

EXHIBIT A

GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF DUPAGE AND THE COMMUNITY HOUSE TO SUPPORT A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 (ARPA INTEREST)

WHEREAS, the County of DuPage ("County") is a body corporate and politic; and

WHEREAS, The Community House is a nonprofit organization that provides counseling and therapeutic services, community-building, education support, cultural activities, and recreational programs; and

WHEREAS, the County and The Community House ("Agency") are hereafter sometimes referred to as the "Party" and collectively referred to herein as "the Parties"; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is located in DuPage County and serves the under-resourced area of the Hinsdale Lake Terrace; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to enter into a Grant Agreement ("Agreement") with the Agency to provide ARPA Interest funding for a Community Engagement Coordinator who specializes in community outreach; and

WHEREAS, said Community Engagement Coordinator shall support targeted, effective interventions to improve outcomes for the residents of the Hinsdale Lake Terrace area; and

WHEREAS, said Community Engagement Coordinator shall help connect Hinsdale Lake Terrace residents to local community service organizations and government agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have prepared this Agreement to govern the distribution of the grant funds identified above.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. **Purpose of the Agreement.** The purpose of this Agreement is to provide the Agency with funding in the amount of \$25,000 to support a Community Engagement Coordinator. The Agreement provides payment for eligible expenses and provides a process for reporting on the payment in compliance with County requirements.
2. **Eligible Uses.** Funds appropriated by the County Board for disbursement under this Agreement shall be used to pay for a

contractual consultant to act as a Community Engagement Coordinator. This Community Engagement Coordinator shall provide outreach and liaison services for Hinsdale Lake Terrace residents.

3. **Recitals.** The recitals to this Agreement are incorporated as though set forth fully herein.
4. **Term.** This Agreement shall remain in effect through June 30, 2026. Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of this Agreement shall remain in effect indefinitely and shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
5. **Termination, Breach.** This Agreement may be terminated upon thirty (30) days' notice to the other Party with the written consent of the other Party. All terms of this Agreement shall be considered material terms and therefore all breaches shall be deemed material breaches. In the event of a breach of this Agreement by any Party, the non-breaching Party shall provide the breaching Party with written notice of the breach and shall provide a period of not less than thirty (30) days to cure said breach.
6. **Venue, Applicable Law.** The exclusive venue for disputes arising from this Agreement shall be the 18th Judicial Circuit Court, sitting in Wheaton, Illinois. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois.
7. **Payment.** The County agrees to pay the Agency \$25,000 for expenses related to the services provided by the Agency. For payment to be issued, the Agency must first provide a fully executed copy of this Agreement and an invoice to the County.
8. **Report to the County.** The Agency shall submit monthly performance measure reports through the County's ARPA on-line portal. Said reports are due no later than 15 days after the end of the month. Reports shall include the expenditure amount for the reporting month, the cumulative expenditure amount, the number of individuals served per month, the race/ethnicity of those served, and the ages of those served, to the extent that this information can be lawfully collected.
9. **Audit.** The use of these funds may be audited and reviewed by the Office of the County Auditor and external auditors. The Agency agrees to retain and provide access to all financial records and documents related to this Agreement for a period of not less than seven (7) years for audit purposes.
10. **Review of Operations.** The County may monitor and conduct an evaluation of operations funded. An evaluation may include a visit from County personnel to observe and review the Agency's financial and program materials relating to the activities financed.

11. **Clawback, Liquidated Damages.** If the cumulative expenditures in the final report are less than the amount provided by the County to the Agency, then the Agency shall tender the difference back to the County no later than September 30, 2026.
12. **Assignment.** Neither Party shall assign performance under this Agreement, nor shall either Party transfer any right or obligation under this Agreement without the express written approval of the County.
13. **Amendment.** Any amendment to the terms of this Agreement must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same Parties who approved and executed the original agreement or their successors in office.
14. **Waiver.** If the County fails to enforce any provision of this Agreement, that failure does not waive said provision or the County's right to enforce it.
15. **Sole Agreement.** This Agreement contains all negotiations between the County and the Agency. No other understanding regarding this grant Agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either Party.
16. **Liability.** The Agency agrees to indemnify, save, and hold the County, its officers, agents and employees, harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorney's fees incurred by the County, arising from the performance of this Agreement by the Agency, its officers, agents or employees. This clause will not be construed to bar any legal remedies the Agency may have for the County's failure to fulfill any of the County's obligations under this Agreement. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, indemnification of this Agreement shall be limited to the Agency's allocation, less any amount returned to the County pursuant to Section 11 of this Agreement, but said limitation shall not be applicable to any fines or penalties assessed by the Federal Government for failure to comply with the provisions of ARPA or other federal law.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

THUS, in witness thereof, the Parties have executed this Agreement on the date first written below.

The County of DuPage

By: _____
Print Name: Deborah A. Conroy
Title: County Board Chair
Date: November 25, 2025

The Community House

By: _____
Print Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____