

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF DUPAGE AND CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOR
COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

This AGREEMENT is entered into as of this _____ day of _____ by and between the COUNTY OF DUPAGE, ILLINOIS ("COUNTY"), a body politic and corporate, with offices located at 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois, 60187, and CATHOLIC CHARITIES ("SUBGRANTEE"), a not-for-profit corporation, with offices at 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403, UEI TK79EJPCX1C6.

SECTION I

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The COUNTY has applied for and received Community Service Block Grant ("CSBG") Funds from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity ("DCEO"), as provided by the Community Services Block Grants Act (42 USC 9901.) (the "ACT"). SUBGRANTEE desires and hereby elects to participate as a SUBGRANTEE of the aforesaid CSBG Funds allocated to COUNTY. COUNTY has considered and approved the application of the SUBGRANTEE and hereby agrees to provide GRANTEE funding in the amount and under the conditions hereafter provided.

SECTION II

REQUIREMENTS OF SUBGRANTEE

In consideration of receiving CSBG funds from the COUNTY, the SUBGRANTEE shall perform the following activities for the benefit of the COUNTY in a timely fashion:

1. SUBGRANTEE will conduct outreach to notify community of program;
2. SUBGRANTEE will maintain 24 hours, 7-day crisis line to serve as a central clearinghouse for all emergency shelter needs in DuPage County. Screen, assess and refer clients in need of shelter;
3. SUBGRANTEE Complete intake, determine eligibility and maintain files for 70 individual clients. Files will contain: 30-day income, self-sufficiency scale documentation of household members and proof of homelessness or DuPage County residency;
4. SUBGRANTEE will provide case management services to CSBG eligible individuals who are homeless in the Kathy Paulsen Hope House Emergency Shelter;
5. SUBGRANTEE will create and monitor an individualized Service Plan detailing individuals' goals and objectives. Case Manager will revisit plan with client every 30 days;
6. SUBGRANTEE will provide employment and vocational counseling support through one-on one counseling or group classes;
7. SUBGRANTEE will provide housing navigation support to individuals seeking safe, permanent housing;
8. SUBGRANTEE will monitor interventions and connect clients with mainstream benefits or services, advocate when necessary;

9. SUBGRANTEE will provide direct housing support in the form of basic needs, security deposit, rental assistance, moving expense, basic household furnishings and car repairs to 25 households exiting Kathy Paulsen Hope House Emergency Shelter to permanent housing;
10. SUBGRANTEE will partner with HOME DuPage to provide financial literacy to clients in CSBG Program;
11. SUBGRANTEE will provide up to 6 months aftercare services, if needed, including follow up case management, advocacy, referrals, and supportive services to households exiting Kathy Paulsen Hope House Emergency Shelter;
12. SUBGRANTEE will provide school supplies for up to 70 case managed households;
13. SUBGRANTEE will invoice COUNTY, at least quarterly for services, invoice must provide details of costs;
14. SUBGRANTEE will provide DuPage County Department of Community Services with the Agency's Annual audit and provide proof of Unique Entity ID generated by SAMS.gov;
15. SUBGRANTEE will participate in the DuPage County Department of Community Services Needs Assessment via client surveys, focus groups, client data and agency/board surveys;
16. SUBGRANTEE will update 211dupage.gov annually with agency referral information by 9/1/2026;
17. SUBGRANTEE will provide COUNTY CSBG applications within 30 days of completion;
18. SUBGRANTEE will bill COUNTY at least quarterly for re-housing (rent, security deposit, moving expenses, food, etc.);
19. SUBGRANTEE will comply with all assurances as further detailed in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated herein as part of this Agreement.

SECTION III

AMOUNT OF THE GRANT

The COUNTY shall grant to SUBGRANTEE, as full payment for all activities to be performed by SUBGRANTEE pursuant to this AGREEMENT, a maximum compensation of \$58,000.00 for Kathy Paulsen Hope House activities and back to school supplies for case management households. Kathy Paulsen Hope House invoices must be submitted at least quarterly, by April 15th, July 15th, October 15th, January 15th and must include supporting documentation for expenses billed. Final invoice must be received by April 1st, 2027.

SECTION IV

FEDERAL/STATE APPROPRIATION; NON-APPROPRIATION/INSUFFICIENT APPROPRIATION; REDUCED APPROPRIATION

A. Appropriation: The SUBGRANTEE is hereby given actual knowledge that pursuant to the State Finance Act, 30 ILCS 105/30, payments under this grant are contingent upon the existence of a valid appropriation that no officer shall contract any indebtedness on behalf of the State or assume to bind the State in an amount in excess of the money appropriated, unless expressly authorized by law.

