

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE
AND
FIRST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into as of this 1st day of July, 2025, by and between the City of Kingsport, hereinafter called "CITY", and the First Tennessee Development District, hereinafter called "FTDD".

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, FTDD is a political subdivision of the State of Tennessee and is eligible to receive funds for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, FTDD 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 provide an advocate for issues of regional concern for area wide planning and intergovernmental relations 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 FTDD.
2. **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT.**
FTDD agrees as follows:
 - A. To be a liaison for local governments and state and federal governments.
 - B. To provide data collections services, regional plan preparations, project implementation activities, grants management and preparation, coordination functions

and technical assistance.

C. To provide the residents of Kingsport with a means to cooperate in comprehensive regional programs to prevent future environmental degradation and to resolve existing waste disposal problems.

3. **MAXIMUM PAYMENT.** It is expressly understood and agreed that the total amount to be paid by CITY to FTDD under this Agreement will not exceed SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$6,374.00).
4. **REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT.** FTDD will bill CITY for the actual net operating costs incurred on an annual 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 FTDD 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.** FTDD 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 T.C.A. § 6-56-105. FTDD 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 FTDD 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.** FTDD 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. FTDD 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.** FTDD 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, FTDD 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 SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$6,374.00).
11. **CHANGED CONDITIONS AFFECTING PERFORMANCE.** FTDD 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.** FTDD hereby assures CITY that FTDD is legally entitled to funds from CITY.
13. **OPERATING INFORMATION.** FTDD will provide any relevant information requested by CITY concerning FTDD'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 FTDD have previously agreed that the project term for this contract is from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Accordingly, funds allocated by CITY to FTDD can be used to reimburse FTDD for eligible project expenses beginning on July 1, 2025. In no event will CITY participate in project expenses incurred after June 30, 2026.
15. **REPORTING.** FTDD will submit to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen its quarterly status report setting out how funds allocated by CITY to FTDD assist in carrying out the purpose of the project as described under the terms of this Agreement.
16. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** FTDD'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. FTDD is not the agent of the CITY and is not authorized to make any representation, contract or commitment on behalf of CITY. Neither FTDD 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 wrong doing by FTDD, or its employees or agents.
17. **INDEMNIFICATION FOR DAMAGES, TAXES AND CONTRIBUTIONS.**

FTDD 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 FTDD'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 FTDD and third persons.

B. Any and all Federal, State and Local taxes, charges, fees, or contributions required to be paid with respect to FTDD 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.

**FIRST TENNESSEE
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Executive Director

CITY OF KINGSPORT

PAUL W. MONTGOMERY
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Recorder

RODNEY B. ROWLETT, III
City Attorney