

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
FEDERAL AWARD AGREEMENT

**Formula
Grant**

A. General Federal Award Information

1. Recipient name (must match Unique Entity Identifier name) and address: Vermont 109 State St Suite 4 Montpelier, VT 05609-5901	12. Assistance listing number and title: 14.231, Emergency Solutions Grants Program
2. Recipient's Unique Entity Identifier: YLQARK22FMQ1	13. Amount of federal funds obligated by this action: \$725,812.00
3. Tax identification number: 036000264	14. Total amount of federal funds obligated: \$725,812.00
4. Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN): E26DC500001	15. Total approved cost sharing (if applicable): \$725,812.00 (less \$100,000 if applicable; See Addendum 2)
5. Instrument type: Grant ☒ Cooperative agreement ☐ Loan Guarantee ☐	16. Total federal award amount, including approved cost sharing: \$1,451,624.00 (less \$100,000 if applicable; See Addendum 2)
6. Period of performance start and end date: 9/25/2026 - 9/24/2028	17. Budget approved by HUD: 9/25/2026
7. Budget period start and end date: 9/25/2026 - 9/24/2028	18. Fiscal year: 2026
8. Initial Agreement ☒ Amendment ☐ #	19. Statutory authority: 42 U.S.C. 11371 et seq.
9. Indirect cost rate (per § 200.414): Recipients must complete Addendum 3: Indirect Cost Rate Schedule	20. Applicable appropriations act(s): Public Law 119-75
10. Is this award for research and development (per 2 C.F.R. § 200.1)? Yes ☐ No ☒	21. Notice/notice of funding opportunity this award is made under (if applicable): N/A
11. Awarding official name and title: Christopher Hart CPD Director	22. Program regulations (if applicable): 24 C.F.R. 576
23. Federal award description: The Emergency Solutions Grant Program is designed to assist people with quickly regaining stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness. • Addendum 1. Policy Requirements • Addendum 2. Program-Specific Requirements • Addendum 3. Indirect Cost Rate Schedule	

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants set forth herein, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

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Authority and Agreement. This U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, Federal Award Agreement (Agreement) between the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the grant recipient hereinabove named (Recipient), collectively (the parties hereto or the Parties), regarding the award of Federal funding hereinabove described (Federal Award) is made pursuant to the statutory authority above (box 19) and is subject to the applicable appropriations act(s) (box 20). This Agreement incorporates by reference program statute (box 19), the program regulations (box 22) (as now in effect and as may be amended from time to time), the Recipient's consolidated plan/action plan, any attached Specific Terms and Conditions, and the attached addenda (box 23).

B. Terms and Conditions

1. *General terms and requirements.* The Recipient must comply with all applicable federal laws, regulations, and requirements, unless otherwise provided through HUD's formal waiver authorities. This Agreement, including any attachments and addenda, may only be amended in writing executed by parties to this Agreement and any addenda.
2. *Compliance with Administrative Requirements.* The Recipient shall comply with requirements established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) concerning the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI); the System for Award Management (SAM.gov.); the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act as provided in 2 C.F.R. part 25, Universal Identifier and General Contractor Registration; and 2 C.F.R. part 170, Reporting Subaward and Executive Compensation Information. The Recipient is responsible for updating and maintaining current and accurate information in SAM.gov, including updating the UEI or Employer Identification Number (EIN), as necessary, if administration of the award is transferred to a different subcomponent, division, or location within the Recipient's organization that uses a different UEI or EIN. Recipients must require Subrecipients to comply with the requirements in this paragraph, as applicable. "Subrecipient" for purposes of this agreement has the same meaning as it is used in 2 CFR § 200.1 and means an entity that receives a subaward from a pass-through entity to carry out part of a Federal award. The term subrecipient does not include a beneficiary or participant. A subrecipient may also be a recipient of other Federal awards directly from a Federal agency.
3. *Compliance with 2 C.F.R. part 200.* The Recipient must comply with the applicable requirements at 2 C.F.R. part 200, as may be amended from time to time. If any previous or future amendments to 2 C.F.R. part 200 replace or renumber any part 200 section cited in HUD's regulations in Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the amended part 200 requirements will govern award activities carried out after the amendments' effective date.
4. *Future budget periods.* If the period of performance spans multiple budget periods, subsequent budget periods are subject to the availability of funds, program authority, satisfactory performance, and compliance with the terms and conditions of the Federal Award.
5. *Indirect Cost Rate.* If the Recipient intends to use a negotiated or de minimis rate for indirect costs, the Recipient must submit an Indirect Cost Rate form to HUD, with this Agreement using Addendum #3 "Indirect Cost Rate Schedule". The submitted form/addendum will be incorporated into and made part of this Agreement, provided that the rate information is consistent with the applicable requirements under 2 C.F.R. § 200.414. If there is any change in the Recipient's indirect cost rate, it must immediately notify HUD and execute an amendment to this Agreement to reflect the change if necessary.
6. *Recipient integrity and performance matters.* If the Federal share of this award is more than \$500,000 over the period of performance (box 6), the terms and conditions in 2 C.F.R. part 200 Appendix XII apply to this Agreement.