B. Non-appropriation/Insufficient Appropriation: Payments pursuant to this Grant are subject to the availability of applicable federal and/or state funding from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, here in after referred to as DCEO and their appropriation and authorized expenditures under State law. DCEO shall use its best efforts to secure sufficient appropriations to fund this, Grant. However, DCEO's obligations hereunder shall cease immediately, without penalty or further payment being required, if the Illinois General Assembly or federal funding source fails to make an appropriation sufficient to pay such obligation. Any grant is void by operation of law if DCEO fails to obtain the requisite appropriation to pay the COUNTY in any year in which this Grant is in effect.

C. Reduced Funding Sources/Revenues: DCEO reserves the right to reduce the amount to be paid to the COUNTY if DCEO determines that it is in the best interest of the State of Illinois to reduce its obligation as a result of the occurrence of any of the following events during the term of the Grant:

1. Receipts from revenues which provide the funding for this Grant either fall significantly short of anticipated levels, or significantly decrease, or
2. Other sources (external grants, contracts, awards, etc.) providing funds for this Grant are decreased or withdrawn. If such an event occurs, DCEO will notify the COUNTY as soon as possible and the COUNTY will notify the SUBGRANTEE. If DCEO and COUNTY are able to agree on a reduced compensation amount and a corresponding reduced scope of services, the parties shall execute a grant modification so stating.

SECTION V

TIMELY COMPLETION OF PROJECT

Time is of the essence in this AGREEMENT; SUBGRANTEE shall complete all activities described herein between January 1, 2026 and March 31, 2027, unless terminated pursuant to this agreement.

SECTION VI

CONDITIONS OF GRANT

A. Assurances: The SUBGRANTEE assures the COUNTY that it will comply with the all applicable laws, regulations and orders identified in Exhibit "B," attached hereto and made a part of this AGREEMENT. (January 1, 2026- March 31, 2027.)

- B. Equal Opportunity: The COUNTY as a condition to its grant of funds requires the SUBGRANTEE, when applicable to file certifications showing equal employment opportunity compliance including Equal Opportunity Certification (See Exhibit "B").
- C. Non-Discrimination: The SUBGRANTEE in performing under this agreement, shall not discriminate against any worker, employee or applicant or any member of the public because of race, creed, color, sex, age or national origin, nor otherwise commit an unfair employment practice. The SUBGRANTEE will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age or national origin. The SUBGRANTEE agrees to post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment notices setting forth the provisions of this non-discriminatory clause.
- D. Appearance of Impropriety: SUBGRANTEE agrees to establish safeguards to prohibit employees and/or elected officials of the localities in which the program is situated from using positions for a purpose that is or gives the appearance of being motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others particularly those with whom they have family, business or other ties.
- E. Political Activities Restricted: SUBGRANTEE agrees that neither the program nor the funds provided therefor, and the personnel employed in the administration of the program shall be in any way or to any extent engaged in the conduct of political activities in contravention of Chapter 15 of Title 5, United States code, referred to as the Hatch Act.
- F. Retention of Records: The SUBGRANTEE shall maintain records to show actual time devoted and costs incurred and shall prepare and submit monthly progress reports that describe the work already performed and anticipated during the coming time period. Upon fifteen (15) days notice from the COUNTY, all time sheets, billings, and other documentation, used in the preparation of said progress reports shall be made available for inspection, copying, or auditing by the COUNTY at any time during normal business hours, at 421 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois.
- G. Audit and Inspection of Records: The SUBGRANTEE shall as often as deemed necessary by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity or the Comptroller of the State of Illinois, or the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives to have full access to and the right to examine any pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of the SUBGRANTEE involving transactions related to this GRANT for five (5) years from the date of submission of the final expenditure report or until all audit findings have been resolved, whichever is later. The SUBGRANTEE shall include in all its contracts under this GRANT a provision that the Department or the Comptroller of the State of Illinois, or the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives will have full access to and the right to examine any pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of any such contractor involving transactions related to the Grant for five (5) years from the final payment under the Grant. The term "contract:" as used in this clause excludes purchase orders not exceeding \$2,500.00.

Subcontractors whose contract amount equals or exceeds \$25,000.00 annually and who are subject to the provisions of Whitehouse Office of Management and Budget Circular A-

133 ("OMB Circular A-133") shall provide a copy of their most recent audit report or financial statements to the DuPage County Department of Community Services.

H. Availability of Laws, Regulations and Orders: The COUNTY shall provide the SUBGRANTEE, upon request, copies of all applicable laws, regulations and orders cited in this AGREEMENT.

