12.3.2. The Village shall have the right to audit any records necessary to permit evaluation and verification of the Grantee's compliance with the requirements of this Agreement throughout the term of the Agreement and for a period of five (5) years after any payment, or longer if required by law.

12.3.3. The Village shall have the right to interview any of the Grantee's current and former employees, as related to this contract, during the audit.

12.3.4. The Grantee shall provide the Village with adequate and appropriate workspace, with access to photocopy machines, during any audit.

12.3.5. The Grantee shall provide the Village with copies of all requested records in a computer-readable format (if available) as well as hard copy.

12.4. If any of the services to be performed under this Agreement are subcontracted, Grantee shall include in all subcontracts a provision that the Village, or any duly authorized representative of the Village, shall have full access to and the right to examine any pertinent books, documents, papers and records of any subcontractor involving transactions related to this Agreement for a period of five (5) years from the later of the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

**13.0 PROCUREMENT OF CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES;  
ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT.**

13.1. The Grantee shall procure all construction and professional services, and acquire assets and materials financed in whole or in part with grant funds provided hereunder, through written, contractual agreement(s) and pursuant to the Procurement Policy attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit 1.

**14.0 UNEXPENDED FUNDS.**

14.1. Any unexpended funds provided by the Village pursuant to this Agreement shall be maintained in a federally insured account by the Grantee and shall be returned to the Village within thirty (30) days of the expiration of this Agreement.

14.2. Upon dissolution of the Grantee's corporation or termination of this Agreement, any unexpended funds originally provided by the Village to Grantee shall be immediately returned to the Village. Funds which have already been obligated by the Grantee at the time of the dissolution of Grantee's corporation or at the time of the Grantee's receipt of the Village's notice to terminate this Agreement shall not be considered as "unexpended funds" for purposes of this Section 14.0. Upon dissolution, the Grantee shall notify the Village of the name of the individual or entity responsible for winding up its affairs.

**15.0 LEGAL COMPLIANCE.**

15.1. In addition to complying with the statutes and regulations specifically referenced in this Agreement, the Grantee is responsible for determining the applicability of, and complying with, any other laws, regulations or ordinances.

15.2. The Grantee shall not discriminate against any worker, employee, or applicant, or any member of the public because of race, religion, disability, creed, color, sex, age sexual orientation, status as a disabled veteran or Vietnam era veteran, or national origin, nor otherwise commit an unfair employment practice.

15.3. The Grantee shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed without regard to race, religion, handicap, creed, color, sex, age, sexual orientation, status as a disabled veteran or Vietnam era veteran, or national origin, with such affirmative action, including but not limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, termination, rates of pay, other forms of compensation, or selection for training, including apprenticeship.

15.4. All applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations applicable to this Agreement shall be deemed to be included in this Agreement as though fully set forth herein. Except where expressly required by applicable laws and regulations, the Village shall not be responsible for monitoring Grantee's compliance.

15.5. The Grantee certifies that it shall comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state and local law in its performance of this Agreement.

15.6. Grantee shall comply with the policies set forth in Exhibit 1 to this Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "Village Policies"), attached hereto and incorporated herein, or, in the alternative, that it has adopted policies of its own which are in substantial compliance with the Village Policies. All such Grantee policies require prior review and approval by the Village

Manager or the Manager's designee. The Village shall provide the Grantee with timely written approval or disapproval of all such policies submitted by the Grantee. Disapproval shall be accompanied by the specific reasons why the submitted policy is not in substantial compliance with the Village's Policies. The Grantee may revise and resubmit policies to the Village for review and approval. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld by the Village. The Grantee shall comply with the Village Policies until such time as its own written equivalent policy or policies have been approved by the Village. The Grantee shall be obligated to submit any change in, or amendment to, such approved policy during the term of this Agreement to the Village for its approval in the same manner as if it were submitting a new policy to the Village for approval.

15.7. The Village is authorized to conduct reviews and conduct other procedures or practices regarding the Grantee's compliance with this Section 15.0. The Grantee agrees to post, in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment or distribute to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the non-discrimination provisions of this Section 15.0.

#### **16.0 TERMINATION; SUSPENSION.**

16.1. During the term of this Agreement, the Village may terminate this Agreement for cause or suspend payments of grant funds due to: (1) use of funds in a manner inconsistent with this Agreement; (2) the Grantee's failure to submit required documents pursuant to this Agreement; (3) the Grantee's submission of incorrect or incomplete reports; or (4) the Grantee's failure to perform in accordance with this Agreement.

