

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR)

AMENDMENT C to the SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND THE

CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICES OF PUERTO RICO







This **AMENDMENT C TO THE SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT** (hereinafter, the "**AMENDMENT C**") is entered into this 13 day of May , 2022, by and between the **PUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING** (hereinafter, the "**PRDOH**"), a public agency of the Government of Puerto Rico created under Act No. 97, dated June 10, 1972, as amended, known as the "Department of Housing Organic Act" (the "Organic Act"), with principal offices at 606 Barbosa Ave., San Juan, Puerto Rico, represented herein by its Secretary, Hon. William O. Rodríguez Rodríguez, of legal age, attorney, single, and resident of San Juan, Puerto Rico; and the **CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICES OF PUERTO RICO** (hereinafter, the "**SUBRECIPIENT**"), a nonprofit corporation with principal offices at #1607 Ponce de Leon Ave., Cobian's Plaza GM-9, Santurce, Puerto Rico, represented herein by its President and CEO, Eugenio M. Alonso, of legal age, married, and resident of San Juan, Puerto Rico, collectively the "Parties".

I. RECITALS AND GENERAL AWARD INFORMATION

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2019, the Parties entered into a Subrecipient Agreement (hereinafter, "the AGREEMENT") for the Housing Counseling Program (hereinafter, "the PROGRAM"), for a period of twenty four (24) months from the day of its execution, ending on August 12, 2021, registered as Contract Number 2020-DR0012, for six hundred twenty thousand dollars and zero cents (\$620,000.00).

WHEREAS, the AGREEMENT was amended on August 24, 2020 via Amendment A, Contract No. 2020-DR0012A. Several modifications were introduced to the Exhibit C (Key Personnel) and the Exhibit D (Budget). Modified versions of those exhibits were incorporated by reference to the AGREEMENT. Other modifications were incorporated to the AGREEMENT in order to conform to updated federal and state regulations and statutes. The Amendment A did not affect the period of performance nor the overall budget amount of the AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the AGREEMENT was amended on August 10, 2021 via Amendment B, Contract No. 2020-DR0012B. This amendment affected the period of performance of the AGREEMENT as well as the overall budget amount. A twenty-four (24) month contract extension, ending on August 10, 2023, was introduced with this amendment. The total budget was increased by an additional three hundred eighty-six thousand sixty-two dollars (\$386,062.00) for a new total budget amount of one million six thousand sixty-two dollars (\$1,006,062). Also, modified versions of the Exhibit B (Timelines and Performance Goals), Exhibit C (Key Personnel), Exhibit D (Budget), Exhibit E (Funds Certification), and Exhibit F (HUD General Provisions) were incorporated by reference to the AGREEMENT with this amendment. Moreover, a new Exhibit G (Subrogation and Assignment Provisions) was incorporated to the AGREEMENT via Amendment B. Other modifications were incorporated to the AGREEMENT to conform to updated federal and state regulations and statutes.

WHEREAS, as per Section IX (A) of the AGREEMENT, the AGREEMENT may be amended in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of each party. Nonetheless, the amendment shall not invalidate the AGREEMENT, nor release the parties from their obligations under the AGREEMENT;

WHEREAS, the Parties acknowledge and agree that this AMENDMENT C is not intended to affect nor does it constitute an extinctive novation of the obligations of the Parties under the AGREEMENT;

WHEREAS, the PRDOH has the legal power and authority, in accordance with its enabling statute, the Organic Act, as amended, *supra*, the federal laws and regulations creating and allocating funds to the CDBG-DR program and the current Action Plan, to issue and award the subaward, enter and perform under this AMENDMENT C; and

WHEREAS, the SUBRECIPIENT has duly adopted Resolution dated July 24, 2019, authorizing Eugenio M. Alonso, to enter into activities such as this AMENDMENT C on behalf of the SUBRECIPIENT.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and the terms and conditions set forth herein, the PRDOH and the SUBRECIPIENT agree to execute this AMENDMENT C subject to the following:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

II. SAVINGS CLAUSE

The information included in this AMENDMENT C serves the purpose of amending the total budget of the AGREEMENT as well as modifying several of its exhibits. All other provisions of the original AGREEMENT shall continue to be in full force and effect, as amended by this AMENDMENT C.

