

**AMENDMENT ONE
TO THE FEDERALLY FUNDED
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR)
HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP) MATCH
SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT**

On April 21, 2022, the Florida Department of Commerce (“Commerce”), formerly known as the Department of Economic Opportunity, and the City of Blountstown, Florida (“Subrecipient”) entered into agreement M0077 (“Agreement”). Commerce and the Subrecipient may individually be referred to herein as a “Party” or collectively as the “Parties”.

WHEREAS, Section 4, Modification of Agreement, of the Agreement provides that any amendment to the Agreement shall be in writing executed by the Parties thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement as set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and obligations set forth herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree to the following:

1. Page 1 of the Agreement is hereby modified to add the following:

WHEREAS, On July 1, 2023, pursuant to Chapter 2023-173, Laws of Florida, DEO is renamed to the Florida Department of Commerce (“Commerce”). Effective July 1, 2023, all references herein and throughout the Agreement to “Department of Economic Opportunity” or “DEO” are hereby replaced with “Department of Commerce” or “Commerce,” as appropriate.

2. Section 3., *Period of Agreement*, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

This Agreement begins April 21, 2022, (“Effective Date”) and ends December 31, 2024, unless otherwise terminated as provided in this agreement. Commerce shall not grant any extension of this Agreement unless Subrecipient provides justification satisfactory to Commerce in its sole discretion and Commerce’s Deputy Secretary or other designee approves such extension.

3. Section 27., *Employment Eligibility Verification*, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

A. E-Verify is an Internet-based system that allows an employer, using information reported on an employee’s Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, to determine the eligibility of all new employees hired to work in the United States. There is no charge to employers to use E-Verify. The Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify system can be found at: <https://www.e-verify.gov/>.

B. In accordance with section 448.095, F.S., the State of Florida expressly requires the following:

- (1) Every public agency and its contractors and subcontractors shall register with and use the E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. A public agency or a contractor or subcontractor thereof may not enter into a contract unless each party to the contract registers with and uses the E-Verify system.


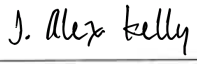
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- (2) An employer shall verify each new employee's employment eligibility within three (3) business days after the first day that the new employee begins working for pay as required under 8 C.F.R. 274a. Beginning July 1, 2023, a private employer with 25 or more employees shall use the E-Verify system to verify a new employee's employment eligibility.
- C. If an entity does not use E-Verify, the entity shall enroll in the E-Verify system prior to hiring any new employee or retaining any contract employee after the effective date of this Agreement.
4. In the event this Amendment is not executed prior to the Agreement's existing termination date, the Parties agree that the Agreement is hereby reinstated as though it had not expired.
5. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement not otherwise amended remain in full force and effect.

~ Remainder Left Intentionally Blank ~

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IN WITNESS HEREOF, by signature below, the Parties agree to abide by the terms, conditions, and provisions of Commerce Agreement Number M0077, as amended. This Amendment is effective on the date the last Party signs this Amendment.

CITY OF BLOUNSTOWN, FLORIDA	DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SIGNED: 	SIGNED: 
TONY SHOEMAKE	J. ALEX KELLY
MAYOR	SECRETARY
DATE: <u>09-28-23</u>	DATE: <u>9/28/2023</u>

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency, subject only to full and proper execution by the Parties.

**OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

By: Valerie Wright

Approved Date: 9/27/2023