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7. *Recordkeeping and Access to Records:*

- a. *Generally:* The Recipient hereby agrees to maintain complete and accurate documentation for this Federal Award and related activities to include, without limitation, financial records, supporting documentation, statistical records, books of account, ledgers, financial and project reports, records, statements, data, the originals of all agreements between the Recipient and any and all individuals or entities which receive funding pursuant to or arising out of this Agreement, whether directly from Recipient or from individuals or entities to whom Recipient has provided funding, any and all data on any individual or entity that receives money, in-kind assistance or services, or any benefit of any kind from or as a direct or indirect result of the Federal Award, including, without limitation, a Subrecipient or other entity that receives a subaward from a pass-through entity to carry out part of the Federal Award; contractor, vendor, consultant, any other entity performing activities funded in whole or in part under this Federal award; and any beneficiaries, participants, and other end-users of the funds, to the fullest extent permitted by law, and all such other documentation in such a manner as to permit the Recipient to prepare statements and reports in compliance with applicable HUD requirements and OMB requirements in 2 CFR part 200 for recordkeeping and reporting, which may be amended from time to time, (Grant Documentation). Recipient further agrees that the term “Grant Documentation” includes all Subrecipient data consistent with the above and 2 CFR 200.332 and to ensure that it obtains and maintains access to such Subrecipient data. Recipient agrees that the creation, maintenance, preservation, and disclosure by Recipient of Grant Documentation is fundamental to the prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse and to the satisfaction of its obligations to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse and the performance of its obligations under this Agreement and applicable HUD rules and regulations.
- b. *Access to Records and Personnel:* In addition to the foregoing, and in no way a limitation of anything contained in the foregoing or in this Agreement, or of HUD’s rights and remedies available to it under the terms of this Agreement, applicable statutes, laws and regulations, and otherwise at law or equity, HUD, Inspectors General, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their authorized representatives shall have the right of prompt, full, and complete access to any and all records of the Recipient and any other entities doing business with Recipient or otherwise receiving funds or benefits from Recipient, as specified in subsection a, and that are pertinent to the Federal Award to the fullest extent permitted by law, including records relevant to the administration, receipt, and use of this award and award activities, in order to perform audits, reviews and investigations, execute site visits, make or obtain copies thereof, or for any other official use. Such records include those that identify the source and application of funds, including relevant Grant Documentation data to the extent disclosure is not prohibited by law, in such a manner as to allow HUD to determine that all funds are and have been expended in accordance with program requirements and in a manner consistent with applicable law. The right of access includes prompt, full, and complete access as HUD may require to the Recipient and other entities and persons identified in subsection and their personnel, for the purpose of interview and discussion at such dates, times, and locations as HUD may require related to such documents or the Federal Award in general, to the fullest extent permitted by law. In lieu of or in addition to an on-site inspection, Recipient also agrees to furnish HUD such financial and project reports, records, statements, data, and documents in such form, from Recipient or other entity or person identified above, and accompanied by such reporting data as required by HUD. Recipient shall supply to HUD any and all Grant Documentation in legible and usable form as HUD may specify and within the time specified by HUD and at

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Recipient's expense. Recipient shall also make certifications, as HUD may request at such times and in such manner and format as required by HUD, that all Documentation which Recipient supplies to HUD is true, accurate, and complete in all aspects and regards.

