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COMMUNITY PROJECT AGREEMENT

THIS COMMUNITY PROJECT AGREEMENT (“Agreement”), is made and entered into on the 16th day of September 2022, by and between the **LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT**, an urban county government of the COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY created pursuant to KRS Chapter 67A (“LFUCG”), 200 East Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507, and **NATALIE’S SISTERS, INC.**, a Kentucky nonprofit corporation, (“Organization”) with offices located at 677 N. Limestone St., Lexington, Kentucky 40508.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Organization is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, as defined by the Internal Revenue Code, that now either presently owns or else intends to purchase property located at 180 Tartan Drive, Lexington, Ky., Units A and B (hereafter “Property” or “Properties”);

WHEREAS, the Organization provides aide to residents of Fayette County who are low-income, underserved, and/or marginalized;

WHEREAS, LFUCG issued Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 24-2022 for its “Nonprofit Capital Grants Program,” which offers grant awards to Fayette County 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in recognition of the negative economic impacts of COVID-19 upon the local network of community agency partners;

WHEREAS, the Organization submitted a response to RFP No. 24-2022 seeking funding from LFUCG for the acquisition and rehabilitation of the Property as a capital improvement project, so that it can continue providing needed services to Fayette County residents;

WHEREAS, LFUCG intends to fund this project to hopefully lessen the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on those Fayette County residents served by the Organization by using revenue replacement funding derived from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA);

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants set forth herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. **EFFECTIVE DATE; TERM.** This Agreement shall commence on September 15, 2022, and shall last until December 31, 2026, unless terminated by LFUCG at an earlier time.

2. **RELATED DOCUMENTS.** This Agreement shall consist of the terms herein as well as the following additional documents, which are attached hereto as exhibits and incorporated herein by reference as if fully stated:

- A. Exhibit “A” – Request for Proposal, Risk Management Provisions, and Scope of Project
- B. Exhibit “B” – Response to Request for Proposal

To the extent that there is any conflict between or among any of these documents, the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall prevail, followed by terms and provisions of Exhibit "A", then Exhibit "B," in that Order.

3. **SCOPE OF WORK.** Organization shall complete the project or series of discrete projects outlined in the Scope of Work included in attached Exhibit "A" (the "Project(s)"). Organization shall complete the Projects in a timely, workmanlike and professional manner, as specified herein.

4. **PAYMENT.** LFUCG shall pay Organization a total amount not to exceed **Three Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty-Five Dollars (\$336,655.00)** ("Funds") for the completion of the Project. Payments shall be made monthly for expenditures the Organization actually incurred, only after receipt of monthly invoices. All expenditures must be incurred on or before **April 30, 2024**. The uses of the Funds are limited to the Project described herein and may not be spent by the Organization for any other purpose without the prior written consent of LFUCG. Absent any additional written agreement stating otherwise, any travel or other expenses are excluded from the above payment schedule.

a. LFUCG shall make payment under this Agreement upon timely submission of an invoice(s) from Organization specifying that nature of work performed, accompanied by data satisfactory to LFUCG to document entitlement to payment for work completed to date. LFUCG shall have thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the invoice to pay the invoice amount. LFUCG reserves the right to refuse payment if it is determined by LFUCG that any of the work performed on the Projects is inadequate or defective.

b. LFUCG also reserves the right to reject any invoice submitted for services more than sixty (60) days after the services were rendered.

5. **CONSTRUCTION TERMS.** The following terms shall apply to any and all construction work performed in completion of the Project.

a. **Project to be Completed in Workmanlike Manner.**

Organization shall bid, contract for, and cause to prosecute to completion, the Project described herein in a good, safe and workmanlike manner, and in compliance with all applicable codes, ordinances, laws and regulations. Organization shall take necessary action to protect the life, health, safety, and property of all personnel on the job site, members of the public, and personnel.

b. **Permits.**

Organization agrees to obtain all necessary local, state, and federal permits, encroachments, permissions, approvals, etc. in a timely manner and prior to start of construction.

c. **Building Regulations.**

Organization asserts that it is in full compliance with all applicable provisions of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's Code of Ordinances Chapter 5 – Buildings and Building Regulations, Chapter 7 – Finance and Taxation, Chapter 12 – Housing, and Chapter 16 – Sewage, Garbage, Refuse, and Weeds, or in compliance with Kentucky Department of Housing Buildings and Construction rules and requirements as is appropriate for those state institutions, parcels, or buildings which are subject to state regulations and oversight as opposed to local ordinances and regulations. If the Organization becomes out of compliance with any of these provisions, it will provide written notice to LFUCG immediately. Failure to notify LFUCG and resolve any such matters to the satisfaction of LFUCG may lead to termination of the Agreement for cause.

d. No Liens.

