

AGREEMENT

This AGREEMENT is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2014, by and between the CITY OF ALAMEDA, hereinafter called "City," and the COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, hereinafter called "County."

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has enacted the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 and Federal regulations have been adopted pursuant thereto, hereinafter called the "Act"; and

WHEREAS, Title II of the Act creates the Home Investment in Affordable Housing Program, hereinafter called "HOME," that provides funds to states and local governments for acquisition, rehabilitation, new construction of affordable housing and tenant-based rental assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires local governments to formulate a Consolidated Plan as part of the eligibility requirements for HOME funds; and

WHEREAS, funds from Title II are distributed to metropolitan cities, urban counties States, and consortia of local governments;

WHEREAS, the Act allows local governments to form consortia for the purpose of receiving and administering HOME funds and carrying out purposes of the Act;

WHEREAS, the Act requires that a local government member of an urban county may participate in a consortium only through the urban county, and the County of Alameda is the lead agency of the Alameda County Urban County; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that a consortium shall have one member unit of general local government authorized to act in a representative capacity for all members for purposes of the Act and to assume overall responsibility for the Act, including requirements concerning the Consolidated Plan;

THEREFORE, it is agreed that:

1. CITY and COUNTY will cooperate in the operation of the Alameda County HOME Consortium, hereinafter called the "CONSORTIUM", for the purpose of undertaking or assisting in undertaking HOME-eligible housing assistance activities pursuant to Title II of the Act including but not limited to, acquiring, rehabilitating, and constructing affordable housing and providing homebuyer and tenant-based rental assistance.

2. COUNTY shall act as the representative member of the CONSORTIUM for the purposes of the Act.

3. CITY shall have thirty (30) calendar days to approve the portions of the Consolidated Plan which pertain to CITY before COUNTY submits final Consolidated Plan to the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development. COUNTY shall incorporate CITY changes in Consolidated Plan, if any, provided that they meet HOME requirements.

4. CITY shall approve each project funded with HOME funds within CITY before COUNTY approves funding project with HOME funds, provided that CITY approval or disapproval does not obstruct the implementation of the approved Consolidated Plan.

5. There shall be a Technical Advisory Committee for the Consortium to recommend spending priorities, policies, and review projects and proposed expenditures. CITY shall designate a staff member to participate on the Technical Advisory Committee.

6. CITY shall designate a representative to whom all notices and communications from COUNTY shall be directed. COUNTY'S duty to notify CITY shall be complete when the communication is sent to the designated representative. It is the exclusive duty of the designated representative to notify the appropriate individuals or departments within CITY.

7. To carry out activities under this Agreement, COUNTY shall allocate to CITY a portion of HOME funds received under the Act. Initial allocations shall be approved by the Technical Advisory Committee for the CONSORTIUM. If necessary to meet HOME requirements, funds will be reallocated by COUNTY in accordance with such needs, objectives, or strategies as COUNTY shall decide. In preparing such needs, objectives, or strategies, COUNTY shall consult with CITY and Technical Advisory Committee before making its determinations.

8. Each party to this agreement shall affirmatively further fair housing.

9. CITY shall pay COUNTY an annual fee to help defray COUNTY'S costs to administer the Consortium and perform monitoring, record-keeping, and reporting required by the Act. Such fee shall be based upon COUNTY'S expected actual costs and shall in no case exceed five percent (5%) of the CITY'S annual allocation of HOME funds.

10. CITY shall provide COUNTY with all of the following information concerning CITY and the activities CITY carries out under this agreement which COUNTY requires to be prepared: 1) documents required to be submitted to HUD, 2) annual HOME performance report, 3) such other documents as COUNTY may require to carry out eligible housing activities or meet Federal requirements. All information shall be submitted on forms prescribed by COUNTY. In addition, CITY agrees to make available upon request all records concerning the activities carried out under this agreement for inspection by COUNTY or Federal officials during regular business hours.

11. Pursuant to Government Code Section 895.4, CITY shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless COUNTY, its officers, employees, and agents from all claims, suits, actions or losses of any type, and from liability for any fines, penalties or damages of any type, resulting from CITY'S performance of this Agreement and caused by any act or omission of CITY, including failure to comply with any requirement of the Act or the Program described herein, except to the extent that any such claim, suits, actions, losses, or liabilities arise from any act or omission of COUNTY.

12. Pursuant to Government Code Section 895.4, COUNTY shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless CITY, its officers, employees, and agents from all claims, suits, actions or losses of any type, and from liability for any fines, penalties or damages of any type, resulting from COUNTY'S performance of this Agreement and caused by any act or omission of COUNTY, including failure to comply with any requirement of the Act or the Program described herein, except to the extent that any such claims, suits, actions, losses, or liability arise from any act or omission of CITY.

13. CITY agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless all other cities participating in the Alameda County HOME CONSORTIUM for CITY'S negligent acts or omissions arising from this Agreement.

14. This Agreement shall go into effect immediately upon the signature of both parties and shall continue in full force and effect until all activities funded from Federal fiscal years during which CITY was a participating jurisdiction in the CONSORTIUM are completed. CITY will be included in the Consortium for a minimum of three (3) Federal fiscal years, federal years 2015, 2016 and 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this contract on the day first mentioned above.

CITY OF ALAMEDA

COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

John A. Russo
City Manager

President, Alameda County Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Assistant City Attorney

By: _____
Deputy County Counsel

By signing above, signatory warrants and represents that he/she executed this Agreement in his/her authorized capacity and that by his/her signature on this Agreement, he/she or the entity upon behalf of which he/she acted, executed this Agreement.
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