- c. *New Reporting Tools*: Further, the Recipient hereby acknowledges that HUD is in the process of implementing new grants management and reporting tools for all Documentation and other documents and records pertinent to the Federal Award. Recipient agrees to report on grant performance and financial activities (including vendor and cash disbursement supporting details for the Recipient and its Subrecipients) using these new tools when they are released, and as updated, and to satisfy all requests for records pertinent to the Federal Award as described above. HUD will work with the Recipient to support the Recipient's transition to the new reporting tools. Once such new tools are implemented, Recipient shall make timely reporting utilizing such new reporting tools and such other reporting as is required by this Agreement and applicable statutes, laws, and regulations. HUD reserves the right to exercise all of its available rights and remedies for any noncompliance with these grants management and financial reporting requirements, to include, without limitation, requiring 100% review, additional or more detailed reports, suspension or termination of disbursements, and all other legally available remedies, to the furthest extent permitted by law. Recipient shall also make certifications at such times and in such manner and format as required by HUD that its reporting and the information contained therein is true, accurate, and complete in all aspects and regards.
8. *Noncompliance*. If the Recipient fails to comply with the provisions of this Agreement, HUD may take any and all remedial actions authorized by applicable statutes, regulations, or 2 C.F.R. § 200.339, as applicable. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit any remedies otherwise available to HUD in the case of noncompliance by the Recipient. No delay or omissions by HUD in exercising any right or remedy available to it under this Agreement shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of or acquiescence in any Recipient noncompliance.
9. *Termination provisions*. Unless superseded by program statutes or regulations, the termination provisions in 2 C.F.R. § 200.340 apply.
10. *Build America, Buy America*. The Recipient must comply with the requirements of the Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act, 41 U.S.C. § 8301 note, and all applicable rules and notices, as may be amended, if applicable. Pursuant to HUD's Notice, "Public Interest Phased Implementation Waiver for FY 2022 and 2023 of Build America, Buy America Provisions as Applied to Recipients of HUD Federal Financial Assistance" (88 Fed. Reg. 17001), BABA requirements apply to any infrastructure projects HUD has obligated funds for after the effective dates, unless excepted by a waiver.
11. *Fiduciary Relationship*. Recipient acknowledges and agrees that it stands in a fiduciary relationship to HUD and the American people with respect to the Federal Award. Recipient shall act solely for the benefit of HUD and the American people with respect to the Federal Award, and undertakes a duty of absolute loyalty, trust, and confidence. In performing its obligations under this Agreement, Recipient shall act in good faith, avoid all conflicts of interest, exercise the due care required of a fiduciary, and make full and complete disclosure of all material facts and business opportunities and other matters required to be disclosed by this Agreement and applicable law relating to this Agreement, the Federal Award and all funds derived therefrom.
12. *Waste, Fraud, and Abuse*. Recipient acknowledges and agrees that the prevention, discovery, exposure, and prosecution of waste, fraud, and abuse in Federal grant programs and procurement and the activities which Federal funding supports, and recoveries therefrom, are in the best interests of Recipient and the American people. Accordingly, Recipient agrees to cooperate fully

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with HUD and the Task Force to Eliminate Fraud established in Executive Order 14395 of March 16, 2026, *Establishing the Task Force To Eliminate Fraud*, in all manners and respects as required by HUD.

