

**AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE**  
**AND**  
**CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF SULLIVAN COUNTY**

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into as of this 1st day of July, 2023, by and between the City of Kingsport, hereinafter called "CITY", and the Children's Advocacy Center of Sullivan County, Inc., hereinafter called "CHILDREN'S CENTER".

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, CHILDREN'S CENTER is a not-for-profit agency as defined by Tenn. Code Ann. §§6-54-111 and 48-51-101 *et seq.*, and is eligible to receive funds for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, CITY is authorized by Tenn. Code Ann. §6-54-111 *et seq.* to provide financial assistance to nonprofit organizations and not-for-profit corporations; and

WHEREAS, CHILDREN'S CENTER has requested financial assistance pursuant to said state law which CITY has approved; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to set forth the terms and conditions with respect to the use of funds to be provided.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, the parties agree as follows:

1. **PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT.** The purpose of this Agreement is to help provide a children's advocacy center for abused children in the Sullivan County area and to state the terms and conditions upon which financial assistance will be provided by CITY and the manner in which the project will be carried out by CHILDREN'S CENTER.
2. **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT.** CHILDREN'S CENTER agrees as follows:
  - a) Education and Training Coordination.
    - The Child Advocacy Center provides educational and prevention programs as well as in-depth training programs for professionals about child abuse.
  - b) Medical Examination Program.
    - The Child Advocacy Center provides medical exams for children, which assist in the collection of physical evidence, as well as attends to the child's physical needs.

- c) Child Protective Investigative Team.
    - Sullivan County professionals from DCS, law enforcement, the district attorney's office, mental health, and juvenile court work to provide services to children and families in a unified effort.
  - d) Court Group.
    - The Child Advocacy Center provides several means of support to any child and family who have to appear in court.
  - e) Mother Advocate Program.
    - The Mother Advocate Program is designed to support the non-offending parents in cases of alleged sexual abuse in such a manner that they can act responsibly to protect and support the alleged child victim.
  - f) Transportation.
    - The Children's Advocacy Center staff and volunteers provide van transportation to clients and their families when needed.
3. **MAXIMUM PAYMENT.** It is expressly understood and agreed that the total amount to be paid by CITY to CHILDREN'S CENTER under this Agreement will not exceed FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$5,400).
  4. **REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT.** CHILDREN'S CENTER will bill CITY for the actual net operating costs incurred on a quarterly basis using forms and procedures specified by CITY.
  5. **REIMBURSEMENT BY CITY.** CITY will honor all requests for reimbursement up to amount as stated in paragraph 3 provided that CHILDREN'S CENTER is complying with its obligations provided herein. However, reimbursement of any cost pursuant to this Section will not constitute a final determination by CITY of the allowability of such costs and will not constitute a waiver of any violation of the terms of the Agreement.
  6. **AUDITS.** CHILDREN'S CENTER prior to receiving funds pursuant to this Agreement it must file with the city clerk a copy of an annual report of its business affairs and transactions that includes, but is not limited to:
    - a) Either a copy of the entity's most recently completed annual audit or an annual report detailing all receipts and expenditures in a form prescribed by the comptroller of the treasury and prepared and certified by the chief financial officer of such nonprofit organization;
    - b) A description of the program that serves the residents of the municipality; and
    - c) The proposed use of the municipal assistance.
    - d) A listing of revenue sources detailing what percent of the total operating budget they cover.

The report filed pursuant hereto shall be open for public inspection during regular business hours of the city clerk's office. Financial reports shall be available to fiscal officers of the CITY and shall be subject to audit under Tenn. Code Ann. § 6-56-105. CHILDREN'S CENTER will permit CITY or its representatives to inspect all work, materials, payrolls,

and other records with regard to the project, and to audit the books, records, and accounts of CHILDREN'S CENTER with regard to the project. Such records will be retained for this purpose for a period of not less than three years.

