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AUTHORITY, PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF WORK**1. Authority**

California Assembly Bill No. 140 (Chapter 111, Statutes of 2021) (“**AB 140**”) added sections 50675.1.3 and 50675.1.4 to the Multifamily Housing Program (“**MHP**”) (Chapter 6.7 (commencing with Section 50675) of Part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code). Health and Safety Code section 50675.1.3 provides the statutory basis for the Homekey Program – Round 3 (“**Homekey**” or “**Program**”). Health and Safety Code section 50675.1, subdivision (d) authorizes the Department of Housing and Community Development (“**Department**” or “**HCD**”) to administer MHP.

The Department issued a Homekey Program Notice of Funding Availability, Round 3 on March 29, 2023 (the “**NOFA**”). The NOFA incorporates by reference the MHP, as well as the Multifamily Housing Program Final Guidelines, dated March 30, 2022 and amended on May 5, 2022 (“**MHP Guidelines**”), both as amended and in effect from time to time. The NOFA, further, incorporates by reference, the Uniform Multifamily Regulations (UMRs) (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 25, § 8300 et seq.), effective November 15, 2017, and as subsequently amended, except to the extent that any UMR provision would be inconsistent with the provisions of the NOFA. Homekey grant funds are derived primarily from the state’s direct allocation of the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (“**CSFRF**”), which was established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“**ARPA**”) (Pub.L. No. 117-2). Homekey funds are also derived from the State of California’s General Fund.

This STD 213, Standard Agreement (“**Agreement**”) is entered under the authority and in furtherance of the Program. This Agreement is the result of an Application by the Grantee, as defined below, for funding under the Program (the “**Grant**”). As such, this Agreement shall be executed by the Grantee. Where the Grantee comprises a Public Entity or Tribal Entity, as defined below, and one or more additional entities, all entities shall execute the Agreement.

This Agreement hereby incorporates by reference the Application, as well as the project report prepared by the Department in reliance on the representations and descriptions included in that Application. This Agreement is governed by the following (collectively, the “**Program Requirements**”), and each of the following, as amended and in effect from time to time, is incorporated hereto as if set forth in full herein:

A. AB 140;

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- B. The above-referenced MHP statutory scheme;
- C. The NOFA;
- D. The MHP Guidelines;
- E. The UMRs;
- F. ARPA and related federal guidance;
- G. The award letter issued by the Department to the Grantee; and
- H. All other applicable law.

2. Purpose

The Homekey Program is intended to provide housing for individuals and families who are homeless or who are at risk of homelessness, as defined in Part 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and who are inherently impacted by or at increased risk for medical diseases or conditions due to the COVID-19 pandemic or other communicable diseases (“**Target Population**”).

Grantee applied to the Department for the Grant in order to conduct one or more of the activities outlined in Paragraph 4 below. By entering into this Agreement and thereby accepting the award of Program Grant funds, the Grantee agrees to comply with the Program Requirements and the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

3. Definitions

Any capitalized terms that are not defined below shall have the definitions set forth in the NOFA, the MHP statutes, and the MHP Guidelines. In the event of any conflict, the definitions in this Agreement and the NOFA are controlling.

- A. “**Affordability Covenant**” means the legally binding instrument which (i) is recorded in first position against Project real property in consideration for the Homekey Program award to the Grantee; (ii) imposes use, operation, occupancy, and affordability restrictions on the real property and improvements; and (iii) incorporates the Homekey Program Requirements by reference. Upon its execution, the Affordability Covenant shall be binding, effective, and enforceable against all successors, transferees, and assignees, in accordance with Section 208 of the NOFA, after a certificate of occupancy or its equivalent