III. SCOPE OF AMENDMENT

The Parties acknowledge and agree that this AMENDMENT C principally entails a modification of the total budget amount of the AGREEMENT. The budget is being increased by an additional amount of three hundred thirty-two thousand two hundred seventeen dollars (\$332,217.00) for a new total budget amount of one million three hundred thirty-eight thousand two hundred seventy-nine dollars (\$1,338,279.00).

Other modifications are being incorporated into the **Exhibit A** (Scope of Work), **Exhibit B** (Timelines and Performance Goals), **Exhibit C** (Key Personnel), **Exhibit D** (Budget), **Exhibit E** (Funds Certification), and **Exhibit G** (Subrogation and Assignment Provisions) as specified in the following section.

The period of performance of the AGREEMENT remains unaltered.

IV. AMENDMENTS

A. Exhibit A (Scope of Work) of the AGREEMENT is being replaced by a modified Exhibit A (Scope of Work) hereto incorporated by reference into the AGREEMENT. (See Attachment I of this AMENDMENT C). The aforementioned exhibit is being modified to increase from ten (10) to fifteen (15) business days the period available to the Housing Counseling Agencies for documenting termination of housing counseling given to the applicant.





- B. **Exhibit B** (Timelines and Performance Goals) of the AGREEMENT, is being replaced by a modified **Exhibit B** (Timelines and Performance Goals) hereto incorporated by reference into the AGREEMENT and made part of the AGREEMENT. (See **Attachment II** of this AMENDMENT C). The aforementioned exhibit is being modified to reduce from 307 to 175 the number of housing counseling education courses or workshops that shall be offered to applicants and completed by the SUBRECIPIENT on a monthly basis.
- C. Exhibit C (Key Personnel) of the AGREEMENT is being replaced by an updated Exhibit C (Key Personnel) hereto incorporated by reference into the AGREEMENT and made part of the AGREEMENT. (See Attachment III of this AMENDMENT C).
- D. **Exhibit D** (Budget) of the AGREEMENT is being replaced by a modified **Exhibit D** (Budget) hereto incorporated by reference into the AGREEMENT and made part of the AGREEMENT. (See **Attachment IV** of this AMENDMENT C).

The **STAFFING** section of the aforementioned exhibit is being amended to modify hours, rates, and number of resources needed to occupy certain positions:

- 1. President & CEO Role: Hours are being increased from 20 to 35 hours; also, the rate per hour is being increased to seventy-two dollars and thirty-seven cents (\$72.37).
- 2. Business Development & Project Manager Role: Hours are being increased from 100 to 120 hours; also, the rate per hour is being increased to thirty-one dollars and twenty-six cents (\$31.26).
- 3. Operations Manager Role: Hours are being increased from 120 to 140 hours; however, the rate per hour is being decreased to twenty-two dollars and ninety-three cents (\$22.93).
- 4. Accounting Officer Role: The rate per hour is being decreased to fourteen dollars (\$14.00).
- 5. PR Branch Manager & Certified Counselor 1/7 Role: Hours are being increased from 120 to 160 hours and the rate per hour is being increased to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).
- 6. Certified Housing Counselor Role: Changes in rates and increase of the estimated monthly hours per resource are being introduced.
- 7. Customer Service Role: This position is being increased from one to two resources. Changes in rates and increase of the estimated monthly hours per resource are being introduced.
- 8. Back Office Role: A second resource is being added to this position. Changes in rates and increase of the estimated monthly hours per resource are being introduced.
- 9. Receptionist Role: Hours are being increased from 100 to 140.

These changes represent a budget increase in the **STAFFING section** of three hundred two thousand and sixteen dollars (**\$302,016.00**). As a result, the total cost for staffing estimated for this AMENDMENT C is being increased from five hundred and eighty-three thousand six hundred thirty-two dollars (\$583,632.00) to eight hundred eighty-five thousand six hundred forty-eight dollars (\$885,648.00). Taking into account the previous expenditure amount for Staffing, the budget for this concept is being increased from eight hundred thirteen thousand nine hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$813,937.00) to one million one hundred fifteen thousand nine hundred fifty-three dollars (\$1,115,953.00).

