

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Between

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and

CITY OF WESTON

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This is an Interlocal Agreement ("Agreement"), made and entered into by and between Broward County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida ("County"), and the City of Weston, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida ("City"), collectively referred to as the "Parties."

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Act, Sections 420.907 through 420.9079, Florida Statutes, provides for the establishment of local housing assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, the SHIP Act encourages the establishment of joint local housing assistance programs, and authorizes local governments to enter into interlocal agreements to establish and implement such programs; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to address the housing needs of their respective residents, and to promote the efficient location, design, and provision of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Parties believe the establishment and implementation of a joint local housing assistance program is a more efficient use of resources; and

WHEREAS, City is considered an eligible municipality under the SHIP Act entitling City to receive its own allocation of SHIP Program funds; however, City desires for County to receive City's allocation of SHIP Program funding and administer the SHIP Program funds in accordance with the terms of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to distribute SHIP Program funds pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and provide for County to prepare, implement, and administer the joint local housing assistance program in accordance with the requirements under the SHIP Act and Rule 67-37, Florida Administrative Code; NOW, THEREFORE,

IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual covenants, promises, and agreements hereinafter set forth, the Parties agree as follows:

#### **ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1 **Board.** The Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida.
- 1.2 **Contract Administrator.** The Director of the Housing Finance and Community Redevelopment or County's SHIP Program Administrator.
- 1.3 **County Administrator.** The administrative head of County appointed by the Board.
- 1.4 **Designated Representative.** The City Manager for City.
- 1.5 **SHIP Rules and Regulations.** The applicable definitions, rules, and regulation set forth in Sections 420.907 through 420.9079, Florida Statutes, and Rule 67-37, Florida Administrative Code, as amended from time to time, and which are incorporated herein by reference.

#### **ARTICLE 2 - JOINT LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Parties shall meet as necessary to establish a joint local housing assistance program ("Program") which will operate for a period of three (3) years commencing on July 1, 2016, in accordance with the provisions set forth in this Agreement and the SHIP Rules and Regulations. The Program shall provide for County to prepare and submit a Local Housing Assistance Plan ("LHAP") to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation ("Corporation") by May 2, 2016, for its review and approval, and for County to implement and administer the Program in accordance with the LHAP approved by the Corporation. In the event the Parties are unable to establish a Program, and submit a LHAP to the Corporation for approval by the date referenced in this article, neither party shall have any further obligations under this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 3 - ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM**

- 3.1 County, through its Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department, Housing Finance and Community Redevelopment Division shall be solely responsible for the administration and implementation of the Program in accordance with the SHIP Rules and Regulations.

- 3.2 Annual Reports. County will submit a single annual report for the Parties to the Corporation in accordance with Rule 67-37.011, Florida Administrative Code, and the requirements under Section 420.9075(10), Florida Statutes, and provide a copy of the annual report to the Designated Representative.
- 3.3 County shall establish, or cause to be established based on input from City, the administrative criteria or requirements necessary or desirable to implement the SHIP Act including, but not limited to, the maximum award schedule for each strategy, eligibility criteria for the Program participants, and advertising requirements for the availability of SHIP Program funds.

#### **ARTICLE 4 - ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST FUND**

- 4.1 Establishment of Trust Fund. County has established an Affordable Housing Assistance Trust Fund ("Trust Fund") in Section 5-556, Broward County Code of Ordinances. All SHIP Program funds received by County from the Corporation pursuant to the SHIP Act including, but not limited to, City's allocation of SHIP Program funds shall be earmarked as County's or City's SHIP Program funding and deposited by County into the Trust Fund.
- 4.2 Restrictions on use of SHIP Program funds. In accordance with the SHIP Rules and Regulations, any SHIP Program funds expended from the Trust Fund shall be utilized solely for the administration and implementation of the Program.
- 4.3 Audit of Trust Fund. County agrees that the Trust Fund shall be separately stated as a special revenue fund in County's audited financial statements. In accordance with the SHIP Rules and Regulations, copies of such audited financial statements shall be forwarded to the Corporation as soon as such statements are available. County shall provide City with a copy of this audit upon completion.
- 4.4 Notification to Corporation. County shall provide written notification to the Corporation of any changes in the Trust Fund, or termination of this Agreement as provided herein.

