

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu and the Honorable Council State House Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Requested Action - Award a Grant

Authorize the Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA), under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, to award a grant to the County of Cheshire, 12 Court Street, Keene, New Hampshire, in the amount of \$454,865 for the purpose of assisting three organizations provide microenterprise training and technical assistance activities, upon Governor and Council approval for the period effective October 7, 2020 through June 30, 2021. 100% federal funds.

Explanation

The County of Cheshire is requesting CDBG funds to assist with training and technical assistance activities for small microenterprise businesses. If approved, the funds will be subgranted to three organizations; Hannah Grimes Center located in Keene; University of New Hampshire (New Hampshire Small Business Development Center/Pathways to Work Program) located in Durham, and Rockingham Economic Development Corporation of Southern New Hampshire d/b/a Regional Economic Development Center located in Raymond. Microenterprise training and technical assistance funds will be used to increase the income and economic stability of self-employed people and microenterprises by helping them to access capital, provide business training and expanding market opportunities Statewide. A minimum of one hundred sixty-seven businesses (167) microenterprises will be assisted collectively, and 100% of microenterprises served will be of low- and moderate-income.

This Agreement allocates a portion of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds provided to New Hampshire by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). CDFA is administering this program as provided by RSA 162-L. The funds for this contract are from the Community Development Block Grant Fund, which is intended to help municipalities solve development problems.

Sincerely,

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Katherine Easterly Martey Executive Director

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Attachments

FORM NUMBER P-37 (version 12/11/2019)

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<u>Notice</u>: This agreement and all of its attachments shall become public upon submission to Governor and Executive Council for approval. Any information that is private, confidential or proprietary must be clearly identified to the agency and agreed to in writing prior to signing the contract.

AGREEMENT

The State of New Hampshire and the Contractor hereby mutually agree as follows:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. IDENTIFICATION.						
1.1 State Agency Name		1.2 State Agency Address				
Community Development Finance Authority		14 Dixon Avenue				
		Concord, NH 03301				
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1.3 Contractor Name		1.4 Contractor Address				
County of Cheshire		12 Court Street				
		Keene, NH 03431				
1.5 Contractor Phone						
Number	1.6 Account Number	1.7 Completion Date	1.8 Price Limitation			
603-352-8215	20-403-CDMC	June 30, 2021	\$454,865			
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number				
John Manning, Chairman, Board of Directors		603-226-2170				
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1.11 Contractor Signature		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory				
		Christopher C. Coates				
(X	Date: 9/4/2020	Cheshire County Administrator				
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1.13 State Agency Signature		1.14 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory				
	A. M. Date: 9 8 2020	Katherine Easterly Martey, Executive Director				
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1.15 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel (if applicable)						
By: N/A Director, Or						
16 Approval by the Attorney General (Form Substance and Example) 66 (1) (1)						
1.16 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) (if applicable)						
By:		On:				
^{By:} Takhmina Rakhmatova		9/9/2020				
1.17 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council (if applicable)						
G&C Item number:		G&C Meeting Date:				

2. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED. The State of New Hampshire, acting through the agency identified in block 1.1 ("State"), engages contractor identified in block 1.3 ("Contractor") to perform, and the Contractor shall perform, the work or sale of goods, or both, identified and more particularly described in the attached EXHIBIT B which is incorporated herein by reference ("Services").

3. EFFECTIVE DATE/COMPLETION OF SERVICES.

3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, if applicable, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement as indicated in block 1.17, unless no such approval is required, in which case the Agreement shall become effective on the date the Agreement is signed by the State Agency as shown in block 1.13 ("Effective Date").

3.2 If the Contractor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Contractor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Contractor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Contractor for any costs incurred or Services performed. Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds affected by any state or federal legislative or executive action that reduces, eliminates or otherwise modifies the appropriation or availability of funding for this Agreement and the Scope for Services provided in EXHIBIT B, in whole or in part. In no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to reduce or terminate the Services under this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such reduction or termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account or source to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

5. CONTRACT PRICE/PRICE LIMITATION/ PAYMENT.

5.1 The contract price, method of payment, and terms of payment are identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT C which is incorporated herein by reference.

5.2 The payment by the State of the contract price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Contractor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance hereof, and shall be the only and the complete

compensation to the Contractor for the Services. The State shall have no liability to the Contractor other than the contract price. 5.3 The State reserves the right to offset from any amounts otherwise payable to the Contractor under this Agreement those liquidated amounts required or permitted by N.H. RSA 80:7 through RSA 80:7-c or any other provision of law.

5.4 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made hereunder, exceed the Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8.

6. COMPLIANCE BY CONTRACTOR WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS/ EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.

6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal employment opportunity laws. In addition, if this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all federal executive orders, rules, regulations and statutes, and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State or the United States issue to implement these regulations. The Contractor shall also comply with all applicable intellectual property laws.

6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, handicap, sexual orientation, or national origin and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination.

6.3. The Contractor agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor's books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with all rules, regulations and orders, and the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.

7. PERSONNEL.

7.1 The Contractor shall at its own expense provide all personnel necessary to perform the Services. The Contractor warrants that all personnel engaged in the Services shall be qualified to perform the Services, and shall be properly licensed and otherwise authorized to do so under all applicable laws.

7.2 Unless otherwise authorized in writing, during the term of this Agreement, and for a period of six (6) months after the Completion Date in block 1.7, the Contractor shall not hire, and shall not permit any subcontractor or other person, firm or corporation with whom it is engaged in a combined effort to perform the Services to hire, any person who is a State employee or official, who is materially involved in the procurement, administration or performance of this Agreement. This provision shall survive termination of this Agreement.

7.3 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, shall be the State's representative. In the event of any dispute concerning the interpretation of this Agreement, the Contracting Officer's decision shall be final for the State.

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8. EVENT OF DEFAULT/REMEDIES.

8.1 Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Contractor shall constitute an event of default hereunder ("Event of Default"):

8.1.1 failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;

8.1.2 failure to submit any report required hercunder; and/or

8.1.3 failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition of this Agreement.

8.2 Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:

8.2.1 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely cured, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) days after giving the Contractor notice of termination;

8.2.2 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the contract price which would otherwise accrue to the Contractor during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Contractor has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Contractor;

8.2.3 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and set off against any other obligations the State may owe to the Contractor any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and/or

8.2.4 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default, treat the Agreement as breached, terminate the Agreement and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

8.3. No failure by the State to enforce any provisions hereof after any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of its rights with regard to that Event of Default, or any subsequent Event of Default. No express failure to enforce any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of the right of the State to enforce each and all of the provisions hereof upon any further or other Event of Default on the part of the Contractor.

9. TERMINATION.

9.1 Notwithstanding paragraph 8, the State may, at its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement for any reason, in whole or in part, by thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor that the State is exercising its option to terminate the Agreement.

9.2 In the event of an early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Services, the Contractor shall, at the State's discretion, deliver to the Contracting Officer, not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of termination, a report ("Termination Report") describing in detail all Services performed, and the contract price earned, to and including the date of termination. The form, subject matter, content, and number of copies of the Termination Report shall be identical to those of any Final Report described in the attached EXHIBIT B. In addition, at the State's discretion, the Contractor shall, within 15 days of notice of early termination, develop and submit to the State a Transition Plan for services under the Agreement.

10. DATA/ACCESS/CONFIDENTIALITY/ PRESERVATION.

10.1 As used in this Agreement, the word "data" shall mean all information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, papers, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.

10.2 All data and any property which has been received from the State or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason.

10.3 Confidentiality of data shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A or other existing law. Disclosure of data requires prior written approval of the State.

11. CONTRACTOR'S RELATION TO THE STATE. In the performance of this Agreement the Contractor is in all respects an independent contractor, and is neither an agent nor an employee of the State. Neither the Contractor nor any of its officers, employees, agents or members shall have authority to bind the State or receive any benefits, workers' compensation or other emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

12. ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS.

12.1 The Contractor shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written notice, which shall be provided to the State at least fifteen (15) days prior to the assignment, and a written consent of the State. For purposes of this paragraph, a Change of Control shall constitute assignment. "Change of Control" means (a) merger, consolidation, or a transaction or series of related transactions in which a third party, together with its affiliates, becomes the direct or indirect owner of fifty percent (50%) or more of the voting shares or similar equity interests, or combined voting power of the Contractor, or (b) the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Contractor.

12.2 None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without prior written notice and consent of the State. The State is entitled to copies of all subcontracts and assignment agreements and shall not be bound by any provisions contained in a subcontract or an assignment agreement to which it is not a party.

13. INDEMNIFICATION. Unless otherwise exempted by law, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers and employees, from and against any and all claims, liabilities and costs for any personal injury or property damages, patent or copyright infringement, or other claims asserted against the State, its officers or employees, which arise out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omission of the

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Contractor Initials <u>C</u>. Date <u>9/4/2020</u> Contractor, or subcontractors, including but not limited to the negligence, reckless or intentional conduct. The State shall not be liable for any costs incurred by the Contractor arising under this paragraph 13. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

14. INSURANCE.

14.1 The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and continuously maintain in force, and shall require any subcontractor or assignee to obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:

14.1.1 commercial general liability insurance against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate or excess; and

14.1.2 special cause of loss coverage form covering all property subject to subparagraph 10.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the property.

14.2 The policies described in subparagraph 14.1 herein shall be on policy forms and endorsements approved for use in the State of New Hampshire by the N.H. Department of Insurance, and issued by insurers licensed in the State of New Hampshire.

14.3 The Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. Contractor shall also furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement no later than ten (10) days prior to the expiration date of each insurance policy. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference.

15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

15.1 By signing this agreement, the Contractor agrees, certifies and warrants that the Contractor is in compliance with or exempt from, the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A ("Workers' Compensation").

15.2 To the extent the Contractor is subject to the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A, Contractor shall maintain, and require any subcontractor or assignee to secure and maintain, payment of Workers' Compensation in connection with activities which the person proposes to undertake pursuant to this Agreement. The Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, proof of Workers' Compensation in the manner described in N.H. RSA chapter 281-A and any applicable renewal(s) thereof, which shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. The State shall not be responsible for payment of any Workers' Compensation premiums or for any other claim or benefit for Contractor, or any subcontractor or employee of Contractor, which might arise under applicable State of New Hampshire Workers' Compensation laws in connection with the performance of the Services under this Agreement.

16. NOTICE. Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses given in blocks 1.2 and 1.4, herein.

17. AMENDMENT. This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire unless no such approval is required under the circumstances pursuant to State law, rule or policy.

18. CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM. This Agreement shall be governed, interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party. Any actions arising out of this Agreement shall be brought and maintained in New Hampshire Superior Court which shall have exclusive jurisdiction thereof.

19. CONFLICTING TERMS. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this P-37 form (as modified in EXHIBIT A) and/or attachments and amendment thereof, the terms of the P-37 (as modified in EXHIBIT A) shall control.

20. THIRD PARTIES. The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.

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21. HEADINGS. The headings throughout the Agreement are for reference purposes only, and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

22. SPECIAL PROVISIONS. Additional or modifying provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT A are incorporated herein by reference.

23. SEVERABILITY. In the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to any state or federal law, the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

24. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings with respect to the subject matter hereof.

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EXHIBIT A

Special Provisions

Modifications, additional and/or deletions to Form P-37, General Provisions, described in detail.

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EXHIBIT B

GRANT ACTIVITIES

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE.

1.1 This project shall consist of the awarding of \$454,865 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the County of Cheshire ("Grantee"), of which a total of \$417,500 is to be subgranted as follows: Hannah Grimes Center, Inc. (HGC -) (\$162,500); University of New Hampshire-New Hampshire Small Business Development Center-Pathways to Work (SBDC Pathway to Work) (SBDC) (\$117,500) and Rockingham Economic Development Corporation d/b/a Regional Economic Development Center of Southern New Hampshire (REDC) (\$137,500) (collectively referred to as "Subrecipient") for Microenterprise Development Assistance Grants. Subgranted funds will be used by the Subrecipients to provide training and technical assistance services through the Subrecipients' and partner organizations microenterprise programs, to a minimum of 167 microenterprises throughout the State of which 100% will be of low- and moderate-income. Subgranted funds shall be set forth in each of the organization's Subrecipient Agreements attached hereto.