16.2. In the event the Village elects to terminate this Agreement for cause or to suspend payments under this agreement for any reason set forth in this Agreement, the Village shall provide written notice pursuant to Section 25.0 to Grantee of its intention to terminate this Agreement for cause or suspend payments if Grantee fails to cure the noted deficiency within thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice. The written notice shall provide the Grantee with a description of the alleged deficiency, and the Grantee shall be afforded an opportunity to refute the statement of deficiency set forth in the notice prior to the Village's termination or suspension of payments. If Grantee fails to adequately refute the alleged deficiency, or fails to correct the deficiency within thirty (30) days of the Village's notice, the Village may terminate or suspend payment of any funds to be provided pursuant to this Agreement.

16.3. The Village's obligations under this Agreement shall cease immediately without penalty of further payment being required if the Village or other funding source fails to, budget, appropriate, or otherwise make available sufficient funds for this Agreement. In the event a lack of funding occurs in full or in part, the Village shall give the Grantee written notice pursuant to Section 25.0, which shall set forth the effective date of full or partial termination, or if a change in funding is required, setting forth the change in funding and changes in the approved budget.



**17.0 INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE.**

17.1. To the fullest extent permitted by law, each Party (“Indemnified Party”) shall defend, indemnify, hold harmless and defend the other Party's officials, officers, agents, employees and volunteers against all injuries, deaths, loss, damages, claims, patent claims, suits, liabilities, judgments, cost and expenses, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys’ fees and court costs (hereinafter referred to as “Claims”) which may accrue against any Indemnified Party and its officials, officers, agents, employees and volunteers to the extent arising out of either Indemnified Party's performance of this Agreement, except to the extent that such claim is based on the negligence of either Party's officials, officers, agents, employees or volunteers.

17.2. Grantee shall, at Grantee’s expense, secure and maintain in effect throughout the duration of this Agreement, insurance of the following kinds and limits set forth in this Section 17.0. Grantee shall furnish Certificates of Insurance to the Village before starting work pursuant to this Agreement. All insurance policies shall be written with insurance companies licensed or authorized to do business in the State of Illinois and having a rating of at least A according to the latest edition of the Best’s Key Rating Guide; and shall include a provision preventing cancellation of the insurance policy unless fifteen (15) days prior written notice is given to the Village. This provision (or reasonable equivalent) shall also be stated on each Certificate of Insurance: “Should any of the above described policies be canceled before the expiration date, the issuing company shall mail fifteen (15) days’ written notice to the certificate holder named to the left.” Grantee shall require any of its subcontractors to secure and maintain insurance as set forth in this Section 17.0 and indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Village, its officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers as set forth in this Agreement.

17.3. The limits of liability for the insurance required shall provide coverage for not less than the following amounts, or greater where required by law:

**(A) Commercial General Liability:**

- i. Coverage to include, Broad Form Property Damage, Contractual and Personal Injury.
- ii. Limits:

General Aggregate	\$ 2,000,000.00
Each Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000.00
Personal Injury	\$ 1,000,000.00
- iii. Cover all claims arising out of Grantee's operations or premises, anyone directly or indirectly employed by Grantee.

**(B) Workers’ Compensation:**

- i. Workers’ compensation insurance shall be in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, including occupational disease provisions, for all employees who work on the Services, and in case work is sublet, Grantee shall require each subcontractor

similarly to provide workers' compensation Insurance. In case employees engaged in hazardous work under this Agreement are not protected under workers' compensation insurance, Grantee shall provide, and shall cause each subcontractor to provide, adequate and suitable insurance for the protection of employees not otherwise provided.

(C) **Comprehensive Automobile Liability:**

- i. Coverage to include all owned, hired, non-owned vehicles, and/or trailers and other equipment required to be licensed, covering personal injury, bodily injury and property damage.
- ii. Limits:  
Combined Single Limit \$1,000,000.00

(D) **Umbrella:**

- i. Limits:  
Each Occurrence/Aggregate \$2,000,000.00

- (E) The Village and its officers, officials, agents, employees and volunteers shall be named as additional insureds on all insurance policies identified herein except workers' compensation. Grantee shall be responsible for the payment of any deductibles for said insurance policies. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the Village and its officers, officials, agents, employees, and volunteers.

17.4. The Village and the Grantee agree to waive against each other all claims for special, incidental, indirect, or consequential damages arising out of, resulting from, or in any way related to the Project.

17.5. The Grantee understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by this Agreement or otherwise provided by the Grantee shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless, and defend the Village as herein provided. The Grantee waives and agrees to require its insurers to waive its rights of subrogation against the Village and its officers, officials, agents, employees, and volunteers.

