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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY  
AND  
CONNECTING THE DOTS  
FOR  
CDBG FUNDED PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

**THIS AGREEMENT**, entered this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of July 2024, by and between the City of Atlantic City (herein called the "Grantee") and **CONNECTING THE DOTS** (herein called the "Subrecipient").

**WHEREAS**, the Grantee has applied for and received funds from the United States Government under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (HCD Act), Public Law 93-383; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grantee wishes to engage the Subrecipient to assist the Grantee in utilizing such funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is agreed between the parties hereto that;

**SCOPE OF SERVICE**

**A. Activities**

The Annual Connecting the Dots Inc College Expo Trip

**Program Delivery**

Activity #1 Provide assistance and community integrative services to the residents of the City that meet the low moderate-income levels.

**General Administration**

There are no general administrative tasks to be performed by the Subrecipient under this Agreement.

**B. National Objectives**

All activities funded with CDGB funds must meet one of the CDBG program's National Objectives: benefit low- and moderate-income persons; aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or meet community development needs having a particular urgency, as defined in 24 CFR 570.208.\*

The Subrecipient certifies that the activity (ies) carried out under this Agreement will meet (indicate which National Objective). Briefly describe how this National Objective will be met.

**C. Levels of Accomplishment – Goals and Performance Measures**

... accomplishment may include such measures as units rehabbed, persons or households, or meals served, and should also include time frames for performance.

The Subrecipient agrees to provide the following levels of program services:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Units per Month</u>	<u>Total Units/Year</u>
N/A	N/A	N/A

**D. Staffing**

[Provide list of staff and time commitments to be allocated to each activity specified in I.A. above.]

A Grantee might include the following provision if it felt among the Subrecipient's staff only certain personnel had the requisite experience to implement the activity, or if the Subrecipient had a history of reassigning responsibilities that tended to create problems.

"Any changes in the Key Personnel assigned or their general responsibilities under this project are subject to the prior approval of the Grantee."

**E. Performance Monitoring**

The Grantee will monitor the performance of the Subrecipient against goals and performance standards as stated above. Substandard performance as determined by the Grantee will constitute noncompliance with this Agreement. If action to correct such substandard performance is not taken by the Subrecipient within a reasonable period of time 30 days after being notified by the Grantee, contract suspension or termination procedures will be initiated.

**II. TIME OF PERFORMANCE**

Services of the Subrecipient shall start on July 1, 2024 and end on June 30, 2025. The term of this Agreement and the provisions herein shall be extended to cover any additional time period during which the Subrecipient remains in control of CDBG funds or other CDBG assets, including program income.

**III. BUDGET**

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Salaries	_____
Fringe	_____
Office Space (Program only)	_____
Utilities	_____
Communications	_____

Reproduction/Printing	_____
Supplies and Materials	_____
Mileage	_____
Audit	_____
Other (League Fees)	_____
Insurance (Specify)	_____
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$5,000.00</u></b>

Any indirect costs charged must be consistent with the conditions of Paragraph VIII (C)(2) of this Agreement. In addition, the Grantee may require a more detailed budget breakdown than the one contained herein, and the Subrecipient shall provide such supplementary budget information in a timely fashion in the form and content prescribed by the Grantee. Any amendments to the budget must be approved in writing by both the Grantee and the Subrecipient.

**IV. PAYMENT**

It is expressly agreed and understood that the total amount to be paid by the Grantee under this Agreement shall not exceed **FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00)**. Drawdowns for the payment of eligible expenses shall be made against the line-item budgets specified in Paragraph III herein and in accordance with performance. Expenses for general administration shall also be paid against the line-item budgets specified in Paragraph III and in accordance with performance.

Payments may be contingent upon certification of the Subrecipient's financial management system in accordance with the standards specified in 2 CFR Part 200.

**V. NOTICES**

Notices required by this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered via mail (postage prepaid), commercial courier, or personal delivery or sent by facsimile or other electronic means. Any notice delivered or sent as aforesaid shall be effective on the date of delivery or sending. All notices and other written communications under this Agreement shall be addressed to the individuals in the capacities indicated below, unless otherwise modified by subsequent written notice.

Communication and details concerning this contract shall be directed to the following contract representatives:

Grantee		Subrecipient	
Name:	Lance Smith	Name:	Patricia Tweedle
Title:	Assistant Director	Title:	Director
Address:	1301 Bacharach Boulevard	Address:	1824 Emerson Avenue
City:	Atlantic City	City:	Atlantic City
State, Zip:	New Jersey 08401	State, Zip:	New Jersey 08401
Telephone:	(609) 347-7258	Telephone:	609- 705-4016
Fax:	(609) 347-5317	Fax:	
Email:	<a href="mailto:LSmith@acnj.gov">LSmith@acnj.gov</a>	Email:	

**VI. SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

None.