The microenterprise program mission is to increase the income and economic stability of self-employed people and microenterprises, by helping them to access capital, business training and expanded market opportunities. These funds will support training and technical assistance services to low- and moderate-income business owners. Non-CDBG fund loans made to credit-worthy participating businesses will be funded by the Subrecipients and/or by partner organizations.

The specific reporting requirements for per cost per beneficiary, performance measures and goals for this grant are outlined in Attachments II-A, II-B, and II-C Subrecipient Agreements.

1.2 Consistent with the National Objectives of the Community Development Block Grant Program under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the Parties agree that the Subrecipients will collectively serve at least 167 microenterprise beneficiaries of which 100% will be of lowand moderate-income, as that term is defined in 24 CFR 570.483 and CDFA's Implementation Guide.

2. GRANT ADMINISTRATION.

2.1 Grantee shall perform all activities as necessary to administer the CDBG funds in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, and particularly the state and federal requirements referenced in Section 3.

2.2 Grantee has agreed to an Implementation Schedule, which will provide for the completion of all grant activities, prior to the Grant Completion Date. All training and technical assistance shall be completed prior to the Grant Completion Date as stated in Section 1.7 of the General Provisions.

2.3 Grantee shall be permitted to request up to \$37,365 of CDBG funds for reimbursement of administrative Project Costs. In no event shall administrative costs reimbursable with Grant funds exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the total Grant Funds. Administrative costs shall be limited to the allowable costs as specified in OMB 2 CFR Part 200, as the same may be amended from time to time. Such costs include but are not limited to: preparation of environmental review, recordkeeping, reporting, audits and oversight of Project construction and compliance with all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.

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2.4 Grantee shall enforce the terms and conditions of its Subrecipient Agreements, as provided herein. Grantee shall promptly notify Subrecipient in writing in the event of a default under the Subrecipient Agreements and shall aggressively pursue its remedies under said agreement for the benefit of the State.

2.5 Grantee shall send, at a minimum, its grant administrator, or a designated representative employee involved in the administration of this Grant, to the next CDBG Grant Administration Workshop to be offered by the Community Development Finance Authority.

2.6 Grantee shall submit to the CDFA all required reports as specified in this Agreement and shall monitor and enforce the reporting requirements of the Subrecipient Agreements as provided in this agreement or any Exhibits or attachments hereto.

2.7 Grantee or Grantee's consultant shall provide such training as is necessary to the Subrecipients to secure satisfactory performance of its duties and responsibilities under the Subrecipient Agreements.

2.8 Grantee shall enter into Closeout Agreements with the Subrecipients and CDFA, as required by CDFA.

2.9 Any construction undertaken in connection with the Project shall comply with all applicable state and local design, construction, building and safety codes.

3. FEDERAL COMPLIANCE

3.1 Grantee shall comply, and shall require any Subrecipient, contractor and subcontractor to comply, with the following federal and state laws and all applicable standards, rules, orders, or regulations issued pursuant thereto:

3.1.1 <u>The Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act</u>, as amended (118 USC 874) as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (41 CFR Chapter 60).

3.1.2 <u>Nondiscrimination</u>, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1974 (PL 88- 352), as amended, (42 USC 2000d) the Fair Housing Act of 1968 (PL 90-284), Executive Orders 11063 and 12259, and the requirements imposed by the Regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (24 CFR 107 and 24 CFR 570.496) issued pursuant to that Title.

3.1.3 <u>Labor Standards</u>. Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 USC 276a-276a-7), the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 USC 327-333).

3.1.4 The Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (PL 93-234), as amended, regulations issued pursuant to that act, and Executive Order 11985.

3.1.5 <u>Architectural Barriers Act</u> (PL 90-480), 42 USC 4151, as amended, and the regulations issued or to be issued thereunder, including uniform accessibility standards (24 CFR 40) for public buildings with 15 or more residential units. RSA 275-C:10 and the New Hampshire Architectural Barrier Free Design Code (Han 100, et. seq.) also applies.

3.1.6 <u>Rehabilitation Act of 1973,</u> 29 USC 794, Sections 503 and 504, Executive Order 11914 and U.S. Department of Labor regulations issued pursuant thereto.

3.1.7 <u>The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970</u> (PL 91-646), as amended, 15 CFR Part 916 including amendments thereto and regulations thereunder.

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> 3.1.8 The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 90-190); the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (80 Stat 915, 116 USC 470); and Executive Order No. 41593 of May 31, 1971, as specified in 24 CFR 58.

3.1.9 <u>The Clean Air Act, as Amended, 42 USC 1857 et seq., the Federal Water Pollution Control</u> <u>Act, as amended, 33 USC 1251 et seq.</u> and the regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect thereto, at 40 CFR Part 15, as amended from time to time.

3.1.10 RSA 354 and rules of the New Hampshire Human Rights Commission (HUM 100, et. seq.) on discrimination in employment, membership, accommodations, and housing.

3.1.11 The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 as amended (42 USC 6101, et: seq.) and implementing regulations.

3.1.12 The lead paint requirements (24 CFR 35) of <u>The Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention</u> <u>Act</u> (42 USC 4821, et. seq.).

3.1.13 The NH State Energy Code (RSA 155-D).

3.1.14 The NH State Life Safety Code (RSA 155:1) and rules of the NH State Fire Marshall.

3.1.15 <u>Citizen Participation Requirements</u>. The 1987 amendments to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, stated in Section 508.

3.1.16 Affirmative Action Requirements. In furtherance of its covenant Grantee shall:

(1) take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, or national origin; such action shall be taken in conjunction with any of the Grantee's acts in the capacity of an employer including, but not limited to: employment of individuals, upgrading, demotions or transfers, recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoffs or terminations; changes in rates of pay or other forms of compensation; selection for training, including apprenticeship, and participation in recreational and educational activities;

(2) post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants, employment notices, to be provided by CDFA, setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause; the Grantee will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, creed, age, sex or national origin;

(3) keep all such information, records and reports as may be required by the rules, regulations or orders of the Secretary of Labor and furnish or submit the same at such times as may be required; the Grantee shall also permit CDFA, or the Secretary of Labor or any of their designated representatives to have access to any of the Grantee's books, records and accounts for the purpose of investigation to ascertain compliance with the aforesaid rules, regulations and orders and covenants and conditions herein contained;

(4) during the term of this agreement, shall not discriminate among participants under this agreement on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap or national origin. For the purpose of this agreement, distinctions on the grounds of the following: denying a participant any service or benefit or availability of a facility; providing any service or benefit to a participant which is different, or is provided in a different manner or at a different time

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from that provided to other participants under this agreement; subjecting a participant to segregation or separate treatment in any matter related to his receipt of any service; restricting a participant in any way in the enjoyment of any advantage or privilege enjoyed by others receiving any service or benefit; treating a participant differently from others in determining whether he satisfies any admission, enrollment quota, eligibility, membership, or other requirement or condition which individuals must meet in order to be provided any service or benefit; the assignment of times or places for the provision of services on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin of the participants to be served.

3.1.17 Section 3 of the Housing and: Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 USC 1701u) as amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 USC 5301). The contractor will ensure that to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for training and employment arising in connection with this CDBG-assisted project will be extended to lower-income project area residents. Further, the contractor will, to the greatest extent feasible, utilize business concerns located in or substantially owned by residents of the project area, in the award of contracts and purchase of service and supplies.

3.1.18 <u>Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988</u> (42 USC. 701). In carrying out this agreement, the contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C. 701) and to certify that contractor will comply with drug-free workplace requirements in accordance with the Act and with HUD rules found at 24 CFR part 24, subpart F.

3.1.19 <u>Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)</u>: As applicable to this grant, and for all subcontracts exceeding \$25,000, Grantee shall require that the Subgrantee or Subrecipient shall comply with requirements established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) concerning the Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS), the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database, and the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act, including Appendix A to Part 25 of the Financial Assistance Use of Universal Identifier and Central Contractor Registration, 75 Fed. Reg. 55671 (Sept. 14, 2010)(to be codified at 2 CFR part 25) and Appendix A to Part 170 of the Requirements for Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Implementation, 75 Fed. Reg. 55663 (Sept. 14, 2010)(to be codified at 2 CFR part 170). For additional information on FFATA reporting and the FSRS system, please visit the <u>www.fsrs.gov</u> website, which includes FFATA legislation, FAQs and OMB guidance on subaward and executive compensation reporting.

3.1.20 <u>Women-and Minority-Owned Businesses (WMBE)</u>. As applicable to this grant, Grantee and Subrecipient will use its best efforts to afford small businesses, minority business enterprises, and women's business enterprises the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of this contract. As used in this contract, the terms "small business" means a business that meets the criteria set forth in section 3(a) of the Small Business Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 632), and "minority and women's business enterprise" means a business at least fifty-one (51) percent owned and controlled by minority group members or women. For the purpose of this definition, "minority group members" are Afro-Americans, Spanish-speaking, Spanish surnamed or Spanish-heritage Americans, Asian-Americans, and American Indians. The Subrecipient may rely on written representations by businesses regarding their status as minority and female business enterprises in lieu of an independent investigation.

4. SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENTS.

4.1 Grantee shall enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with the four Subrecipients in a form satisfactory to CDFA and meeting the requirements of Attachments II-A, II-B, and II-C Subrecipient Agreement, Minimum Terms and Conditions, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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4.2 The Subrecipient Agreements shall provide for the subgranting of \$417,500 in CDBG funds for the purposes described herein and consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

4.3 Grantee shall provide to CDFA for its review and approval the proposed Subrecipient Agreements prior to execution. Prior to the disbursement of grant funds, but not more than thirty (30) days following the Effective Date of this Agreement, Grantee shall provide to CDFA executed copies of said Subrecipient Agreements.

4.4 Grantee shall cause the applicable provisions of this Exhibit to be inserted in all Subrecipient agreements, contracts and subcontracts for any work or Project Activities covered by this Agreement so that the provisions will be binding on each Subrecipient, contractor and subcontractor; provided, however, that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to contracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials. Grantee shall take such action with respect to any Subrecipient agreement, contract or subcontract as the State, or, where applicable, the United States, may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance.

5. PROJECT MATCHING FUNDS: ADDITIONAL FINANCING.

5.1 The Parties agree that no other funds are required to match the CDBG funds to be awarded pursuant to this Agreement and in connection with this Grant Project.

6. SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.

Not Applicable to this Award.

7. ADDITIONAL GRANT REQUIREMENTS.

7.1 Grantee shall prepare and adopt a written Code of Ethics governing the performance of its employees engaged in the procurement of supplies, equipment, construction and services consistent with the requirements of 24 CFR 85.36(b)(3). The Code of Ethics shall be prepared in the form shown in the CDBG Implementation Guide, and shall be formally adopted prior to requesting Grant funds. The Grantee shall also comply with the conflict of interest policy consistent with the requirements of 24 CFR 570.489(h) and approved by CDFA.

7.2 Grantee shall prepare and adopt a financial management plan, approved by CDFA, which describes Grantee's system for receiving and expending the grant funds including the internal controls, which shall ensure compliance with Section 8 of this agreement. The plan shall be formally adopted prior to requesting Grant funds.

7.3 Grantee shall submit to CDFA, documentation of training and technical assistance given and expenditures incurred by the Subrecipients any time on or after July 1, 2020Reports shall be provided as set forth in Attachments II-A, II-B, and II-C, Subrecipient Agreements. All reporting, including additional documentation and reporting requirements from said Subrecipient Agreements, shall be submitted via CDFA's Grants Management System (GMS).

7.4 In the event Grantee fails to enforce the provisions of the Subrecipient Agreements or fails to cure any event of default under the Subrecipient Agreements, Grantee shall, upon demand by CDFA, assign and convey all or part of its rights, title and interest, or delegate all or any of its obligations under the Subrecipient Agreements to CDFA.