**18.0 COVENANT NOT TO SUE.**

18.1. The Grantee forever releases and discharges the Village and its officials, officers, agents, employees and volunteers from all claims, demands, damages, actions or causes of action which arise out of the Village's performance of this Agreement other than for the payments to be made by the Village pursuant to Sections 3.0, 4.0 and 5.0 of this Agreement and the indemnification provisions set forth in Section 17.0 above.

18.2. The Grantee covenants not to sue or otherwise bring any action in law or equity

against the Village and its officials, officers, agents, employees or volunteers for any claims, loss, damage, expense, debt or liability of any nature whatsoever which the Grantee may sustain arising out of the Village's performance of this Agreement other than for the payments to be made by the Village pursuant to Sections 3.0, 4.0 and 5.0 of this Agreement and the indemnification provisions set forth in Section 17.0 above.

**19.0 NON-WAIVER OF RIGHTS.**

19.1 Any failure on the part of the Village to exercise any right under this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of that right.

**20.0 NON-ASSIGNMENT AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST.**

20.1. This Agreement shall not be assigned, sublet, or transferred by either party hereto.

20.2. The parties each bind themselves and their successors, and assigns to the other party of this Agreement and to the successors, and assigns of such other party in respect to all covenants of this Agreement.

20.3. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer or agent of the Village, nor shall it be construed as giving any right or benefits hereunder to anyone other than the Village and Grantee.

**21.0 MODIFICATION AND AMENDMENT.**

21.1. This Agreement may only be amended or modified by a written instrument, signed by the parties hereto, other than modifications required by changes in federal or state law or regulations or required by Village ordinance applicable to this Agreement. No amendment or modification of this Agreement shall be valid or enforceable unless in writing and signed by the authorized representatives of the parties.

21.2 This Agreement is subject to such modifications as the Village determines may be required by changes in federal, state or local law or regulations. Any such required modification shall be incorporated into and be part of this Agreement as if fully set forth herein. The Village shall notify the Grantee of any change in law or regulation which it has notice.

**22.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST.**

22.1. The Grantee shall establish safeguards to prohibit its officers, directors, agents and employees from using Village funds for their own private use.

22.2. No Village officer or employee may be hired or paid with funds derived directly or indirectly through this Agreement.

22.3. The parties agree that Village officers and employees may serve as directors and volunteers of the Grantee and their service shall not be deemed to be a conflict of interest.

22.4. Grantee covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the Project pursuant to this Agreement. The Grantee further covenants that in the performance under this Agreement, no person having a conflict of interest shall be employed by Grantee.

**23.0 NO COLLUSION.**

23.1. The Grantee hereby represents and certifies that the Grantee is not barred from contracting with a unit of state or local government as a result of: (1) a delinquency in the payment of any tax administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue unless Grantee is contesting, in accordance with the procedures established by the appropriate revenue Act, its liability for the tax or the amount of the tax, as set forth in 65 ILCS 5/11-42.1-1; or (2) a violation of either Section 33E-3 or Section 33E-4 of Article 33E of the Criminal Code of 1961, 720 ILCS 5/33E-1 *et seq.* The Grantee hereby represents that the only persons, firms, or corporations interested in this Agreement are those disclosed to the Village prior to the execution of this Agreement, and that this Agreement is made without collusion with any other person, firm, or corporation. If at any time it shall be found that the Grantee has in procuring this Agreement, colluded with any other person, firm, or corporation, then the Grantee shall be liable to the Village for all loss or damage that the Village may suffer thereby, and this Agreement shall, at the Village's option, be null and void and subject to termination by the Village.

**24.0 GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE.**

24.1. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois both as to interpretation and performance.

24.2. Venue for any action brought pursuant to this Agreement shall be in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois.

**25.0 NOTICE.**

25.1. Any notice required to be given by this Agreement shall be deemed sufficient if made in writing and sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, by personal service, or by electronic transmission to the persons and addresses indicated below or to such other addresses as either party hereto shall notify the other party of in writing pursuant to the provisions of this subsection:

If to the Village:

Village Manager  
Village of Oak Park  
123 Madison Street  
Oak Park, Illinois 60302  
Email: [villagemanager@oak-park.us](mailto:villagemanager@oak-park.us)

If to the Grantee:

Lynda Schueler  
Executive Director  
Housing Forward  
1851 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Maywood, Illinois 60153  
Email: [lschueler@housingforward.org](mailto:lschueler@housingforward.org)

25.2. Mailing of such notice as and when above provided shall be equivalent to personal notice and shall be deemed to have been given at the time of mailing.

25.3. Notice by email transmission shall be effective as of date and time of email transmission, provided that the notice transmitted shall be sent on business days during business hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Chicago time). In the event email notice is transmitted during non-business hours, the effective date and time of notice is the first hour of the first business day after transmission.

