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September 10, 2024

Mr. Jesus Merejo, City Manager
City of Port St. Lucie
121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd.
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34984-5042

Dear Mr. Merejo:

The Office of the Attorney General, Bureau of Advocacy and Grants Management, is pleased to inform you that City of Port St. Lucie will be awarded a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant for the 2024-2025 funding cycle.

As I wrote earlier this year, General Moody worked with our state partners to increase the funding that would be available this year, and the Florida Legislature allocated general revenue to offset VOCA federal funding reductions. Based on those state funds, we are pleased to inform you that this year's grant award will equal your 2023-2024 award, and no decreases will be made to VOCA grant recipients this year.

Please take heed of our previous letters regarding projected cuts to VOCA funds. We still anticipate cuts to VOCA awards in the coming years based on Federal projections. In the meantime, please continue to use these funds to aid victims of crimes in Florida.

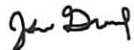
If you have any questions, please direct them to the Bureau of Advocacy and Grants Management at (850) 414-3380 or contact.voca@myfloridalegal.com. Thank you for your continued efforts in the field of victim services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JS", is written over a horizontal line.

Joseph Spataro
Associate Deputy Attorney General

**Office of the Attorney General
Grant Award Project Summary**

 Office of the Attorney General Division of Victim Services Bureau of Advocacy and Grants Management PL-01 The Capitol Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050	Office of the Attorney General Victims of Crime Act Grant	2024-2025
Subrecipient Name and Address City of Port St. Lucie 121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd. Port St. Lucie, Florida 34984-5042	OAG Grant Number VOCA-C-2024-City of Port St. Lucie-00207	
Subrecipient UEI Number X24XLGNLM123	Project Period: From 10/1/2024 To 9/30/2025	
Subrecipient IRS/Vendor/FEIN Number 59-6141662	Budget Period: From 10/1/2024 To 9/30/2025	
Project Title OVC FY 20 VOCA Victim Assistance Formula OVC FY 21 VOCA Victim Assistance Formula	Award Date 10/1/2024	Award is R&D (Y/N) No
Previous Award Amount \$0.00	Amount of this Award \$230,108.00	Total Award \$230,108.00
Special Conditions The above grant project is approved to such conditions or limitations as are set forth in the Office of the Attorney General contract.		
Catalog of Domestic Federal Assistance (CFDA Number) 16.575 - Crime Victim Assistance		
Summary Description of Project This grant award provides funds from the Crime Victims Fund to enhance crime victim services in the State of Florida. Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) assistance funds are typically competitively awarded by the Office of the Attorney General to public agencies and/or local, not-for-profit organizations that provide direct services to crime victims.		
Federal Award Agency U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Office for Victims of Crime	OVC Project Period, Award Date 2020-2021: From 10/1/2019 to 9/30/2025 2021-2022: From 10/1/2020 to 9/30/2025	
OVC Federal Award Number 2020-V2-GX-0052 - Awarded 9-17-2020 2021-15POVC-21-GG-00618-ASSI Awarded 09-16-2021	OVC Total Award to OAG \$106,717,018 \$66,670,292	
OAG Staff Contact Christina Harris, Bureau Chief (850) 414-3380	Bureau Contact contact.voca@myfloridalegal.com (850) 414-3380	
Signature, OAG Authorizing Official, Date  Oct 15, 2024	Signature, Agency Executive Director, Date  Oct 15, 2024	

FY 2024/2025
(Grant Period October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025)

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

AND

City of Port St. Lucie

GRANT NO: VOCA-C-2024-City of Port St. Lucie-00207

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into in the City of Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida by and between the State of Florida, Department of Legal Affairs, Office of the Attorney General (OAG), the pass-through agency for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number - 16.575, hereafter referred to as “the OAG,” an agency of the State of Florida, with headquarters located at PL-01, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, and the City of Port St. Lucie, hereafter referred to as “the Provider,” and jointly referred to as “the Parties.” The parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1. ENGAGEMENT OF THE PROVIDER

The OAG engages the Provider to perform services as specified in this Agreement. All services are to be performed solely by the Provider and may not be subcontracted or assigned without prior written consent of the OAG. The consent of the OAG does not vest any rights in the subcontractor or create any obligation on behalf of the OAG to the subcontractor. All subcontract agreements will contain a disclosure to this effect.

This Agreement will be performed in accordance with the rules implementing the provisions of VOCA, 34 U.S.C. § 20103, Crime Victim Assistance, 28 C.F.R. §§ 94.101 through 94.122, the federal government-wide grant rules as set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200, et. seq., and the U.S. Department of Justice, (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs, DOJ Grants Financial Guide, (Financial Guide), and any other regulations or guidelines currently or subsequently required by the U.S. Department of Justice and State or Federal laws.

ARTICLE 2. SCOPE OF WORK

For the 2024/2025 Grant Period, the Provider will maintain a victim services program that will be available to provide direct services to victims of crime who are identified by the Provider or are presented to the Provider, as specified in the Provider’s 2024/2025 Grant Application as approved by the OAG and incorporated herein by reference.