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Such assignment or delegation is to be effective only in the event of default in the Subrecipient's obligations to Grantee, under the terms and conditions of the Subrecipient Agreements.

7.5 CDFA shall have the right to terminate all or part of its obligations under this Agreement in the event that any official, employee, architect, engineer, attorney or inspector of, or for Grantee, or any government official or representative becomes directly or indirectly interested financially in the acquisition of any materials or equipment, or in any construction of the Project, or in the furnishing of any service to, or in connection with the Project, or any benefit arising therefrom.

7.6 Where the Grant Agreement is terminated or the Project is otherwise terminated due to a default, inability to perform or reason other than project completion and Grant funds are to be returned by Grantee, the disposition of Grant Funds to be returned shall be determined solety by CDFA.

7.7 Excessive Force by Law Enforcement Agencies. Grantee certifies that it has adopted and enforces a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations in accordance with Section 519 of Public Law 101-144.

7.8 Lobbying. Grantee certifies that:

7.8.1 No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

7.8.2 If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard form – LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

7.8.3 The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all Subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

7.9 Certification of Non-segregated Facilities as required by the May 9, 1967, Order (32 FR 7439, May 19, 1967) on Elimination of Segregated Facilities, by the Secretary of Labor. Prior to the award of any construction contract or subcontract exceeding \$10,000, Grantee shall require the prospective prime contractor and each prime contractor shall require each subcontractor to submit the following certification:

7.10 By the submission of this bid, the bidder, offer or, applicant or subcontractor certifies that he/she does not maintain or provide for his/her employees any segregated facilities at any of his/her establishments, and that he/she does not permit his/her employees to perform their services at any location, under his/her control where segregated facilities are maintained.

7.11 He/she certifies further that he/she will not maintain or provide for his/her employees any segregated facilities at any of his/her establishments, and that he/she will not permit his/her employees to

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perform their services at any location, under his/her control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The bidder, offer or, applicant, or subcontractor agrees that a breach of this certification is a violation of the Equal Opportunity clause in this contract. As used in this certification, the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, rest rooms and wash rooms, restaurants and other eating areas, time clocks, locker rooms and other storage or dressing areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, creed, color or national origin, because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. He/she further agrees that (except where he/she has obtained identical certifications from proposed subcontractors for specific time periods) he/she will obtain identical certifications from proposed subcontractors prior to the award of subcontracts exceeding \$10,000 which are not exempt from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause: that he/she will retain such certifications in his/her files: and that he/she will forward the following notice to such proposed subcontractors (except where the proposed subcontractors have submitted identical certifications for specific time periods):

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE SUBCONTRACTORS OF REQUIREMENT FOR CERTIFICATIONS OF NONSEGREGATED FACILITIES

NOTE: The penalty for making false statements in offers is prescribed in 18 USC 1001.

7.12 In the event Grantee fails to enforce the provisions of the Subrecipient Agreements or fails to cure an Event of a Default under the Subrecipient Agreements, Grantee shall, upon demand by CDFA, assign and convey all or any part of its rights, title and interest or delegate all or any of its obligations under the Subrecipient Agreements to CDFA, such assignment or delegation to be effective only in the event of a default in Subrecipient's obligation to Grantee under the terms of the Subrecipient Agreements In such event, Grantee agrees to pay and shall pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by CDFA in the enforcement of the Subrecipient obligations or in curing any Event of Default thereunder.

8. GRANTEE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

8.1 Except where inconsistent with federal requirements, state procedures and practices will apply to funds disbursed by CDFA, and local procedures and practices will apply to funds disbursed by units of local government.

8.2 Cash Advances: Cash advances to Grantee shall be approved only to the extent necessary to satisfy the actual, immediate cash requirements of Grantee in carrying out the purpose of the approved program or project. The timing and amount of cash advances shall be as close as is administratively feasible to the actual disbursements by Grantee for direct program costs and the proportionate share of any allowable indirect costs. Cash advances made by Grantee to Subrecipient shall conform to the same standards of timing and amount as apply to advances to Grantee including the furnishing of reports of cash disbursements and balances.

8.3 Fiscal Control: Grantee must establish fiscal control and fund accounting procedures which assure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, grant funds and any required non-federal expenditures. This responsibility applies to funds disbursed by Subrecipient and contractors as well as to funds disbursed in direct operations of Grantee. Grantee shall be required to maintain a financial management system which complies with 24 CFR 85.20 or such equivalent system as CDFA may require. Requests for payment shall be made according to CDFA's CDBG Implementation Guide.

9. PROCUREMENT

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Grantee and any Subrecipient procurement procedures shall be in accordance with state and local procurement practices and regulations, provided that procurements made with Grant Funds adhere, at a minimum, to the standards set forth in 2 CFR Part 200.318-326. Grantee shall not use debarred, suspended or ineligible contractors or Subrecipient's as provided in 24 CFR 570.489 (I).

10. REPORTS AND CLOSE OUT

10.1 Periodic progress reports which identify the status of Grant Activities performed, the outlook for completion of the remaining Grant Activities prior to the Completion Date, and the changes, if any which need to be made in the Project or Grant Activities, shall be submitted with each claim and by the 15th of the month in January and July via CDFA's Grants Management System (GMS).

10.2 Financial reports, including a statement detailing all Grant or Project Costs (as hereinafter defined) which have been incurred since the prior request for reimbursement, shall be submitted with each request for reimbursement and with the Closeout Report. Financial Reports shall be submitted on forms provided by CDFA.

10.3 Within thirty (30) days after the Completion Date, a Closeout Report shall be submitted which summarizes the results of the Grant Activities, showing in particular how the Grant Activities have been performed. The Closeout Report shall be in the form required or specified by CDFA.

10.4 The Audited Financial Reports shall be prepared in accordance with the regulations which implement OMB 2 CFR Part 200. A copy of the audited financial report shall be submitted within thirty (30) days of the completion of said report to CDFA.

10.5 Where the Grantee is not subject to the requirements of OMB 2 CFR Part 200, one of the following options will be chosen by CDFA:

10.5.1 Within ninety (90) days after the Completion or Termination Date a copy of an audited financial report shall be submitted to CDFA. Said audit shall be conducted utilizing the guidelines set forth in "Standards for Audit of Governmental Organizations, Programs, Activities, and Functions" by the Comptroller General of the United States.

10.5.2 CDFA will conduct a financial Review-in-Lieu of Audit within ninety (90) days after the Completion Date of the Project.

10.6 Where the length of the grant period exceeds twenty-four (24) months, there shall be an interim audit performed and submitted.

10.7 <u>Specific Subrecipient Reporting</u>. Several performance measures and goals reporting will be required from the Grantee via the Subrecipients as outlined in the attached Subrecipient Agreements for the four Subrecipient organizations: HGC, SBDC and REDC.

11. RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS: ACCESS

11.1 During the performance of the Project Activities and for a period of three (3) years after the Completion Date or the date of the final audit approval by CDFA, whichever is later, the Grantee shall keep, and shall require any Subrecipient to keep, the following records and accounts:

11.1.1 Records of Direct Work: Detailed records of all direct work performed by its personnel under this Agreement.

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11.1.2 Fiscal Records: Books, records, documents and other statistical data evidencing, and permitting a determination to be made by CDFA of all Project Costs and other expenses incurred by the Grantee and all income received or collected by the Grantee, during the performance of the Project Activities. The said records shall be maintained in accordance with accounting procedures and practices acceptable to CDFA, and which sufficiently and properly reflect all such costs and expenses, and shall include, without limitation, all ledgers, books, audits, records and original evidence of costs such as purchase requisitions and orders, invoices, vouchers, bills, requisitions for materials, inventories, valuations of in-kind contributions, labor time cards, payrolls and other records requested or required by CDFA.

11.1.3 Contractor and Subcontractor Records: The Grantee shall, and where applicable, Subrecipient shall, establish, maintain and preserve, and require each of its contractors and subcontractors to establish, maintain and preserve property management, project performance, financial management and reporting documents and systems, and such other books, records, and other data pertinent to the project as the CDFA may require. Such records shall be retained for a period of three (3) years following completion of the project and receipt of final payment by the Grantee, or until an audit is completed and all questions arising therefrom are resolved, whichever is later.

12. TERMINATION: REMEDIES

12.1 <u>Inability to Perform: Termination by Grantee</u>: As a result of causes beyond its control, and notwithstanding the exercise of good faith and diligence in the performance of its obligations hereunder, if it shall become necessary for Grantee to terminate this Agreement, Grantee shall give CDFA fifteen (15) days advance written notice of such termination, in which event the Agreement shall terminate at the expiration of said fifteen (15) days.

12.2 <u>Termination Without Default</u>: In the event of termination without default and upon receipt, acceptance and approval by CDFA of the Termination Report, as referenced in the General Provisions, Grantee shall receive payment for all Project Costs incurred in the performance of Grant Activities completed up to and including the date of termination and for which payment had not previously been made including, but not limited to, all reasonable expenses incurred in the preparation of the Termination Report; provided, however, that in the event that any payments have been made hereunder in excess of Project Costs incurred up to and including the date of termination of the Agreement, CDFA shall offset any payments to be made hereunder against such payments, and if applicable, Grantee shall refund to CDFA the amount of any excess funds it retains after such offset.

12.3 <u>Termination for Default</u>: In the event of termination for default or other violation of Program requirements, CDFA shall, upon receipt, acceptance and approval of the Termination Report submitted by Grantee, pay Grantee for Project Costs incurred up to and including the date of termination (subject to off-set against funds paid to Grantee hereunder and to the refund of any excess funds); provided, however, that in such event the amount of such payment shall be determined solely by CDFA; and provided, further, that in no event shall the making of any such payments relieve Grantee of any liability for damages sustained or incurred by CDFA as a result of Grantee's breach of its obligations hereunder, or relieve Grantee of responsibility to seek return of Grant Funds from any Subrecipient or Beneficiary where applicable.

12.4 <u>Limitation on Grantee Liability for Subgranted Funds</u>: Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary and absent the presence of fraud or negligence on the part of Grantee in enforcing its rights and obligations under the terms of any Subrecipient agreement, the sole obligation of Grantee with respect to the return of Grant Funds, in the event of default on a grant condition or other termination of

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the Project or event requiring return of Grant Funds, shall be to make a good faith effort to return to the State of New Hampshire all grant funds paid to Subrecipient through Grantee. Grantee shall make good faith efforts to enforce the legal obligations entered into with the Subrecipient as provided herein, to call upon the collateral held by itself or others, and exercise due diligence in its efforts in bringing about the satisfaction of the grant obligations and, having done so, it shall not be required to look to any other funds or its tax base to recoup grant funds not recovered from the Subrecipient.

12.5 <u>Assignment to CDFA and Payment of Expenses and Costs</u>. Grantee hereby agrees that, in the event it fails to enforce the provisions of any Subrecipient Agreement or fails to cure an Event of Default resulting in termination of this Agreement or the Project, Grantee shall, upon demand by CDFA, assign and convey to CDFA all or any of its rights, title and interest, or delegate to CDFA all or any of its obligations under the Subrecipient Agreement and any Mortgage, Promissory Note, Security Agreement or other agreement as applicable. Such delegation or assignment shall be effective only in the event of a default by Subrecipient or Beneficiary in its or their obligations under the Subrecipient Agreement or other agreement. In the event that CDFA assumes any of the obligations of Grantee as provided herein, Grantee shall pay all costs and expenses incurred by CDFA in the enforcement of the Subrecipient Agreement, collection upon any loan, mortgage or other security, or in curing any Event of Default.