#### **26.0 ENTIRE AGREEMENT.**

26.1. This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all previous communications or understandings, whether oral or written.

26.2. There are no covenants, promises, agreements, conditions or understandings between the parties, either oral or written, other than those contained in this Agreement.

#### **27.0 SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

27.1. If any provision of this Agreement, or the application of such provision, shall be rendered or declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, or by reason of it requiring any steps, actions or results, the remaining parts or portions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

#### **28.0 CAPTIONS AND PARAGRAPH HEADINGS.**

28.1. Captions and paragraph headings are for convenience only and are not a part of this Agreement and shall not be used in construing it.

#### **29.0 AUTHORIZATIONS.**

29.1. The Grantee's authorized representatives who have executed this Agreement warrant that they have been lawfully authorized by the Grantee's board of directors or its by-laws to execute this Agreement on its behalf. The Deputy Village Manager warrants that she has been lawfully authorized by the Village Board to execute this Agreement. The Grantee and the

Village shall deliver, upon request, to each other at the respective time such entities cause their authorized agents to affix their signatures hereto copies of all articles of incorporation, bylaws, resolutions, ordinances or other documents required to legally evidence the authority to so execute this Agreement.

**30.0 HEADINGS AND TITLES.**

30.1. The headings or titles of any provisions of this Agreement are for convenience or reference only and are not to be considered in construing this Agreement.

**31.0 COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE OR PDF SIGNATURES.**

31.1. This Agreement shall be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original and together shall be one and the same Agreement.

31.2. A facsimile or pdf/email copy of this Agreement and any signatures thereon will be considered for all purposes as an original.

**32.0 EFFECTIVE DATE.**

32.1. This Agreement shall be effective as of November 4, 2023.

**[REMAINDER OF PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK –  
SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties to this Agreement by their signatures acknowledge they have read and understand this agreement and intend to be bound by its terms as of the date first written above.

**VILLAGE OF OAK PARK**

**HOUSING FORWARD**

  
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By: Lisa Shelley  
Its: Deputy Village Manager

Date: 11/30, 2023

  
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By: Lynda Schueler  
Its: Chief Executive Director

Date: November 20, 2023

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED  
AS TO FORM**

  
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**NOV 20 2023**  
**LAW DEPARTMENT**

Migrant Budget - 30 days	Role	Allocation	Cost
Armando Smith, CPO	Housing Forward Service Coordination	\$65 per hour*15 hours per week * 4 weeks	\$ 3,900
Amanda Young, project lead	On-site coordination and logistics at West Cook Y/Carleton	\$50 per hour*45 hours per week * 4 weeks	\$ 9,000
Staffing	Assessment, Intake, Service Coordination	1 FTE @ \$30 per hour, 37.5 hours* 4 weeks (9am-5pm)	\$ 4,500
	Assessment, Intake, Service Coordination - TEMP Personnel	\$45 per hour for 4 weeks 2 PT @ \$30 per hour *10 hours per week * 4 weeks	\$ 7,200
	Assessment, Intake, Service Coordination	2 PT @ \$30 per hour, 8 hours*4 weeks (4:30pm-9pm)	\$ 2,400
	Basic Needs, anchor weekend	2 PT @ \$30 per hour, 8 hours*4 weeks (9am-5pm)	\$ 1,920
	Staff Mileage	.55 100 miles per month	\$ 110
Volunteer Mgmt WRAP Supports -	Volunteer Manager Behavioral Health	\$32 per hour *10 hours per week * 4 weeks paid for by CMHB	\$ 1,280
Ancillary needs	Floater/runner	\$25 per hour *15 hours a week * 4 weeks	\$ 1,500
	Transportation Passes/Uber		\$ 3,000
	Client Assistance	120 households/\$300 per household	\$ 36,000
Admin expenses	Laundry at Carelton	\$5 per 26 households per week * 4 weeks + detergent	\$ 520
	Equipment & Supplies	1 laptop, 1 printer	\$ 2,000
			\$ 73,330
	indirect cost rate	20%	\$ 14,886
			\$ 88,216



## EXHIBIT 1

The Contractor shall comply with the terms and conditions set forth herein. Any violation of the terms and conditions set forth herein shall subject the Contractor, at the Village's discretion, to possible contract termination or suspension of payments in accordance with the Agreement.

### **A. Conflicts of Interest and Standards of Conduct.**

The Contractor shall adhere to the "Conflicts of Interest and Standards of Conduct" set forth below or to such equivalent policies of the Contractor as has been reviewed and approved by the Village in accordance with the Agreement.