ARTICLE 3. TIME OF PERFORMANCE

This Agreement will become effective on October 1, 2024, or on the date when this Agreement has been signed by all parties, whichever is later, and will end on September 30, 2025. No costs incurred by the Provider prior to the effective date or after the termination date of this Agreement will be reimbursed and the Provider is solely responsible for any such expenses.

ARTICLE 4. GRANT FUNDS

The Provider will not commingle grant funds (payments and reimbursements made under this Agreement)

with other personal or business accounts. The DOJ Financial Guide does not require physical segregation of cash deposits or the establishment of any eligibility requirements for funds which are provided to a Provider. The Provider's accounting systems must ensure grant funds are not commingled with funds on either a program-by-program or a project-by-project basis. Grant funds specifically budgeted and received for one project may not be used to support another. When the Provider's existing accounting system cannot comply with this requirement, the Provider will establish an additional accounting system to provide adequate grant fund accountability for each project.

In accordance with the provisions of section 287.0582, Florida Statutes, if the terms of this Agreement and reimbursement contemplated by this Agreement extend beyond the current fiscal year, the OAG's performance and obligation to reimburse under this Agreement are contingent upon an annual appropriation and spending authority by the Florida Legislature. In addition, the OAG's performance and obligation to reimburse under this Agreement is contingent upon the OAG's VOCA award, as funded through the DOJ, Office for Victims of Crime formula grant program.

ARTICLE 5. FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES

In accordance with section 215.971, Florida Statutes, provisions specifying the financial consequences that apply if the Provider fails to perform the minimum level of service required by this Agreement are set forth in this paragraph. The Provider will be held responsible for maintaining a victim services program that will be available to provide direct services to victims of crime who are identified by the Provider or are presented to the Provider, and meeting the deliverables and the performance standards as outlined in the current year VOCA Grant Application and approved by the OAG, included within the OAG E-Grants Management System, and incorporated herein by reference in the approved application, unless otherwise modified as approved by the OAG in writing. If the Provider does not maintain a victim services program that will be available to provide direct services to victims of crime as outlined in the approved application without an approved justification, the OAG may impose a corrective action plan and will reduce the final payment for the grant period under this Agreement by five percent of the total award amount listed in Article 11. Additionally, failure of Provider to comply with all provisions of this agreement, including but not limited to compliance with audits, maintenance of documentation, monitoring, and report submissions will result in the withholding of payments until such issues are resolved as determined by the OAG. The provisions in this Article do not limit the OAG's rights under the law with regard to breach of this agreement or specified termination provisions.

ARTICLE 6. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Prior to execution of this Agreement, the PROVIDER will be registered electronically with the State of Florida at MyFloridaMarketPlace.com. If the parties agree that exigent circumstances exist that would prevent such registration from taking place prior to execution of this Agreement, then the PROVIDER will so register within 21 days from execution. Failure of the PROVIDER to register electronically with the state of Florida will result in non-payment for expenditures by the Department of Financial Services until the PROVIDER has complied. The online registration can be completed at: <https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com>. If the PROVIDER needs assistance in registering, the PROVIDER may call 1-866-352-3776, fax 866-552-2992, or email: vendorhelp@myflorida.com. Failure of the PROVIDER to timely register may result in cancellation of this Agreement.

The Provider will comply with the applicable requirements regarding registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) (or with a successor government-wide system officially designated by the Federal Office of Management and Budget and the DOJ's Office of Justice Programs), and to acquire and provide a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). The Provider will comply with applicable restrictions on subcontractors that do not acquire and provide a UEI number. The details of Provider obligations are posted on the Office of Justice Programs' website at <https://www.ojp.gov/funding> (Award condition: Registration with the System for Award

Management and Universal Identifier Requirements) and are incorporated by reference. This special condition does not apply to the Provider who is an individual and received the grant award as a natural person (i.e., unrelated to any business or non-profit organization that he or she may own or operate in his or her name).

ARTICLE 7. W-9 REQUIREMENT

The State of Florida Department of Financial Services requires that vendors have a verified Substitute Form W-9 on file to avoid delays in payments. Information on how to register and complete your Substitute Form W-9 can be found at <http://flvendor.myfloridacfo.com>. The Vendor Management Section can also be reached at (850) 413-5519.

ARTICLE 8. E-GRANTS SYSTEM REQUIREMENT

The PROVIDER's administrator has the authority to grant access to the E-Grants system to the PROVIDER'S employees. The PROVIDER will immediately remove access to the E-Grants system when an employee is no longer employed at the PROVIDER's agency or when an employee's access is no longer necessary to perform their job duties at the PROVIDER's agency. The PROVIDER will perform quarterly checks to ensure that only authorized employees have access to the E-Grants system and will report quarterly to the OAG their compliance with this provision.

ARTICLE 9. AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES

Only expenditures which are detailed in the approved budget of the grant application, a revised budget, or an amended budget approved by the OAG are eligible for reimbursement with grant funds. Any requested modification to the budget must be submitted by the Provider in writing to the OAG and will require prior approval by the OAG. Budget modification approval is at the sole discretion of the OAG. Any grant funds reimbursed under this Agreement must be used in accordance with the rules implementing the provisions of VOCA, 34 U.S.C. § 20103, Crime Victim Assistance, 28 C.F.R. §§94.101 through 94.122, the federal government-wide grant rules as set forth in the 2 C.F.R. § 200, and the DOJ, Office of Justice Programs, DOJ Financial Guide, and any other regulations or guidelines currently or subsequently required by the DOJ and state or federal laws. Expenditures for the acquisition of equipment will only be considered for VOCA grant funded positions that are approved at 100% in the budget.