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EXHIBIT C

PROJECT/PROGRAM ACTIVITY COSTS; METHOD AND TERMS OF PAYMENT

1. PROJECT COSTS: PAYMENT SCHEDULE: REVIEW BY CDFA.

1.1 <u>Project/Program Activity Costs</u>: As used in this Agreement, the term "Project/Program Activity Costs" shall mean all reimbursable costs incurred in performance of the Grant activities. "General Administrative Costs" shall mean all expenses directly or indirectly incurred by Grantee in the performance of the Project Activities, as determined by CDFA to be eligible and allowable for payment in accordance with allowable administrative project cost standards set forth in OMB 2 CFR 200 as revised from time to time, and with the rules, regulations and guidelines established by CDFA. General Administrative costs include but are not limited to: preparation of environmental review, record keeping, reporting, audits and oversight of Project construction and compliance with all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations and this contract. In no event shall General Administrative Costs exceed fifteen (15) percent of the total Grant funds allowed. With respect to a non-profit subrecipient, such subrecipient shall meet the requirements of OMB 2 CFR 200.

1.2 <u>Delivery Costs</u>: As used in this Agreement, the term "Delivery Costs" shall mean all reimbursable costs incurred by a Subrecipient, as set forth in Attachment I, "Sources and Uses" in connection with a regional revolving loan fund that are directly related to the preparation and execution of loan documents and to the monitoring and administration of the loan provisions, and which are allowable by the New Hampshire Community Development Block Grant program rules.

1.3 <u>Payment of Project/Program Activity Costs</u>: Subject to the terms and conditions of this agreement, CDFA agrees to pay Grantee all Project/Program Activity Costs, provided, however, that in no event shall the total of all payments made by CDFA pursuant to this Agreement exceed the Grant Amount as set out in Paragraph 1.8 of the General Provisions, and provided further that all Project/Program Activity Costs shall have been incurred prior to the Completion Date, except for reasonable approved Project/Program Activity Costs incurred within 90 days after the Completion Date and in connection with closeout requirements as provided in CDFA's Implementation Guide.

1.4 <u>Review by CDFA: Disallowance of Costs</u>: At any time during the performance of the Project Activities, and upon receipt of the Progress Reports, Closeout Report or Audited Financial Report, CDFA may review all Project/Program Activity Costs incurred by Grantee or any Subrecipient and all payments made to date. Upon such review, CDFA shall disallow any items of expense which are not determined to be allowable or are determined to be in excess of actual expenditures, and shall, by written notice specifying the disallowed expenditures, inform Grantee of any such disallowance. If CDFA disallows costs for which payment has not yet been made, it shall refuse to pay such costs. If payment has been made with respect to costs which are subsequently disallowed, CDFA may deduct the amount of disallowed costs from any future payments under this Agreement or require that Grantee refund to CDFA the amount of the disallowed costs.

2. METHOD AND TERMS OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR PROJECT/PROGRAM ACTIVITY COSTS.

2.1 CDFA shall not disburse any funds for the purposes of this Project until such time as all agreements specified in Exhibit B and any other agreements or documents specified pursuant to this Agreement are fully executed and received, and where applicable, are reviewed and approved in writing by CDFA. Agreements and documents may include:

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2.1.1 A Subrecipient or Business & Employment Commitment Agreement, as applicable;

2.1.2 Copies of required certificates of insurance from all parties to this agreement;

2.1.3 Certified payrolls documenting employment and positions in all U.S. operations and facilities, (a) no earlier than the date of application, as approved by CDFA, or (b) the date of Governor and Council approval;

2.1.4 Any lease and loan documents, mortgages, liens, security instruments, municipal bonds, and similar agreements used in connection with the enforcement of beneficiary requirements, as well as any other related documents as requested by CDFA.

2.2 <u>Timing of Payments</u>. Upon thirty (30) days of the receipt, review, and approval by CDFA of financial reports and requests for reimbursement from Grantee specifying all Project Costs incurred, CDFA agrees to reimburse Grantee for Project Costs, except that reimbursement may be withheld until CDFA determines that a particular project activity or portion of the project activity hereunder has been satisfactorily completed.

2.3 Disbursement of funds by CDFA does not constitute acceptance of any item as an eligible Project Cost until all Project Costs have been audited and determined to be allowable costs.

3. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR DISBURSEMENT OF GRANT FUNDS.

3.1 Reimbursement requests for all Project Costs, including Administrative Project Costs, Delivery Costs and Subrecipient costs, shall be accompanied by proper supporting documentation in the amount of each requested disbursement along with a payment request form as supplied by CDFA, which shall be completed and signed by Grantee. Documentation may include involces and receipts for supplies, equipment, services, contractual services and, where applicable, a report of salaries paid or to be paid.

4. LIMITATIONS ON USE OF FUNDS.

4.1 Grant funds are to be used in a manner consistent with the State of New Hampshire Community Development Block Grant Program as approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

4.2 Grant funds are to be used only in accordance with procedures, requirements and principles specified in 24 CFR 85.

4.3 Grant funds may not, without advance written approval by CDFA, be obligated prior to the Effective Date or subsequent to the Completion Date of the grant period. Obligations outstanding as of the Completion Date shall be liquidated within ninety (90) days. Such obligations must be related to goods or services provided during the grant period, except that reasonable costs associated solely with grant closeout, (e.g., audits, final reports) may be incurred within ninety (90) days after the Completion Date. The funding assistance authorized hereunder shall not be obligated or utilized for any activities requiring a release of funds under the Environmental Review Procedure for the Community Development Block Grant Program at 24 CFR Part 58, until such release is issued in writing by CDFA.

4.4 Changes In Funding Project Activities: Grantee may submit a written request for the authority to transfer up to ten (10) percent of the full value of the grant from one approved activity to another listed in Exhibit B herein or from an approved activity within the approved project area to an approved activity located outside the project area and the Director of CDFA may approve the

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requested transfer.

4.5 Transfers over ten percent of the full value of the grant from one approved activity to other approved activities or outside the target area, or the addition of one or more new activities requires an amendment to this grant agreement. Grantee shall hold a public hearing in . accordance with RSA 4: C: 14 II (b) submitting a request for an amendment involving twenty-five (25) percent or more of the full value of the grant.

4.6 Up to \$37,365 of Grant Funds may be applied by the Grantee for administrative costs in carrying out the requirements of this Agreement.

4.7 Up to \$417,500 of grant funds may be subgranted to Subrecipient for the purpose of providing training and technical assistance to microenterprises and for startup costs as described herein pursuant to the requirements of this Agreement.

5. <u>PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES BY GRANTEE PRIOR TO EFFECTIVE DATE: PAYMENT BY</u> CDFA

Any Grant Activities performed by Grantee with non-CDBG funds prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of Grantee, and in the event that this Agreement shall not become effective, CDFA shall be under no obligation to pay Grantee for any costs incurred in connection with any Grant Activities, or to otherwise pay for any Activities performed during such period.

6. PROGRAM INCOME.

6.1 Program Income: All program income earned during the term of this Agreement shall be retained by Grantee or, in projects involving the administration of a revolving loan fund by the Subrecipient.

6.2 When Used for Project Activities: When program income becomes available, Grantee and, where applicable, Subrecipient shall use it for Grant Activities contained in the Project Description before drawing down additional funds unless the program income is deposited in a revolving loan account with prior approval by CDFA.

6.3 When Used for Eligible Activities: After completion of the Grant Activities specified in this Agreement, Grantee and, where applicable, Subrecipient shall use program income only for eligible activities which benefit primarily people from low- and moderate-income families, with prior approval by CDFA as specified in the Closeout Agreement between CDFA and Grantee and, where applicable, Subrecipient.

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ATTACHMENT I

SOURCES AND USES BUDGET CHESHIRE COUNTY MICROENTERPRISE Community Development Block Grant Program

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\$174,955	65
\$129,955	47
\$149,955	55
-	\$129,955

Administration breakdown - Cheshire County - included in the total award above.

Category	Cost	# of applications	Total
Grant Administrator	\$6,750	3	\$20,250
Grant Writing Fee	\$2,000	3	\$6,000
Legal	\$ 300	3	\$ 900
De Minimus Fees	\$3,405	3	\$10,215
Total	\$12,455	3	\$37,365

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ATTACHMENT II-A

SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT MINIMUM TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The County of Cheshire ("Grantee") hereby warrants and agrees that the Subrecipient Agreement with the Hannah Grimes Center, Inc. (HGC) ("Subrecipient") to be executed in conformance with the requirements of Exhibit A of the Grant Agreement shall be subject to approval by CDFA. The Subrecipient Agreement shall incorporate the entire Grant Agreement and shall include it as an attachment, and shall contain at a minimum the following terms and conditions:

1. REPRESENTATION AND WARRANTIES.

Hannah Grimes Center, Inc. (HGC) ("Subrecipient") shall represent and warrant:

1.1 Subrecipient is a duly organized and validly existing New Hampshire nonprofit corporation in good standing under the laws of this State. Subrecipient has the power and authority to undertake the grant activities as provided in the Grant Agreement. Subrecipient has the power and authority to own its properties, to conduct business as it is now being conducted, has the power to execute and deliver and perform its obligation under the Subrecipient Agreement and all other documents as applicable to this grant agreement.

1.2 The Subrecipient Agreement is the legal, valid and binding obligation of Subrecipient enforceable against Subrecipient, in accordance with each document's respective terms.

1.3 Subrecipient has complied in all material respects with all applicable federal, state and local laws, statutes, rules and regulations pertaining to the grant activities.

1.4 No application, exhibit, schedule, report or other written information provided by Subrecipient or its agents in connection with the grant application knowingly contained, when made, any material misstatement of fact or knowingly omitted to state any material fact necessary to make the statements contained therein not misleading, in light of the circumstances under which they were made.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND SUBGRANT ACTIVITIES.

2.1 Project Description:

This project shall consist of the awarding of \$174,955 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the Grantee. The Grantee will retain \$12,455 of the grant for administrative costs associated with management of the grant and subgrant \$162,500 to the Subrecipient via this Subrecipient Agreement.

The Subrecipient's commitment is to increase the income and economic stability of microenterprises, by helping them to access capital, business training and expanded market opportunities. Subgranted funds will be used by the Subrecipient to provide training and technical assistance programs to a minimum of 65 low- and moderate-income entrepreneurs in Cheshire County, with 100% of persons served being of low- and moderate-income status. Loans to credit worthy participating businesses will be made by the Monadnock Economic Development Corporation.

The activities to be funded pursuant to this Subrecipient Agreement shall be limited to reimbursement of a pro-rata cost of \$2500 for each low- and moderate-income beneficiary enrolled in the training and technical assistance programs. An additional \$2500 may be provided to Monadnock Economic Development Corporation for loan processing costs for credit-worthy businesses enrolled in HGC's training and technical assistance programs.

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- 3.1 <u>Performance Requirements</u>: The Grantee shall enter into an agreement with Subrecipient in order to satisfy project purpose, which is the training and technical assistance for 65 beneficiaries, of which one-hundred percent (100%) will be low- and moderate-income persons, as set forth in Exhibit A.
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6.3 At the end of the program year, Subrecipient shall prepare a final report which includes the Microenterprise Beneficiary Tracking Sheet for the entire program year, as well as the following information for each beneficiary:

- (a) Subrecipient's Beneficiary Intake Form;
- (b) FIVF, signed by all participants; the FIVF documents family income status and the designation of beneficiary minority or protected class status;
- (c) Income changes as well as notable successes for its beneficiaries as a result of their participation in Subrecipient's programs; and
- (d A list of beneficiaries that received loans during the program year.
- 6.4 All documentation shall be submitted via CDFA's Grants Management System (GMS).

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7. TRAINING AND JOB CREATION/RETENTION BENEFIT TO PERSONS FROM LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS:

The general purpose of the project is to principally benefit Low- and Moderate-Income persons as that term is defined in 24 CFR 570.483 and CDFA's Implementation Guide.

The Grantee and Subrecipient agree that the primary purpose of the Project is to provide training and

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technical assistance to at least sixty-five (65) microenterprise beneficiaries. Of the sixty-five (65) beneficiaries served, one-hundred percent (100%) shall be filled by persons from low- and moderate-income households, using the income limits as described above, and as provided in Attachment III, "Family Income Verification Form". Subrecipient agrees to maintain and provide documentation that it has complied with the income limits requirement using Income Verification Forms provided by the Grantee.