#### **Conflicts of Interest and Standards of Conduct**

1. Compensation: Members of the Board of Directors shall serve without salary, but the Board of Directors may authorize payment of the reasonable expenses incurred by such members in the performance of their duties.
2. Impartiality: Every director and employee shall perform his or her duties with impartiality and without prejudice or bias in furtherance of the goals, objectives and contractual obligations of the Contractor. No director or employee shall, in the performance of his or her duties on behalf of the Contractor, grant or make available to any person or entity, including other directors or employees of the Contractor, any consideration, treatment or service beyond that which is available to every other similarly situated person or entity served by the Contractor.
3. Conflict of Interest: No director or employee shall engage in any business transaction or shall have any financial or other personal interest, direct or indirect, which is incompatible with the proper discharge of the Director's official duties in the interest of the Contractor or which may tend to impair his/her independence of judgment or action in the performance of his/her official duties.
4. Interest in contracts: No director or employee shall have any financial or personal interest, directly or indirectly, in any contract, work or business with the Contractor except that a director may provide materials, merchandise, property, services or labor under the following circumstances:
  - a. The contract is with a person, firm, partnership, association, or corporation in which the director has less than a 7.5% share in the ownership, and the aggregate of any contracts awarded to the director or the director's firm, association, partnership or corporation under this subsection (b) during the same fiscal year does not exceed  
\$25,000; or

- b. The contract does not exceed \$2,000, and the aggregate of any contracts awarded to the director or the director's firm, association, partnership or corporation under this subsection (a) during the same fiscal year does not exceed \$4,000; or
- c. The contract is with a person, firm, partnership, association or corporation in which the director has less than a 1% share in ownership; or
- d. The Contractor is not a party to the contract, and the contract is with a person or entity served by the Contractor as a part of its corporate purpose.

Any contract awarded under this Section 4 must comply with the Contractor's policies concerning competitive bidding and outreach to women and minority business enterprises.<sup>1</sup>

- 5. In the event that the Board of Directors considers taking any action, including but not limited to entering into a contract in which any director has any financial or personal interest, direct or indirect, which may reasonably tend to impair the director's independence of judgment or action in the best interests of the Contractor, the director shall:
  - a. Before consideration of the proposed action, publicly disclose any such interest to the Board of Directors; and
  - b. Refrain from evaluating, recommending, approving, deliberating or otherwise participating in negotiation, approval or both of the contract or work; and
  - c. Abstain from voting on the proposed action; and
  - d. The contract must be approved by a majority of the Board of Directors.

For purposes of this Section, personal interest shall include the financial interest of the spouse and minor children of the director, but shall not include any interest that a director may have in a proposed general policy of the Contractor solely by virtue of his business or profession.<sup>2</sup>

- 6. Disclosure and/or Use of Confidential Information: No director or employee shall, without proper legal authorization, disclose confidential information concerning the property, government or affairs of the Contractor or use such information to advance the financial or other private interest of the director, or employee or others.

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<sup>1</sup> The exceptions in Section 4 are drawn from 65 ILCS 5/3.1-55-10.

<sup>2</sup> The final sentence in Section 5 is intended to ensure that a board member who may be a landlord, realtor, banker, etc., is not prevented from voting on general policies that may have some impact, direct or indirect, on all members of that profession.

7. Corporate Property: No director or employee shall request, permit or engage in the unauthorized use of the Contractor's funds, vehicles, equipment, materials or property of personal convenience or profit.

## **B. Procurement Policy.**

The Contractor shall comply with the provisions set forth below relating to the procurement of goods and services which are funded, in whole or in part, by the Village or through the Village as funding agent, or such equivalent policy of the Contractor as has been reviewed and approved by the Village in accordance with the Agreement.

1. **All Contracts for Goods and Services Require the Approval of the Board of Directors; Exceptions.** No contract shall be made for goods or services when the total cost exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), unless such contract shall have been authorized by the Board of Directors. Whenever the total cost of such contract shall not exceed, in any one case, one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), the Executive Director or his or her designee (hereinafter "Executive Director"), without such previous authorization, shall cause the same to be purchased upon his or her written order; and further provided that when the total cost thereof shall exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) but shall not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), the Executive Director may cause the same to be purchased without previous authorization in like manner, but the Executive Director shall first obtain in writing, whenever possible, at least three (3) informal quotes to furnish same, which quotes shall be attached in every case to the accounts payable vouchers authorizing payment for such goods or services and filed with the financial records of the Contractor. All contracts shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, provided that any and all informal quotes for equipment, supplies or repair work may be rejected by the Executive Director if the character or quality of the goods or services does not conform to requirements. In determining the lowest responsible bid or quote, other factors, in addition to cost, such as experience, availability, expertise, resources, work history with the Contractor, work history with others, quality of work and ability to meet all specifications and/or requirements of the Contractor may be taken into consideration and may form the basis for an award of contract. Many of these factors will have increased significance when considering the award of contracts for professional services.
2. **Contracts Which Require the Use of the Formal Bidding Process.** Except as set forth in Section 3 below, when the total cost of a contract for goods, materials, equipment, supplies or construction work is expected to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), the Executive Director or his or her agent shall issue a call for bids which shall be formally advertised. All such bids for construction work shall require a bond for the faithful performance of the work.