Grant funds cannot be used as a revenue generating source and crime victims cannot be charged either directly or indirectly for services reimbursed with grant funds. Third party payers such as insurance companies, victim compensation, Medicare or Medicaid may not be billed for services provided by grant funded personnel to clients. Grant funds must be used to provide services to all crime victims, regardless of their financial resources or availability of insurance or third-party reimbursements.

Travel expenses will be reimbursed with grant funds only in accordance with section 112.061, Florida Statutes.

Expenditures of state financial assistance must be in compliance with all laws, rules and regulations applicable to expenditures of state funds, including, but not limited to, the Florida Reference Guide for State Expenditures.

Only allowable costs resulting from obligations incurred during the term of this Agreement are eligible for reimbursement, and any balances of unobligated cash that have been advanced or paid that are not authorized to be retained for direct program costs in a subsequent period must be refunded to the OAG. Any funds paid in excess of the amount to which the Provider is entitled under the terms of this Agreement must be refunded to the OAG.

The Provider will reimburse the OAG for all unauthorized expenditures and the Provider will not use grant funds for any expenditures made by the Provider prior to the execution of this Agreement or after the termination date of this Agreement. If the Provider is a unit of local or state government, the Provider must follow the written purchasing procedures of that governmental agency or unit. If the Provider is a non-profit organization, the Provider will obtain a minimum of three written quotes for all single item grant-related purchases equal to or in excess of \$2,500 unless it is documented that the vendor is a sole source supplier. The Provider will use the lowest quote for the purchase.

The Provider will not use any federal funds (including grant funds), either directly or indirectly, in support of any contract or subaward to either the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) or its subsidiaries, without the express prior written approval of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs.

The Provider must report suspected fraud, waste and abuse to the OAG's Office of the Inspector General at 850-414-3300.

ARTICLE 10. PROGRAM INCOME

The Provider will provide services to crime victims, at no charge, through the VOCA grant funded project. Upon request, the Provider will provide the OAG with financial records and internal documentation regarding the collection and disposition of program income, including, but not limited to, Victim Compensation, insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, restitution and direct client fees.

ARTICLE 11. AMOUNT OF FUNDS

A. Total Funds: The OAG will reimburse the Provider for contractual services or availability to provide services for the entire time of performance, as set forth in Article 3 of this Agreement, and completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The total sum of monies available for reimbursement to the Provider for services provided will not exceed \$230,108.00.

B. "Availability to Provide Services" is defined as maintaining sufficient capacity to assist victims during the Provider's business hours throughout the Agreement term. Provider's business hours should be set during standard business work hours, which are between 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, unless otherwise approved as alternative standard business work hours by the OAG. Employee leave earned under this grant period is reimbursable; however, the Provider must continue to maintain sufficient capacity to assist victims.

C. "Contractual Services" are defined as those specified services established within the OAG approved budget for which the Provider is to be paid upon completion at the set rate also established within the OAG approved budget, as authorized expenditures eligible for payment, or reimbursement pursuant to ARTICLE 9, AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES, of this Agreement.

D. The OAG strongly encourages the Provider to secure funding from other sources if the Provider anticipates the program will continue beyond the current grant year.

ARTICLE 12. METHOD OF PAYMENT

A. Payment: Payment for services performed under this Agreement will be issued in accordance with the provisions of section 215.422, Florida Statutes. The OAG will have 20 days from the receipt of any invoice

for the approval and inspection of goods or services.

B. Performance Reports: All required performance reports must be completed by the Provider and received by the OAG to document the provision of the project deliverables. Processing of reimbursement of a monthly invoice is contingent upon timely OAG receipt of performance reports, subject to approval by the OAG of the level of service provided during the invoiced period, and approval by the OAG of all required performance reports. The Provider will provide all performance reports on a quarterly and annual basis unless otherwise requested by the OAG. The quarterly reports for quarters ending December, March, and June must be submitted by the Provider to the OAG by the 15th day of the month immediately following the end of the quarter. The final performance report is due to the OAG no later than the last day of the month immediately following the cancellation, expiration, or termination of this Agreement.

C. Monthly Invoices: Except for the monthly invoices for December, March, and June, each monthly invoice and all required supporting documentation, including a Certificate of Availability, must be submitted by the Provider to the OAG by the last day of the month immediately following the month for which reimbursement is requested, unless otherwise approved by the OAG in writing. The monthly invoices for December, March, and June and all required supporting documentation, including a Certificate of Availability, must be submitted by the Provider to the OAG by the 15th day of the month immediately following the month for which reimbursement is requested, unless otherwise approved by the OAG in writing. The Provider will maintain appropriate documentation of all costs for which reimbursement is sought on the invoice. The OAG may require any appropriate documentation of expenditures prior to approval of the invoice and may withhold reimbursement if services are not satisfactorily completed or if the documentation is not satisfactory. The final invoice is due to the OAG no later than the last day of the month immediately following the cancellation, expiration, or termination of this Agreement.