Moreover, the aforementioned exhibit is being modified to increase the **Overhead** cost budget item in the **OTHER OPERATING section**, from sixty-seven thousand four hundred sixty-three dollars (\$67,463.00) to ninety-seven thousand six hundred sixty-four dollars (\$97,664.00), due to the modifications to staffing roles. This represents an increase of thirty thousand two hundred one dollars (\$30,201.00) in funds destined to cover Overhead costs.





- E. An additional **Exhibit E** (Funds Certification) is being incorporated by reference into the AGREEMENT to reflect the budget increase of three hundred thirty-two thousand two hundred seventeen dollars (\$332,217.00) introduced via this AMENDMENT C. (See **Attachment V** of this AMENDMENT C). Therefore, the new total budget amount available to the SUBRECIPIENT to continue undertaking its activities under the Program is one million three hundred thirty-eight thousand two hundred seventy-nine dollars (\$1,338,279.00).
- F. **Exhibit G** (Subrogation and Assignment Provisions) is being replaced by an updated version of the **Exhibit G** (Subrogation and Assignment Provisions) hereto incorporated by reference into the AGREEMENT and made part of the AGREEMENT. The updated version incorporates the legal citation of an applicable federal regulation that was already included in the aforementioned exhibit. (See **Attachment VI** of this AMENDMENT C).





V. SEVERABILITY

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

VI. SECTION HEADINGS AND SUBHEADINGS

The section headings and subheadings contained in this AMENDMENT C are included for convenience only and shall not limit or otherwise affect the terms of the AGREEMENT, and shall not be used to explain, modify, simplify, or aid in the interpretation of the provisions of this AMENDMENT C.

VII. COMPTROLLER REGISTRY

The PRDOH shall remit a copy of this AMENDMENT C to the Office of the Comptroller for registration within **fifteen (15) days** following the date of execution of this AMENDMENT C and any subsequent amendment hereto. The services object of this AMENDMENT C may not be invoiced or paid until this AMENDMENT C has been registered by the PRDOH at the Comptroller's Office, pursuant to Act No. 18 of October 30, 1975, as amended by Act No. 127 of May 31, 2004.

VIII. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

The AGREEMENT, as amended, constitutes the entire agreement among the Parties for the use of funds received under the AGREEMENT, as amended, and it supersedes all prior or contemporaneous communications and proposals, whether electronic, oral, or written among the Parties with respect to the AGREEMENT, as amended.

IX. FEDERAL FUNDING

The fulfillment of the AGREEMENT, as amended, is based on those funds being made available to the PRDOH as the lead administrative agency for Recovery. All expenditures under the AGREEMENT, as amended, must be made in accordance with the AGREEMENT, as amended, the policies and procedures promulgated under the CDBG-DR Program, and any other applicable laws. Further, the SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that all funds are subject to recapture and repayment for non-compliance.

[SIGNATURES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Parties hereto execute this AMENDMENT C in the place and on the date first above written.

PUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING CDBG-DR Grantee

By: William O. Rodríguez Rodríguez (Nay 13, 2022 15:39 EDY)

Name: William O. Rodríguez Rodríguez

Title: Secretary

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CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICES OF PUERTO RICO CDBG-DR Subrecipient

By: Eugenio M. Alonso (May 13, 2022 11:24 EDT)

Name: Eugenio M. Alonso Title: President and CEO



ATTACHMENT I

EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF WORK

HOUSING COUNSELING PROGRAM

CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICES OF PUERTO RICO

1. Program Overview/Background

The involvement of Housing and Urban Development (**HUD**) approved housing counseling agencies to provide case management, expertise in home repair financing and oversight, expertise in homeowner's insurance, connections to disaster recovery networks, and expertise in the construction process has proven to be a valuable part of long-term recovery.

Subsection I06(a) of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. § 1701x. Section 106 authorizes the provision of funding for public or private organizations to provide a broad range of housing counseling services to homeowners and tenants to assist them in improving their housing conditions and in meeting the responsibilities of tenancy or homeownership. This Section also states that the Secretary is authorized to provide counseling and advice to tenants and homeowners with respect to property maintenance, financial management, and such other matters as may be appropriate to assist them in improving their housing conditions and in meeting the responsibilities of tenancy or homeownership.

The Housing Counseling Program (**Program**) from the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (**PRDOH**) will serve applicant needs in providing educational services to promote the understanding of housing counseling, mitigate default/foreclosure proceedings and many other services through trained, knowledgeable, unbiased agencies.