Organization will cause all work to be performed, including all labor, materials, supervision, supplies, equipment, architectural, and engineering services necessary to complete the improvements, in accordance with all applicable standards in the construction industry. The Organization will complete the improvements free from all materialmen's liens and all mechanic's liens and claims. All contracts with subcontractors and materialmen will contain, upon the request of LFUCG, a provision for not less than ten percent (10%) retainage to ensure adequate and complete performance in connection with interim or progress payments hereunder.

e. Right of Inspection.

Organization will permit access by LFUCG to the books and records of Organization related to the Project at reasonable times. In the event LFUCG determines that any work or materials are not substantially in conformance with applicable standards in the construction industry, or are not in conformance with any applicable laws, regulations, permits, requirements or rules of any governmental authority having or exercising jurisdiction thereover or are not otherwise in conformity with sound building practices, LFUCG may stop the work and order replacement or correction of any such work or materials. Such inspection will not be construed as a representation or warranty by LFUCG to any third party that the improvements are, or will be, free of faulty materials or workmanship.

f. Nonliability.

This Agreement will not be construed to make LFUCG liable to materialmen, contractors, craftsmen, laborers or others for goods and services delivered by them to or upon the property on which the Project is constructed, or for debts or claims accruing to said parties against the Organization. There are no contractual relationships, either express or implied, between LFUCG and any materialman, contractors, craftsmen, laborers or any other persons supplying work, labor or materials on the job, nor will any third person or persons, individual or corporate, be deemed to be beneficiaries of this Agreement or any term, condition or provisions hereof or on account of any actions taken or omitted by LFUCG pursuant hereto.

6. **FEDERAL LAW.** The Organization understands that the Funds paid by LFUCG were awarded under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”). Organization agrees to comply with any requests from LFUCG related to LFUCG’s ongoing monitoring and reporting obligations set by federal law. Organization understands that the failure to comply may result in termination of this Agreement. Organization further agrees and by entering this Agreement, it hereby certifies to its ability to comply with all terms included within any Exhibits to this Agreement and also to the following terms, to the extent these terms are applicable to the subject matter of this Agreement as defined by applicable federal law:

a. The Organization acknowledges and certifies that it has not been debarred or suspended and further acknowledges and agrees that it must comply with regulations regarding debarred or suspended entities in accordance with 24 CFR § 570.489(l). Funds may not be provided to excluded or disqualified persons.

b. The Organization agrees and certifies that to the greatest extent practicable, it will prefer the purchase, acquisition, and use of goods, products or materials produced in the United States, in conformity with 2 C.F.R. § 200.322.

c. The Organization agrees and certifies that all activities performed pursuant to any agreement entered as a result of a contractor’s bid, and all goods and services procured under that agreement, shall comply with 2 C.F.R. § 200.216 (Prohibition on certain telecommunications and video surveillance services and equipment) and 2 C.F.R. 200 § 200.323 (Procurement of recovered materials), to the extent either section is applicable.

7. **TERMINATION.** LFUCG, through the Mayor or the Mayor’s designee, may terminate this Agreement for any reason whatsoever by providing Organization with at least thirty (30) days’ advance written notice to the addresses provided herein. Organization shall be entitled for payment of all reasonable costs that it incurred up to that period of time.

a. In the event of a termination based upon a material condition of non-performance or default by Organization, LFUCG shall provide Organization with advance written notice and a reasonable period of time to cure the breach.

b. Organization may only terminate this Agreement based upon LFUCG’s failure to timely pay for properly invoiced and accepted work. Organization shall provide LFUCG with at least thirty (30) days’ advance written notice and an opportunity to cure prior to termination.

c. Organization acknowledges that LFUCG is a governmental entity, and that the validity of this Agreement is based upon the availability of appropriated funding. In the event that such funding is not appropriated in a future fiscal year, LFUCG’s obligations under this Agreement shall automatically expire without penalty to the LFUCG thirty (30) days after written notice to Organization. LFUCG shall exercise any application of this provision in good faith.