D. Correction of Invoices: If the Provider submits an invoice that does not accurately reflect the costs associated for that month, the correct costs must be submitted on the next monthly invoice or forfeit reimbursement from the grant for those particular costs. The OAG will not accept any corrected invoices that are not received within this timeframe. If complete and correctly documented invoices are not received within these timeframes, all right to reimbursement may be forfeited, the OAG may not honor any subsequent requests for payment. Any reimbursement due or any approval necessary under the terms of this Agreement will be withheld until all evaluation, financial and program reports due from the Provider, and necessary adjustments thereto, have been approved by the OAG.

E. Notice of Investigation: The Provider is required to inform the OAG if they are being investigated by any governmental agency for financial, programmatic, or other issues. If it comes to the attention of the OAG that the Provider is being investigated, all pending requests for reimbursement may not be processed until the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the OAG.

F. Maintenance and Submission of Reports: The Provider will maintain and timely submit such progress, fiscal, inventory, and other reports as the OAG may require pertaining to this grant.

G. Matching Grant Award: The Provider is required to match the grant award as required in the rules implementing the Federal Victims of Crime Act. Match contributions equal to 20 percent (cash or in-kind) of the total cost of each VOCA project (VOCA grant funds plus match contributions) must be reported monthly to the OAG. All funds designated as match contributions are restricted in the same manner and to be expended for the same uses as the VOCA victim assistance grant funds and must be expended within the grant period. Unless otherwise approved by the OAG, match contributions must be reported on a monthly basis in an amount consistent with the amount of funding requested for reimbursement.

ARTICLE 13. VENDOR OMBUDSMAN

Pursuant to section 215.422(7), Florida Statutes, the Florida Department of Financial Services has established a Vendor Ombudsman, whose duties and responsibilities are to act as an advocate for vendors who may have problems obtaining timely payments from state agencies. The Vendor Ombudsman may be reached at (850) 413-5516.

ARTICLE 14. LIABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Provider, if a non-profit entity, will provide continuous and adequate director, officer, and employee liability insurance coverage against any personal liability or accountability by reason of actions taken while acting within the scope of their authority during the existence of this Agreement and any renewal and extension thereof. Such coverage may be provided by a self-insurance program established and operating under the laws of the state of Florida.

ARTICLE 15. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The Provider is an independent contractor and not an officer, employee, agent, servant, joint venture, or partner of the state of Florida, except where the Provider is a state Agency. Neither the Provider nor its agents, employees, subcontractors, or assignees will represent to others that the Provider has the authority to bind the OAG. This Agreement does not create any right to any state retirement, leave or other benefits applicable to state of Florida personnel as a result of the Provider performing its duties or obligations under this Agreement. The Provider will take such actions as may be necessary to ensure that each subcontractor of the Provider will be deemed an independent contractor and will not be considered or permitted to be an officer, employee, agent, servant, joint venturer, or partner of the state of Florida. The OAG will not furnish support services (e.g., office space, office supplies, telephone service, and administrative support) to the Provider, or its subcontractor or assignee, unless specifically agreed to in writing by the OAG.

All deductions for social security, withholding taxes, income taxes, contributions to unemployment compensation funds and all necessary insurance for the Provider, the Provider's officers, employees, agents, subcontractors, or assignees will be the sole responsibility of the Provider.

ARTICLE 16. DOCUMENTATION, RECORD RETENTION

The Provider will maintain books, records, and documents (including electronic storage media) in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures and practices which sufficiently and properly reflect all revenues and expenditures of grant funds.

The Provider will maintain a file for inspection by the OAG or its designee, Chief Financial Officer, Auditor General, or the DOJ that contains written invoices for all fees, or other compensation for services and expenses, in detail sufficient for a proper pre-audit and post-audit. This includes the nature of the services performed or expenses incurred, the identity of any persons who performed the services or incurred the expenses, the daily time and attendance records and the amount of time expended in performing the services (including the day on which the services were performed), and if expenses were incurred, a detailed itemization of such expenses. All documentation, including audit working papers, will be maintained by the Provider for a period of five years from the termination date of this Agreement, or until any audit has been completed and any findings have been resolved, whichever is later.

The Provider will give authorized representatives of the OAG the right to access, receive and examine all records, books, papers, case files, documents, goods, and services related to the grant funds. The Provider, by signing this Agreement specifically authorizes the OAG to receive and review any record reasonably related to

the purpose of the grant as authorized in the original approved grant application and or the amendments thereto. Failure to provide documentation as requested by the OAG under the provisions of this Agreement will result in either the termination of the agreement or suspension of further reimbursements to the Provider until all requested documentation has been received, reviewed, and the costs are approved for reimbursement by the OAG.