2. National Objectives

The national objective of the Program is to benefit low and moderate-income (**LMI**) persons (below 80% Area Median Family Income (**AMFI**) and Limited Clientele (LMC persons (51% of the beneficiaries of an activity must be LMI persons) according to HUD Modified Income Limits for CDBG-DR Puerto Rico). The Program will be offered as a public service.





3. Program Description

This Program will foster resilience through public education and advocacy delivered by HUD-Approved Housing Counseling professionals to explain the options available for citizens receiving housing counseling services and/or in conjunction with other forms of housing assistance. These services may include a range of approved subjects, including but not limited to, one-on-one counseling and formal training sessions. These may cover topics such as, but not limited to:

- Tenant rights;
- The home buying process;
- How to maintain a home or homeowner education;
- Budgeting;
- Identifying and reporting predatory lending practices;
- Rights for persons with disabilities;
- Foreclosure prevention and mitigation;
- Relocation;
- Disaster preparedness and recovery;
- Homeless services:
- Financial literacy;
- The importance of maintaining good credit; and
- Other Housing Counseling Agency eligible disaster recovery services as discussed in the HUD Housing Counseling Disaster Recovery Toolkit.¹

4. Tasks

In accordance with PRDOH approved Work Plans, each HCA will achieve the following tasks:

Deliver program services in the assigned area

- HCAs shall be responsible for providing housing counseling services in a PRDOH assigned service area to ensure the program is available to all Puerto Rican residents. This task shall include the following:
 - o Identify the demographics of their service areas to ensure they deliver appropriate housing counseling services to those of varying incomes, age, education, etc.
 - Collect information through income verification to ensure the program is following the national objectives to benefit





¹ https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Housina-Caunseling-Disaster-Program-Guide.pdf

- the target populations of low and moderate-income persons, as well as those who are considered to be urgent need as defined by HUD.
- Target initial outreach to recovering residents located in high-risk areas (identified flood areas, storm surge areas, and landslide risk areas) and/or those who were denied Federal Emergency Management Agency (**FEMA**) assistance.
- Subrecipient will serve the municipalities of [Aguas Buenas, Canóvanas, Carolina, Ceiba, Culebra, Fajardo, Gurabo, Loiza, Luquillo, Naguabo, Rio Grande, Trujillo Alto].

Complete program needs assessment

- HCAs shall address housing needs by implementing strategies based on the needs of the communities served. This task shall include the following:
 - Demonstrate an understanding of the need and problems of their target populations.
 - o Document the strategies and methods intended to be used to address the identified needs of their target populations.
 - o Provide services in formal classes, with established curriculum and instructional goals; in a group or classroom setting, or other formats approved by PRDOH.
 - o Provide alternative settings or formats for the provision of housing counseling services for cases in which the agency and the client mutually agree on the need for an alternative setting or alternative format and cases in which the agency's facilities are not accessible.

Document metrics and program standards

- HCAs shall implement the Program to achieve anticipated outcomes via appropriate staffing and client communication.
 This task shall include the following:
 - Document methodology which may include but is not limited to program management and process development.
 - Develop Program outcomes based on the program methodology, needs assessment and services provided.
 Outcomes must be measurable and created to show the





progress of the Program.

- Establish and maintain staff to implement the Program.
- Maintain accessible facilities for applicants that are clearly labeled, provide privacy, confidentiality and are open during normal business hours, offering extended hours when needed.
- o Provide vital documents and information in alternative formats, as well as provide accessibility features or make alternate accommodations for persons with disabilities.
- o Ensure housing counselors are fluent in the language of the applicant served.
- Ensure all documents provided to clients must be available in both English and Spanish.
- Implement applicant survey process to ensure satisfactory client experiences, including use of program survey template and reporting standards.

Provide housing counseling services

- HCAs shall deliver HUD-approved services to their clients.
 Counselors will explain the options available for applicants receiving housing counseling services and determine individual housing needs. This task shall include the following:
 - o Schedule initial consultation with applicants upon successful completion of intake for counseling services.
 - o Identify the needs of applicants and recommend housing counseling services in initial meetings.
 - Assist applicants in scheduling housing counseling services.
 - Maintain contact with applicants throughout participation in the program.
 - o Track number of applicants that receive housing counseling services, the number of times each course was provided and the total number of applicants that completed housing counseling services.