8. **REPORTING.** Organization shall provide LFUCG with timely quarterly reports and updates related to the completion of the Projects in the form and manner reasonably specified by LFUCG.

9. **REGISTRATION; COMPLIANCE; AUTHORITY TO SIGN.** Organization shall be lawfully registered or authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Lexington-Fayette County and shall at all times comply with any and all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations. LFUCG may request proof that Organization has timely filed federal, state, or local tax forms which shall be provided by Organization on a timely basis. The person signing this Agreement on behalf of Organization is fully authorized to do so.

10. **INSURANCE; INDEMNITY.**

The Risk Management Provisions in Exhibit "A" are incorporated herein as if fully stated.

11. **RECORDS.** Organization shall keep and make available to LFUCG any records related to this Agreement as are necessary to support its performance of the services for a period of at least five (5) years following the expiration or termination of this Agreement, or as otherwise required depending upon the source of funds. Books of accounts shall be kept by Organization and entries shall be made therein of all money, goods, effects, debts, sales, purchases, receipts, payments and any other transactions of Organization related to this Agreement and shall be made available to LFUCG upon request.

a. LFUCG shall be the owner of all final documents, data, studies, plans, reports, and information prepared by Organization under this Agreement.

b. Organization understands and agrees that this Agreement and any related documents may be subject to disclosure under the Kentucky Open Records Act and will comply with any reasonable request by LFUCG to provide assistance with such a request.

12. **ACCESS.** Organization shall allow LFUCG any necessary reasonable access to monitor its performance under this Agreement.

13. **CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP ONLY.** In no event shall the parties be construed, held or become in any way for any purpose the employee of the other party, or partners, associates or joint ventures in the conduct of their respective endeavors or otherwise.

14. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY; FAIRNESS ORDINANCE.** Organization shall provide equal opportunity in employment for all qualified persons, and shall (a) prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or handicap, (b) promote equal employment through a positive, continuing program of equal employment, and (c) cause any subcontractor or agency receiving funds provided pursuant to this Agreement to do so. This program of equal employment opportunity shall apply to every aspect of its employment policies and practices. Organization agrees to comply with LFUCG's Fairness Ordinance (Ordinance No. 201-99) and all sources of applicable law, including those specified in any Exhibit attached to this Agreement and incorporated herein by reference.

15. **SEXUAL HARASSMENT.** Organization must adopt or have adopted a written sexual harassment policy, which shall, at a minimum, contain a statement of current law; a list of prohibited behaviors; a complaint process; and a procedure which provides for a confidential investigation of all complaints. The policy shall be given to all employees and clients and shall be posted at all locations where Organization conducts business. The policy shall be made available to LFUCG upon request.

16. **DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY.** Organization agrees that it shall not sell or otherwise dispose of any goods, property, or equipment acquired and/or improved using any portion of the Funds without first obtaining the consent of LFUCG. Organization agrees that this provision shall survive termination of the Agreement, if this Agreement terminates prior to December 31, 2026. If Organization breaches this provision, Organization may be liable to LFUCG for that breach in an amount that shall not exceed the fair market value of the goods, property and/or equipment that it sold or otherwise transferred. LFUCG further reserves the right to enforce this provision through any remedy available at law, equity, or in bankruptcy.

17. **INVESTMENT.** Any investment of the Funds received pursuant to this Agreement must fully comply with any restrictions imposed by law.

18. **NO ASSIGNMENT.** Organization may not assign any of its rights and duties under this Agreement without the prior written consent of LFUCG.

19. **NO THIRD PARTY RIGHTS.** This Agreement does not create a contractual relationship with or right of action in favor of a third party against either Organization or LFUCG.

20. **KENTUCKY LAW AND VENUE.** This Agreement shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and venue for all actions shall lie in the Circuit Court of Fayette County, Kentucky.

21. **AMENDMENTS.** By mutual agreement, the parties to this Agreement may, from time to time, make written changes to any provision hereof. Organization acknowledges that LFUCG may make such changes only upon approval of its legislative authority, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, and the signature of its Mayor.

22. **NOTICE.** Any written notice required by the Agreement shall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the following:

For Organization:

Jani Lewis
Executive Director
Natalie's Sisters, Inc.
PO Box 2074
Lexington, Kentucky 40508
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For Government:

Jenifer Wuorenmaa (ARPA Project Manager)
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
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