I. Federal award identifying information:

CFDA #	93.569
CFDA Title	Community Services Block Grant
Award #	G-13B1ILCOSR
Federal Awarding Agency	Department of Health and Human Services

SECTION VII

SUBGRANTEE shall at all times observe and comply with Title 21 CFR Part 570 and all applicable laws, ordinances or regulations of the Federal, State, COUNTY and local government which may in any manner affect the performance of this AGREEMENT, including Community Services Block Grant CSBG Grant No. 26-231028 which is incorporated into and made a part of this AGREEMENT and is attached hereto as Exhibit C, and the SUBGRANTEE shall perform all acts with responsibility to the COUNTY in the same manner as the COUNTY is required to perform all acts with responsibility to the Federal Government.

SECTION VIII

Upon release of funds by DCEO for the activities covered by this AGREEMENT, the COUNTY shall make disbursements to the SUBGRANTEE upon the SUBGRANTEE'S submission of claims.

The SUBGRANTEE shall provide all disbursement of grant funds on a quarterly basis. Said reports shall include the SUBGRANTEE'S certification that work under third party contracts was performed in a satisfactory manner and in conformance with said third party contracts.

The SUBGRANTEE, at its option, may elect to finance expenditures, in whole or in part, for purposes covered by the grant and submit claims to the COUNTY for reimbursement. Alternatively, cash advances to the SUBGRANTEE shall be limited to the minimum amount needed and shall be timed to be in accord with the actual, immediate cash requirements necessary to carry out the purpose of the approved program or project.

The SUBGRANTEE shall disburse all funds within three (3) working days of receipt.

COUNTY shall be responsible, except as provided for in Section XIII below, for making all required payments against expenses incurred by SUBGRANTEE under this AGREEMENT. SUBGRANTEE shall forward to COUNTY all billings, vouchers, and other documents representing accounts payable, in such timely and reasonable manner as the parties shall determine. Such procedure will facilitate the maintenance of financial records by COUNTY as required by OMB Circular A-102.

SECTION IX

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

SUBGRANTEE shall submit to COUNTY a monthly progress report and or billing no later than the fifth (5th) day of the following month. In addition, SUBGRANTEE shall submit to the COUNTY an annual performance report and or annual report within thirty (30) days of the end of the SUBGRANTEE's fiscal year.

SECTION X

AMENDMENTS

This AGREEMENT constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto. Any proposed change in this AGREEMENT shall be submitted to the COUNTY for its prior approval. No modification, addition, deletion, etc., to this AGREEMENT shall be effective unless and until such changes are executed in writing by the authorized officers of each party.

SECTION XI

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

This AGREEMENT is made subject to financial assistance agreements between the COUNTY and DCEO.

SECTION XII

INDEMNIFICATION

SUBGRANTEE shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the COUNTY and its affiliates, officials, officers, employees and agents from and against all liability, claims, suits, demands, proceedings and actions, including costs, fees and expense of defense, arising from, growing out of, or related to, any loss, damage, injury, death, or loss or damage to property resulting from, or connected with, SUBGRANTEE's negligent or willful acts, errors or omissions in its performance under this Agreement. These provisions shall survive termination of this Agreement.

SECTION XIII

TERMINATION

The COUNTY may terminate this AGREEMENT at any time hereafter, with or without cause, by giving written notice to SUBGRANTEE at the address specified above. Termination shall be effective upon receipt of such notice by SUBGRANTEE, see addition.

A. In the event the COUNTY terminates this AGREEMENT other than for breach thereof by SUBGRANTEE, the COUNTY agrees to pay SUBGRANTEE, and SUBGRANTEE

agrees to accept as its sole remedy, cancellation charges equal to the remaining unpaid costs accrued and obligated to date of cancellation.

B. In the event the COUNTY terminates this AGREEMENT because of a material breach by SUBGRANTEE, the SUBGRANTEE shall assume liability for all costs incurred by the COUNTY to complete the Project as defined in Section II. The SUBGRANTEE also agrees to forfeit any unpaid grant monies at the time of termination, and may be subject to further penalties, up to and including, but not limited to, shall be barred from future participation in the COUNTY'S Community Services Block Funds grant program. If the COUNTY elects to bar the SUBGRANTEE from future participation, the SUBGRANTEE shall be entitled to a hearing before the Health and Human Services Committee of the DuPage County Board.

C. A "material breach" of this AGREEMENT shall be defined as a failure by the SUBGRANTEE to fulfill the stated purposes of this AGREEMENT as set forth in Section II, and further outlined in Exhibit "A;" failure to timely complete the project as set forth in Section IV, or any of the conditions of the grant as set forth in Section V, or any other obligations of the SUBGRANTEE as proscribed by this AGREEMENT, including, but not limited to, failure to submit monthly progress reports or third-party contract reports.