**VII. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

**A. General Compliance**

The Subrecipient agrees to comply with the requirements of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 570 (the U.S. Housing and Urban Development regulations concerning Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)) including subpart K of these regulations, except that (1) the Subrecipient does not assume the recipient's environmental responsibilities described in 24 CFR 570.604 and (2) the Subrecipient does not assume the recipient's responsibility for initiating the review process under the provisions of 24 CFR Part 52. The Subrecipient also agrees to comply with all other applicable Federal, state and local laws, regulations, and policies governing the funds provided under this contract. The Subrecipient further agrees to utilize funds available under this Agreement to supplement rather than supplant funds otherwise available.

**B. "Independent Contractor"**

Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended to, or shall be construed in any manner, as creating or establishing the relationship of employer/employee between the parties. The Subrecipient shall at all times remain an "independent contractor" with respect to the services to be performed under this Agreement. The Grantee shall be exempt from payment of all Unemployment Compensation, FICA, retirement, life and/or medical insurance and Workers' Compensation Insurance, as the Subrecipient is an independent contractor.

**C. Hold Harmless**

The Subrecipient shall hold harmless, defend, and indemnify the Grantee from any and all claims, actions, suits, charges and judgments whatsoever that arise out of the Subrecipient's performance or nonperformance of the services or subject matter called for in this Agreement.

**D. Workers' Compensation**

The Subrecipient shall provide Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage for all of its employees involved in the performance of this Agreement.

**E. Insurance & Bonding**

The Subrecipient shall carry sufficient insurance coverage to protect contract assets from loss due to theft, fraud and/or undue physical damage, and as a minimum shall purchase a blanket fidelity bond covering all employees in an amount equal to cash advances from the Grantee.

The Subrecipient shall comply with the bonding and insurance requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, Bonding and Insurance.

**F. Grantee Recognition**

The Subrecipient shall insure recognition of the role of the Grantee in providing services through this Agreement. All activities, facilities and items utilized pursuant to this Agreement shall be prominently labeled as to funding source. In addition, the Subrecipient will include a reference to the support provided herein in all publications made possible with funds made available under this Agreement.

**G. Amendments**

The Grantee or Subrecipient may amend this Agreement at any time provided that such amendments make specific reference to this Agreement, and are executed in writing, signed by a duly authorized representative of each organization, and approved by the Grantee's governing body. Such amendments shall not invalidate this Agreement, nor relieve or release the Grantee or Subrecipient from its obligations under this Agreement.

The Grantee may, in its discretion, amend this Agreement to conform with Federal, state or local governmental guidelines, policies and available funding amounts, or for other reasons. If such amendments result in a change in the funding, the scope of services, or schedule of the activities to be undertaken as part of this Agreement, such modifications will be incorporated only by written amendment signed by both Grantee and Subrecipient.

**H. Suspension or Termination**

In accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, the Grantee may suspend or terminate this Agreement if the Subrecipient materially fails to comply with any terms of this Agreement, which include (but are not limited to) the following:

1. Failure to comply with any of the rules, regulations or provisions referred to herein, or such statutes, regulations, executive orders, and HUD guidelines, policies or directives as may become applicable at any time;
2. Failure, for any reason, of the Subrecipient to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement;
3. Ineffective or improper use of funds provided under this Agreement; or
4. Submission by the Subrecipient to the Grantee reports that are incorrect or incomplete in any material respect.

In accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, this Agreement may also be terminated for convenience by either the Grantee or the Subrecipient, in whole or in part, by setting forth the reasons for such termination, the effective date, and, in the case of partial termination, the portion to be terminated. However, if in the case of a partial termination, the Grantee determines that the remaining portion of the award will not accomplish the purpose for which the award was made, the Grantee may terminate the award in its entirety.

## VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

### A. Financial Management

#### 1. Accounting Standards

The Subrecipient agrees to comply with 2 CFR Part 200 and agrees to adhere to the accounting principles and procedures required therein, utilize adequate internal controls, and maintain necessary source documentation for all costs incurred.

#### 2. Cost Principles

The Subrecipient shall administer its program in conformance with 2 CFR Part 200 as applicable. These principles shall be applied for all costs incurred whether charged on a direct or indirect basis.