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- has been issued for the Project, or if no such certificate is issued, from the date of initial occupancy of the Project. Interim Housing Projects, Permanent Housing Projects, and Permanent Housing Projects on tribal trust land shall be encumbered with 30-year, 55-year, and 50-year Affordability Covenants, respectively.
- B. **“AMI”** means Area Median Income.
- C. **“Application”** means the application for Grant funds that was submitted in response to the Department’s NOFA.
- D. **“Assistance Listing Number”** (ALN) formerly known as the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number, is a five-digit number assigned in the awarding document for all federal assistance award mechanisms.
- E. **“Assisted Unit”** means a Homekey-funded residential dwelling unit that is subject to rent, income, occupancy, and other restrictions in accordance with Program Requirements. See also **“Youth Assisted Unit.”**
- F. **“Chronically Homeless”** is defined in accordance with Part 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- G. **“Co-Applicant”** means the nonprofit corporation, for-profit corporation, limited liability company, and/or limited partnership that applied for an award of Homekey Grant funds with the Eligible Applicant (i.e., a Public Entity or Tribal Entity).
- H. **“Date of Award”** means the date on the award letter issued from the Department to the Grantee.
- I. **“Designated Payee”** means the Co-Grantee that will serve as the payee of the Program Grant funds. If applicable, the Designated Payee is identified at Exhibit E of this Agreement.
- J. **“Eligible Applicant”** means the Public Entity or Tribal Entity that applied for an award of Homekey Grant funds.
- K. **“Eligible Uses”** means the activities that may be funded by the Homekey Program Grant. Those activities are listed at Paragraph 4 below of this Agreement, and at Health and Safety Code section 50675.1.3, subdivision (a).

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- L. **“Expenditure Deadline for Capital Funds”** means the date by which the capital expenditure award must be fully expended. This deadline is eight (8) months from the Date of Award, or up to 15 months from the Date of Award if an expenditure deadline extension has been requested and approved by the Department.
- M. **“Expenditure Deadline for Operating Funds”** means the date by which the operating subsidy award must be fully expended. This deadline is **June 30, 2026**.
- N. **“Grantee or Subrecipient”** means the Eligible Applicant (and, if applicable, the Co-Applicant) that has been awarded funds under the Program, and that will be held responsible for compliance with and performance of all Program Requirements. The Grantee may comprise one or more entities, so long as the Grantee structure includes an “Eligible Applicant,” as defined in the NOFA and as set forth above. **“Grantee”** refers, both individually and collectively, to the Co-Applicant and/or the Eligible Applicant that received a Homekey Grant after submitting an Application or a joint Application to the Department. When the Grantee comprises two or more entities, each entity may be referred to as a **“Co-Grantee.”** On the STD 213 portion of this Agreement, the Grantee is identified as the Contractor.
- O. **“Homeless Youth”** means a child, a youth, or a current or former foster youth through the age of 25 who qualifies as “homeless” under any of the relevant definitions set forth or identified at Part 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- P. **“Homeless Youth Project”** means a Project that was prioritized to receive set-aside Homekey funds because **(i)** at least 25 percent of its Assisted Units will be restricted to Homeless Youth or Youth at Risk of Homelessness; **(ii)** the Grantee jointly applied and/or partnered with a nonprofit corporation with experience serving the foregoing subpopulation; and **(iii)** the Project will provide Supportive Services for Youth Assisted Units using a Positive Youth Development (PYD) model and trauma-informed care. Such Project may also have been prioritized because it is located within a one-mile radius of youth-centered amenities, such as community colleges, universities, trade schools, apprenticeship programs, employment programs, childcare centers for parenting youth, and community centers for youth.