SECTION XIV ASSIGNMENT

SUBGRANTEE shall not assign this AGREEMENT or any part thereof and SUBGRANTEE shall not transfer or assign any funds or claims due or to become due hereunder without the written approval of the COUNTY having been first obtained.

SECTION XV UNAVOIDABLE DELAY

If the SUBGRANTEE is delayed in the completion of this Project under this AGREEMENT by a cause legitimately beyond his/her control, he/she must immediately upon receiving knowledge of such delay, give written notice to the COUNTY and request an extension. The COUNTY shall notify the SUBGRANTEE of the decision in writing and that decision shall be final and binding. The COUNTY'S decision not to extend this AGREEMENT constitutes a breach of this AGREEMENT by the SUBGRANTEE.

SECTION XVI SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement is or becomes illegal or invalid, it shall be effective to the extent of such illegality or invalidity, and the legality and validity of the remaining provisions contained herein shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION XVII APPLICABLE LAW & VENUE

This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the law of the State of Illinois and the parties agree that the exclusive venue for the resolution of any disputes that arise under this Agreement shall be the 18th Judicial Circuit Court of DuPage County, Illinois.

SECTION XVIII
RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to constitute that either party is a partner, employee or agent of the other, nor shall either party have the authority to bind the other in any respect, it being intended that the SUBGRANTEE in an independent contractor solely responsible for its own actions.

SECTION XIX
NOTICE

All notice which may be or are required to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing, addressed as sent forth below and shall be mailed by first class, registered or certified mail or transmitted by hand delivery.

Each party may designate by notice in writing a new address to which any notice or communication may thereafter be so given, served or sent.

TO: Catholic Charities
16555 Weber Rd
Crest Hill, IL 60403
Attention: Jennifer Arellano

TO: DuPage County Community Services
421 N. COUNTY Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187
Attention: Gina Strafford-Ahmed

SECTION XX
HEADINGS

The Section headings of this AGREEMENT are for convenience and reference only and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of this AGREEMENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this AGREEMENT on the dates hereafter indicated to be effective on the date first written above:

COUNTY OF DUPAGE
("COUNTY")

BY: _____ DATE: _____
MARY A. KEATING, DIRECTOR
DUPAGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
("SUBGRANTEE")

Signature on File

BY: _____

Jennifer Arellano

DATE: 01/15/2026

TITLE: Director of Finance & Administration

Signature on File

ATTEST:

Executive Assistant
Lorena Garza

DATE: 01/15/2026

EXHIBIT A

ASSURANCES

The SUBGRANTEE hereby assures, with respect to the Community Services Block Grant, that:

1. It possesses legal authority to apply for the Grant and to execute the proposed program.
2. It has reviewed and accepted the Grant Agreement in its entirety, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and designating the authorized representative of the SUBGRANTEE to act in connection with the Grant Agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required.
3. It agrees that no funds granted hereunder shall be used for any partisan or non-partisan political activity or to further the election or defeat of any candidate for public office, nor shall they be used in any activity to provide voters or prospective voters with transportation to the polls or similar assistance in connection with any election or in any voter registration activity.
4. The grant will be conducted and administered in compliance with the requirements of the Act, and with the applicable federal and state statutes, regulations and policies, including any current Executive Orders. The grant will be conducted and administered in compliance with:
 - a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) and the regulations issued pursuant thereto (24 CFR Part 1, *et. seq.*), which provide that no person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the applicant receives federal financial assistance and will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this assurance.
 - b) Section 677, (a) of the Community Services Block Grant Act, which provides that no person shall be excluded on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under, any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under the program. Any prohibition against discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 or with respect to an otherwise qualified handicapped individual, as provided in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, shall also apply to any such program activity.
 - c) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (P.L. 90-824) as amended, administering all programs and activities relating to housing and community development in a manner to affirmatively further fair housing in the sale or rental of housing, the financing of housing, and the provision of brokerage services within the applicant's jurisdiction.
5. The SUBGRANTEE agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that no unfair practice is committed, in accordance with the Illinois Human Rights Act. (775 ILCS 5/1-101 *et. seq.*).

EXHIBIT B

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CERTIFICATION COMMUNITY
SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, COUNTY OF DUPAGE

In carrying out the program, the SUBGRANTEE shall comply with all applicable federal antidiscrimination laws and shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The SUBGRANTEE shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants for employment are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The SUBGRANTEE shall post in conspicuous places, available to employees, and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Government setting forth the provision of this non-discrimination clause. The SUBGRANTEE shall state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The SUBGRANTEE shall cause or require to be inserted in full or any contract and subcontract for work, or modification thereof, all applicable Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Provisions.