Maintain program compliance

 HCAs shall track and monitor program progress, ensure appropriate fee structure and maintain federal compliance. This





task shall include the following:

- O Utilize an automated housing counseling client management system for the collection and reporting of client-level information including, but not limited to, financial and demographic data, counseling services provided and outcomes.
- o Identify existing fee structure and provide information on how to ensure that participants seeking CDBG-DR funded services will not be charged. Services provided through the Program must be free of charge to participants.
- Collaborate with other CDBG-DR funded programs, including the Home Repair, Reconstruction or Relocation (R3 Program).
- Ensure compliance with the federal policy and procedural requirements.
- o Complete and submit quarterly reports to PRDOH.

Perform other duties as assigned

 HCAs shall complete any other tasks necessary to complete the Housing Counseling Program.

5. Time Performance

Intake

Participants may be referred to HCAs by other CDBG-DR funded programs. including the R3 Program, directly from PRDOH, or self-referred. Once an HCA receives a referral from one of these sources, they shall contact the participant within **two (2) business days** to initiate intake.

Initial consultation

Applicants should provide all required documents within a reasonable timeframe to ensure progress and success of their participation in the Program. HCAs are responsible for **two (2) follow up contacts** with the Applicant to meet their consulting needs and/or maintain the application status as current. Follow up contacts must be documented in the automated housing counseling client management system.

If the Applicant fails to attend two (2) scheduled consultations without notifying the





HCA, then their case may be put on hold. HCAs must document the meetings not attended without notice in the automated housing counseling client management system. The Applicant will be notified of this action.

Applicant Closeout

Termination occurs or may occur under any of these conditions:

- The client meets their housing need or resolves the housing problem;
- The agency determines that further housing counseling will not meet the client's housing need or resolve the client's housing problem;
- The agency attempts to. but is unable to, locate the client:
- The client does not follow the agreed-upon action plan:
- The client otherwise terminates housing counseling; or
- The client fails to appear for housing counseling appointments.

CAs must document termination of housing counseling within **fifteen (15) business** days.

Program-based Reconsideration / Administrative review requests

After terminating an applicant, that applicant may file a Program-based Reconsideration Request when it is believed there is an error with Program determinations.

The Applicant must submit a written Reconsideration Request directly with the HCA within **twenty (20) days** of being notified of the determination.

The HCA must review and address the Reconsideration Request within **fifteen (15)** days of its receipt. Applicants will be notified by the HCA of the reconsideration determination via a Reconsideration Request Approved or a Reconsideration Request Denied notification. Applications with an approved Reconsideration Request will return to active Program status and continue with the process as normal. The original termination remains for participants with a denied Reconsideration Request.

If an Applicant disagrees with a Program determination, or with the Reconsideration Request Denial determination, said party may file directly to PRDOH, an





Administrative Review Request. The HCA will provide the applicant with the contact information to do so. The Applicant must submit such request, in writing, within **twenty (20) days** of being notified of a Program determination or a Reconsideration Request Denial determination. The date of notification is that on which a determination was sent to the Applicant.

Program closeout

HCAs shall provide final reports for the outcomes of all residents serviced, as well as summary dashboards to indicate hard metrics of results achieved with the funding provided to PRDOH in the **last quarter of the program**. All records shall be retained and maintained for a period of **at least five (5) years**, starting from the closeout of the grant. Furthermore, they must be made available to PRDOH upon request.

Quarterly reports

HCAs shall submit reports to track performance over time. Reports shall include, but are not limited to the following:

- Number of applicants received
- Initial meetings scheduled
- · Initial meetings completed
- Number of applicants that those to continue with HC after initial meeting
- Number of applicants currently in housing counseling
- · Number of times each course was provided
- Number of applicants that completed housing counseling
- Number of applicants closed out
- Percentage of applicants that are low to moderate income

Reports shall be submitted to PRDOH not later than **ten (10) business days** from the end of the quarter.

6. Budget

For details refer to **Exhibit D**.