### B. Documentation and Record Keeping

#### 1. Records to be Maintained

The Subrecipient shall maintain all records required by the Federal regulations specified in 24 CFR 570.506, that are pertinent to the activities to be funded under this Agreement. Such records shall include but not be limited to:

- a. Records providing a full description of each activity undertaken;
- b. Records demonstrating that each activity undertaken meets one of the National Objectives of the CDBG program;
- c. Records required to determine the eligibility of activities;

- d. Records required to document the acquisition, improvement, use or disposition of real property acquired or improved with CDBG assistance;
- e. Records documenting compliance with the fair housing and equal opportunity components of the CDBG program;
- f. Financial records as required by 24 CFR 570.502, and 2 CFR Part 200; and
- g. Other records necessary to document compliance with Subpart K of 24 CFR Part 570.

**2. Retention**

The Subrecipient shall retain all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other records pertinent to the Agreement for a period of four (4) years. The retention period begins on the date of the submission of the Grantee's annual performance and evaluation report to HUD in which the activities assisted under the Agreement are reported on for the final time. Notwithstanding the above, if there is litigation, claims, audits, negotiations or other actions that involve any of the records cited and that have started before the expiration of the four-year period, then such records must be retained until completion of the actions and resolution of all issues, or the expiration of the four-year period, whichever occurs later.

**3. Client Data**

The Subrecipient shall maintain client data demonstrating client eligibility for services provided. Such data shall include, but not be limited to, client name, address, income level or other basis for determining eligibility, and description of service provided. Such information shall be made available to Grantee monitors or their designees for review upon request.

**4. Disclosure**

The Subrecipient understands that client information collected under this contract is private and the use or disclosure of such information, when not directly connected with the administration of the Grantee's or Subrecipient's responsibilities with respect to services provided under this contract, is prohibited by the [insert applicable State or Federal law] unless written consent is obtained from such person receiving service and, in the case of a minor, that of a responsible parent/guardian.

**5. Close-outs**

The Subrecipient's obligation to the Grantee shall not end until all close-out requirements are completed. Activities during this close-out period shall include, but are not limited to: making final payments, disposing of program assets (including the return of all unused materials, equipment, unspent cash advances, program income balances, and accounts receivable to the Grantee), and determining the custodianship of records. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the terms of this Agreement shall remain in effect during any period that the Subrecipient has control over CDBG funds, including program income.

**6. Audits & Inspections**

All Subrecipient records with respect to any matters covered by this Agreement shall be made available to the Grantee, grantor agency, and the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their authorized representatives, at any time during normal business hours, as often as deemed necessary, to audit, examine, and make excerpts or transcripts of all relevant data. Any deficiencies noted in audit reports must be fully cleared by the Subrecipient within 30 days after receipt by the Subrecipient. Failure of the Subrecipient to comply with the above audit requirements will constitute a violation of this contract and may result in the withholding of future payments. The Subrecipient hereby agrees to have an annual agency audit conducted in accordance with current Grantee policy concerning subrecipient audits and 2 CFR 200.

**C. Reporting and Payment Procedures**

**1. Program Income**

The Subrecipient shall report [insert frequency of reports, e.g., "monthly"] all program income (as defined at 24 CFR 570.500(a)) generated by activities carried out with CDBG funds made available under this contract. The use of program income by the Subrecipient shall comply with the requirements set forth at 24 CFR 570.504. By way of further limitations, the Subrecipient may use such income during the contract period for activities permitted under this contract and shall reduce requests for additional funds by the amount of any such program income balances on hand. All unexpended program income shall be returned to the Grantee at the end of the contract period. Any interest earned on cash advances from the U.S. Treasury and from funds held in a revolving fund account is not program income and shall be remitted promptly to the Grantee.

**2. Indirect Costs**

If indirect costs are charged, the Subrecipient will develop an indirect cost allocation plan for determining the appropriate Subrecipient's share of administrative costs and shall submit such plan to the Grantee for approval, in a form specified by the Grantee.

**3. Payment Procedures**

The Grantee will pay to the Subrecipient funds available under this Agreement based upon information submitted by the Subrecipient and consistent with any approved budget and Grantee policy concerning payments. With the exception of certain advances, payments will be made for eligible expenses actually incurred by the Subrecipient, and not to exceed actual cash requirements. Payments will be adjusted by the Grantee in accordance with advance fund and program income balances available in Subrecipient accounts. In addition, the Grantee reserves the right to liquidate funds available under this contract for costs incurred by the Grantee on behalf of the Subrecipient.

**4. Progress Reports**

The Subrecipient shall submit regular Progress Reports to the Grantee in the form, content, and frequency as required by the Grantee.

**D. Procurement**

**1. Compliance**

The Subrecipient shall comply with current Grantee policy concerning the purchase of equipment and shall maintain inventory records of all non-expendable personal property as defined by such policy as may be procured with funds provided herein. All program assets (unexpended program income, property, equipment, etc.) shall revert to the Grantee upon termination of this Agreement.