13. *Whistleblower Protections.* Any person who becomes aware of the existence or apparent existence of fraud, waste, or abuse of any HUD award must report such incidents to both the HUD official responsible for the award and to HUD's Office of Inspector General (OIG). Allegations of fraud, waste, and abuse related to HUD programs can be reported to the HUD OIG hotline via phone at 1-800-347-3735 or online hotline form. The Recipient must comply with 41 U.S.C. § 4712, which includes informing employees in writing of their rights and remedies, in the predominant native language of the workforce. Under 41 U.S.C. § 4712, employees of a government contractor, subcontractor, recipient, and Subrecipient—as well as a personal services contractor—who make a protected disclosure about a Federal Award or contract cannot be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against if they reasonably believe the information they disclose is evidence of (1) gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or award; (2) waste of Federal funds; (3) abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract or award; (4) substantial and specific danger to public health and safety; or (5) violations of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract or award.
14. *Third-Party Claims.* Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating or justifying any claim against the federal government or the Recipient by any third party.
15. *Rule of Construction and No Construction Against Drafter.* Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement, the terms and conditions hereof are to be construed to have full and expansive effect in both interpretation and application, and the parties agree that the principle of interpretation that holds that ambiguities in terms or conditions are construed against the drafter shall not apply in interpreting this Agreement.
16. *Miscellaneous Provisions.*
 - a. Headings are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction, meaning, or interpretation of this Agreement.
 - b. No modification of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by both Parties. Further, the Recipient agrees to not change, edit, or modify this Agreement or its terms before or after executing it and returning it to HUD. The Recipient agrees that any such changes shall be null and void and not binding upon HUD.
 - c. If any part or provision of this Agreement is enjoined or held to be void or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, it shall be ineffective as to such jurisdiction and only to the extent of such prohibition or injunction and shall not invalidate or affect the legality or enforceability of the remaining provisions and applications of this Agreement. In the event the injunction of such provisions is stayed, dissolved, or reversed, the full terms of this Agreement, including such provisions, will automatically become effective. This clause is self-executing and will become effective, binding, and enforceable automatically upon execution of this Agreement.

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C. Federal Award Performance Goals

The Recipient must meet any applicable performance goals, indicators, targets, and baseline data as required by applicable program requirements.

D. Specific Terms and Conditions Not applicable ☒ Attached ☐

For the U.S. Department of HUD (name and title of authorized official) Christopher Hart CPD Director	Signature DocuSigned by: <i>Christopher Hart</i> 4124F1CBAD33492...	Date 9/25/2026
For the Recipient (name and title of authorized official) Sandi Hoffman, Commissioner	Signature 	Date 09/23/2026

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ADDENDUM 1. POLICY REQUIREMENTS

If applicable:

1. The Recipient shall not use grant funds to promote “gender ideology,” as defined in Executive Order (E.O.) 14168, Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government.
2. The Recipient agrees that its compliance in all respects with all applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws is material to the U.S. Government’s payment decisions for purposes of section 3729(b)(4) of title 31, United States Code.
3. The Recipient certifies that it does not operate any programs that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
4. The Recipient shall not use any grant funds to fund or promote elective abortions, as required by E.O. 14182, Enforcing the Hyde Amendment.
5. This Grant shall not be governed by Executive Orders revoked by E.O. 14154, including E.O. 14008, or any requirements implementing Executive Orders that have been revoked.
6. The Recipient must administer its grant in accordance with all applicable immigration restrictions and requirements, including the eligibility and verification requirements that apply under title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, as amended ([8 U.S.C. 1601-1646](#)) (PRWORA) and any applicable requirements that HUD, the Attorney General, or the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services may establish from time to time to comply with PRWORA, [Executive Order 14218](#), or other Executive Orders or immigration laws.
7. No state or unit of general local government that receives funding under this grant may use that funding in a manner that by design or effect facilitates the subsidization or promotion of illegal immigration or shields illegal aliens from deportation, including by maintaining policies or practices that materially impede enforcement of federal immigration statutes and regulations.
8. The Recipient must use SAVE, or an equivalent verification system approved by the Federal government, to prevent any Federal public benefit from being provided to an ineligible alien who entered the United States illegally or is otherwise unlawfully present in the United States.
9. Faith-based organizations may be Subrecipients for funds on the same basis as any other organization. Recipients may not, in the selection of Subrecipients, discriminate against an organization based on the organization’s religious character, affiliation, or exercise.

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10. Awards to Subrecipients made under, relating to or arising out of the Federal Award will not be used to engage in illegal racial discrimination, including racial preferences.
11. Awards to Subrecipients made under, relating to, or arising out of the Federal Award will not be distributed in a way that violates or otherwise is used to interfere with constitutional protections guaranteed for speech and religious beliefs and the free exercise of religion.
12. Awards made under, relating to, or arising out of the Federal Award will not be used to fund any project, service provider, or organization that operates illegal drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites" in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 856, knowingly permits the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control in violation of 21 U.S.C. 856(a)(2), or knowingly distributes drug paraphernalia in violation of 21 USC 863. This is not a requirement that program participants must be sober in order to receive assistance, participate in treatment in order to receive assistance, or be evicted or exited from assistance for a first-time violation of a drug-related program policy or lease requirement.
13. All agreements or contracts made under, relating to, or arising out of the Federal Award must contain the same terms and conditions as those in the grant agreement issued by HUD. Any conflicting terms and conditions must be approved by HUD.
14. Recipient shall comply with all applicable workforce management requirements, regulations and statutes, including, without limitation, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 8 U.S.C. § 1324a, the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, and the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, as they may apply.

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ADDENDUM 2. PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Assistance Listing Number 14.231, Emergency Solutions Grants Program

1. The funds may be used for costs incurred before the Budget Period under the conditions specified in HUD Notice CPD-26-05 or another prior written approval by HUD, or if the Recipient is not covered by Notice CPD-26-05, under the condition that the costs are otherwise allowable and were incurred on or after the date HUD received the Recipient's Consolidated Plan submission, the Recipient's program year start date, or 90 calendar days before the period of performance start date in **Box 6** (whichever is latest).
2. The Recipient agrees to assume responsibility for environmental review, decision making, and action under 24 C.F.R. Part 58; except that if the Recipient is a state and distributes funds to a unit of general local government, the Recipient must require the unit of general local government to assume that responsibility and must comply with the state's responsibilities under 24 C.F.R. 58.4.
3. To the extent authorized by applicable law, HUD may, by its execution of an amendment, deobligate funds under this Agreement without the Recipient's execution of the amendment or other consent.
4. Despite any requirements that provide otherwise, youth aged 24 and under who seek assistance (including shelter, services or rental assistance) shall not be required to provide third-party documentation that they meet the homeless definition in 24 C.F.R. 576.2 as a condition for receiving assistance, and unaccompanied youth aged 24 and under (or families headed by youth aged 24 and under) who have an unsafe primary nighttime residence and no safe alternative to that residence shall be considered homeless for purposes of assistance provided by any private nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to provide services to youth aged 24 and under and families headed by youth aged 24 and under.
5. Cost sharing is defined in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 to include match, which is the required level of cost share that must be provided. **Box 15** reflects the total match amount the recipient is required to contribute, as determined in accordance with 24 CFR 576.201.

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ADDENDUM 3. INDIRECT COST RATE SCHEDULE

As the duly authorized representative of the Recipient, I certify that the Recipient:

- ☒ Will not use an indirect cost rate to calculate and charge indirect costs under the grant.
- ☐ Will calculate and charge indirect costs under the grant by applying a *de minimis* rate as provided by 2 C.F.R. § 200.414(f), as may be amended from time to time.
- ☐ Will calculate and charge indirect costs under the grant using the indirect cost rate(s) listed below, and each rate listed is included in an indirect cost rate proposal developed in accordance with the applicable appendix to 2 C.F.R. part 200 and, *if required*, was approved by the cognizant agency for indirect costs.

Agency/department/major function	Indirect cost rate	Type of Direct Cost Base
	%	
	%	
	%	

Instructions for the Recipient:

The Recipient must mark the one (and only one) checkbox above that best reflects how the Recipient’s indirect costs will be calculated and charged under the grant. Do not include indirect cost rate information for Subrecipients.

The table following the third box must be completed only if that box is checked. When listing a rate in the table, enter both the percentage amount (e.g., 10%) and the type of direct cost base to be used. For example, if the direct cost base used for calculating indirect costs is Modified Total Direct Costs, then enter “MTDC” in the “Type of Direct Cost Base” column.

If using the Simplified Allocation Method for indirect costs, enter the applicable indirect cost rate and type of direct cost base in the first row of the table.

If using the Multiple Allocation Base Method, enter each major function of the organization for which a rate was developed and will be used under the grant, the indirect cost rate applicable to that major function, and the type of direct cost base to which the rate will be applied.

If the Recipient is a government and more than one agency or department will carry out activities under the grant, enter each agency or department that will carry out activities under the grant, the indirect cost rate(s) for that agency or department, and the type of direct cost base to which each rate will be applied.

To learn more about the indirect cost requirements, see 2 C.F.R. part 200, subpart E and Appendix VII to Part 200 (for state and local governments).