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- Q. **“Interim Housing”** means any facility whose primary purpose is to provide a temporary shelter for the Target Population and which does not require occupants to sign leases or occupancy agreements.
- R. **“Local Public Entity”** is defined at Health and Safety Code section 50079, and means any county, city, city and county, the duly constituted governing body of an Indian reservation or rancheria, tribally designated housing entity as defined in Section 4103 of Title 25 of the United States Code and Section 50104.6.5, redevelopment agency organized pursuant to Part 1 (commencing with Section 33000) of Division 24, or housing authority organized pursuant to Part 2 (commencing with Section 34200) of Division 24, and also includes any state agency, public district, or other political subdivision of the state, and any instrumentality thereof, that is authorized to engage in or assist in the development or operation of housing for persons and families of low or moderate income. In addition, and in accord with this Health and Safety Code definition, the term **“Local Public Entity”** also includes two or more local public entities acting jointly.
- S. **“Performance Milestones”** means the indicators and metrics of progress and performance that are identified as such at Exhibit E of this Agreement. Grantee’s failure to satisfy any one of the Performance Milestones will constitute a breach of this Agreement and will entitle the Department to exercise any and all available remedies, including the recapture of disbursed Grant funds and the cancellation of this Agreement.
- T. **“Permanent Housing”** means housing, dwellings, or other living accommodations where the landlord does not limit the tenant’s length of tenancy, the landlord does not restrict the tenant’s movements, and the tenant has a lease and is subject to the rights and responsibilities of tenancy.
- U. **“Program Requirements”** means the legal authority and Program materials listed at Paragraph 1.A – H, above.
- V. **“Project”** means a structure or set of structures with common financing, ownership, and management, which provides Permanent Housing or Interim Housing for the Target Population, and which is subject to an appropriate Affordability Covenant in accordance with Section 208 of the NOFA.
- W. **“Public Entity”** is defined in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 50675.1.3, subdivision (a), and means a city, a county, a city and county, and

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- any other state entity, regional entity, or Local Public Entity, including any council of government, metropolitan planning organization, and regional transportation planning agency designated in Section 29532.1 of the Government Code. For purposes of this Agreement, a **“Local Public Entity”** is defined in accordance with Health and Safety Code section 50079 and as set forth above.
- X. **“Scope of Work”** or **“Work”** means the work to be performed by the Grantee to accomplish the Program purpose.
- Y. **“Supportive Services”** means social, health, educational, income support, employment, and housing stability services and benefits; coordination of community building and educational activities; individualized needs assessment and case management; and individualized assistance with obtaining services and benefits.
- Z. **“Target Population”** means individuals and families who are “homeless” or “at risk of homelessness,” as those terms are defined in Part 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and who are inherently impacted by or at increased risk for medical diseases or conditions due to the COVID-19 pandemic or other communicable diseases. The Target Population also includes Homeless Youth or Youth at Risk of homelessness. For Grantees utilizing HOME-ARP funding as match, the “Target Population” also includes individuals and families who are “Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking” and “Other Populations” as defined in HUD Community Planning and Development (CPD) Notice 21-10.
- AA. **“TCAC”** means the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee.
- BB. **“Tribal Entity”** means an entity that meets any of the following criteria:
- 1) Meets the definition of Indian tribe under section 4103(13)(B) of title 25 of the United States Code;
 - 2) Meets the definition of Tribally Designated Housing Entity under section 4103(22) of title 25 of the United States Code;
 - 3) Is not a federally recognized tribe, but is either:
 - a) Listed in the petitioner list of the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) within the Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior pursuant to Part 82.1 of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations; or

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- b) Is an Indian tribe located in the State of California and identified on the contact list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission for the purpose of consultation pursuant to Government Code section 65352.3.
- CC. **“Unique Entity ID”** (UEI) is a 12-character alphanumeric ID assigned to an entity by www.Sam.gov.
- DD. **“Youth Assisted Unit”** means an Assisted Unit serving Homeless Youth or Youth at Risk of Homelessness. See also **“Assisted Unit.”**
- EE. **“Youth at Risk of Homelessness”** means a child, a youth, or a current or former foster youth through the age of 25 who qualifies as “at risk of homelessness” or “homeless” under any of the relevant definitions set forth or identified at Part 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

4. Eligible Uses

Grantee shall apply the Program Grant funds to one or more of the following uses. All costs in connection with such Eligible Uses must be incurred on or after March 3, 2021, by the Expenditure Deadline for Capital Funds, and by the Expenditure Deadline for Operating Funds, respectively and as applicable. Grantee’s use of the funds and scope of work (**“Scope of Work”** or **“Work”**) are specified at Exhibit E of this Agreement.