**2. OMB Standards**

Unless specified otherwise within this agreement, the Subrecipient shall procure all materials, property, or services in accordance with the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200.

**3. Travel**

The Subrecipient shall obtain written approval from the Grantee for any travel outside the metropolitan area with funds provided under this Agreement.

**E. Use and Reversion of Assets**

The use and disposition of real property and equipment under this Agreement shall be in compliance with the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and 24 CFR 570.502, 570.503, and 570.504, as applicable, which include but are not limited to the following:

1. The Subrecipient shall transfer to the Grantee any CDBG funds on hand and any accounts receivable attributable to the use of funds under this Agreement at the time of expiration, cancellation, or termination.
2. Real property under the Subrecipient's control that was acquired or improved, in whole or in part, with funds under this Agreement in excess of \$25,000 shall be used to meet one of the CDBG National Objectives pursuant to 24 CFR 570.208 until five (5) years after expiration of this Agreement [or such longer period of time as the Grantee deems appropriate]. If the Subrecipient fails to use CDBG-assisted real property in a manner that meets a CDBG National Objective for the prescribed period of time, the Subrecipient shall pay the Grantee an amount equal to the current fair market value of the property less any portion of the value attributable to expenditures of non-CDBG funds for acquisition of, or improvement to, the property. Such payment shall constitute program income to the Grantee. The Subrecipient may retain real property acquired or improved under this Agreement after the expiration of the five-year period [or such longer period of time as the Grantee deems appropriate].

3. In all cases in which equipment acquired, in whole or in part, with funds under this Agreement is sold, the proceeds shall be program income (prorated to reflect the extent to that funds received under this Agreement were used to acquire the equipment). Equipment not needed by the Subrecipient for activities under this Agreement shall be (a) transferred to the Grantee for the CDBG program or (b) retained after compensating the Grantee [an amount equal to the current fair market value of the equipment less the percentage of non-CDBG funds used to acquire the equipment].

**IX. RELOCATION, REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND ONE-FOR-ONE HOUSING REPLACEMENT**

The Subrecipient agrees to comply with (a) the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (URA), and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24 and 24 CFR 570.606(b); (b) the requirements of 24 CFR 570.606(c) governing the Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan under section 104(d) of the HCD Act; and (c) the requirements in 24 CFR 570.606(d) governing optional relocation policies. [The Grantee may preempt the optional policies.] The Subrecipient shall provide relocation assistance to displaced persons as defined by 24 CFR 570.606(b)(2) that are displaced as a direct result of acquisition, rehabilitation, demolition, or conversion for a CDBG-assisted project. The Subrecipient also agrees to comply with applicable Grantee ordinances, resolutions, and policies concerning the displacement of persons from their residences.

**X. PERSONNEL & PARTICIPANT CONDITIONS**

**A. Civil Rights**

**1. Compliance**

The Subrecipient agrees to comply with [fill in local and state civil rights ordinances here] and with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 as amended, Section 104(b) and Section 109 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Executive Order 11063, and Executive Order 11246 as amended by Executive Orders 11375, 11478, 12107 and 12086.

**2. Nondiscrimination**

The Subrecipient agrees to comply with the non-discrimination in employment and contracting opportunities laws, regulations, and executive orders referenced in 24 CFR 570.607, as revised by Executive Order 13279. The applicable non-discrimination provisions in Section 109 of the HCDA are still applicable.

**3. Land Covenants**

This contract is subject to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P. L. 88-352) and 24 CFR 570.601 and 570.602. In regard to the sale, lease, or other transfer of

land acquired, cleared, or improved with assistance provided under this contract, the Subrecipient shall cause or require a covenant running with the land to be inserted in the deed or lease for such transfer, prohibiting discrimination as herein defined, in the sale, lease or rental, or in the use or occupancy of such land, or in any improvements erected or to be erected thereon, providing that the Grantee and the United States are beneficiaries of and entitled to enforce such covenants. The Subrecipient, in undertaking its obligation to carry out the program assisted hereunder, agrees to take such measures as are necessary to enforce such covenant, and will not itself so discriminate.

**4. Section 504**

The Subrecipient agrees to comply with all Federal regulations issued pursuant to compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), which prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities or handicaps in any Federally assisted program. The Grantee shall provide the Subrecipient with any guidelines necessary for compliance with that portion of the regulations in force during the term of this Agreement.

**B. Affirmative Action**

**1. Approved Plan**

The Subrecipient agrees that it shall be committed to carry out pursuant to the Grantee's specifications an Affirmative Action Program in keeping with the principles as provided in President's Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1966. The Grantee shall provide Affirmative Action guidelines to the Subrecipient to assist in the formulation of such program. The Subrecipient shall submit a plan for an Affirmative Action Program for approval prior to the award of funds.