ARTICLE 17. PUBLIC RECORDS

The Provider will comply with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, Florida's public record law. The Provider will keep and maintain public records required by the OAG to perform all services required under this Agreement. A request to inspect or copy public records relating to this Agreement must be made directly to the OAG. If the OAG does not possess the requested records, the OAG will immediately notify the Provider of the request. Upon request by the OAG to inspect or copy public records relating to this Agreement, the Provider will provide the OAG with a copy of the requested records at no cost to the OAG or allow the records to be inspected or copied by the member of the public making the records request at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or as otherwise provided by law. The Provider must ensure that in allowing public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other materials made or received in conjunction with this Agreement, those records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or other provisions of Florida law, are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the Agreement term and following completion of the Agreement if the Provider does not transfer the records to the OAG.

If the Provider fails to provide the public records to the OAG within a reasonable time, it may be subject to penalties under section 119.10, Florida Statutes, as well as unilateral cancellation of this Agreement by the OAG. In the event the Provider's business closes or the Provider is permanently unable to perform under this Agreement, the Provider will electronically transfer, at no cost, all public records to the OAG upon becoming aware of any impending closure or event that renders the Provider unable to perform said services. Upon completion of this Agreement, the Provider will keep and maintain public records required by the OAG to perform the services to be provided in the scope of this Agreement, or electronically transfer in a file format compatible with the information technology systems of the OAG, at no cost to the OAG, all public records in possession of the Provider. If the Provider transfers all public records to the OAG upon completion or termination of the Agreement, the Provider will destroy all duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the Provider keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Agreement, it must meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records, consistent with the state of Florida's records retention schedule. All public records stored electronically must be provided to the OAG, upon request of its Custodian of Public Records, at no cost to the OAG, in a format compatible with the information technology systems of the OAG. The OAG may unilaterally terminate this Agreement if the Provider refuses to allow access to all public records made or maintained by the Provider in conjunction with this Agreement, unless the records are exempt from Section 24(a) of Art. I, Florida State Constitution, and sections 119.07(1) or 960.15, Florida Statutes.

IF THE PROVIDER HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE PROVIDER'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 850-414-3634, PublicRecordsRequest@myfloridalegal.com, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, PL-01, THE CAPITOL, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-1050.

ARTICLE 18. PROPERTY

The Provider will be responsible for the proper care and custody of all property purchased with grant funds and agrees not to sell, transfer, encumber, or otherwise dispose of property acquired with grant funds without the written permission of the OAG. If the Provider is no longer a grant funds recipient, all property acquired by grant funds will be subject to the provisions of the DOJ Financial Guide.

ARTICLE 19. AUDITS; COMPLIANCE WITH THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

A. Pursuant to section 20.055, Florida Statutes, the Provider, and any subcontractor to the Provider understand and will comply with their duty to cooperate with the Inspector General in any investigations, audit inspection or review.

B. The administration of funds disbursed by the OAG to the Provider may be subject to audits and monitoring by the OAG, as described in this section.

C. Title 2 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart A, is applicable if the Provider is a non-federal entity, meaning a state, local government, Indian tribe, institution of higher learning, or nonprofit organization that carries out a federal award as a recipient or subrecipient, as defined in that Part.

1. In the event the Provider expends \$750,000 or more during the non-federal entity's fiscal year in federal awards, it must have a single or program-specific audit conducted for that year in accordance with the provisions of federal government-wide grant rules as set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200, et. seq. Article 11 to this Agreement indicates the amount of federal funds disbursed through the OAG by this Agreement. In determining the federal awards expended in its fiscal year, the Provider will take into account all sources of federal awards, including federal resources received from the OAG. The determination of amounts of federal awards expended should be in accordance with the guidelines established by federal government-wide grant rules as set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200. An audit of the Provider conducted by the Auditor General in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.500, will meet the requirements of this part.
2. In connection with the audit requirements addressed in this part, the Provider will fulfill the requirements relative to auditee responsibilities as provided in 2 C.F.R. § 200.508.
3. In the event the Provider expends less than \$750,000 in federal awards in its fiscal year and elects to have an audit conducted in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.500, the cost of the audit must be reimbursed from non-federal funds (i.e., the cost of such an audit must be reimbursed from Provider resources obtained from other than federal entities), as mandated in 2 C.F.R. § 200.400.

ARTICLE 20. AUDIT REPORT SUBMISSION

Copies of audit reports conducted pursuant to Florida Statute 215.97 and the Florida Rules of the Auditor General Chapter 10.650, must be submitted no later than 150 days following cancellation, termination or expiration of this Agreement.

- A. Copies of audit reports for audits conducted in accordance with the 2 C.F.R. § 200.500, and required by this Agreement will be submitted, when required by 2 C.F.R. § 200.512, by or on behalf of the Provider directly to the following:

Office of the Attorney General
Division of Victim Services
Internal Audit Unit

InternalAuditUnit@myfloridalegal.com

- B. Any reports, management letters, or other information required to be submitted to the OAG pursuant to this Agreement will be submitted timely in accordance with federal government-wide grant rules as set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200, et. seq., as applicable.
- C. Providers should indicate the date the financial reporting package was delivered in correspondence accompanying the financial reporting package.

ARTICLE 21. MONITORING

In addition to reviews of audits conducted in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.500, the Provider will comply and cooperate with any monitoring procedures and processes and additional audits deemed appropriate by the OAG, including but not limited to on-site visits. The Provider will also comply and cooperate with any inspections, reviews, investigations, or audits deemed necessary by the OAG or its designee, Chief Financial Officer, Auditor General or the U.S. Department of Justice.