8. GRANT OF FUNDS/MATCHING FUNDS.

Subrecipient shall use the Grant funds subgranted to it solely for the purposes described herein and consistent with the required terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement and Subrecipient Agreement.

8.1 There is no match requirement in connection with this agreement.

9. SCHEDULE AND GRANT COMPLETION.

- 9.1 <u>Implementation Schedule</u>. The Grantee and Subrecipient have agreed to an Implementation Schedule, which will provide for the completion of all grant activities, prior to the Grant Completion Date. A schedule of major milestones shall be provided within the Subrecipient Agreement, and shall serve as a basis for enforcement of the Agreement.
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10. INSURANCE AND TAXES

10.1 <u>Subrecipient's Liability Insurance</u>. Subrecipient shall, at its sole expense, obtain and maintain in force insurance in such amounts and covering such risks as are customary for entities engaged in the same or similar business to include, where applicable, comprehensive general liability covering any property development/construction activities and landlord insurance and workers compensation insurance. At a minimum, this shall include insurance against all claims of bodily injury or property damage, in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate and as further set forth in the General Provisions.

All policies shall name the Grantee and CDFA as additional insureds. Subrecipient shall provide the Grantee with certificates of insurance satisfactory to the Grantee, which evidences compliance with this Section.

10.2 <u>Insurance Standards</u>. The policies described in this section shall be the standard form employed in the State of New Hampshire, issued by underwriters acceptable to the State, and authorized to do business in the State of New Hampshire. All policies shall be on an "occurrence" basis. Each policy shall contain a clause prohibiting cancellation or modification of the policy earlier than thirty (30) days after written notice thereof has been received by the Grantee and CDFA.

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10.3 <u>Taxes</u>. If applicable, Subrecipient shall pay all taxes, assessments, charges, fines and impositions attributable to the Property, which is the responsibility of the Subrecipient. Any alternative arrangements will require the approval of CDFA, whose consideration will not be unreasonably withheld.

11. ACCOUNTING, AUDIT, AND RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS

11.1 <u>Accounting Records</u>. Subrecipient shall keep all Project-related accounts and records, which fully disclose the amount and disposition by Subrecipient of the grant funds, the total cost of the Project, and the amount and nature of any portion of the Project cost supplied by other sources, and such other financial records pertinent to the Project. Accounts and records shall be kept in accordance with an accounting system that will facilitate an effective audit in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984. Records to be maintained shall include Project fiscal records consisting of all books, documents, ledgers, systems and expenses incurred, including, but not limited to, purchase, requisitions, orders, invoices, vouchers, bills and receipts, inventories, and all lien documents.

11.2 <u>Time Period</u>. All of the records, documents, and data described above and all income verification information shall be kept during the performance of the project, and for three (3) years after its completion or until the satisfactory completion of an audit, whichever is later.

11.3 <u>Availability of Records</u>. Subrecipient shall make available to the Grantee, CDFA, and HUD or any of their duly authorized representatives, for the purpose of audit and examination, any books, documents, papers, and records of Subrecipient pertinent to this Agreement.

12. INDEMNIFICATION.

Subrecipient shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Grantee, the State of New Hampshire, and the CDFA, their officers and employees, from and against any and all losses suffered by the Grantee, the State, or CDFA, their officers or employees, and any and all claims, liabilities or penalties asserted against the Grantee, the State or CDFA, their officers and employees, by or on behalf of any person, on account of, based on, resulting from, arising out of or claimed to Subrecipient out of the acts or omissions of Subrecipient.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State or the Grantee, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State and the Grantee. This covenant shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

13. MAINTENANCE OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE.

13.1 <u>Corporate Existence</u>. Subrecipient shall both preserve and maintain the legal existence and good standing of its nonprofit corporation status and its registration in New Hampshire as required to do business.

13.2 <u>Scope of Mission</u>. Subrecipient and Grantee agree that the Subrecipient's Articles of Incorporation and Corporate Bylaws ("Bylaws") as submitted with the Project application and incorporated herein by reference, provide an adequate administrative mechanism for assuring the Subrecipient's mission of providing training and technical assistance opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons, during the Grant Period, as required pursuant to this agreement.

14. EVENTS OF DEFAULT.

The occurrence of any of the following events shall constitute an Event of Default under this Agreement:

(a) Any Event of Default by Subrecipient under the Grant Agreement, and related documents including, but not limited to, the failure of the Subrecipient to accomplish the required training and

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technical assistance benefit to low- and moderate-income persons;

- (b) The Subrecipient's failure to comply with the reporting requirements as specified herein;
- (c) Subrecipient attempts to assign its rights under this Agreement or any advance made or to be made hereunder or any interest therein, without the prior written consent of the Grantee;
- (d) Any representation or warranty made herein or in any report, certification, or other instrument furnished in connection with this Agreement or any advances of Grant funds made hereunder, by or in behalf of Subrecipient, shall prove to be false or misleading in any material respect;
- (e) Any mechanics', laborers', materialmen's or similar statutory liens, or any notice thereof, shall be filed against the Property and/or the Project and shall not be discharged within thirty (30) days of such filing;
- (f) Subrecipient shall default in the due observance or performance of any covenant, condition, assurance or agreement to be observed or performed by Subrecipient under this Agreement:
- (g) Subrecipient shall (i) apply for or consent to the appointment of a receiver, trustee, or liquidator of it or any of its property, (ii) admit in writing its inability to pay its debts as they mature, (iii) make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, (iv) be adjudicated as bankrupt or insolvent or (v) file a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, or a petition or answer seeking reorganization or an arrangement with creditors or to take advantage of any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency, readjustment of debt, dissolution or liquidation law or statute, or an answer admitting the material allegations of a petition filed against it in any proceeding under any such law;
- (h) A petition, order, judgment, or decree shall be entered, without the application, approval or consent of Subrecipient by any court of competent jurisdiction, approving a petition seeking reorganization or approving the appointment of a receiver, trustee or liquidator of Subrecipient of all or a substantial part of its assets, and such order judgment or decree shall continue unstayed and in effect for any period of thirty (30) days;
- (i) The dissolution, termination of existence, merger or consolidation of Subrecipient or a sale of assets of Subrecipient out of the ordinary course of business without the prior written consent of the Grantee and CDFA; and
- (j) Failure to remedy an ineligible expenditure of grant funds or to reimburse the Grantee for any ineligible costs, which are paid from grant funds.
- (k) In the event that the Subrecipient fails to serve the minimum number of Low- and Moderate-Income beneficiaries, as provided in this Agreement, then the Subrecipient shall confer forthwith with the Grantee and CDFA to develop a mutually acceptable plan pursuant to which it will rectify any reporting shortfalls and maintain the required minimums. In such event, the Subrecipient shall also provide Grantee with monthly updates containing information in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Grantee, in order for the Grantee and Subrecipient to determine whether it is in compliance with such plan and its obligations as provided herein. Said monthly reports to continue until the beneficiary commitments are achieved.
- (I) The continued failure of the Subrecipient to achieve its beneficiary commitments as required herein for ninety (90) days following the date specified for such requirement shall constitute an event of default, which may give rise to any of the remedies available to the Grantee, as set forth therein.

15. GRANTEE'S RIGHTS AND REMEDIES UPON DEFAULT.

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15.1 <u>Remedies upon Default</u>: Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the Grantee may take any one, or more, or all, of the actions described below. Prior to taking any of the following actions, the Grantee will give Subrecipient a written notice of default specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within thirty (30) days from the date of notice. The following actions may be taken only if Subrecipient has not remedied the Event of Default in a timely manner.

- (a) Terminate this Agreement, effective immediately upon giving notice of termination;
- (b) Suspend all payment of grant funds to be made pursuant to this Agreement until such time as the Grantee determines the Event of Default has been cured;
- (c) Set off against any other obligations the Grantee may owe to Subrecipient for any damages the Grantee may suffer by reason of any Event of Default;
- (d) Treat the Agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity or both;
- (e) Foreclose under any available security instrument created under this agreement; and
- (f) Assume the right to seek full reimbursement of CDBG funds from the Subrecipient and the right to call on any collateral pledged under the loan with the Subrecipient.

15.2 <u>Judicial Enforcement</u>: Subrecipient agrees that the Grantee and CDFA have a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising with respect to this Agreement, to include the assurances, covenants and other conditions, which extend beyond the completion date under this Agreement.

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> conflict with, result in a breach of, or constitute a default under, or except as may be provided in this Agreement, result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever upon any of the property or assets of Subrecipient pursuant to any such indenture, agreement or instrument. Subrecipient is not required to obtain any consent, approval or authorization from, or to file any declaration or statement with, any governmental instrumentality or other agency in connection with or as a condition to the execution, delivery or performance of this Agreement and all other related documents.

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Subrecipient warrants that each of the foregoing representations and warranties is true and correct as of the date of this Agreement and Subrecipient shall indemnify and hold harmless the Grantee, the State and CDFA from and against any loss, damage, or liability attributable to the breach thereof, including any and all fees and expenses incurred in the defense or settlement of any claim arising therefrom against the Grantee, State or CDFA.

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13.6 :<u>Governing Law:</u> The Subrecipient Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with laws of the State of New Hampshire.

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ATTACHMENT II-B

SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT MINIMUM TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The County of Cheshire ("Grantee") hereby warrants and agrees that the Subrecipient Agreement with the University of New Hampshire (New Hampshire Small Business Development Center/Pathways to Work Program) (SBDC) ("Subrecipient") to be executed in conformance with the requirements of Exhibit A of the Grant Agreement shall be subject to approval by CDFA. The Subrecipient Agreement shall incorporate the entire Grant Agreement and shall include it as an attachment, and shall contain at a minimum the following terms and conditions:

1. <u>REPRESENTATION AND WARRANTIES</u>.

University of New Hampshire (New Hampshire Small Business Development Center/Pathways to Work Program) (SBDC) ("Subrecipient") shall represent and warrant:

1.1 Subrecipient is a duly organized and validly existing New Hampshire nonprofit corporation in good standing under the laws of this State. Subrecipient has the power and authority to undertake the grant activities as provided in the Grant Agreement. Subrecipient has the power and authority to own its properties, to conduct business as it is now being conducted, has the power to execute and deliver and perform its obligation under the Subrecipient Agreement and all other documents as applicable to this grant agreement.

1.2 The Subrecipient Agreement is the legal, valid and binding obligation of Subrecipient enforceable against Subrecipient, in accordance with each document's respective terms.

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1.4 No application, exhibit, schedule, report or other written information provided by Subrecipient or its agents in connection with the grant application knowingly contained, when made, any material misstatement of fact or knowingly omitted to state any material fact necessary to make the statements contained therein not misleading, in light of the circumstances under which they were made.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND SUBGRANT ACTIVITIES.

2.1 Project Description.

This project shall consist of the awarding of \$129,955 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the Grantee. The Grantee will retain \$12,455 of the grant for administrative costs associated with management of the grant and subgrant \$117,500 to the Subrecipient via this Subrecipient Agreement.

The Subrecipient's commitment is to increase the income and economic stability of microenterprises, by helping them to access capital, business training and expanded market opportunities. Subgranted funds will be used by the Subrecipient to provide training and technical assistance programs to a minimum of 47 low- and moderate-income entrepreneurs statewide, with 100% of persons served being of low- and moderate-income status. Loans to credit worthy participating businesses will be made by partnering organizations.

The activities to be funded pursuant to this Subrecipient Agreement shall be limited to reimbursement of a pro-rata cost of \$2500 for each low- and moderate-income beneficiary enrolled in the training and technical assistance programs and/or for loan processing costs per beneficiary.

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3. SUBRECIPIENT REQUIREMENTS

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- (a) Terminate this Agreement, effective immediately upon giving notice of termination;
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with laws of the State of New Hampshire.