- A. Acquisition or rehabilitation, or acquisition and rehabilitation, of motels, hotels, hostels, or other sites and assets, including apartments or homes, adult residential facilities, residential care facilities for the elderly, manufactured housing, commercial properties, and other buildings with existing uses that could be converted to permanent or interim housing.
- B. Master leasing of properties for non-congregate housing.
- C. Conversion of units from nonresidential to residential.
- D. New construction of dwelling units.
- E. The purchase of affordability covenants and restrictions for units.
- F. Relocation costs for individuals who are being displaced as a result of the Homekey Project.

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- G. Capitalized operating subsidies for units purchased, converted, or altered with Homekey Grant funds provided pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50675.1.3.

5. Rent Standards

- A. Permanent Housing. Rent limits for initial occupancy, and for each subsequent occupancy, of an Assisted Unit shall not exceed 30 percent of that Assisted Unit's designated income-eligibility level.
- B. Interim Housing. No rent shall be charged to the Target Population residents of Interim Housing.

6. Program Deadlines

- A. Acquisition, rehabilitation, and/or construction shall be completed within 12 months of the Date of Award.
- B. Grantee shall expend any capital expenditure award by the Expenditure Deadline for Capital Funds.
- C. The Homekey-funded portion of the operating award must be disbursed by the Department by June 30, 2025. Grantee shall expend any Homekey-funded operating subsidy award by the Expenditure Deadline for Operating Funds.
- D. Full occupancy shall be achieved within 15 months of the Date of Award.

7. Performance Milestones

- A. Grantee shall complete each of the Performance Milestones set forth at Exhibit E of this Agreement by the date designated for such completion therein (each, a "**Milestone Completion Date**"). The Performance Milestones shall include, but not be limited to, any applicable Expenditure Deadline for Capital Funds, Expenditure Deadline for Operating Funds, or occupancy deadline.
- B. The Department may, in its sole and absolute discretion, approve an extension of the acquisition, rehabilitation, construction, and/or occupancy deadlines if the Grantee demonstrates, to the Department's satisfaction, that the relevant delay is caused by reasonably unforeseeable events, conditions, or circumstances.

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- C. In no event will the Department approve an extension request in the absence of Grantee's demonstration of good cause for said extension, along with Grantee's reasonable assurances that the extension will not result in Grantee's failure to meet other Performance Milestones or any Expenditure Deadline under this Agreement. Construction labor shortages and supply chain issues do not constitute reasonably unforeseeable events, conditions, or circumstances for purposes of an extension request.
- D. The Department will not grant extensions of the Expenditure Deadline for Operating Funds.

8. Reporting Requirements

- A. Grantee shall submit an annual Homekey Program and Expenditure Report, and comply with all additional reporting requirements, as set forth and specified at Section 601 of the NOFA, all in accordance with the Milestone Completion Date(s) set forth at Exhibit E of this Agreement.
- B. After satisfaction of each Performance Milestone, the Grantee shall promptly report its progress, in writing, to the Department.
- C. Upon the Department's request and as specified, the Grantee shall provide progress reports in connection with the development plan and any updates to the timeline for completion of the Project. The development plan should include the Project's completion milestones and any updates or substantial changes.
- D. In addition, the Grantee shall submit to the Department such periodic reports, updates, and information as deemed necessary by the Department to monitor compliance and/or perform Program evaluation. Any requested data or information shall be submitted in electronic format on a form provided by the Department.

9. Department Contract Coordinator

The Department's Contract Coordinator for this Agreement is the Deputy Director of the Division of State Financial Assistance, or the Deputy Director's designee. Unless otherwise informed, Grantee shall mail any notice, report, or other communication required under this Agreement by First-Class Mail to the Department Contract Coordinator at the following address or email to Homekey3SGM@hcd.ca.gov:

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State Grant Management Section
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10. Grantee Contract Coordinator

The Grantee Contract Coordinator for this Agreement may coordinate with the State Grant Management Section Manager for the Homekey Program. Unless otherwise informed, the Department shall mail any notice, report, or other communication required under this Agreement by First-Class Mail, or through a commercial courier, to the Grantee Contract Coordinator at the address specified at Exhibit E of this Agreement.

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