**2. Women- and Minority-Owned Businesses (W/MBE)**

The Subrecipient will use its best efforts to afford small businesses, minority business enterprises, and women's business enterprises the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of this contract. As used in this contract, the terms "small business" means a business that meets the criteria set forth in section 3(a) of the Small Business Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 632), and "minority and women's business enterprise" means a business at least fifty-one (51) percent owned and controlled by minority group members or women. For the purpose of this definition, "minority group members" are Afro-Americans, Spanish-speaking, Spanish surnamed or Spanish-heritage Americans, Asian-Americans, and American Indians. The Subrecipient may rely on written representations by businesses regarding their status as minority and female business enterprises in lieu of an independent investigation.

**3. Access to Records**

The Subrecipient shall furnish and cause each of its own subrecipients or subcontractors to furnish all information and reports required hereunder and will permit access to its books, records and accounts by the Grantee, HUD or its agent, or other authorized Federal officials for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with the rules, regulations, and provisions stated herein.

**4. Notifications**

The Subrecipient will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or worker's representative of the Subrecipient's commitments hereunder, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

**5. Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action (EEO/AA) Statement**

The Subrecipient will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Subrecipient, state that it is an Equal Opportunity or Affirmative Action employer.

**6. Subcontract Provisions**

The Subrecipient will include the provisions of Paragraphs X.A, Civil Rights, and B, Affirmative Action, in every subcontract or purchase order, specifically or by reference, so that such provisions will be binding upon each of its own subrecipients or subcontractors.

**C. Employment Restrictions**

**1. Prohibited Activity**

The Subrecipient is prohibited from using funds provided herein or personnel employed in the administration of the program for political activities; inherently religious activities; lobbying; political patronage; and nepotism activities.

**2. Labor Standards**

The Subrecipient agrees to comply with the requirements of the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act as amended, the provisions of Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327 *et seq.*) and all other applicable Federal, state, and local laws and regulations pertaining to labor standards insofar as those acts apply to the performance of this Agreement. The Subrecipient agrees to comply with the Copeland Anti-Kick Back Act (18 U.S.C. 874 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor at 29 CFR Part 5. The Subrecipient shall maintain documentation that demonstrates compliance with hour and wage requirements of this part. Such documentation shall be made available to the Grantee for review upon request.

The Subrecipient agrees that, except with respect to the rehabilitation or construction of residential property containing less than eight (8) units, all contractors engaged under contracts in excess of \$2,000.00 for construction, renovation, or repair work financed in whole or in part with assistance provided under this contract, shall comply with Federal requirements adopted by the Grantee pertaining to such contracts and with the applicable requirements of the regulations of the Department of Labor, under 29 CFR Parts 1, 3, 5 and 7 governing the payment of wages and ratio of apprentices and trainees to journey workers; provided that, if wage rates higher than those required under the regulations are imposed by state or local law, nothing hereunder is intended to relieve the Subrecipient of its obligation, if any, to require payment of the higher wage. The Subrecipient shall cause or require to be inserted in full, in all such contracts subject to such regulations, provisions meeting the requirements of this paragraph.

**3. "Section 3" Clause**

**a. Compliance**

Compliance with the provisions of Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, as amended, and as implemented by the regulations set forth in 24 CFR 135, and all applicable rules and orders issued hereunder prior to the execution of this contract shall be a condition of the Federal financial assistance provided under this contract and binding upon the Grantee, the Subrecipient and any of the Subrecipient's subrecipients and subcontractors. Failure to fulfill these requirements shall subject the Grantee, the Subrecipient, and any of the Subrecipient's subrecipients and subcontractors, their successors and assigns, to those sanctions specified by the Agreement through which Federal assistance is provided. The Subrecipient certifies and agrees that no contractual or other disability exists that would prevent compliance with these requirements.

The Subrecipient further agrees to comply with these "Section 3" requirements and to include the following language in all subcontracts executed under this Agreement:

"The work to be performed under this Agreement is a project assisted under a program providing direct Federal financial assistance from HUD and is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701). Section 3 requires that to the greatest extent feasible opportunities for training and employment be given to low- and very low-income residents of the project area, and that contracts for work in connection with the project be awarded to business concerns that provide economic opportunities for low- and very low-income persons residing in the metropolitan area in which the project is located."