#### **ARTICLE 5 - DISTRIBUTION OF SHIP FUNDS**

- 5.1 County shall utilize the SHIP Program funds received from the Corporation in accordance with the SHIP Rules and Regulations. The SHIP Program funds allocated to City and deposited in the Trust Fund by County in accordance with Section 4.1 shall be utilized by County in City for the Program.
- 5.2 County shall administer and distribute the SHIP Program funding in accordance with the maximum award for each strategy included in the LHAP. County shall retain a

ten percent (10%) administrative fee for each fiscal year under this Agreement for administration of the SHIP Program funds for that year.

- 5.3 County shall make a good faith effort to recapture SHIP Program funds and deposit such funds into the Trust Fund. Any recapture of SHIP Program funds allocated to City by the Corporation shall be re-used by County within City.
- 5.4 The Contract Administrator shall provide the Designated Representative with quarterly activity reports, which shall, at a minimum, include expenditures made by County during the preceding quarter and the status of all pending applications received for assistance under the Program.
- 5.5 Upon expiration of the term of this Agreement, or any renewal term exercised by the Parties as provided in Subsection 6.1.2, County will retain any SHIP Program funds in the Trust Fund that are earmarked for City and that have not been encumbered or obligated, until such time as County receives written notification from the Corporation as to the disposition of such SHIP Program Funds.

## **ARTICLE 6 - TERM AND TERMINATION**

### 6.1 Term of Agreement.

6.1.1 The term of this Agreement shall commence upon the complete execution of this Agreement by the Parties, and shall continue for the three (3) year period of the Program described in Article 2, ending on June 30, 2019, unless terminated earlier or extended as provided under this Agreement.

6.1.2 City shall provide County with written notice, at least six (6) months prior to the expiration date provided in Subsection 6.1.1, of City's intent to extend the term of this Agreement for up to three (3) fiscal years. Any amendment to extend the term of this Agreement shall be by mutual agreement of the Parties and executed with the same formality and of equal dignity herewith.

### 6.2 Termination of Agreement.

6.2.1 Termination for Cause. This Agreement may be terminated for cause by the aggrieved party if the party in breach has not corrected the breach within fifteen (15) days after receipt of written notice from the aggrieved party identifying the breach.

6.2.2 Termination for Convenience. This Agreement may also be terminated for convenience by either party. Termination for convenience by County shall be by the Board. Termination shall be effective on the termination date stated in

written notice provided by the terminating party, which termination date shall be not less than thirty (30) days after the date of such written notice.

- 6.2.3 This Agreement may also be terminated by the County Administrator upon such notice as the County Administrator deems appropriate under the circumstances in the event the County Administrator determines that termination is necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare. If either party erroneously, improperly, or unjustifiably terminates for cause, such termination shall, at the other party's sole election, be deemed a termination for convenience, which shall be effective thirty (30) days after such notice of termination for cause is provided.
- 6.2.4 In the event this Agreement is terminated for any reason, all SHIP Program funds allocated for use in City that have been encumbered or obligated by County prior to the date of termination shall be payable by County pursuant to the terms of such obligation(s). Any unencumbered or unobligated SHIP Program Funds allocated for use in City shall be utilized by County within City as provided under this Agreement for the remainder of the current fiscal year. The Parties shall provide the Corporation with written notification of termination of this Agreement.
- 6.2.5 Notice of termination under this Agreement shall be provided in accordance with the "NOTICES" article of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 7 - GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY**

Nothing herein is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity by any party nor shall anything included herein be construed as consent to be sued by third parties in any matter arising out of this Agreement or any other contract. The Parties are state agencies or political subdivisions as defined in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, and each party shall be fully responsible for the acts and omissions of its agents or employees to the extent permitted by law.

