

HOUSING
**DALTON-WHITFIELD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION**
SERVICE DELIVERY AGREEMENT

THIS SERVICE DELIVERY AGREEMENT, is made and entered into this _____ day of October, 2022, by and between Whitfield County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia formed and existing pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, and the City of Dalton, the Town of Cohutta, the City of Tunnel Hill, and the City of Varnell, all being municipal corporations chartered and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Georgia;

WHEREAS, *OCGA §§ 36-70-20 et seq.* mandate that Whitfield County and all municipalities located therein shall participate in the development of a **Service Delivery Strategy** through which Whitfield County and said municipalities shall create and maintain a service delivery system which is efficient, effective, and responsive to all citizens of Whitfield County;

WHEREAS, *OCGA § 36-70-24(1)* mandates that said Service Delivery Strategy shall identify steps which will be taken to remediate or avoid overlapping and unnecessary competition and duplication of service delivery, and that said Service Delivery Strategy shall identify the time frame in which such steps shall be taken; and

WHEREAS, *OCGA § 36-70-25* mandates that said Service Delivery Strategy receive the approval of Whitfield County and the governing authorities of municipalities located within Whitfield County, as is more particularly described in that Code Section;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned, being duly authorized to act on behalf of the above-named parties, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, agree as follows concerning workforce housing development, within Whitfield County as hereinafter described:

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1. Description of Current Service Delivery Arrangement.

The City of Dalton and Whitfield County entered into a Memorandum of Understanding effective January 1, 2004 to establish and maintain a non-profit workforce housing development organization consistent with their Service Delivery Agreement titled Workforce Housing Development dated October 29, 2002. The designated workforce housing development organization was originally incorporated as the Dalton/Whitfield County Non-Profit Development Corporation on August 15, 2002, with Articles of Amendment filed on February 12, 2007 changing the organization's name to the Dalton-Whitfield Community Development Corporation (CDC).

Operating with a salaried Director and staff some funding for CDC is provided by the City of Dalton and Whitfield County with remaining financial support through grants, private donations, and revenue generated through any sale of land or assets of the organization. The agency was envisioned in 2002 to address the need for quality affordable housing in the cities and Town and throughout Whitfield County.

The agency is a tax exempt Section 501 (c) (3) organization. It is governed by a Board of Directors with specified terms. Vacancies and subsequent appointments are made by its Board of Directors.

The current goal of the agency is to facilitate the opportunity of the workforce to acquire and maintain safe and decent housing in Dalton and Whitfield County. Its programmatic goals are:

- i) provide basic home ownership counseling and education services;
- ii) initiate a housing rehabilitation program; and
- iii) initiate an infill development program.

The agency serves as a HUD-certified housing counseling agency providing pre-purchase home buying education and foreclosure prevention. Homeless services are also provided by the agency.

While the cities and Town and Whitfield County may apply for and receive from time to time various Community Development Block Grants relative to local housing and several non-profit agencies provide homeless shelter, there is no duplication or overlap in services provided by CDC. Because of the enormous need CDC expands the workforce and homeless services components which any such grants or non-profit organizations may provide.

2. Future Service Delivery Strategy.

The parties hereto agree that the current service delivery arrangements described above are efficient, effective, and responsive to all citizens of Whitfield County.

The parties hereto agree that should any party undertake any action which may result in overlapping, competition, or duplication in the current service delivery arrangements or in the future service delivery strategy described in this Service Delivery Agreement, that party shall notify the other parties to this Agreement, so as to facilitate continued compliance with the requirements of Georgia law as referenced above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned has executed this Service Delivery Agreement on behalf of the respective party set forth below, pursuant to the authority granted to each of the undersigned in the resolution by which each party approved and adopted this Service Delivery Agreement.

-ALL SIGNATURES APPEAR ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE-

WHITFIELD COUNTY

BY: _____
CHAIRMAN, WHITFIELD COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: _____

COUNTY SEAL

CITY OF DALTON

BY: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

CITY SEAL

CITY OF TUNNEL HILL

BY: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

CITY SEAL

TOWN OF COHUTTA

BY: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

CITY SEAL

CITY OF VARNELL

BY: _____
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

CITY SEAL