The Subrecipient further agrees to ensure that opportunities for training and employment arising in connection with a housing rehabilitation (including reduction and abatement of lead-based paint hazards), housing construction, or other public construction project are given to low- and very low-income persons residing within the metropolitan area in which the CDBG-funded project is located; where feasible, priority should be given to low- and very low-income persons within the service area of the project or the neighborhood in which the project is located, and to low- and very low-income participants in other HUD programs; and award contracts for work undertaken in connection with a housing rehabilitation (including reduction and abatement of lead-based paint hazards), housing construction, or other public construction project to business concerns that provide economic opportunities for low- and very low-income persons residing within the metropolitan area in which the CDBG-funded project is located; where feasible, priority should be given to business concerns that provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income residents within the service area or the neighborhood in which the project is located, and to low- and very low-income participants in other HUD programs.

The Subrecipient certifies and agrees that no contractual or other legal incapacity exists that would prevent compliance with these requirements.

**b. Notifications**

The Subrecipient agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, if any, a notice advising said labor organization or worker's representative of its commitments under this Section 3 clause and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment or training.

**c. Subcontracts**

The Subrecipient will include this Section 3 clause in every subcontract and will take appropriate action pursuant to the subcontract upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of regulations issued by the grantor agency. The Subrecipient will not subcontract with any entity where it has notice or knowledge that the latter has been found in violation of regulations under 24 CFR Part 135 and will not let any subcontract unless the entity has first provided it with a preliminary statement of ability to comply with the requirements of these regulations.

**D. Conduct**

**1. Assignability**

The Subrecipient shall not assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Grantee thereto; provided, however, that claims for money due or to become due to the Subrecipient from the Grantee under this contract may be

assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution without such approval. Notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished promptly to the Grantee.

**2. Subcontracts**

**a. Approvals**

The Subrecipient shall not enter into any subcontracts with any agency or individual in the performance of this contract without the written consent of the Grantee prior to the execution of such agreement.

**b. Monitoring**

The Subrecipient will monitor all subcontracted services on a regular basis to assure contract compliance. Results of monitoring efforts shall be summarized in written reports and supported with documented evidence of follow-up actions taken to correct areas of noncompliance.

**c. Content**

The Subrecipient shall cause all of the provisions of this contract in its entirety to be included in and made a part of any subcontract executed in the performance of this Agreement.

**d. Selection Process**

The Subrecipient shall undertake to ensure that all subcontracts let in the performance of this Agreement shall be awarded on a fair and open competition basis in accordance with applicable procurement requirements. Executed copies of all subcontracts shall be forwarded to the Grantee along with documentation concerning the selection process.

**3. Hatch Act**

The Subrecipient agrees that no funds provided, nor personnel employed under this Agreement, shall be in any way or to any extent engaged in the conduct of political activities in violation of Chapter 15 of Title V of the U.S.C.

**4. Conflict of Interest**

The Subrecipient agrees to abide by the provisions of 2 CFR Part 200 and 570.611, which include (but are not limited to) the following:

- a. The Subrecipient shall maintain a written code or standards of conduct that shall govern the performance of its officers, employees, or agents engaged in the award and administration of contracts supported by Federal funds.

- b. No employee, officer, or agent of the Subrecipient shall participate in the selection, or in the award, or administration of, a contract supported by Federal funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved.
- c. No covered persons who exercise or have exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to CDBG-assisted activities, or who are in a position to participate in a decision-making process or gain inside information with regard to such activities, may obtain a financial interest in any contract, or have a financial interest in any contract, subcontract, or agreement with respect to the CDBG-assisted activity, or with respect to the proceeds from the CDBG-assisted activity, either for themselves or those with whom they have business or immediate family ties, during their tenure or for a period of one (1) year thereafter. For purposes of this paragraph, a "covered person" includes any person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or elected or appointed official of the Grantee, the Subrecipient, or any designated public agency.

**5. Lobbying**

The Subrecipient hereby certifies that:

- a. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
- b. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
- c. It will require that the language of paragraph (d) of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all Subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly:
- d. Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S.C. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

**6. Copyright**

If this contract results in any copyrightable material or inventions, the Grantee and/or grantor agency reserves the right to royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use and to authorize others to use, the work or materials for governmental purposes.

**7. Religious Activities**

The Subrecipient agrees that funds provided under this Agreement will not be utilized for inherently religious activities prohibited by 24 CFR 570.200(j), such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization.

**XI. ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS**

**A. Air and Water**

The Subrecipient agrees to comply with the following requirements insofar as they apply to the performance of this Agreement:

- Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C., 7401, *et seq.*;
- Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C., 1251, *et seq.*, as amended, 1318 relating to inspection, monitoring, entry, reports, and information, as well as other requirements specified in said Section 114 and Section 308, and all regulations and guidelines issued thereunder;
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations pursuant to 40 CFR Part 50, as amended.