All contracts for which bids are required shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder within the judgment of the Board of Directors, provided that any and all bids received in response to an advertised call for bids may be rejected by the Board of Directors if the

character or quality of goods, materials, equipment, supplies or construction work does not conform to the specifications and/or requirements set forth in the call for bids.

3. **Exception to Bid Requirements for Urgent Materials or Repairs; Lack of Competition and Inability to Draft Adequate Specifications; Bid Waiver.** In cases of urgently needed materials or urgently needed repairs which are expected to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), the Executive Director is authorized to obtain such materials and/or services through a negotiated contract without formal advertising when it is in the best interest of the Contractor and it is impractical to convene a meeting of the Board of Directors. If it is practical to convene a meeting, the Board of Directors shall be required to waive the bidding requirement and approve such a negotiated agreement.

Such negotiated contracts may also be approved by the Board of Directors when (1) the contract is for professional services, (2) it is impractical to secure competition, or (3) it is impossible to draft adequate bid specifications. The Executive Director or his or her designee shall, however, whenever possible, obtain in writing at least three (3) informal quotes to furnish same.

Bidding in all instances may be waived by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.

4. **Procedure for Advertising for Bids.** Whenever any formal bids are required, as stated above, the Executive Director or his/her authorized agent shall advertise in some newspaper published in the Village and/or in such other newspaper of general circulation as, in his/her judgment, may be desirable. A plan or profile of the work to be done, accompanied by specifications for doing the same and specifications for material, supplies or equipment to be furnished, shall be first placed on file in the office of the Executive Director or his/her authorized agent before any such advertisement shall be made, which plan, profile and specifications for goods, material, supplies, equipment or construction work shall at all times be open for public inspection. Such advertisement shall be published not less than ten (10) days before the day fixed for opening such bid, and shall state the work to be done, or material, supplies or equipment to be furnished, and the time and place for the filing and the opening of the sealed bids.
5. **Filing of Bids; Deposit Accompanying Bids, Preservation and Opening of Bids.** In all cases, the formal bids under the preceding section shall be sealed bids and directed to the Executive Director. A bid deposit may be required, the amount of which shall be fixed by the Executive Director but which shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the estimated cost of the work or material to be furnished, not less than the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). Such bid deposit shall be in the form of a cashier's check, a certified check, or at the discretion of the Executive Director, a bid bond. Checks shall be drawn upon a bank in good standing, payable to the order of the Contractor and shall be forfeited to the Village in the event the bidder shall neglect or refuse to enter into a contract and bond when required, with approved sureties, to execute the work or furnish the material for the price mentioned in his/her bid and according to the plans and specifications in case

the contract shall be awarded to him/her. Bids shall be opened at the hour and place mentioned in the notice.

6. **Contracts to be Executed in Writing.** All contracts, whether for work or materials, shall be executed in writing and in duplicate by the President of the Board of Directors or the Executive Director. One original so executed shall be kept and filed in the Contractor's office and the other shall be given to the contractor. All contracts and bonds so taken shall be in the name of, and run to, the Contractor.
7. **Contractors' Bonds.** Whenever any construction work, expected to be in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), is let by contract to any person or entity, the Contractor shall, in all cases, take a bond from such person or entity with good and sufficient sureties, licensed in the State of Illinois to be approved by the Board of Directors, in such amount as shall not only be adequate to insure the performance of the work in the time and manner required in such contract, but also to save and indemnify and keep harmless the Contractor against all liabilities, judgments, costs and expenses which may in any manner accrue against the Contractor in consequence of granting such contract or which may in any manner result from the carelessness or neglect of such person, or entity or its agents, employees or workers in any respect whatever.
8. **Bid Tabulation.** The Contractor shall prepare a spreadsheet for each separate contract over ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for goods and services awarded by it. Each spreadsheet shall name and identify all entities submitting bids or proposals on specific contracts by name and address, describe the goods provided or the work performed, set forth the cost, fee or amount proposed by each such entity in response to the call for bids or request for proposals or quotes, the name and address of the entity who was awarded the contract, and the reasons therefore. The Contractor shall submit copies of all such spreadsheets to the Village on a quarterly basis as a part of the general quarterly reporting process required under this agreement.

