

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING for Governance, Decision Making and
Administration of the Community Development Block Grant Program**

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) is entered into five originals between Thurston County (hereinafter the "County"), a political subdivision of the State of Washington, and the cities of Yelm, Rainier, Tenino and town of Bucoda (hereinafter the "Cities"), municipal corporations within Thurston County, (hereinafter the "parties") for purposes of defining a governance, decision making and administrative structure to manage the Community Development Block Grant (hereinafter the "CDBG") entitlement funding. These CDBG funds are referenced in the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (Agreement) between the County and the Cities to participate and receive funds under the federal CDBG entitlement program.

WHEREAS, the County and the Cities have agreed to pursue funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for CDBG;

WHEREAS, the County and the Cities recognize the need to create a governance/administrative structure to manage CDBG funding in a fair and equitable way with particular attention paid to meeting both urban and rural needs;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises made herein and the mutual benefits received hereunder, the parties agree as follows:

- I. The County shall be the administrator of the CDBG Entitlement Program in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement referenced above.
- II. The County agrees that in every odd year it will commit and pledge CDBG funds for eligible projects within south Thurston County communities, including the Cities that are party to this MOU, with the Cities representing their respective jurisdictions and the County representing the interests of unincorporated County residents and communities.
- III. Proposed projects will be solicited through a Request for Proposals process, administered by the County. Decisions shall be made by a committee consisting of an equal number of representatives from each of the five parties to this MOU. If no such projects are proposed or approved, the County may elect to fund eligible projects elsewhere in Thurston County. If no projects are proposed in any year in which awards are not scheduled for commitment in the south Thurston County communities, the parties to this MOU may apply for use of those CDBG funds for eligible projects in their respective jurisdictions.
- III. This MOU creates no separate legal entity.
- IV. Prior to its entry into force, this Memorandum of Understanding shall be filed with the Thurston County Auditor's Office or posted upon the websites of the County and Cities as provided by RCW 39.34.040.
- V. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington as to interpretation and performance. The parties agree that venue for enforcement of any provisions shall be the Superior Court of Thurston County.
- VI. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective upon the signature by the last of

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the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed by the dates and signature herein under affixed. The persons signing this MOU on behalf of the parties represent that each has authority to execute this MOU on behalf of the party entering into this MOU.

Thurston County

Town of Bucoda

Tye Menser, Chair of the Board


Callie Carpenter, Mayor

Date: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to form:

Approved as to form:



Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Attorney

City of Rainier

City of Yelm

Robert Shaw, Mayor

Joe DePinto, Mayor

Date: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to form:

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

City Attorney

City of Tenino

Dave Watterson, Mayor

Date: _____

Approved as to form:

City Attorney