**B. Flood Disaster Protection**

In accordance with the requirements of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4001), the Subrecipient shall assure that for activities located in an area identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as having special flood hazards, flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program is obtained and maintained as a condition of financial assistance for acquisition or construction purposes (including rehabilitation).

**C. Lead-Based Paint**

The Subrecipient agrees that any construction or rehabilitation of residential structures with assistance provided under this Agreement shall be subject to HUD Lead-Based Paint Regulations at 24 CFR 570.608, and 24 CFR Part 35, Subpart B. Such regulations pertain to all CDBG-assisted housing and require that all owners, prospective owners, and tenants of properties constructed prior to 1978 be properly notified that such properties may include lead-based paint. Such notification shall point out the hazards of lead-based paint and explain the symptoms, treatment, and precautions that should be taken when dealing with lead-based paint poisoning and the advisability and availability of blood lead level screening for children under seven. The notice should also point out that if lead-based paint is found on the property, abatement measures may be undertaken. The regulations further require that, depending on the amount of Federal funds applied to a property, paint testing, risk assessment, treatment, and/or abatement may be conducted.

**D. Historic Preservation**

The Subrecipient agrees to comply with the Historic Preservation requirements set forth in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470) and the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 800, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Procedures for Protection of Historic Properties, insofar as they apply to the performance of this agreement.

In general, this requires concurrence from the State Historic Preservation Officer for all rehabilitation and demolition of historic properties that are fifty years old or older or that are included on a Federal, state, or local historic property list.

**XII. SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, the remainder of the Agreement shall not be affected thereby and all other parts of this Agreement shall nevertheless be in full force and effect.

**XIII. SECTION HEADINGS AND SUBHEADINGS**

The section headings and subheadings contained in this Agreement are included for convenience only and shall not limit or otherwise affect the terms of this Agreement.

**XIV. WAIVER**

The Grantee's failure to act with respect to a breach by the Subrecipient does not waive its right to act with respect to subsequent or similar breaches. The failure of the Grantee to exercise or enforce any right or provision shall not constitute a waiver of such right or provision.

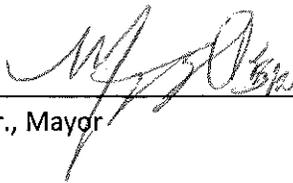
**XV. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

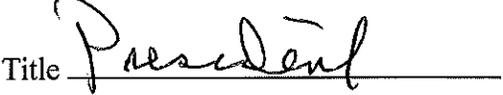
This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Grantee and the Subrecipient for the use of funds received under this Agreement and it supersedes all prior or contemporaneous communications and proposals, whether electronic, oral, or written between the Grantee and the Subrecipient.

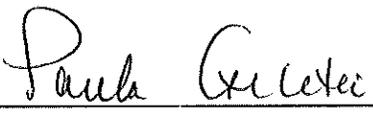
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this contract as of the date first written above.

City of Atlantic City

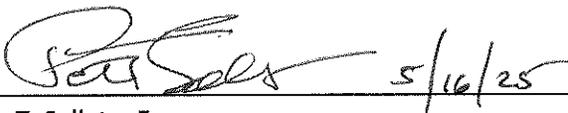
Connecting The Dots

By   
Marty Small, Sr., Mayor

By   
Title 

Attest:   
Paula Geletei, City Clerk

This Agreement is approved as to form and execution.

 5/16/25  
Peter T. Sallata, Esq.  
Assistant City Solicitor

STATE OF ) New Jersey

) ss.

COUNTY OF ) Atlantic

I CERTIFY that on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025,

Patricia Tweedle, the ~~Secretary or Assistant Secretary~~ <sup>President</sup> of the Corporation,

personally came before me, and this person acknowledged under oath, to my satisfaction, that:

- (a) this person is the ~~secretary or assistant secretary~~ <sup>President</sup> of Connecting the Dots, Inc. (the corporation named in this document);
- (b) this person is the attesting witness to the signing of this document by the proper corporate officer of the corporation;
- (c) this document was signed and delivered by the corporation as its voluntary act duly authorized by a proper resolution of its Board of Directors and;
- (d) this person signed this proof to attest to the truth of these facts.

Signed and sworn to before me on Patricia Tweedle  
~~Secretary or Asst. Secretary~~

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

President

**EVELYN WONG**  
Notary Public, State of New Jersey  
My Commission Expires 08/20/2028

**EXHIBIT A**  
**MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE**  
**N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. (P.L. 1975, C. 127)**  
**N.J.A.C 17:27**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, the contractor will ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to such applicants in recruitment and employment, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Such equal employment opportunity shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will send to each labor union with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union of the contractor's commitments under this chapter and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The contractor or subcontractor where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to meet targeted county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform in writing its appropriate recruitment agencies including, but not limited to, employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex; and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all personal testing conforms to the principles of job-related testing, as established by the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and as established by applicable law and applicable Federal court decisions.