### **C. Diversity Statement**

In 1997, the Village of Oak Park first adopted what is now known as the Village's "Diversity Statement." Every new Village Board elected since that time has readopted this Diversity Statement incorporating amendments over time which have added to the Statement's scope and strength.

Attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof is the Diversity Statement adopted by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park in 1997 and amended in 2007.

As a partner agency of the Village of Oak Park, the Contractor agrees to adhere to the Diversity Statement, attached hereto as Exhibit A with regard to diversity, or such equivalent policy of the Contractor as is reviewed and approved by the Village in accordance with that section of the Agreement entitled "Adherence to Village Policies."

In carrying out its commitment to diversity as set forth in the Diversity Statement, the Contractor shall use its best efforts to affirmatively recruit qualified women and minority candidates to fill vacant positions within its Contractor and to use its best efforts to affirmatively recruit qualified minority owned business enterprises (“MBE”) and women owned business enterprises (“WBE”) to participate in the Contractor’s process of contracting for goods and services. The Village shall upon request provide the Contractor with the names of known MBEs and WBEs and business referral agencies.

The Contractor shall annually submit to the Village an Equal Employment Opportunity (“E.E.O.”) Report in the form attached as Exhibit B showing the breakdown of its employees by race, sex and job classification. In addition, the Contractor shall report the race, sex and job classifications for any new employee hired during the preceding year and indicate the general efforts which were made by the Contractor during the course of the previous year to recruit qualified women and minority candidates for such position(s).

The Contractor shall also provide a report to the Village, on an annual basis, which indicates the number of contracts and the dollar value of contracts for goods and services which it let during the preceding year and the number of contracts, the dollar value of contracts and the percentage of the total dollar value of contracts for goods and services which have been let to women and minority contractors.

This report shall also contain a section setting forth the general efforts made by the Contractor during the course of the previous year to affirmatively recruit women and minority businesses to participate in the contracting process.

The Contractor’s E.E.O. employment and contracting reports for the entire preceding year shall be submitted as a part of the regular quarterly report submitted for the fourth quarter of the year.

**D. Drug Free Workplace.**

The Contractor agrees to adhere to the following policy related to a drug free workplace or such equivalent policy of the Contractor as has been reviewed and approved by the Village in accordance with Section 5 of the agreement, entitled “Adherence to Village Policies.”

The content of the notice set forth below sets forth the policy of the Village with regard to the Village as a drug free workplace. The Contractor shall post the notice below or its own equivalent policy in a conspicuous location on the Contractor’s premises where it will be visible to all employees, or provide a copy of the following notice or its own equivalent policy to each employee. Any such notice or policy posted or provided to employees shall name the Contractor and the individual or position which fulfills the “Human Resources Director” position, where indicated.

## DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE NOTICE

All employees should be aware pursuant to Illinois and United States law that the (Name of Contractor) is a drug-free workplace. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance as defined in Illinois law at 720 ILCS 570/201 *et. seq.* and United States law, 41 U.S.C. §§ 701-707, is prohibited at the workplace and by any employee of (Name of Contractor). Any violation will subject the employee to dismissal from employment. As a condition of employment, an employee convicted of any drug related offense occurring at the workplace must notify the (Human Resources Director) within five (5) days of the conviction. Failure to so notify the (Human Resources Director) is grounds for dismissal from employment.

### **E. Sexual Harassment Policy.**

The Contractor shall comply with the sexual harassment policy set forth below or with an equivalent policy that has been reviewed and approved by the Village in accordance with the Agreement.

### **SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY**

Sexual harassment is illegal and against the employment policy of the (Name of Contractor).

Any employee found by the (Name of Contractor) to have engaged in sexual harassment will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

“Sexual harassment” means any unwelcome sexual advances or requests for sexual favors or any verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when (1) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual’s employment, (2) submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual, or (3) such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual’s work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment.

Examples of sexual harassment may include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal: Sexual innuendo, suggestive comments, insults, threats, jokes about gender specific traits, or sexual propositions;
- Non-Verbal: Making suggestive or insulting noises, gestures, leering, whistling or obscene gestures; and
- Physical: Touching, pinching, brushing the body, coercing sexual intercourse or assault.

An employee who believes he or she has been the subject of sexual harassment shall report the alleged conduct immediately to the Contractor's Human Resources Director, Executive Director or such other employee, other than the alleged harasser, as may be designated by the Contractor. The information will then be forwarded to the CEO/Manager/Executive Director. A confidential investigation of any complaint will be undertaken by the Human Resources Director or such other officer or employee designated by the Executive Director.