The Provider may not accept duplicate funding for any cost, position, service or deliverable funded by the OAG. Duplicative funding is defined as more than 100 percent payment from all funding sources for any cost, position, service or deliverable. If there are multiple funding sources and a program is funded by the OAG, the OAG or its designee has the right to review all documents related to those funding sources to determine whether duplicative funding is an issue. If duplicate funding is found, this Agreement may be suspended, terminated or both while the extent of the overpayment is determined. Failure to comply with state or federal law, and the U.S. Department of Justice Programs, Financial Guide, may also result in the suspension, termination, or both of this Agreement while the extent of the overpayment is determined. Absent fraud, in the event that there has been an overpayment to the Provider for any reason, if the amount of the overpayment cannot be determined to a reasonable degree of certainty, as determined in the sole discretion of the OAG, the Provider will reimburse to the OAG one half of the monies previously paid to the Provider for that line item for the grant year in question.

ARTICLE 22. RETURN OF FUNDS

The Provider will return to the OAG any overpayments made to the Provider for unearned income or disallowed items pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. In the event the Provider or any outside accountant or auditor determines that an overpayment has been made, the Provider will immediately return to the OAG such overpayment without prior notification from the OAG. In the event the OAG discovers that an overpayment has been made, the contract manager, on behalf of the OAG, will notify the Provider and the Provider will forthwith return the funds to the OAG. Should the Provider fail to immediately reimburse the OAG for any overpayment, the Provider will be charged interest at the rate in effect on the date of the overpayment, as determined by the State of Florida, Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Chapter 55, Florida Statutes, on the amount of the overpayment or outstanding balance thereof. Interest will accrue from the date of the Provider's initial receipt of funds up to the date of reimbursement of said overpayment funds to the OAG.

ARTICLE 23. PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME, AND DEBARMENT

Public Entity Crime: Pursuant to section 287.133, Florida Statutes, the following restrictions are placed on persons convicted of public entity crimes to transact business with the OAG: When a person or affiliate has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime, he/she may not submit a bid, proposal or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid, proposal

or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids, proposals or replies on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. The Provider certifies that neither it nor any affiliate has been placed on such convicted vendor list and will notify the OAG within five days of its, or any of its affiliates, placement thereon.

ARTICLE 24. GRATUITIES

The Provider will not offer or give any gift or any form of compensation to any OAG employee. As part of the consideration for this Agreement, the parties intend that this provision will survive this Agreement for a period of two years. In addition to any other remedies available to the OAG, any violation of this provision will result in referral of the Provider's name and description of the violation of this term to the Department of Management Services for the potential inclusion of the Provider's name on the suspended vendors list for an appropriate period. The Provider will ensure that its subcontractors, if any, comply with these provisions.

ARTICLE 25. PATENTS, COPYRIGHTS, AND ROYALTIES

The Provider agrees that if any discovery or invention arises or is developed in the course of or as a result of work or services performed under this Agreement, or in any way connected herewith, the discovery or invention will be deemed transferred to and owned by the state of Florida. Any and all patent rights accruing under or in connection with the performance of this Agreement are hereby reserved to the state of Florida.

In the event that any books, manuals, films, or other copyrightable materials are produced, the Provider will identify all such materials to the OAG. The Provider does hereby assign to the OAG and its assigns or successors, all rights accruing under or in connection with performance under this Agreement, including the United States Copyright, all other literary rights, all rights to sell, transfer or assign the copyright, and all rights to secure copyrights anywhere in the world.

The Provider will indemnify and hold the OAG and its employees harmless from any claim or liability whatsoever, including costs and expenses, arising out of any copyrighted, patented, or unpatented invention, process, or article manufactured or used by the Provider in the performance of this Agreement. The Provider will indemnify and hold the OAG and its employees harmless from any claim against the OAG for infringement of patent, trademark, copyright or trade secrets. The OAG will provide prompt written notification of any such claim. During the pendency of any claim of infringement, the Provider may, at its option and expense, procure for the OAG, the right to continue use of, or to replace or modify the article to render it non-infringing. If the Provider uses any design, device, or materials covered by letters patent, or copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood without exception the compensation paid pursuant to this Agreement includes all royalties or costs arising from the use of such design, device, or materials in any way involved in the work contemplated by this Agreement.

Subcontracts must specify that all patent rights and copyrights are reserved to the state of Florida.

ARTICLE 26. IDEMNIFICATION AND ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY

The Provider will be liable for and indemnify, defend, and hold the OAG, and all of its officers, agents, and employees, harmless from all claims, suits, judgments, or damages, including attorney's fees and costs, arising out of any act or omission or neglect by the Provider and its agents, employees and subcontractors during the performance or operation of this Agreement or any subsequent modifications or extensions thereof. The Provider's evaluation or inability to evaluate its liability will not excuse the Provider's duty to defend and to

indemnify the OAG within seven days after notice by the OAG. The Provider will pay all costs and fees including attorney's fees related to these obligations and their enforcement by the OAG. The OAG's failure to notify the Provider of a claim will not release the Provider from these duties. The Provider will not be liable for any claims, suits, judgments, or damages arising solely from the negligent acts of the OAG. The Provider will assume all liability associated with providing services under the terms and conditions of this Agreement. This includes, but is not limited to, premises liability and any travel taken by any employee of Provider or any recipient of Provider's services.