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ATTACHMENT II

EXHIBIT B

TIMELINES AND PERFORMANCE GOALS

HOUSING COUNSELING PROGRAM

CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICES OF PUERTO RICO





1. Program Objective:

This Program will foster resilience through public education and advocacy delivered by HUD-Approved Housing Counseling Agency (HCA) professionals to explain the options available for Applicants receiving housing counseling services and/or in conjunction with other forms of housing assistance. These services may include a range of approved subjects, including but not limited to, one-on-one counseling and formal training sessions.

2. Terms

- **Key Activity** The activities necessary to carry out the Objective.
- Indicator The quantitative method used to demonstrate that the Key Activities have been performed.
- **Source of Verification** The documentation used to verify that the Indicators have been met, and thus the activities are complete.
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- Target The goal for each of the Indicators.
- Timeline The expected completion date or timeframe.

3. Timeline and Performance Goals

	KEY OBJECTIVE #1	KEY ACTIVITY	INDICATORS	SOURCE OF VERIFICATION	TARGET GOALS	TIMELINE
	Offer Housing Counseling Education Courses or Workshops to LMI Families	1.1 Housing Counseling is provided to LMI Households	# outreach activities	Local events, minutes report, participants list, social media etc.	3 outreach activities per quarter	Monthly until 01/08/23
Ł	ranilles		# completed courses provided per month	Course's certification of completion	175 courses completed per month, per subrecipient	Monthly until 01/08/23
2R			#households served (total cases)	Household data as submitted through Canopy	300 LMI households who participate in the Program	Monthly until 01/08/23
		1.2 Application Closeout & Closeout Survey	% applicants that have completed the closeout survey	Completed surveys (Client Management System (Canopy))	50%	Monthly
			% of participants who are satisfied with program	Housing Counseling Survey Performance Report	75-80% participants are satisfied	Monthly

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3.1.1 KEY ACTIVITY: OUTREACH ACTIVITIES & COUNSELING COURSES COMPLETED

The subrecipient are to provide outreach efforts through multiple media outlets including but not limited to radio, newspaper, social media, local marketing initiatives, local events, or fairs. This outreach effort should be documented, measurable, and create impact. Outreach will be measured through quarterly reports. The provision of information given by the subrecipient to the applicant should raise awareness about critical housing topics, such as predatory lending, fair lending, and fair housing issues. In terms of the number of courses completed by the applicant. The subrecipient must ensure that after the initial consultation has been completed with the applicant, all counseling courses and workshops that were recommended to the applicant by the housing counselor based upon the applicant's housing needs were completed before issuing a Certification of Completion.





3.1.2 KEY ACTIVITY 1.2 APPLICANT PARTICIPATION IN THE CLOSEOUT SURVEY

The subrecipient shall coordinate a closeout process with the applicant, which may include an exit interview and an evaluation of the services needed, services provided, and outstanding needs. The subrecipient will also be responsible for tracking all counseling services offered to the applicant in the Grant Management System (Canopy). The Housing Counselor must also ensure that once the applicant has completed any counseling services the applicant is awarded a Certificate of Completion and that the applicant is sent the close out letter to complete the Closeout Survey.

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ATTACHMENT III

EXHIBIT C

KEY PERSONNEL

HOUSING COUNSELING PROGRAM CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICES



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Below is the Staffing Plan for the CDBG-DR **Housing Counseling** Program which reflects a combination existing employees or new hired employees dedicated for the CDBG-DR **Housing Counseling** Program.

I. Roles Description:

Role

President & CEO

Description

Our President & CEO is an extremely hands-on individual who thoroughly enjoys and thrives getting actively involved in all the details surrounding CONSUMER's programs, including CDBG-DR. As such, he regularly schedules meetings with his management team to discuss the status of this program and to guide and direct them so goals can be achieved. In addition, he directly calls or meets with the officials at the Department of Housing to request clarification of policies and procedures and/or to seek modifications to our original agreement. He gives a welcome message to the in-person participants of our First Time Homebuyer seminars.

In addition, he interviews a sample of One-to-one Housing counseling participants after they finish with the Certified Counselor and receives the client's feedback as to the services provided.

He actively participates in our activities outside of our office premises such as tours for outreach in the Municipalities assigned to us.

Business Development & Project Manager

Our Business Development & Project Manager is the main person in charge of the CDBG-DR Program. As such, she was the one who was originally assigned the tasks of investigating the program's requirements, preparing the proposal, and ensuring that all the corresponding supporting documentation were duly included. On a monthly basis, she prepares and submits to the Department of Housing the monthly reports that are required. She actively participates in the Program Check In meetings and the Monthly One to

One meetings conference call that we have with HORNE representatives.