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ATTACHMENT II-C

SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT MINIMUM TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The County of Cheshire ("Grantee") hereby warrants and agrees that the Subrecipient Agreement with the Rockingham Economic Development Corporation d/b/a Regional Economic Development Center of Southern New Hampshire (REDC) ("Subrecipient") to be executed in conformance with the requirements of Exhibit A of the Grant Agreement shall be subject to approval by CDFA. The Subrecipient Agreement shall incorporate the entire Grant Agreement and shall include it as an attachment, and shall contain at a minimum the following terms and conditions:

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contain a clause prohibiting cancellation or modification of the policy earlier than thirty (30) days after written notice thereof has been received by the Grantee and CDFA.

10.3 <u>Taxes</u>. If applicable, Subrecipient shall pay all taxes, assessments; charges, fines and impositions attributable to the Property, which is the responsibility of the Subrecipient. Any alternative arrangements will require the approval of CDFA, whose consideration will not be unreasonably withheld.

11. ACCOUNTING, AUDIT, AND RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS.

11.1 <u>Accounting Records</u>: Subrecipient shall keep all Project related accounts and records, which fully disclose the amount and disposition by Subrecipient of the grant funds, the total cost of the Project, and the amount and nature of any portion of the Project cost supplied by other sources, and such other financial records pertinent to the Project. Accounts and records shall be kept in accordance with an accounting system that will facilitate an effective audit in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984. Records to be maintained shall include Project fiscal records consisting of all books, documents, ledgers, systems and expenses incurred, including, but not limited to, purchase, requisitions, orders, invoices, vouchers, bills and receipts, inventories, and all lien documents.

11.2 <u>Time Period</u>. All of the records, documents, and data described above and all income verification information shall be kept during the performance of the project, and for three (3) years after its completion or until the satisfactory completion of an audit, whichever is later.

11.3 <u>Availability of Records</u>. Subrecipient shall make available to the Grantee, CDFA, and HUD or any of their duly authorized representatives, for the purpose of audit and examination, any books, documents, papers, and records of Subrecipient pertinent to this Agreement.

12. INDEMNIFICATION.

Subrecipient shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Grantee, the State of New Hampshire, and the CDFA, their officers and employees, from and against any and all losses suffered by the Grantee, the State, or CDFA, their officers or employees; and any and all claims, liabilities or penalties asserted against the Grantee, the State or CDFA, their officers and employees; by or on behalf of any person; on account of, based on, resulting from, arising out of or claimed to Subrecipient out of the acts or omissions of Subrecipient.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State or the Grantee, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State and the Grantee. This covenant shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

13. MAINTENANCE OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE

13.1 <u>Corporate Existence</u>. Subrecipient shall both preserve and maintain the legal existence and good standing of its nonprofit corporation status and its registration in New Hampshire as required to do obvisiness.

13.2 <u>Scope of Mission</u>. Subrecipient and Grantee agree that the Subrecipient's Articles of Incorporation and Corporate Bylaws ("Bylaws") as submitted with the Project application and incorporated herein by reference, provide an adequate administrative mechanism for assuring the Subrecipient's mission of providing training and technical assistance opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons, during the Grant Period, as required pursuant to this agreement.

14. EVENTS OF DEFAULT.

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The occurrence of any of the following events shall constitute an Event of Default under this Agreement:

- (a) Any Event of Default by Subrecipient under the Grant Agreement, and related documents including, but not limited to, the failure of the Subrecipient to accomplish the required training and technical assistance benefit to low- and moderate-income persons;
- (b) The Subrecipient's failure to comply with the reporting requirements as specified herein;
- (c) Subrecipient attempts to assign its rights under this Agreement or any advance made or to be made hereunder or any interest therein, without the prior written consent of the Grantee;
- (d) Any representation or warranty made herein or in any report, certification, or other instrument furnished in connection with this Agreement or any advances of Grant funds made hereunder, by or in behalf of Subrecipient, shall prove to be false or misleading in any material respect;
- (e) Any mechanics', laborers', materialmen's or similar statutory liens, or any notice thereof, shall be filed against the Property and/or the Project and shall not be discharged within thirty (30) days of such filing;
- Subrecipient shall default in the due observance or performance of any covenant, condition, assurance or agreement to be observed or performed by Subrecipient under this Agreement;
- (g) Subrecipient shall (i) apply for or consent to the appointment of a receiver, trustee, or liquidator of it or any of its property, (ii) admit in writing its inability to pay its debts as they mature, (iii) make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, (iv) be adjudicated as bankrupt or insolvent or (v) file a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, or a petition or answer seeking reorganization or an arrangement with creditors or to take advantage of any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency, readjustment of debt, dissolution or liquidation law or statute, or an answer admitting the material allegations of a petition filed against it in any proceeding under any such law;
- (h) A petition, order, judgment, or decree shall be entered, without the application, approval or consent of Subrecipient by any court of competent jurisdiction, approving a petition seeking reorganization or approving the appointment of a receiver, trustee or liquidator of Subrecipient of all or a substantial part of its assets, and such order judgment or decree shall continue unstayed and in effect for any period of thirty (30) days;
- (i) The dissolution, termination of existence, merger or consolidation of Subrecipient or a sale of assets of Subrecipient out of the ordinary course of business without the prior written consent of the Grantee and CDFA; and
- (j) Failure to remedy an ineligible expenditure of grant funds or to reimburse the Grantee for any ineligible costs, which are paid from grant funds.
- (k) In the event that the Subrecipient fails to serve the minimum number of Low- and Moderate-Income beneficiaries, as provided in this Agreement, then the Subrecipient shall confer forthwith with the Grantee and CDFA to develop a mutually acceptable plan pursuant to which it will rectify any reporting shortfalls and maintain the required minimums. In such event, the Subrecipient shall also provide Grantee with monthly updates containing information in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Grantee, in order for the Grantee and Subrecipient to determine whether it is in compliance with such plan and its obligations as provided herein. Said monthly reports to continue until the beneficiary commitments are achieved.



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> (I) The continued failure of the Subrecipient to achieve its beneficiary commitments as required herein for ninety (90) days following the date specified for such requirement shall constitute an event of default, which may give rise to any of the remedies available to the Grantee, as set forth therein.

15. GRANTEE'S RIGHTS AND REMEDIES UPON DEFAULT.

15.1 <u>Remédies upon Default</u>. Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the Grantee may take any one, or more, or all, of the actions described below. Prior to taking any of the following actions, the Grantee will give Subrecipient a written notice of default specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within thirty (30) days from the date of notice. The following actions may be taken only if Subrecipient has not remedied the Event of Default in a timely manner.

- (a) Terminate this Agreement, effective immediately upon giving notice of termination;
- (b) Suspend all payment of grant funds to be made pursuant to this Agreement until such time as the Grantee determines the Event of Default has been cured;
- (c) Set off against any other obligations the Grantee may owe to Subrecipient for any damages the Grantee may suffer by reason of any Event of Default;
- (d) Treat the Agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity or both;
- (e) Foreclose under any available security instrument created under this agreement; and
- (f) Assume the right to seek full reimbursement of CDBG funds from the Subrecipient and the right to call on any collateral pledged under the loan with the Subrecipient.

15.2 <u>Judicial Enforcement</u>: Subrecipient agrees that the Grantee and CDFA have a right to seek judicial enforcement with regard to any matter arising with respect to this Agreement, to include the assurances, covenants and other conditions, which extend beyond the completion date under this Agreement.

15.3 <u>Disposition of Eurids</u>. Where the Grant Agreement or Subrecipient Agreement is terminated or the Project is otherwise terminated due to a default, inability to perform or reasons other than project completion. Grant funds are required to be returned. The disposition of Grant Funds to be returned shall be determined solely by CDFA.

- 16. ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES. Subrecipient represents and warrants:
 - (a) Subrecipient will obtain all necessary approvals and all necessary permits for the operation of its business from all governmental authorities having jurisdiction.
 - (b) No litigation, claims, suits, orders, investigations or proceedings are pending or threatened against Subrecipient or affecting the Property or the Project at law or in equity or before or by any federal, state, municipal or other governmental instrumentality; there are no arbitration proceedings pending under collective bargaining agreements or otherwise; and to the knowledge of Subrecipient, there is no basis for any of the foregoing. Any exceptions to this section shall be explained in an Exhibit, attached to this agreement.

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- (c) Subrecipient has filed all federal, state and local tax returns required to be filed and has paid or made adequate provision for the payment of all federal, state or local taxes, charges and assessments, if applicable.
- (d) The execution and delivery and performance by Subrecipient of its obligations under this Agreement have been duly authorized by all requisite corporate action and will not violate any provision of law, any order of any court or other agency of government, or any indenture, agreement or other instrument to which Subrecipient is a party, or by which it is bound, or be in conflict with, result in a breach of, or constitute a default under, or except as may be provided in this Agreement, result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever upon any of the property or assets of Subrecipient pursuant to any such indenture, agreement or instrument. Subrecipient is not required to obtain any consent, approval or authorization from, or to file any declaration or statement with, any governmental instrumentality or other agency in connection with or as a condition to the execution, delivery or performance of this Agreement and all other related documents.
- (e) Subrecipient is not contemplating either the filing of a petition under any state or federal bankruptcy or insolvency laws or the liquidating of all or a major portion of its properties, and has no knowledge of any person contemplating the filing of any such petition against it.
- (f) No statement of fact made by or on behalf of Subrecipient in any of the agreement or related documents or in any certificate, exhibit or schedule furnished to the Grantee pursuant thereto, contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state any material fact necessary to make statements contained therein or herein not misleading. There is no fact or circumstance presently known to Subrecipient that has not been disclosed to the Grantee that materially affects adversely, nor as far as Subrecipient can foresee, will materially affect adversely Subrecipient, operations or considerations (financial or otherwise) of Subrecipient.
- (g) No Event of Default has occurred and is continuing under this Agreement and no event or condition which would, upon notice of expiration of any applicable cure, constitute an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing; Subrecipient is not in default under any note or other evidence of indebtedness or other obligation for borrowed money or any mortgage, deed to trust, indenture, lease agreement or other agreement relating thereto. Any exceptions to this section shall be explained in an Exhibit, attached to this agreement.

Subrecipient warrants that each of the foregoing representations and warranties is true and correct as of the date of this Agreement and Subrecipient shall indemnify and hold harmless the Grantee, the State and CDFA from and against any loss, damage, or liability attributable to the breach thereof, including any and all fees and expenses incurred in the defense or settlement of any claim arising therefrom against the Grantee, State or CDFA.

13. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:

13.1 <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. Subrecipient shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, statutes, regulation, executive orders and rules as they relate to the application, acceptance and use of funds for this project, including, but not limited to, the requirements as specified in the Grant Agreement.

13.2 <u>Compliance with OMB 2 Part 200</u>. Subrecipient acknowledges that it shall meet the requirements of OMB 2 Part 200, to ensure compliance with Administrative Cost Standards.

13.3 <u>No assignment</u>. Subrecipient shall not assign or transfer any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Grantee and CDFA, and any attempted assignment or



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transfer shall be ineffective, null, void, and of no effect.

13.4 <u>Amendments</u>: No amendment or modification of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing and executed by both parties and approved by CDFA.

13.5 <u>Maintenance of Project</u>. Subrecipient shall maintain, keep, and preserve in good working order and condition all of its property and assets necessary or useful in the proper conduct of its business and operation of the Project. This shall include all property improvements made as a result of this Project, if applicable.

13.6 <u>Governing Law</u>. The Subrecipient Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with laws of the State of New Hampshire.

13.7 Publicity and Signage:

13.7.1 <u>Public Relations</u>: The Subrecipient shall grant CDFA the right to use the Subrecipient's name, likeness, and logo in any public relations or publicity efforts. This shall include, but not be limited to, press releases, media interviews, website, publications, brochures, etc. CDFA's publicity efforts may also include details about Grantee's project, contract, or other publically available information.

13.7.2 <u>Reciprocal Publicity</u>. The Subrecipient also shall acknowledge CDFA appropriately in all organizational and public forums as to the support, financial and otherwise, that has been provided to the project. This recognition shall include, but not be limited to, print/electronic media, publications, interviews, brochures, website, etc.