In conforming with the applicable targeted employment goals, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

The contractor shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of a goods and services contract, one of the following three documents:

Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval

Certificate of Employee Information Report

Employee Information Report Form AA302 (electronically provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency through the Division's website at [www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract\\_compliance](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract_compliance))

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity compliance for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 17:27.

Company Name: Connecting The Dots Inc.  
Name: Patricia Swedde  
Title: President  
Signature: Patricia Swedde  
Date: May 15, 2025

# Resolution of the City of Atlantic City

## No. 55

Approved as to Form and Legality on Basis of Facts Set Forth

Factual contents certified to by

Assistant City Solicitor /s/ Karl Timbers

Director of CDBG/s/ Lance Smith

Prepared by City Solicitor's Office

Council Members MARSHALL, RANDOLPH, SHABAZZ & BAILEY present the following Resolution:

### RESOLUTION APPROVING GRANT FUNDS FOR 2024 CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

**WHEREAS** the City of Atlantic City is in receipt of Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG); and

**WHEREAS** the City desires to aid via CDBG to a myriad of sub-recipients for a variety of eligible CDBG purposes, purposes which are consistent for the betterment and the improvement of the health, morals, and welfare of the low-and-moderate income residents of the City in accordance with the regulations of the CDBG program; and

**WHEREAS** it is the desire of the City council of the City of Atlantic City to enter into agreements with said associations for a term to be set forth in a contract, for which certain services will be provided to the low-and moderate-income residents of the city.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Atlantic City that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to enter into agreements with the listed **2024 CDBG Recipients:**

2024-3044	[Beron Jewish Center]	\$10,000.00
2024-3045	[BS America]	\$ 5,000.00
2024-3049	[CASA]	\$10,000.00
2024-3050	[Chicken Bone Beach]	\$15,000.00
2024-3051	[City-HHS Dept. – Senior Services]	\$10,000.00
2024-3052	[IMUSA]	\$10,000.00
2024-3053	[Covenant House]	\$10,000.00
2024-3054	[AC Arts]	\$10,000.00
2024-3055	[MudGirls Studio]	\$ 7,500.00
2024-3056	[Public Service/Office]	\$20,000.00
2024-3057	[Coalition for Change]	\$ 7,500.00
2024-3058	[City–Mayor’s Office Spec Events]	\$10,000.00
2024-3059	[HR Recovery Initiative]	\$ 5,000.00
2024-3060	[Islamic Academy of SJ]	\$10,000.00
2024-3061	[City-HHS Dept. – Recreation Services]	\$15,000.00
2024-3062	[Boys and Girls Club]	\$22,500.00
2024-3063	[Bangladesh Association]	\$ 7,500.00
2024-3065	[Mighty Writers]	\$ 5,000.00

2024-3066	[C.R.O.P.S.]	\$10,000.00
2024-3067	[Coastal Cousins Heritage]	\$15,000.00
2024-3068	[Greater AC Youth Association]	\$10,000.00
2024-3069	[Connecting the Dots]	\$ 5,000.00
2024-3070	[Healing House]	\$ 3,000.00
2024-3071	[Police Athletic League]	\$10,000.00
2024-3072	[Salvation Army]	\$ 5,000.00
2024-3073	[Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers]	\$ 7,500.00
2024-3074	[Sree Sree]	\$ 3,000.00
2024-3075	[Umbutu the Community]	\$10,000.00
2024-3076	[Sisters W/ Purpose]	\$ 7,500.00
2024-3083	[AC Kiwanis]	\$ 3,000.00
2024-3084	[City-HHS Dept. – Youth Services]	\$15,000.00
2024-3085	[Community Baptist]	\$ 2,000.00
2024-3086	[New Life/Robinson]	\$10,000.00
2024-3087	[El Pueblo Unido of AC]	\$ 5,000.00
CDBG Public Services/Sub		\$291,000.00
CDBG Public Services/Office		\$ 20,000.00
<b>Total Funds to be disbursed:</b>		<b>\$311,000.00</b>

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BAILEY	X						LACCA	X					
CROUCH	X					X	MARSHALL	X					
DUNSTON	X						SHABAZZ	X				X	
KURTZ	X						TIBBITT	X					
RANDOLPH, PRESIDENT								X					
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This is a Certified True copy of the Original Resolution on file in the City Clerk's Office.

DATE OF ADOPTION: JANUARY 29, 2025

*Paula Geletei*

/s/ Paula Geletei, City Clerk