NOTE: The indemnification provisions of this Article are not applicable to entities identified in section 768.28(2), Florida Statutes, and do not constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity, or increase the limited waiver of sovereign immunity specified in section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE 27. TERMINATION

A. Termination at Will: This Agreement may be terminated by the OAG for any reason upon five days written notice via certified U.S. mail, hand delivery, or email to the Provider to the physical or email address provided by the Provider in the application.

B. Termination for Non-Appropriation or Lack of Funds: In the event funds for payment pursuant to this Agreement become unavailable, the OAG may terminate this Agreement upon no less than 24 hours written notice to the Provider. The notice will be sent by a method of email, or by hand delivery with proof of delivery, to the representative of the Provider responsible for administration of the program. The OAG will be the final authority as to the availability and adequacy of funds.

C. Upon Termination: In the event this Agreement is terminated by the OAG, the Provider will deliver documentation of ownership or title, if appropriate for all supplies, equipment and personal property purchased with grant funds to the OAG, within 30 days after termination of this Agreement. Any finished or unfinished documents, data, correspondence, reports and other products prepared by or for the Provider under this Agreement will be made available to and for the exclusive use of the OAG.

D. Notwithstanding the above, the Provider will not be relieved of liability to the OAG for damages sustained by the OAG by any termination by the OAG of this Agreement by the Provider. In the event this Agreement is terminated by the OAG, the Provider will be reimbursed for satisfactorily performed and documented services provided prior to the effective date of termination.

ARTICLE 28. AMENDMENTS

Modification of any provision of this Agreement must be mutually agreed upon by all parties and requires a written and fully executed amendment to this Agreement, except as provided for budget modifications submitted by the Provider in writing which have been previously approved by the OAG pursuant to the terms of ARTICLE 9, AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES.

ARTICLE 29. NONDISCRIMINATION

Recipients of federal financial assistance must comply with applicable federal civil rights laws, which may include the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. §§ 10228(c) and 10221(a)); the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, as amended (34 U.S.C. § 20110(e)); The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as amended (34 U.S.C. § 11182(b)); Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794), Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12131-34); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§ 1681, 1683, 1685-86); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-07); and Exec. Order 13279 (67

Fed. Reg. 241).

Pursuant to applicable federal laws and Chapter 760, Florida Statutes, the Provider will not discriminate against any client or employee in the performance of this Agreement or against any applicant for employment because of age, race, religion, color, disability, national origin, marital status or sex. All contractors, subcontractors, sub-grantees, or others that the Provider engages to provide services or benefits to clients or employees in connection with any of its programs and activities will not discriminate against those clients or employees because of age, race, religion, color, disability, national origin, marital status or sex.

The Provider must have policies and procedures in place for responding to complaints of discrimination that employees and beneficiaries file directly with the Provider. Information provided by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, to assist with policy and procedure development is available at <https://www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights-office/about>.

In the event a federal or state court, or a federal or state administrative agency, makes a finding of discrimination after a due process hearing on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, marital status or sex against the Provider, the Provider will forward a copy of the findings to the Office of Justice Programs, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), and the OAG.

The PROVIDER must have policies and procedures in place for responding to complaints of discrimination that employees and beneficiaries file directly with the PROVIDER. Information provided by the DOJ, Office of Justice Programs, to assist with policy and procedure development is available at <https://www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights-office/about>.

As clarified by Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination on the basis of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with the Safe Streets Act and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Provider must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to its programs and activities. Meaningful access may entail providing language assistance services, including oral and written translation, where necessary. The Provider is encouraged to consider the need for language services for LEP persons served or encountered both in developing its budgets and in conducting its programs and activities. Additional assistance and information regarding your LEP obligations can be found at <http://www.lep.gov>.

In accordance with federal civil rights laws, the Provider will not retaliate against individuals for taking action or participating in action to secure rights protected by these laws.

All Providers must complete a review of the Office of Justice Programs, Office for Civil Rights training modules during the 2024-2025 grant period and confirm compliance with this requirement to the OAG through self-reporting by December 31, 2024. The training modules are available at <https://www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights/video-training-grantees/overview>. Pursuant to section 287.134, Florida Statutes, an entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a response on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a response on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit a response on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity. The Provider will notify the OAG if it or any of its suppliers, subcontractors, or consultants have been placed on the convicted vendor list or the discriminatory vendor list during the life of this Agreement.

The OCR issued an advisory document for federal grant recipients on the proper use of arrest and

conviction records in making hiring decisions. See Advisory for Recipients of Financial Assistance from the U.S. Department of Justice on the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Enforcement Guidance: Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (June 2013), available at http://ojp.gov/about/ocr/pdfs/UseofConviction_Advisory.pdf. Recipients should be mindful that the misuse of arrest or conviction records to screen either applicants for employment or employees for retention or promotion may have a disparate impact based on race or national origin, resulting in unlawful employment discrimination. If warranted, recipients should also incorporate an analysis of the use of arrest and conviction records in their Equal Employment Opportunity Plans.