13.7.3 <u>Project Signage</u>. For construction/renovation projects – CDFA logo must be included in signage at the job worksite. CDFA logo may not be any smaller that 50% of the size of the largest logo displayed. This requirement can be waived if no other partner/entity requires worksite signage and creating signage solely for CDFA poses a hardship. Alternative – If none of these are applicable/feasible, an alternative display of the CDFA logo or public recognition must be approved by CDFA.

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ATTACHMENT III - A

FAMILY INCOME VERIFICATION FORMS

PLEASE CONTACT CDFA FOR INCOME VERIFICATION FORMS.

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ATTACHMENT III - B MICROENTERPRISE BENEFICARY TRACKING SHEET

The Subrecipient is required to use this Excel spreadsheet to track beneficiary information, including for the Baseline Report at the beginning of the program year, an updated version of the spreadsheet with each quarterly claim; and a final version showing all beneficiaries served throughout the entire program year with the Final Status Report.

PLEASE CONTACT CDFA FOR THE BENEFICIARY TRACKING SHEET.

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ATTACHMENT IV BENEFICIARY OUT<u>COMES REPORT</u>

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Attachment V - Certificates of Insurance



CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

The New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex³) is organized under the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 5-B, Pooled Risk Management Programs. In accordance with those statutes, its Trust Agreement and bytaws, Primex³ is authorized to provide pooled risk management programs established for the benefit of political subdivisions in the State of New Hampshire.

Each member of Primex² is entitled to the categories of coverage set forth below. In addition, Primex³ may extend the same coverage to non-members. However, any coverage extended to a non-member is subject to all of the terms, conditions, exclusions, amendments, rules, policies and procedures that are applicable to the members of Primex³, including but not limited to the final and binding resolution of all claims and coverage disputes before the Primex³. Board of Trustees. The Additional Covered Parity's per occurrence limit shall be deemed included in the Member's per occurrence limit, and therefore shall reduce the Member's limit of liability as set forth by the Coverage bocuments and Declarations. The limit shown may have been reduced by, claims paid on behalf of the member. General Liability coverage is limited to Coverage A (Personal Injury Liability) and Coverage B (Property Damage Liability) only. Coverage's C (Public Officials Errors and Omissions), D. (Unfair Erriphoyment Practices), E (Employee Benefit Liability) and F (Educator's Legal Liability Claims-Made Coverage) are excluded from this provision of coverage.

The below named entity is a member in good standing of the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange. The coverage provided may, however, be revised at any time by the actions of Primex². As of the date this certificate is issued, the information set out below accurately reflects the categories of coverage established for the current coverage, year:

This Certificate is issued as a matter of information only and confers no rights upon the certificate holder. This certificate does not amend, extend, or after the coverage afforded by the coverage categories listed below.

Participating Members	Mamber Number	a	Company Affording Coverage:				
Cheshire County 12 Court Street 1st Floor - Room 171 Keene, NH 03431	601	B4	NH Public Risk Management Exchange - Prim Bow Brook Place 46 Donovan Street Concord, NH 03301-2624				
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14 Dixon Avenue				Please direct inqui	res to:		
Concord, NH 03301	Concord, NH 03301			Primex ^a Claims/Coverage Services			

603-225-2841 phone 603-228-3833 fax



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Date:

Community Development Finance Authority 14 Dixon Avenue Concord, NH 03301

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8/3/2020 mpurcell@nhprimax.org.

Please direct inquires to: Primex* Risk Management Services

603-225-2841 phone 603-228-3833 fax

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CERTIFICATE

Award No. 20-403-CDMC

I, <u>Robert Englund</u> Clerk of Cheshire County, New Hampshire do hereby certify that: (1) at the public hearing held on March 11, 2020, the County Commissioners voted to submit an application for Community Development Block Grant funds and if awarded; (2) enter into a contract with the Community Development Finance Authority and further authorize the Chairman, Board of Commissioners or County Administrator to execute any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this contract and any amendments thereto; (3) I further certify that this authorization has not been revoked, annulled or amended in any manner whatsoever, and remains in full force and effect as of the date hereof; and (4) the following persons have been appointed to and now occupy the offices indicated under item (2) above:

Charles Weed, Chair, County Commissioners Christopher Coates, County Administrator

I hereunto set my hand as the Clerk of Cheshire County, New Hampshire this <u>4th</u> day of <u>September</u>, 2020.

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By:

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County Clerk

Notary requirement waived due to Covid-19

CERTIFICATION OF GRANTEE'S ATTORNEY 20-403-CDMC

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I, ____D. Chris McLaughlin _____acting as Attorney for the County of Cheshire, New Hampshire do hereby certify:

That in my opinion the Grantee is empowered to enter into the foregoing Grant Agreement under the laws of the State of New Hampshire. Further, I have examined the foregoing Grant Agreement and the actions taken by said Grantee and have determined that Grantee's official representative has been duly authorized to execute this Grant Agreement and that the execution thereof is in all respects due and proper and in accordance with the laws of the said State and applicable federal laws. In addition, for grants involving projects to be carried out on property not owned by Grantee, there are no known legal impediments that will prevent full performance by the Grantee. Further, it is my opinion that the said Grant Agreement constitutes a legal and binding obligation of Grantee in accordance with the terms thereof.

this <u>4th</u> day of <u>September</u> 2020.
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2020 CDBG Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program Recommendation

Applicants (2)	 County of Grafton County of Cheshire 			
Sub recipients (6)	 Belknap Economic Development Council (BEDC) Northern Community Investment Corporation (NCIC) Women's Rural Entrepreneurial Network (WREN) Hannah Grimes Center (HGC) Rockingham Economic Development Corporation (REDC) UNH New Hampshire Small Business Development Center – Pathways to Work (SBDC) 			
Project Name	Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program			
Project Location	Statewide			
Award	\$849,730			
Total Businesses served	310			
HUD CDBG National Objective	Microenterprise assistance 570.208 (a) 2(iii)			
HUD CDBG Eligible Activity	Microenterprise assistance (18C) LMCMC Low/mod limited clientele, microenterprises			

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Introduction and Project Description

"Microenterprise Development Assistance" has been a funding category in the New Hampshire State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program since 1998 as a sub-category of Economic Development. By HUD definition, the term "microenterprise" means a commercial enterprise that has five or fewer employees, one or more of whom owns the enterprise. Microenterprise funding has enabled many New Hampshire small businesses to receive muchneeded technical assistance for business planning, marketing, financial management and business structuring in order to develop and expand their businesses.

The CDFA Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application and Program Guide FY2020 allows one municipality to apply for up to \$500,000 in funding for sub recipients who provide training and technical assistance to microenterprises. The 2020 allocation of CDBG funds for support of microenterprise technical assistance programs is \$850,000; therefore, two municipalities needed to apply for the funds on behalf of the applicants.

The County of Grafton submitted an application on behalf of three organizations to provide a full range of entrepreneurial training and technical assistance services to low- to moderate-income (LMI) microenterprise owners and others who are planning to start microenterprises across New Hampshire.

The County of Cheshire submitted an application on behalf of three organizations to provide a full range of entrepreneurial training and technical assistance services to low- to moderate-income (LMI)

microenterprise owners and others who are planning to start microenterprises across New Hampshire.

Sub recipient	Proposed # of Beneficiaries	Program Request	Admin Request	TOTAL REQUEST
Grafton County				
BEDC	94	235,000	12,455	247,455
NCIC	35	87,500	12,455	99,955
WREN	50	111,520	12,455	123,975
Grafton subtotal:	179	\$ 434,020	\$ 37,365	\$ 471,385
Cheshire County			-	
Hannah Grimes	65	162,500	12,455	174,955
REDC	55	137,500	12,455	149,955
SBDC-Pathways	47	176,250	12,455	188,705
Cheshire subtotal:	167	\$ 476,250	\$ 37,365	\$ 513,615
TOTALS:	346	\$ 910,720	\$ 74,730	\$ 985,000

SUMMARY of APPLICATION REQUESTS

Sub Recipient Discussion

1. Belknap Economic Development Council (BEDC)

Belknap Economic Development Council (BEDC), Coos Economic Development Corporation (Coos EDC) Grafton Regional Development Corporation (GRDC) and Wentworth Economic Development Corporation (WEDCO) are tearning up again to provide services to Belknap, Carroll, Coos and Grafton counties. In the 2019-2020 program year, this partnership included BEDC, GRDC and WEDCO. With the addition of Coos EDC in 2020-2021, all four RDCs will work closely together build stronger collaboration, provide more coordinated services, and increase support for microenterprise businesses across the four counties of northern New Hampshire.

BEDC, Coos EDC, GRDC and WEDCO have provided technical assistance (TA) to microenterprises for more than 17 years from offices in Lancaster, Plymouth, Laconia and Wolfeboro. Most TA services are provided on an individualized, one-on-one basis by RDC staff, NH Small Business Development Center (SBDC) business advisors, and other business resource partners. SBDC has a strong history of supporting local microenterprise businesses and has access to additional resources throughout New Hampshire to support microenterprises located in the North Country region. All business owners participating in the program are required to meet with an SBDC representative to create a tailored plan for their business.

<u>Proposed Project</u> - CDBG funds will enable BEDC/Coos EDC/GRDC/WEDCO to continue to offer a full range of TA services and entrepreneurial training including:

- Coordinated marketing and outreach to microenterprises across the region;
- Seminars and workshops specifically created to expose micro-entrepreneurs to a host of business-related subjects;
- Targeted, one-on-one, in-depth counseling and mentoring to microenterprise entrepreneurs and existing micro businesses based on an assessment of their specific needs;
- Referrals to other, specialized services provided by partners such as SCORE, Chambers of Commerce, and the Community College System; and
- Loan qualification, application, approval and servicing.

In the current COVID-19 environment, the partners are transitioning to providing most services remotely through webinars, video conferences, phone and other electronic means. The partners also are ramping up their technology capabilities and creating special training focused on helping microenterprises navigate the economic environment related to COVID-19, such as how to shift to on-line sales and marketing.

<u>Request Summary</u> – The CDBG award will allow BEDC/Coos EDC/GRDC/WEDCO to assist 83 lowto moderate-income (LMI) individuals in program year 2020-2021, which is the same as 2019-2020. The increased number of beneficiaries reflects success to date and the addition of another program partner. CDBG funds will be used to support coordinated marketing efforts, online seminars and training, and one-on-one business advising services by staff, SBDC advisors and other partners.

2. Northern Community Investment Corporation (NCIC)

NCIC was established in 1975 as a nonprofit, certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) working to address regional economic challenges in Northern NH and Vermont, from offices in Lancaster, NH and Saint Johnsbury, VT. NCIC focuses on small business development, community economic development, management, and financing.

NCIC provides funding and support for business planning and coaching, training, marketing, architectural and engineering designs, feasibility planning, legal assistance, and debt financing focused on strengthening and growing employment opportunities within local businesses.

<u>Proposed Project</u> – CDBG funds will support NCIC's training and technical assistance services to NH businesses including:

- Staff services directly to businesses, including financial literacy and management, technology, marketing or advertising; and
- Hiring professional consultants (after a competitive solicitation process) to provide specialized assistance to businesses that is outside the realm of expertise of NCIC staff.

<u>Request Summary</u> – The CDBG award will allow NCIC to assist 35 low- to moderate-income (LMI) individuals in program year 2020-2021. CDBG funds will be used to strengthen microenterprises in Carroll, Coos, Grafton and Sullivan Counties by supporting staff/consultant time to enable businesses to receive the assistance they need in order to build their skills and develop their capacity. The increase is justified by NCIC's strong performance in the current program year. NCIC will coordinate services with other Microenterprise TA providers where service areas overlap.

3. Women's Rural Entrepreneurial Network (WREN):

Since 1994, WREN has been providing business skills training for low- to moderate-income business owners. From the original, intensive nine-month curriculum to the Grow and Seed course of the late 90s, WREN has been assisting emerging and existing business owners with comprehensive training in financial planning, cash flow and budgeting, marketing and public relations, and operations management. WREN has assisted more than 1,500 business owners, mostly LMI.