As project manager This position ensures full compliance with the CDBG-DR requirements and processes. Ensures the accuracy of invoices, time records, supporting documents and outreach material. Assigns new tasks as necessary, coordinate employees and resources and directly supervise the Sales Force Manager.

She works with the outreach and promotion of our services and the benefits of the program services.

PR Branch Manager & Certified Counselor 1/7

The PR Branch Manager's duties include ensuring that all our Certified Housing Counselors properly execute the counseling procedures set forth in the CDBG-DR program. She verifies daily the Canopy program to confirm if there are any new referrals, in which case he assigns them to one of our Certified Housing Counselors. He also follows up on the Canopy cases for which the Initial Consultation has been scheduled but there has not been any contact, as well as any cases that may appear under the Pending Intake Review, Pending Income Review, or Pending Program Director Review filters, among others. She is the person who prepares the Monthly Performance Report required by the program. She also actively participates in the biweekly conference calls that we have with HORNE representatives.

In addition, as a certified Counselor, she will provide Housing counseling services, First Time Home Buyer seminars and any other service included in Consumer's Agreement.

Operations Manager

Our Operations manager supervises the Back Office, Customer Service and the Receptionist. She is the person who ensures that all incoming calls from clients interested in obtaining more information about the CDBG-DR Program are efficiently and effectively handled. She also makes sure that our Agency's Customer Service Representatives reach out to clients promptly and professionally so we can set up appointments for them following their participation at one of the workshops. In addition, she oversees receiving documents of participants to ensure they comply with all requirements and distributes among Consumer employees for data entry and cases completion.

Accounting Officer

The Accounting Officer works alongside the Business Development & Project Manager to ensure that the invoices that we submit every month to the Department of Housing are in full compliance with the requirements set forth in the

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Exhibit C-Key Personnel

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	contract that was signed, and that all supporting documentation have been duly included. She works with the Reports due on a Monthly Basis. The Accounting Officer reimburses the food and mileage expenses incurred by our Certified Housing Counselors when they participate in activities related to the CDBG-DR Program.
Certified Counselors	Our Certified Counselors are the Subject matter experts. They interact with participants providing One on One counseling, seminars and talks regarding all housing-related issues, including but not limited to First-time homeownership, Loss Mitigation, Reverse Mortgage, Rental Counseling and all of the services included within the Agreement.
Customer Service & Back Office	Our Customer Service & Back Office group works in regard to the CDBG-DR Program in coordinating all of our appointments as to One-to-One sessions and workshops. They receive the intake filled by participants and input the data in the Canopy System. They also coordinate the appointments calendar.
Receptionist	Our receptionist plays a crucial role in the CDBG-DR Program; namely, she is the person who is the initial point of contact when clients reach out to our Agency seeking more information about this program. She helps us follow up on clients who had previously left a message at our Agency's general voice mail. She also follows up No show clients that were previously scheduled to participate on workshops. She coordinates participants that call our Agency to be attended by one of our Certified Housing Counselors or to participate in one of our workshops.
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ATTACHMENT IV



EXHIBIT D – SECTION 1

BUDGET



HOUSING COUNSELING PROGRAM



CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICES INC

DESCRIPTION SERVICES

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Puerto Rico, Inc., a private not-for-profit, mission-driven, and community-based 501c3 organization founded under the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. We have three branches, our main office in Santurce, Puerto Rico, one in Bayamon, Puerto Rico and Florida Consumer, our branch in Orlando that offers unparalleled quality credit counseling services in the State of Florida to many Puerto Ricans moving in and out of the island.

Our mission is to educate and advise consumers and other entities in the financial, professional, and organizational development so that they can responsibly reach their goals by providing them training and counseling based on their expectations and needs. We are a multicultural agency that provides services in both English and Spanish.

