

## AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement"), made and entered into this 26 day of April, 2018, by and between the **LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT**, an urban county government pursuant to KRS 67A, (hereinafter referred to as "Government"), 200 East Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507, on behalf of its Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention (hereinafter referred to as "OHPI"), and **BLUEGRASS.ORG**, 1351 Newtown Pike, Lexington, Kentucky 40511 (hereinafter referred to as "Bluegrass").

## RECITALS

**WHEREAS**, OHPI and Bluegrass have identified a need for street outreach mental health services in the downtown area for those who are homeless; and

**WHEREAS**, Bluegrass wishes to expand its capacity to provide street outreach mental health services at an expanded facility located at 150 East Vine Street, Lexington, KY, 40507; and

**WHEREAS**, Bluegrass has requested, by letter dated February 2, 2018 (attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference) funding from the Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Board (hereinafter the "Board") to assist with this Project; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to assist Bluegrass with this Project, the Government, through OHPI is willing to make funds available to Borrower under the terms and conditions of this Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein expressed, the Government, through its OHPI, and Bluegrass agree as follows:

(1) The above recitals are incorporated herein as if fully stated.

(2) The Government shall provide funds to the Bluegrass, in the form of a one-time grant in the amount of **Ten Thousand and Two hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,200.00)**. The grant funds are to be used for the office space rental and parking cost at the address of 150 East Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507;

(3) Bluegrass shall provide services and reporting as describe in Exhibit A. Reporting will be supplied to Bluegrass by OHPI upon execution of this agreement. All reports are due to OHPI by the second Friday of the months of October, January, April and July.

(4) The term of the Agreement shall be for a period of one (1) year.

(5) Should Bluegrass fail to maintain the rental for any period exceeding thirty (30) days, Bluegrass shall repay to the Government an amount equal to **Eight Hundred and Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$850.00)** for each full month remaining between the date program operations suspended and the date at which the one-year agreement would otherwise have expired.

(6) The terms and conditions of this Agreement may be extended or amended at any time by mutual agreement of the parties in writing. Modifications to the Agreement shall be in compliance with the Notice section of this Agreement.

(5) **NOTICES.** All notices allowed or required to be given hereunder must be in writing dispatched by United States mail, or hand delivered to the parties at the following:

**FOR GOVERNMENT:**

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
101 East Vine Street  
Lexington, KY 40507  
Attn: Polly Ruddick

**FOR BLUEGRASS:**

Bluegrass  
1351 Newtown Pike  
Lexington, KY 40511  
Attn: Anita Lakes

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is executed as of the day first written above.

LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN  
COUNTY GOVERNMENT

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Jim Gray, Mayor

Bluegrass.Org

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Paul Beatrice, President and  
CEO

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, Urban County Council



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To: Lexington-Fayette County Parking Authority Board of Commissioners

## EXHIBIT A

Re: Request for One-Year Rental Lease with Bluegrass.Org

This letter is to formally request the Lexington-Fayette County Parking Authority Board of Commissioners approve Bluegrass.Org a 1-year lease of office space located at the Transit Center Parking Garage, 150 East Vine Street as well as 10 parking passes for stated rental year.

Like many other cities, Lexington's severe mentally ill homeless population is most prominent in the downtown area as well as homeless encampments close to the downtown area. Police, service providers, business owners, citizens, and visitors to Lexington interact with this population on a daily basis. Unfortunately, these individuals often cannot or will not respond to traditional outpatient treatment.

### Program Goals and Outcomes

The goal of this partnership and the reasoning for the rental space downtown is to provide as much service to the most vulnerable population in a community based setting.

This team would be able to engage individuals using an "on the streets" "meet them where they are" method and then provide multi-disciplinary services to this vulnerable population.

We will analysis the success of the partnership with data collection on the following:

1. Stabilization of clients otherwise not engaged or successful in traditional outpatient treatment;
2. Permanent housing with ongoing case management for those homeless individuals with severe mental illness and not currently engaged in the homeless system or mental health system;
3. Reduction in police interaction and/or emergency detentions;
4. Reduction in public complaints; and
5. Reduction in disturbances to businesses and events.

### Program Design

The Bluegrass.Org Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program is a team treatment approach designed to provide comprehensive, community-based psychiatric treatment, rehabilitation, and support to persons with serious and persistent mental illness outside of an office setting.

ACT is person-centered recovery oriented model and focuses on increasing the individual's ability to meet self-defined goals, increase skills and gain confidence to maintain long term mental health recovery. A team of professionals whose backgrounds and training include social work, rehabilitation, counseling, nursing and psychiatry provide assertive community treatment services. Among the services the ACT team provides are: case management, initial and ongoing assessments, psychiatric services, employment and housing assistance, family support and education, substance abuse services, and other services and supports that are critical to an individual's ability to live successfully in the community.

The Bluegrass.Org ACT team wishes to establish a downtown presence in order to more effectively and efficiently provide services and outreach that would impact the immediate mental health situations in the Lexington area. The majority of ACT services would take place outside the small rental space of the Transit Center. Services are provided within community settings, such as a person's own home and neighborhood, local restaurants, parks and nearby stores.

ACT team members will meet each morning (Monday- Friday) in the Transit Center office space to case conference for the day. An "on call" member of the team will remain in the office during business office with the possibility of a supervisor. The on call member will be responsible for responding to crisis related phone calls from police and as well as the Hope Center street outreach team.

#### Cost and Request

The Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention, pending board approval, has agreed to award Bluegrass.Org with a grant for the following expenses:

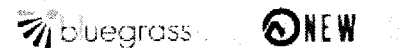
- 1-year lease for the office space located in the Transit Center
- 10 Transit Center parking passes for the rental year

#### Other Requests

- Allowance of Bluegrass.Org signage to be placed on office entrance door

Sincerely,

*Anita Lakes, MS, LPA  
Regional Director of SMI Operations*



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