ARTICLE 30. NONDISCRIMINATION IN PROGRAMS INVOLVING STUDENTS

The Provider will not use award funding to discriminate against students that are participating in (or benefiting from) programs that are funded by those same federal funds. As an example, provided by the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, the Provider cannot use VOCA funding to treat a Catholic student differently than a non-Catholic student when both are applying for, or receiving benefits from, the VOCA program. This same protection also applies to the students' parents or legal guardians.

ARTICLE 31. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A. All publications, advertising, or written descriptions of the sponsorship of the program will state: "This project was supported by Award No. VOCA-C-2024-City of Port St. Lucie-00207 awarded by the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs. Sponsored by (City of Port St. Lucie) and the state of Florida."

B. The Provider is required to display a civil rights statement prominently on all publications, websites, posters, and informational materials mentioning USDOJ programs in bold print and no smaller than the general text of the document. The full civil rights statement must be used whenever possible. Single page documents that do not have space for the full civil rights statement may contain a condensed version in a print size no smaller than the text used throughout the document. If the civil rights statement is missing on a publication, the statement must be included the next time the publication is revised or reprinted and printed copies of the statement must be attached to the current supply of the publication until the next revision is reprinted.

C. Full Civil Rights Statement: In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Justice policy, this organization is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write the Florida Department of Legal Affairs, Federal Discrimination Complaint Coordinator, PL-01 The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-1050, or call 850-414-3300, or write Office for Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, 810 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531 or call 202-307-0690 (Voice) or 202-307-2027 (TDD/TYY) or <https://www.ojp.gov/program/civil-rights/filing-civil-rights-complaint>. Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may also contact OCR through the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 (TTY), 877-877-8982 (Speech), or 800-845-6136 (Spanish).

D. Condensed Civil Rights Statement: The City of Port St. Lucie is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

E. The Provider is required to display the OAG's "Civil Rights Fact Sheet" at locations open to the public. The "Civil Rights Fact Sheet" will be made available to the Provider via the OAG E-Grants Management System.

ARTICLE 32. EMPLOYMENT

A. The employment of unauthorized aliens by the Provider is considered a violation of Title 8 section

274A(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. If the Provider knowingly employs unauthorized aliens, such violation will be cause for unilateral cancellation of this Agreement. Any services performed by any such unauthorized aliens will not be paid.

B. In accordance with section 448.095(2), Florida Statutes, the Provider must register with and use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system: <https://www.e-verify.gov/>, to verify the work authorization status of all new employees hired to perform services specified in the Purchase Order. Subcontractors must also be registered in the E-Verify system and provide the Provider with an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The Provider will maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the Agreement. The OAG may request documentation of compliance with this provision at any time during the Agreement term. The Agreement may be subject to termination for failure to comply with the requirements set forth in this Article, as specified in section 448.095(2)(a), Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE 33. NO THIRD-PARTY RIGHTS

This Agreement and the rights and obligations created by it are intended for the sole benefit of the OAG and the Provider. No third party to this Agreement, including the victims served by the Provider, have any rights under this Agreement. No third party may rely upon this Agreement, or the rights and representations created by it for any purpose.

ARTICLE 34. ADMINISTRATION OF AGREEMENT

A. All approvals referenced in this Agreement must be obtained from the parties' contract administrators or their designees. All notices must be given to the parties' contract administrators respectively.

B. The OAG's contract administrator is Christina F. Harris, Chief, Bureau of Advocacy and Grants Management.

C. The Provider's contract administrator will be provided at the time of execution.

D. The parties will provide each other with written notification of any change in its designated representative for this Agreement. Such changes do not require a formal written amendment to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 35. CONTROLLING LAW AND VENUE

This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the state of Florida. All litigation arising under this Agreement will be instituted in the appropriate state or federal court in Leon County, Florida.

ARTICLE 36. ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING AFFIDAVIT

Pursuant to section 787.06(13), Florida Statutes, if the Provider is a non-governmental entity, the Provider must submit to the OAG within 5 business days from the date of Agreement execution, an affidavit signed by the Provider's officer or representative, under penalty of perjury, attesting that the Provider does not use coercion to obtain labor or services.

ARTICLE 37. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement and the Provider's approved 2024-2025 grant application in the E-Grants Management System, embody the entire agreement of the parties. There are no provisions, terms, conditions, or obligations other than those contained herein. This Agreement supersedes all previous communications, representations or

agreements on this same subject, verbal or written, between the parties. There are no representations or statements that are relied upon by the parties that are not expressly set forth herein.

The Provider's signature below specifically acknowledges understanding of the fact that the privilege of obtaining a VOCA grant is not something this or any Provider is entitled to receive. This Agreement is for one-time funding only and will not exceed one federal fiscal year. There is absolutely no expectation or guarantee, implied or otherwise, the Provider will receive VOCA funding in the future. Each of the parties executing this Agreement have full authority to do so and have received all lawfully necessary approvals to enter into this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL and City of Port St. Lucie, have executed this agreement.

Jesus Merejo

Authorizing Official

Jesus Merejo

Print Name

Oct 15, 2024

Date

John Guard

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