

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
CITY OF LYNDEN  
AND  
WHATCOM COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by Whatcom County Parks & Recreation Department (County) and the City of Lynden, Washington (City or Provider) pursuant to the authority granted by chapter 39.34 RCW, INTERLOCAL COOPERATION ACT.

**1. PURPOSE:**

The County will provide funding to the City to assist with the provision of Senior Services at the Lynden Community Center. This funding is intended to provide on-site staffing to assist with the operation of the Lynden Community Center. Individual/s hired may be employed by the Lynden Council on Aging, a local not-for profit organization that is currently under contract with the City.

**2. RESPONSIBILITIES:**

**WHATCOM COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION RESPONSIBILITIES**

The County will provide funding in 2023 and 2024 for the City to contract with the Lynden Council on Aging for provision of staff assigned to the Lynden Community Center. This funding is intended to provide staffing and operational support for Senior Services at the Lynden Senior Center.

**CITY OF LYNDEN RESPONSIBILITIES**

The City contracts by separate agreement with the Lynden Council on Aging to operate and maintain the Lynden Senior Center and its programs at the Lynden Community Center. "Senior Center management", "Senior Center employees", or "Senior Center staff" referred to herein are employees of the Lynden Council on Aging. The City will utilize the funds provided for in this Agreement to contract with the Lynden Council on Aging to continue to provide Senior Services Monday through Friday of each week from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Lynden Community Center, except holidays. At a minimum, the City and/or the Lynden Council on Aging will be expected to provide the following services:

- A.** Daily On-Site Operations
- B.** Assistance to Senior Center management and staff in order to provide a variety of healthy lifestyle programs and activities of interest to older adults
- C.** Develop safety policies and monitor procedures
- D.** Employee and volunteer opportunities to support Senior Center operations.

**E. Provide progress reports to the County**

In addition the City will continue to provide support to the Senior Center including use of the city owned facility located at 401 Grover Street, Lynden, Washington, 98264 and/or continued funding to cover programming and utilities expenses at the facility.

**3. TERM OF AGREEMENT:**

The term of this Agreement shall be from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024.

**4. AVAILABLE FUNDING AND MANNER OF FINANCING:**

The County will provide a total of \$63,730 for the twelve (12) month period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, and \$63,730 for the twelve (12) month period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

The City shall invoice the County by the last working day of each month during the term of this agreement for services rendered as outlined in Section 2. The County shall reimburse the City for twelve (12) equal payments in 2023 and twelve (12) equal payments in 2024.

**5. ADMINISTRATION:**

The following individuals are designated as representatives of the respective parties. The representatives shall be responsible for administration of this Agreement and for coordination and monitoring performance under this Agreement. In the event such representatives are changed, the party making the change shall notify the other party.

- A.** The City of Lynden representative shall be the City Administrator
- B.** Whatcom County's representative shall be Shannon Batdorf

**6. Indemnification by Provider.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Provider agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the County and its departments, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and volunteers, harmless from and against any and all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to court costs, attorney's fees and alternative dispute resolution costs, for any personal injury, for any bodily injury, sickness, disease or death and for any damage to or destruction of any property (including the loss of use resulting therefrom) which 1) are caused in whole or in part by any act or omission, negligent or otherwise, of the Provider, its employees, agents or volunteers or Provider's subcontractors and their employees, agents or volunteers; or 2) are directly or indirectly arising out of, resulting from, or in connection with performance of this Agreement; or 3) are based upon the Provider's or its subcontractors' use of, presence upon or proximity to the property of the County. This indemnification obligation of the Provider shall not apply in the limited

circumstance where the claim, damage, loss or expense is caused by the sole negligence of the County. This indemnification obligation of the Provider shall not be limited in any way by the Washington State Industrial Insurance Act, RCW Title 51, or by application of any other workmen's compensation act, disability benefit act or other employee benefit act, and the Provider hereby expressly waives any immunity afforded by such acts. The foregoing indemnification obligations of the Provider are a material inducement to County to enter into this Agreement, are reflected in the Provider's compensation, and have been mutually negotiated by the parties.

Provider's initials acknowledging indemnity terms: \_\_\_\_\_

The County reserves the right, but not the obligation, to participate in the defense of any claim, damages, losses or expenses and such participation shall not constitute a waiver of Provider's indemnity obligations under this Agreement.

The Provider agrees all Provider's indemnity obligations shall survive the completion, expiration or termination of this Agreement.