#### **ARTICLE 8 - INSURANCE**

The Parties are entities subject to Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, and each party shall furnish the other party with written verification of liability protection in accordance with state law prior to final execution of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 9 - NOTICES**

In order for a notice to a party to be effective under this Agreement, notice must be sent via U.S. first-class mail with a contemporaneous copy via e-mail to the addresses listed below and shall be effective upon mailing. The addresses for notice shall remain as set forth herein unless and until changed by providing notice of such change in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

For County:

Director  
Housing Finance and Community Redevelopment Division  
110 NE Third Street, Suite 300  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301  
Email address: rstone@broward.org

For City:

City Manager  
City of Weston  
17200 Royal Palm Boulevard  
Weston, Florida 33326  
Email address: JFlint@westonfl.org

#### **ARTICLE 10 - MISCELLANEOUS**

- 10.1 No Discrimination. No party to this Agreement may discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, marital status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, pregnancy, or gender identity and expression in the performance of this Agreement.
- 10.2 Public Records. The Parties are public agencies subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and each party shall comply with its respective obligations as provided by law. The failure of either party to comply with the provisions set forth in this Section shall constitute a default and breach of this Agreement and shall entitle the non-defaulting party to enforce the default and breach in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 6.2.
- 10.3 Audit Rights and Retention of Records. County shall have the right to audit the books, records, and accounts of City that are related to this Agreement. City shall keep such books, records, and accounts as may be necessary in order to record complete and correct entries related to the Agreement and performance thereunder. All books, records, and accounts of City shall be kept in written form, or in a form capable of conversion into written form within a reasonable time, and upon request to do so, City shall make same available at no cost to County in written form.

City shall preserve and make available, at reasonable times within Broward County for examination and audit by County, all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents pertinent to this Agreement for a minimum period of three (3) years after expiration or termination of this Agreement or until resolution of any audit findings, whichever is longer. County audits and inspections pursuant to this Section may be performed by any County

representative (including any outside representative engaged by County). County reserves the right to conduct such audit or review at City's place of business, if deemed appropriate by County, with seventy-two (72) hours' advance notice.

- 10.4 Public Entity Crime Act. Each party represents that it is familiar with the requirements and prohibitions under the Public Entity Crime Act, Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, and represents that its entry into this Agreement will not violate that Act. In addition to the foregoing, each party further represents that there has been no determination that it committed a "public entity crime" as defined by Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, and that it has not been formally charged with committing an act defined as a "public entity crime" regardless of the amount of money involved or whether the party has been placed on the convicted vendor list. Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, if any party makes a representation as stated in this Section that is false, the other party shall have the right to immediately terminate this Agreement.
- 10.5 Independent Contractors. Each party is an independent contractor under this Agreement. In performing its respective obligations and services under this Agreement, neither party nor its agents shall act as officers, employees, or agents of the other party. Neither party shall have the right to bind the other party to any obligation not expressly undertaken by that party under this Agreement.
- 10.6 Third Party Beneficiaries. Neither City nor County intends to directly or substantially benefit a third party by this Agreement. Therefore, the Parties acknowledge that there are no third party beneficiaries to this Agreement and that no third party shall be entitled to assert a right or claim against either of them based upon this Agreement.
- 10.7 Assignment. Neither this Agreement nor any right or interest herein may be assigned, transferred, subcontracted, or encumbered by either party.
- 10.8 Materiality and Waiver of Breach. Each requirement, duty, and obligation set forth herein was bargained for at arm's-length and is agreed to by the Parties. Each requirement, duty, and obligation set forth herein is substantial and important to the formation of this Agreement, and each is, therefore, a material term hereof. Either party's failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such provision or modification of this Agreement. A waiver of any breach of a provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Agreement.
- 10.9 Compliance with Laws. The Parties shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules, and regulations in performing its respective duties, responsibilities, and obligations pursuant to this Agreement.