7. **ACCOUNTING, RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.** CHILDREN'S CENTER will establish and maintain an accounting, record-keeping, and reporting system consistent with generally accepted accounting principles and no less than those recommended in the Accounting Manual for Recipients of Grant Funds in Tennessee, published by the Comptroller of the Treasury, State of Tennessee. CHILDREN'S CENTER further agrees to submit to CITY a copy of its most recent audited report at the same time said report is submitted to the State government.
8. **CHANGES.** Any changes in this Agreement will require a written amendment executed by all parties hereto.
9. **ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLETTING.** CHILDREN'S CENTER will not assign any rights to funds without prior written authorization from CITY.
10. **TERMINATION.** This Agreement may be terminated by either party by giving written notice to the other at least 30 days before the effective date of such termination. In the event of such termination, CHILDREN'S CENTER will be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any eligible operating expenses paid or incurred as of the termination date, but in no event will this amount exceed FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$5,400).
11. **CHANGED CONDITIONS AFFECTING PERFORMANCE.** CHILDREN'S CENTER will immediately notify CITY of any change in conditions or of any other event which may significantly affect its ability to perform the Project in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
12. **ASSURANCES.** CHILDREN'S CENTER hereby assures CITY that CHILDREN'S CENTER is legally entitled to funds from CITY.
13. **OPERATING INFORMATION.** CHILDREN'S CENTER will provide any relevant information requested by CITY concerning CHILDREN'S CENTER's program including, but not limited to, contracts for third party financial arrangements, annual financial statements and audit reports, schedules, and fees.
14. **PROJECT TERM.** CITY and CHILDREN'S CENTER have previously agreed that the project term for this contract is from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. Accordingly, funds allocated by CITY to CHILDREN'S CENTER can be used to reimburse CHILDREN'S CENTER for eligible project expenses beginning on July 1, 2023. In no event will CITY participate in project expenses incurred after June 30, 2024.

15. **REPORTING.** CHILDREN'S CENTER will submit to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen a quarterly report setting out how funds allocated by CITY to CHILDREN'S CENTER assist in carrying out the purpose of the project as described under the terms of this Agreement. The report shall be transmitted to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.
16. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** CHILDREN'S CENTER'S relationship with CITY is that of an independent contractor and nothing in this Agreement should be construed to create a partnership, joint venture, or employer-employee relationship. CHILDREN'S CENTER is not the agent of the CITY and is not authorized to make any representation, contract, or commitment on behalf of CITY. Neither CHILDREN CENTER nor its employees will, under any circumstances, be considered servants, agents, partners or a joint venture of CITY, and CITY will at no time be legally responsible for any negligence or other wrongdoing by CHILDREN'S CENTER, or its employees or agents.
17. **INDEMNIFICATION FOR DAMAGES, TAXES AND CONTRIBUTIONS.** CHILDREN'S CENTER will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless CITY, including without limitation, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from and against:
- a) Any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, defense costs, or liability of any kind or nature which CITY may sustain or incur or which may be imposed upon it for injury to or death of persons, or damage to property as a result of, arising out of, or in any manner connected with CHILDREN'S CENTER'S performance under the terms of this Agreement, excepting any liability arising out of the sole negligence of the CITY. Such indemnification includes any damage to the person(s), or property(ies) of CHILDREN'S CENTER and third persons.
  - b) Any and all Federal, State and Local taxes, charges, fees, or contributions required to be paid with respect to CHILDREN'S CENTER and its officers, employees and agents engaged in the performance of this Agreement (including, without limitation, unemployment insurance, social security and payroll tax withholding).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the signatures of the parties hereto as of the date and year first written in duplicate original form.

[Signatures on next page.]

**Children's Advocacy Center of Sullivan  
County, Inc.**

**City of Kingsport, Tennessee**

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**Signature**

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**Patrick W. Shull, Mayor**

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**Date**

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**Date**

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**Printed Name**

**Attest:**

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**Angela Marshall, Deputy City Recorder**

**Approved as to form:**

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**Rodney B. Rowlett, III, City Attorney**