7. In the event the Provider enters into subcontracts to the extent allowed under this Agreement, the Provider's subcontractors shall indemnify the County on a basis equal to or exceeding Provider's indemnity obligations to the County.

The City is required to provide proof of insurance for the following minimum coverage:

- A. General Liability coverage @ \$1,000,000 per occurrence
- B. Workers Compensation Coverage and listed amounts for bodily injury by accident, bodily injury by disease, policy limits.
- C. Directors and Officers coverage if applicable.
- D. Fraud coverage for employees.

The City waives all rights of Subrogation against the County. The City's insurance is primary and the County's insurance is non-contributory except as required under the terms of Indemnification. The City shall name Whatcom County and its officials, employees, agents, and volunteers as ADDITIONAL INSUREDS on their insurance policy.

The City, in a written contract with the designated contractor that provides senior services, shall require the designated contractor to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County to the same extent as required in this Agreement.

Additionally, the City shall require the designated contractor to carry the insurance of Commercial General Liability per occurrence of \$1,000,000.00 or greater and vehicle insurance of \$1,000,000.00 or greater per occurrence. The Designated contractor's insurance shall name the City and Whatcom County and its officials, employees, agents, and volunteers as ADDITIONAL INSUREDS on the designated contractor's insurance policy. The designated contractor shall provide proof of these insurance requirements by submitting a Certificate of Liability with Endorsements to the City. The contracting organization's insurance shall waive all rights of Subrogation against the County and its insurance shall be primary and the County's insurance shall be non-contributory.

**8. TERMINATION:**

This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon one-hundred and twenty (120) days written notice, mailed postage-prepaid by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the party's last known address for the purposes of giving notice under this paragraph. If this Agreement is so terminated, the parties shall be liable only for performance rendered or costs incurred in accordance with the terms of this Agreement prior to the effective date of termination.

**9. INDEPENDENCE OF PARTIES AND EMPLOYEES:**

The CITY shall be deemed to be the sole operator of the Lynden Community Center. All employees and volunteers engaged with or serving in the operation of the Lynden Community Center shall not by this Agreement be construed to be employees, agents or volunteers serving the County.

**10. NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT:**

The County's policy is to provide equal opportunity in all terms, conditions and privileges of employment for all qualified applicants and employees without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation (including gender identity), age, marital status, disability, or veteran status. The Contractor shall comply with all laws prohibiting discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment on the grounds of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation (including gender identity), age, marital status, disability, political affiliation, or veteran status, except where such constitutes a bona fide occupational qualification.

Furthermore, in those cases in which the Contractor is governed by such laws, the Contractor shall take affirmative action to insure that applicants are employed, and treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation (including gender identity), disability, or veteran status, except

where such constitutes a bona fide occupational qualification. Such action shall include, but not be limited to: advertising, hiring, promotions, layoffs or terminations, rate of pay or other forms of compensation benefits, selection for training including apprenticeship, and participation in recreational and educational activities. In all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by them or on their behalf, the Contractor shall state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The foregoing provisions shall also be binding upon any subcontractor, provided that the foregoing provision shall not apply to contracts or subcontractors for standard commercial supplies or raw materials, or to sole proprietorships with no employees

**11. NON-DISCRIMINATION IN CLIENT SERVICES:**

The Contractor shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation (including gender identity), disability, or veteran status; or deny an individual or business any service or benefits under this Agreement unless otherwise allowed by applicable law; or subject an individual or business to segregation or separate treatment in any manner related to his/her/its receipt any service or services or other benefits provided under this Agreement unless otherwise allowed by applicable law; or deny an individual or business an opportunity to participate in any program provided by this Agreement unless otherwise allowed by applicable law.

**12. NEW CONTRACTOR**

Nothing herein shall prevent the City from entering into a contract with a different qualified contractor to perform the services described herein by the Lynden Council on Aging, or from performing said services itself.

**13. CHANGES, MODIFICATIONS, AMENDMENTS AND WAIVERS:**

This Agreement may be changed, modified, amended or waived only by written agreement executed by the parties hereto. Waiver or breach of any term or condition of the Agreement shall not be considered a waiver of any prior or subsequent breach.

**14. SEVERABILITY:**

In the event any term or condition of this Agreement or application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other terms, conditions or applications of this Agreement which can be given effect without the invalid term, condition, or application. To this end the terms and conditions of this Agreement are declared severable.

**15. ENTIRE AGREEMENT:**

This Agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. All items incorporated herein by reference are attached. No other understandings, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties hereto.