- 10.10 Severability. In the event any part of this Agreement is found to be unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, that part shall be deemed severed from this Agreement and the balance of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- 10.11 Joint Preparation. This Agreement has been jointly prepared by the Parties hereto, and shall not be construed more strictly against either party.
- 10.12 Interpretation. The headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. All personal pronouns used in this Agreement shall include the other gender, and the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa, unless the context otherwise requires. Terms such as "herein," "hereof," "hereunder," and "hereinafter" refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular sentence, paragraph, or section where they appear, unless the context otherwise requires. Whenever reference is made to a Section or Article of this Agreement, such reference is to the Section or Article as a whole, including all of the subsections of such Section, unless the reference is made to a particular subsection or subparagraph of such Section or Article.
- 10.13 Priority of Provisions. If there is a conflict or inconsistency between any term, statement, requirement, or provision of any document or exhibit attached hereto or referenced or incorporated herein and any provision of Articles 1 through 10 of this Agreement, the provisions contained in Articles 1 through 10 shall prevail and be given effect.
- 10.14 Law, Jurisdiction, Venue, Waiver of Jury Trial. This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the state of Florida. The Parties agree that the exclusive venue for any lawsuit arising from, related to, or in connection with this Agreement shall be in the state courts of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida. If any claim arising from, related to, or in connection with this Agreement must be litigated in federal court, the Parties agree that the exclusive venue for any such lawsuit shall be in the United States District Court or United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida. **BY ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT, CITY AND COUNTY HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVE ANY RIGHTS EITHER PARTY MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY CIVIL LITIGATION RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT. IF A PARTY FAILS TO WITHDRAW A REQUEST FOR A JURY TRIAL IN A LAWSUIT ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT AFTER WRITTEN NOTICE BY THE OTHER PARTY OF VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, THE PARTY MAKING THE REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL SHALL BE LIABLE FOR THE REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS OF THE OTHER PARTY IN CONTESTING THE REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL, AND SUCH AMOUNTS SHALL BE AWARDED BY THE COURT IN ADJUDICATING THE MOTION.**

- 10.15 Amendments. No modification, amendment, or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document prepared with the same or similar formality as this Agreement and executed by the Board and City or others delegated authority or otherwise authorized to execute same on their behalf.
- 10.16 Prior Agreements. This Agreement represents the final and complete understanding of the Parties regarding the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous negotiations and discussions regarding that subject matter. There is no commitment, agreement, or understanding concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that is not contained in this written document.
- 10.17 Incorporation by Reference. Any and all Recital clauses stated above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
- 10.18 Representation of Authority. Each individual executing this Agreement on behalf of a party hereto hereby represents and warrants that he or she is, on the date he or she signs this Agreement, duly authorized by all necessary and appropriate action to execute this Agreement on behalf of such party and does so with full legal authority.
- 10.19 Filing of Agreement. Pursuant to Section 163.01(11), Florida Statutes, this Agreement shall be filed by County with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Broward County, Florida.
- 10.20 Counterparts and Multiple Originals. This Agreement may be executed in multiple originals, and may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have made and executed this Interlocal Agreement on the respective dates under each signature: Broward County, through its Board of County Commissioners, signing by and through Mayor or Vice Mayor, authorized to execute same by Board action of \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and the City of Weston, signing through its Mayor, authorized to execute same by action of the City Commission on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

**County**

ATTEST:

BROWARD COUNTY, by and through  
its Board of County Commissioners

\_\_\_\_\_  
Broward County Administrator, as  
Ex-officio Clerk of the Broward County  
Board of County Commissioners

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

Insurance requirements approved by  
Broward County Risk Management  
Division:

Approved as to form by  
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Broward County Attorney  
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Assistant County Attorney

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**City**

ATTEST:

City of Weston, Florida

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
, Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney