

THE STATE OF TEXAS	§	AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TARRANT
	§	COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT
	§	NO. 1 AND THE CITY OF SAGINAW
	§	FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
COUNTY OF TARRANT	§	STATE AND LOCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

This Agreement ("Agreement") is between the TARRANT COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 1 (the "ESD") and the **City of Saginaw** (the "CITY") and shall be effective on the date that the last signature is affixed (the "Effective Date"). The ESD and the CITY enter into the following Agreement:

Section 1: Recitals

On August 24, 2021, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County approved an Interlocal Agreement in Commissioners Court Order #136137 between the ESD and Tarrant County Government ("COUNTY") allotting initial program funding to the ESD through the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA"). The State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("FRF") authorized in ARPA (C.F.D.A. #21.027) are to be used to mitigate the ongoing effects of COVID-19 and support the nation's pandemic recovery. Funds allotted to the ESD are designated for use to aid and support municipal and volunteer emergency services providers that serve Tarrant County's unincorporated area through meeting equipment replacement needs, personal protective equipment, and related expenses. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the terms and conditions under which CITY, as an emergency services provider in the unincorporated area of Tarrant County, and ESD will collaborate for the provision of the category of items designated by Commissioners Court. This Agreement enables CITY to acquire replacement equipment and related materials for fire, first responder, and ambulance services detailed in Appendix A and then receive reimbursement from ESD through the funds provided to ESD by Commissioners Court Order.

Section 2: Authority

Section 791 of the Texas Government Code authorizes contracts between political subdivisions for the performance of governmental functions and services. Section 418.109(d) of the Texas Government Code authorizes the provision of mutual aid assistance from a local government entity or organized volunteer group to another local government entity or organized volunteer group. This agreement is made pursuant to the authority of Government Code sections 418.109, 791.011, and 791.027 of the Texas Government Code. CITY shall follow guidance issued by the U.S. Treasury pertaining to the proper use of FRF funds.

Section 3: Term

This Agreement shall become effective as of the Effective Date and shall continue in full force and effect until December 31, 2026. Either ESD or CITY may terminate this Agreement upon seven (7) days' prior written notice to the other Party.

Section 4: Authorized Use of Funds

Using funds provided to ESD by the FRF, ESD shall provide reimbursement to CITY for expenses related to FRF eligible uses designated in Appendix A or subsequent amendments to Appendix A.

During the term of the Agreement, CITY acknowledges a limit on purchases eligible for reimbursement by ESD per program year and detailed in Appendix A or subsequent amendments to Appendix A.

Section 5: Reporting Requirements

CITY shall provide to ESD quarterly and annual reports concerning items for which it seeks reimbursement from ESD. These quarterly reports shall include invoices for eligible expense with proof of payment. CITY shall provide to ESD the quarterly and annual reports according to the schedule contained in Appendix B.

All expenditures for which the CITY will seek reimbursement from ESD must be obligated, as defined by the U.S. Treasury, by December 31, 2024 and goods received and paid by December 31, 2025.

CITY shall keep and maintain, for a period not less than five (5) years after the termination of this Agreement any and all records relating to expenditures, reimbursements, and reporting requirements related to this Agreement.

Section 6: Audit Responsibilities

ESD acknowledges the burden and responsibility for conducting Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR part 200) lies with ESD and the CITY if the CITY receives more than \$750,000. Upon request of ESD, CITY agrees to provide ESD with appropriate documentation to assist ESD in completing any required audits.

If Subrecipient within Subrecipient's fiscal year, expends a total amount of at least SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$750,000) in federal funds awarded, Subrecipient shall have a single audit or program-specific audit in accordance with the 2 CFR 200. The \$750,000 federal threshold amount includes federal funds passed through by way of State and Local agency awards. If Subrecipient, within Subrecipient's fiscal year, expends a total amount of at least \$750,000 in state funds awarded, Subrecipient must have a single audit.

Section 7: Acquisition of Equipment

It is the obligation of CITY to acquire and pay for equipment it intends to seek later reimbursement from ESD. Upon delivery and deployment of the equipment to CITY, ESD or its agent retains the right to inspect the equipment acquired by CITY.

Section 8: Independent Contractors

It is understood that any relationship created by this Agreement between ESD and CITY shall be that of independent contractors. Under no circumstances shall either Party be deemed an employee of the other nor shall either Party act as an agent of the other Party. Any and all joint venture, joint enterprise, or partnership status is hereby expressly denied, and the Parties expressly state that they have not formed expressly or impliedly a joint venture, joint enterprise, or partnership.

Section 9: Severability

If any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and enforceable. If a court finds that any provision of this Agreement is invalid or unenforceable, but that by limiting such provision it would become valid and enforceable, then such provision shall be deemed to be written, construed, and enforced as so limited.

Section 10: Applicable Law

The laws of the State of Texas shall govern this Agreement, except where clearly superseded by federal law. Exclusive venue of any dispute shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in Tarrant County, Texas.

Section 11: Authorization

By signing below, each Party's representative warrants that he/she is duly authorized to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the Party, and that each Party to this Agreement is authorized by Texas law to accept the terms, conditions, and obligations set forth herein.

Section 12: Notices

Notices under this Agreement shall be in writing, and may be given by hand delivery or U.S. mail. If sent to the parties at the contact information addresses designated herein, notice shall be deemed effective upon receipt in the case of hand delivery and three days after deposit in the U.S. mail in case of mailing. The address of the parties for all purposes shall be:

ESD: Tarrant County Emergency Services District No. 1
2750 Premier Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76111
Attn: Rick Holman, President (or successor)

CITY: City of Saginaw

Attn.: _____

Section 13: Debarment & Suspension

CITY represents that is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal or state department or agency. CITY agrees to have an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov).

Section 14: Audit Clause

The Subrecipient must agree that ESD and COUNTY will, until the expiration of the federal retention period as referenced in 2 CFR 200.334, have access to and the right to examine at reasonable times any directly pertinent books, documents, papers and records (hard copy, as well as computer generated data) of the Subrecipient involving transactions related to this agreement. This right to audit also extends to any obligations assigned to any subcontracts or agreements formed between the Subrecipient and any subcontractors to the extent that those subcontracts or agreements relate to fulfillment of the Subrecipient's obligations to ESD and COUNTY under this agreement. The Subrecipient must agree that ESD and COUNTY will have access during normal working hours to all necessary facilities, staff and workspace in order to conduct audits. ESD or COUNTY will provide the Subrecipient with reasonable advance notice of intended audits. The Subrecipient must provide records within ten (10) business days or a mutually agreed upon timeline.

Section 15: Standards for Financial Management

In accordance with 2 CFR 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, Subrecipient will develop, implement and maintain financial management and control systems, which include at a minimum accurate payroll, accounting and financial reporting records, cost source documentation, effective internal and budgetary controls, and determination of reasonableness, allowability and allocability of costs, and timely and appropriate audits and resolution findings.

CITY shall maintain an effective accounting system, which will:

- Identify and record valid transactions
- Record transactions to the proper accounting period in which transactions occurred
- Describe transactions in sufficient detail to permit proper classification
- Maintain records that permit the tracing of funds to a level of detail that establishes the funds have been used in compliance with contract requirements
- Adequately identify the source and application of funds of each grant contract
- Generate current and accurate financial reports in accordance with contract requirements.

Section 16: Equipment

Any purchase of equipment must be consistent with the Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart D. Equipment acquired under this program must be used for the originally authorized purpose. Procedures for managing equipment must meet the following requirements:

- (1) Property records must be maintained that include a description of the property, a serial number or other identification number, the source of funding for the property, who holds title, the acquisition date, and cost of the property, percentage of Federal participation in the project costs for the Federal award under which the property was acquired, the location, use and condition of the property, and any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and sale price of the property.
- (2) A physical inventory of the property must be taken and the results reconciled with the property records at least once every two years.
- (3) A control system must be developed to ensure adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft of the property. Any loss, damage, or theft must be investigated.
- (4) Adequate maintenance procedures must be developed to keep the property in good condition.

Disposition. When original or replacement equipment acquired under FRF is no longer needed for the original project, the non-Federal entity must request disposition instructions from the ESD.

Section 17: Entire Agreement

This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the Parties and supersedes all prior representations.

EXECUTED by the duly authorized Parties below:

**TARRANT COUNTY EMERGENCY
SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1**

CITY OF SAGINAW, TEXAS

Rick Holman
President

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

APPENDIX A

AUTHORIZED USE OF FUNDS

Authorized Uses

Ambulances and associated emergency medical equipment
Medical personal protective equipment
Equipment to ensure continuity of emergency services including generators and radio equipment
Program costs for increasing vaccination rates
Emergency medical equipment related to first responder activities

Authorized Use of Funds Schedule

Phase	Item(s)	Amount*	Status
2	First responder PPE and SCBA's	\$30,000.00	Open

* PPE – Personal Protection Equipment commonly known as bunker gear (pants, coats, boots, gloves, helmets, etc.).

SCBA – Self Contained Breathing Apparatus to provide closed air supply (masks, tanks, etc).

** Not to exceed amount unless agreement is mutually amended by parties. Quantities are estimates.

APPENDIX B

QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL REPORTING DATES

Quarterly Reporting Periods		Report Due
First	July 1 st to September 30 th	October 5 th
Second	October 1 st to December 31 st	January 5 th
Third	January 1 st to March 31 st	April 5 th
Fourth	April 1 st to June 30 th	July 5 th

Annual Reporting Periods		Report Due
Year 1	July 1 to June 30, 2022	July 5, 2022
Year 2	July 1 to June 30, 2023	July 5, 2023
Year 3	July 1 to June 30, 2024	July 5, 2024
Year 4	July 1 to June 30, 2025	July 5, 2025
Year 5	July 1 to June 30, 2026	July 5, 2026
Year 6	July 1 to December 31, 2026	January 5, 2027