

**MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL OR JOINT AGREEMENT
NORTH DAKOTA DIVISION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
SFN 52661 (10/00)**

**SUGGESTED FORM
FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT**

THIS AGREEMENT, made this _____ day of _____, 20____, by and among the following:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

WHEREAS, parties to this Agreement have the authority pursuant to Article VII, Section 10 of the North Dakota Constitution and the North Dakota Century Code Chapter 54-40, to enter into intergovernmental agreements for the purpose of providing any service or performing any function which they can perform individually.

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement desire to cooperate in developing and carrying out a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project, the purpose of which is to _____

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereby mutually agree as follows:

1. **Designation of Lead Party.** _____ (Lead Party) shall act as the lead party in developing and carrying out said proposed CDBG project.
2. **Responsibilities of Lead Party.** In its capacity of lead party, _____ (Lead Party) shall by the lead jurisdiction in making application to the State of North Dakota for CDBG funds and shall be the grantee of the State for such funds, if awarded. As the grantee of the State, it shall be fully and solely responsible to the other parties to this Agreement for compliance with all financial management, environmental review, labor standards, civil rights, recordkeeping, reporting and other requirements of the CDBG program contained in the Applicant Statement of Assurances and Certifications, and in the grant contract with the state, except those specified in Paragraph 3 hereinafter.
3. **Responsibilities of All Parties.** Each party to this Agreement will be responsible for compliance with the following requirements of the CDBG program:
 - a. County Wide Applications for Housing and Planning Activities
 - 1) The county will adopt a required Citizen Participation Plan, and provide to its citizens information and opportunities to comment as required by the State in developing an application and substantially changing projects activities;
 - 2) The County must identify its community development and housing needs, including the needs of very low and low income persons, and activities to be undertaken to meet such needs. The County must include all incorporated cities in its assessment;
 - 3) The County must an Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan which calls for replacement of demolished or converted very low/low income housing units and provision of necessary relocation assistance; and,
 - 4) The County must take actions to affirmatively further fair housing.
 - b. Multi-County Applications for Housing and Planning Activities
 - 1) Each participating County will adopt a required Citizen Participation Plan, and provide to its citizens information and opportunities to comment as required by the State in developing an application and substantially changing projects activities;
 - 2) Each participating County must identify its community development and housing needs, including the needs of very low and low income persons, and activities to be undertaken to meet such needs. Each County must include all incorporated cities within its jurisdiction in its assessment.

3) Each County must adopt an Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan which call for replacement of demolished or converted very low/low income housing units and provision of necessary relocation assistance; and,

4) All participating counties must take action to affirmatively further fair housing.

c. Multi-Jurisdictional/Joint Agreement activities other than those listed above.

1) Each participating jurisdiction must adopt a required Citizen Participation Plan, and provide to its citizens information and opportunities to comment as required by the State in developing an application and substantially changing projects activities;

2) Each participating jurisdiction must identify its community development and housing needs, including the needs of very low and low income persons, and the activities to be undertaken to meet such needs;

3) Each participating jurisdiction will adopt an Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan which calls for replacement of demolished or converted very low/low income housing units and provision of necessary relocation assistance; and,

4) Each participating jurisdiction must take action to affirmatively further fair housing.

Furthermore, each party shall provide documentation to _____ (Lead Party) _____ demonstrating its compliance with the requirements specified in Paragraph 3 and _____ (Lead Party) _____ shall retain such documentation and other required records and documentation for the period of time specified by the State.

4. **Contracting.** _____ (Lead Party) _____ shall contract with _____ or, with other eligible individuals or entities to carry out all or any portion of the responsibilities assumed by _____ (Lead Party) _____ under this Agreement and its grant contract with the State.

5. **Term of Agreement.** This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for so long as the parties to this Agreement are pursuing CDBG funding for said proposed project or, if awarded, carrying out such project activities. Any party to this Agreement may, however, terminate its participation in this Agreement six months after providing written notice of such termination to the other parties of this Agreement. This Agreement may be terminated at any time by agreement of all parties to this Agreement unless a grant contract is in effect with the State. In this case, the State must approve such termination and arrangements for completing the project.

6. **Modification and Changes.** The terms of this Agreement may be modified or changed at any time by agreement of all parties to this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the day first above written.

_____ (Lead Party) _____ By _____ Position	_____ (Party) _____ By _____ Position
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