In 2019, WREN experienced financial and management difficulties, resulting in the temporary shutdown of operations, including micro services, for the latter part of 2019. WREN was able to significantly reduce overhead by consolidating physical assets to one location, streamlining staff, and reducing programming and operating expense. WREN also engaged professionals and advisors to provide guidance and expertise to developing the long-term sustainability of the organization, including delivery of microenterprise TA. A new executive director and micro program direction bring strong experience and renewed energy. While they will likely fall sort of serving the target of 50 beneficiaries in the current program year, WREN is re-tooling to enable remote learning and digital access to programs and services.

<u>Proposed Project</u> – The CDBG funds will support an extensive series of classes and workshops, as well as one-on-one advice and technical assistance, to those who want to increase their entrepreneurial knowledge and skills. Given the COVID-19 environment, most of those services will be delivered remotely. As businesses are forced to change practices, WREN is changing its delivery approach and offering more training in classes in website design and social-media marketing.

CDBG funds will allow WREN to continue and expand its full range of entrepreneurial training services including programs in graphic design, website design, financial management, farm and food marketing, business planning, online marketing and analytics, product pricing, business start-up basics, and photography. WREN also operates a gallery and incubator space in Bethlehem, which it hopes to reopen later this year (depending on COVID-19 circumstances).

<u>Request Summary</u> – The CDGB award will allow WREN to assist 25 low- to moderate-income (LMI) individuals in program year 2020-2021. CDBG funds will be used for staffing for direct microenterprise support, as well as consultants/instructors for programs and courses in web development, jewelry design, customer service and other areas of expertise. The decrease from their requested number of beneficiaries will enable WREN to demonstrate renewed capability as they rebuild their microenterprise program.

4. Hannah Grimes Center, Inc. (HGC)

For more than 20 years, HGC has provided extensive business training opportunities to microenterprises, including hands-on workshops, one-on-one coaching, retail training at the Hannah Grimes Marketplace, and in-depth programs such as the incubator. They strive to develop programs that help entrepreneurs connect, innovate, and thrive in their community.

More than 700 individuals (59% of whom are LMI) participate in the programs at HGC annually, which include workshops, coaching sessions, business plan boot camp, and PitchFork events. In 2019, average workshop attendance was 10.5 (up from 9.3 in 2018). Four business plan boot camp programs in the past two years have been at or beyond capacity, with 89% of program graduates still active in their ventures. Over the past four CDGB-Microenterprise program years, HGC has served 55 qualifying beneficiaries each year.

<u>Proposed Project</u> – CDBG funds will support the Hannah Grimes Center to continue and to expand a full range of entrepreneurial training and technical assistance services including Business Incubator Program; Mentor Monadnock; Business Start-up Lab; workshops; and one-on-one assistance. The HGC "marketplace" is currently closed due to COVID-19, but staff have been ramping up remote and web-based learning opportunities. Their "Radically Rural" conference will transition to a one-day virtual event.

<u>Request Summary</u> – The CDBG award will allow HGC to assist 65 low- to moderate-income (LMI) individuals in program year 2020-2021 (slight increase from 2019-2020). CDBG funds will be used primarily for staff time for delivery of classes and workshops, as well as one-on-one advice and technical assistance to those who want to increase their entrepreneurial knowledge and skills in the Monadnock region.

5. <u>Rockingham Economic Development Corporation d/b/a Regional Economic Development</u> <u>Center Southern New Hampshire (REDC)</u>

REDC is a 25-year-old CDFI and offers a series of workshops by staff or in partnership with other agencies on various business topics. REDC's Business Advisor has provided business advice to hundreds of individuals across numerous sectors of the economy interested in starting microbusinesses and growing their existing microbusinesses. He has taught a Business Startups Basics Class for SBDC, provides advice on business startup, marketing, accounting and finance as well as various personnel issues. Through its lending, REDC has provided business skills training in reading financial statements and identifying red flags in order that the borrower can report to the lender early in the process. REDC lenders also refer clients to critical support services such as accountants and insurance agents.

REDC operates a regional revolving loan fund that serves businesses located in or moving to the region. They work independently or in partnership with local lenders to help complete projects leading to job creation.

This project will support the capacity of REDC to address the increasing demand from microentrepreneurs for business skills training, technical assistance, and support services. REDC has seen a spike in demand for these services in the current COVID-19 environment. They are transitioning many of their services to be delivered online, by phone, and through video conference and webinar.

<u>Proposed Project</u> – CDBG funds will allow REDC to offer workshops by staff or in partnerships with other agencies on various business topics. REDC offers a full range of entrepreneurial training and technical assistance services including:

- One-on-one meetings with a business advisor;
- Advice on business startup, marketing, accounting and finance as well as various personnel issues;
- Referrals to critical support services such as accountants and insurance agents;
- Marketing, brand identify, website development and marketing materials; and
- Access to applications for REDC's loan products for business financing.

<u>Request Summary</u> – The CDBG award will allow REDC to assist 55 low-to-moderate income (LMI) individuals in program year 2020-2021 (virtually the same as 2019-2020). CDBG funds will be used for staffing, marketing and outreach. Training and workshops will be held remotely and, when possible, at the REDC Business Development and Training Center in Raymond, NH and other

locations throughout Southeastern New Hampshire. The Center provides local entrepreneurs with access to instruction, computers, and reference materials to facilitate the creation or expansion of businesses, as well as a reference library, classroom, conference room, and short-term office space.

6. New Hampshire Small Business Development Center - Pathway to Work

The NH SBDC is an outreach program of UNH's Peter T. Paul School of Business and Economics which provides one-on-one management assistance and educational programs to more than 3,000 NH small businesses annually. Pathway to Work (PTW) is a program of the NH SBDC and New Hampshire Employment Security. It was developed in 2010 and designed to assist unemployment benefit claimants interested in becoming self-employed get assistance in building viable businesses while receiving unemployment benefits.

PTW is a voluntary program to assist persons claiming unemployment benefits with starting their own businesses. The program allows eligible unemployed claimants to continue to receive their unemployment benefits while working full time to start businesses. The program allows potential micro-entrepreneurs to access the resources, information, and training they need to get their businesses off the ground. Candidates for the program include all NH residents who are unemployed and collecting NH unemployment compensation benefits and who are identified as likely to exhaust regular unemployment benefits before finding new work. PTW addresses the need to help individuals who have been laid off in industries that are unlikely to re-hire them but who have a credible business idea and strong drive to build it. It is an innovative program that acts as economic stimulus by developing new businesses which create jobs and generate revenues back to the State.

<u>Proposed Project</u> – CDBG funds will allow NH SBDC to offer a full range of entrepreneurial training and technical assistance services to PTW clients including:

- More than 25 online e-courses in topics such as finance, management and marketing;
- Classes on Starting a Business in New Hampshire and Financing a Business in New Hampshire;
- Courses on how to use social media for business, exporting, and starting an e-commerce business;
- Workshops on specialized topics such as Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR), business planning and construction safety; and
- Educational programming consisting of monthly speakers on topics of interest to all PTW participants, e.g. choosing an organizational structure, QuickBooks, business planning, etc. as well as a program specific short- and long-term impact measurements.

<u>Request Summary</u> – The CDBG grant award will allow UNH – SBDC to assist 47 Pathway to Work clients in program year 2020-2021 (same as 2019-2020). CDBG funds will be used to support training and technical assistance. NH SBDC services are delivered in individualized business advising sessions by nationally certified business counselors who have advanced degrees and have owned/managed a business. Advising assistance is supplemented by providing individualized education opportunities to participants.

CDBG Scoring

Scoring is comprised of three components. An applicant must reach a minimum score in the first component to proceed and reach a minimum score in the second two components to be considered for funding. The components of the scoring are as follows:

<u>Public Benefit</u>, which examines the area need for such a project, the direct benefit to low- and moderate-income persons for technical assistance and entrepreneurial support, and the overall management capacity of the sub recipient.

 <u>Project Design</u>, which examines the specific experience of the sub recipient with regard to microenterprise assistance, the preparation for and delivery of business technical assistance, and the capacity to provide lending services to the potential entrepreneurs.

• <u>Financial Feasibility</u>, which examines the level of match funding and the costs per beneficiary. Prior to CDFA's mid-2019 exemption from State Administrative Rules governing the CDBG program, all CDBG Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program applications were subject to the scoring process outlined in CDFA's rules. Within the "Public Benefit" scoring component, the process included five of the seven rules-based 'set factors,' each of which had a separate ranking and pointallocation system that applied *just* to the Microenterprise scoring rubric.

In 2019, in an effort to modernize the data sets that are used in CDBG scoring, CDFA developed a new 'Core Data Index' to replace the rules-based 'set factors' and applied them to all CDBG projects across the entire program. This action is definitely a positive step but has created some logistical issues in practice. For the Micro program, the new Core Data Index does not translate directly from the five set factor system used in 2019: Within the "Pubic Benefit" section, there is roughly a 20-point scoring loss between the State Rules-based scoring used in 2019 and the Core Data Index-based scoring being used in 2020. This differential was not detected when the Microenterprise scoring system was revised as part of the CDBG Application and Program Guide for FY20 and has put some current applications at a scoring disadvantage. To ensure that all projects are given fair measure, CDFA proposes to change the minimum score in the 'Public Benefit Indicators' section of the Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program scoring rubric from 170 to 150. This will offset the 20-point scoring difference from 2019 and ensure that all current 2020 program year applications are given an even and fair chance of achieving funding.

Sub Recipient	Score
BEDC	436
REDC	426
NCIC	341
SBDC-Pathway to Work	338
HGC	321
WREN	296

The following table summarizes the total score of each of the six applications:

All applications received at least the minimum score of 150 on for the "Public Benefit Indicators" section, and least a total minimum score of 270.

Community of Practice

In order to improve the quality and consistency of business technical assistance across New Hampshire, CDFA is working to create a 'community of practice' (COP) of business technical assistance providers that are supported by CDFA funds. The COP will include the following elements:

- Development of evidenced-based business technical-assistance materials which align with the evidence-based best practices outlined by community economic development experts and entities. Materials will be used by nonprofit business TA partner organizations to deliver technical assistance and financing to businesses, and would include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Training modules on business technical assistance and direct services (graphic services, co-working space, etc.);

- b. Information and resource guides to Federal and State disaster and recovery resources;
- c. Templates for lending, partnership agreements, intake forms, etc.; and
- d. Information on how businesses can create connections with partner lenders and local organizations that can serve as a resource for employees and their family members.
- 2. A statewide marketing plan for TA and the providers network that would make it easier for any small business anywhere in the state to connect with effective TA.
- 3. Continued, long-term collaboration with the organizations engaged in the program that would facilitate:
 - a. Regular communication between and among TA providers;
 - b. Instruction and sharing of information and expertise to assist in the success of applicants and awardees;
 - c. The highest standard of TA delivery;
 - d. Troubleshooting potential issues during the grantee period of performance;
 - e. Consistent tracking, documentation, outcomes data and reporting; and
 - f. Support to CDFA in the evaluation of grantee/business TA partner performance.

All sub recipients in the CDFA Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program will be required to participate in and contribute to the Community of Practice.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of a total of **\$849,730** in CDBG Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program funding for the program year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The total requested amount for the Grafton County and Cheshire County applications is **\$985,000**. The 2020 CDBG allocation to the microenterprise program is **\$850,000**. Therefore, staff recommend the following awards, by county

Sub recipient	# of Beneficiaries	Program Award	Admin Award	TOTAL AWARD
Grafton County				
BEDC	83	207,500	21,688	229,188
NCIC	35	87,500	9,145	96,645
WREN	25	62,500	6,532	69,032
Grafton subtotal:	143	\$ 357,500	\$ 37,365	\$ 394,865
Cheshire County				
Hannah Grimes	65	162,500	12,455	174,955
REDC	55	137,500	12,455	149,955
SBDC-Pathways	47	117,500	12,455	129,955
Cheshire subtotal:	167	\$ 417,500	\$ 37,365	\$ 454,865
TOTALS:	310	\$ 775,000	\$ 74,730	\$ 849,730

RECOMMENDED AWARDS