Retaliation or discrimination against an employee who makes a sexual harassment complaint is strictly prohibited. Any employee found by the (Name of Contractor) to have retaliated or discriminated against an employee for a sexual harassment complaint will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action up to and including termination.

The (Name of Contractor) recognizes that the issue of whether sexual harassment has occurred requires a factual determination based on all the evidence received. The (Name of Contractor) also recognizes that false accusations of sexual harassment can have serious effects on innocent men and women. All employees will continue to act in a responsible and professional manner to establish a working environment free of sexual harassment.

**F. Domestic Partnership Program.**

The Contractor agrees to adhere to the Domestic Partnership Program attached hereto as Exhibit C and made a part hereof as a program for the benefit of employees of the Contractor or to such equivalent Contractor policy as has been reviewed and approved by the Village in accordance with that section of the Agreement entitled "Adherence to Village Policies."

The Village will assist the Contractor with the implementation of the Program at the Contractor's request.

The Village agrees to save and hold harmless, protect and defend the Contractor, its employees, Board Members and other agents, from any and all costs, losses, suits for damage or other relief, damages, rights, claims, demands or actions resulting from or in any way arising out of the actions or operations of the Contractor or its agents in approving or carrying out or fulfilling the terms of the Domestic Partnership Program required herein and to pay all costs, including attorneys' fees, of any involvement in any litigation or administrative proceedings or other legal actions based thereon. Said obligations of the Village shall survive any termination of the Agreement between the Contractor and the Village.



**G. Compliance with Employment Laws.**

The Contractor shall perform the services set forth in the Agreement in compliance with all applicable federal and state employment laws, including but not limited to all laws prohibiting discrimination in employment.

**H. Compliance with HUD Guidelines.**

In the event that the Contractor is a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under the terms of the Agreement, the Contractor shall comply with all U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) rules, regulations, and guidelines adopted in relation to the administration of such CDBG funds.



## **EXHIBIT A**

### **Diversity Statement**

The people of Oak Park choose this community, not just as a place to live, but as a way of life. Oak Park has committed itself to equality not only because it is legal, but because it is right; not only because equality is ethical, but because it is desirable for us and our children. Ours is a dynamic community that encourages the contributions of all citizens, regardless of race, color, ethnicity, ancestry, national origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital and/or familial status, mental and/or physical impairment and/or disability, military status, economic class, political affiliation, or any of the other distinguishing characteristics that all too often divide people in society.

Oak Park's proud tradition of citizen involvement and accessible local government challenge us to show others how such a community can embrace change while still respecting and preserving the best of the past. Creating a mutually respectful, multicultural environment does not happen on its own; it must be intentional. Our goal is for people of widely differing backgrounds to do more than live next to one another. Through interaction, we believe we can reconcile the apparent paradox of appreciating and even celebrating our differences while at the same time developing consensus on a shared vision for the future. Oak Park recognizes that a free, open, and inclusive community is achieved through full and broad participation of all its citizenry. We believe the best decisions are made when everyone is represented in decision-making and power is shared collectively.

Oak Park is uniquely equipped to accomplish these objectives, because we affirm all people as members of the human family. We reject the notion of race as a barrier dividing us and we reject prejudicial behavior towards any group of people.

We believe residence in this Village should be open to anyone interested in sharing our benefits and responsibilities.

To achieve our goals, the Village of Oak Park must continue to support the Board's fair housing philosophy that has allowed us to live side-by-side and actively seek to foster unity in our community. We believe that mutual understanding among individuals of diverse backgrounds can be attained with an attitude of reciprocal good will and increased association.

The Village of Oak Park commits itself to a future ensuring equal access, full participation in all of the Village's institutions and programs, and equality of opportunity in all Village operating policies. The success of this endeavor prepares us to live and work in the twenty-first association.

It is our intention that such principles will be a basis for policy and decision making in Oak Park. The President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park reaffirm their dedication and commitment to these precepts.

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**EXHIBIT B  
VILLAGE OF OAK PARK  
EEO REPORT**

Vendor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Total Employees \_\_\_\_\_

Job Categories	Total Employee	Male				Female				Total
		Black	Hispanic	Amer. Indian Alaskan Nat	Asian & Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	Amer. Indian Alaskan Nat	Asian and Pacific Islander	
Officials & Managers										
Professionals										
Technicians										
Sales Workers										
Office & Clerical										
Semi-Skilled										
Laborers										
Service Workers										
Total										
Management Trainees										
Apprentices										

This completed and notarized report must accompany your bid. It should be attached to your Affidavit of Compliance. Failure to include it with your bid will disqualify you from consideration.

\_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Person Making Affidavit) Title or Officer