New Beginnings, Bluegrass, Inc.
Extended Social Resources Grant Program
COVID-19 Clarification

1. **Is your proposal still viable for implementation as originally submitted?**

   Yes, our proposal is still viable as submitted. Our staff continue to work diligently to connect clients with available housing resources. We when originally submitted our grant application in April, there were 49 individuals on our waitlist but as of July 6th, that number has jumped to 62. As the state's moratorium on evictions draws closer to an end, service providers and housing advocates across Lexington are expecting a large surge in the number of people experiencing a housing crisis who will be needing the services and supports through programs such as the one proposed in our grant application. Our agency stands ready to help meet this need.

2. **Please detail any modifications you will be making to the original submission in order to comply with the new service delivery requirements in the COVID-19 environment? (i.e. social distancing, capacity requirements, group event restrictions, etc.)**

   We anticipate being able to reach the same number of individuals as originally submitted in our proposal (approximately 38 over the course of one grant year); however, our service delivery model will be adjusted to help ensure the safety of our staff and clients.

   For the time being, we are primarily utilizing Zoom and telephone contacts but will conduct face-to-face meetings with clients when necessary. When that's the case, we are taking precautions to protect everyone's safety – including wearing face masks (New Beginnings will provide for staff and clients), employing social distancing measures, shortening the duration of contacts, and meeting in quiet, outdoor spaces away from other individuals when feasible.

3. **Will these new modifications increase or decrease your proposed budget? Please detail any increases or decreases to your proposed budget including additional costs and/or other secured funding.**

   The modifications to our program will not impact our budget and the services offered will still be free of charge to our participants.

   To ensure that our clients have safe access to our staff and services, New Beginnings has used agency funds to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE), including face masks and gloves, disinfectants, hand sanitizer, and Zoom accounts for staff.