Background of our organization

The Agency offers a full range of free and low-cost educational and financial counseling services with flexible delivery options to consumers and owners in the areas of: (1) money management, budget design and analysis, (2) credit report analyses and rehabilitation, (3) checkbook management, (4) financial literacy on insurance, retirement, savings, money management, (5) debt management plans, (6) pre and post purchase assistance to first housing buyers, (7) foreclosure prevention and mitigation, (8) emergency homeowner loans, (9) safety housing preservation, (10) home equity conversion or reverse mortgage, (11) comprehensive housing, (12) pre-bankruptcy filing and discharge, (13) identity theft prevention and remediation, etc. (14) Family Financial Literacy (15) Senior adults avoid Exploitation.

Subrecipient Agreement Between PRDOH and Consumer Credit Counseling Services For the Housing Counseling Program under CDBG-DR Program Exhibit D – Section 1: Budget Page **2** of **4**

Our Agency is a National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC) affiliated, Council on Accreditation COA-certified nonprofit corporation that has been offering money management education and credit counseling to consumers for over 29 years. NFCC is the largest and longest serving not-for-profit credit counseling organization of the United States of America, providing financial counseling and education to consumers since 1951.

We are also HUD multi state certified to provide comprehensive housing counseling, which includes counseling to first-time homebuyers, delinquent mortgagors, as well as to Senior Citizen homeowners interested in a HECM (Home Equity Conversion Mortgage, popularly known as Reverse Mortgages).

We employ certified credit, housing and student loans counselors who are committed to providing consumers with the financial education, and money management skills needed to make sound financial decisions.

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STAFFING

Position	Qty. of Resources [A]	Estimated Hours per month per Resource [B]	Month Needed [C]	Estimated Hourly Rate [D]	Ŋ	Estimated Aonthly Cost [E=AxBxD]	S MANUEL CONTRACTOR	limated Cost r the Program [F=CxE]
Previous Expenditure (Sto	affing)						\$	230,305.00
		Staffing	for Amend	ment C				
President & CEO	1	35	24	\$72.37	\$	2,533.00	\$	60,792.00
Business Development & Project Manager	1	120	24	\$31.26	\$	3,752.00	\$	90,048.00
Operations Manager	1	140	24	\$22.93	\$	3,211.00	\$	77,064.00
Accounting Officer	ī	20	24	\$14.00	\$	280.00	\$	6,720.00
PR Branch Manager & Certified Counselor 1/7	1	160	24	\$25.00	\$	4,000.00	\$	96,000.00
Certified Counselor 2/7	1	140	24	\$16.58	\$	2,322.00	\$	55,728.00
Certified Counselor 3/7	1	140	24	\$18.53	\$	2,595.00	\$	62,280.00
Certified Counselor 4/7	1	140	24	\$12.02	\$	1,683.00	\$	40,392.00
Certified Counselor 5/7	1	140	24	\$14.56	\$	2,039.00	\$	48,936.00
Certified Counselor 6/7	1	140	24	\$14.89	\$	2,085.00	\$	50,040.00
Certified Counselor 7/7	1	160	24	\$24.00	\$	3,840.00	\$	92,160.00
Customer Service	1	120	24	\$14.09	\$	1,691.00	\$	40,584.00
Customer Service	1	160	1 <i>7</i>	\$15.00	\$	2,400.00	\$	40,800.00
Back Office	1	120	24	\$14.26	\$	1,712.00	\$	41,088.00
Back Office	1	160	17	\$15.00	\$	2,400.00	\$	40,800.00
Receptionist	1	140	24	\$12.56	\$	1,759.00	\$	42,216.00
		Total E	stimated M	onthly Cost: Total Cos	\$ Hor	38,302.00 Amendment:	Ş	885,648.00
Total Maximum Cost for Staffing in SRA:				\$	1,115,953.00			

^{*}Estimate amount in rate, hours, monthly cost, and cost for the program could vary based on actual need and work performed on the program

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Item Name	Item Description	Bud	get
Advertising & Outreach Services	Campaign in radio, social media, and other outreach outlets for the participants to understand the programs and its qualification criteria.	\$ 30	00.000,0
	Total Expenses Budget:	\$ 30	0,000.00





OTHER OPERATING

Item Name	llem Description	Budget
Previous Expenditure	es (Travel)	\$ 2,594.00
Previous Expenditure	es (Overhead)	\$ 23,163.00
	Expenses for Amendment C	100
Materials	Educational and Office materials such as brochures for the program.	\$ 10,000.00
Travel	Mileage and traveling cost incurred of the program.	\$ 6,000.00
Credit Reports	Costs for pulling the credits reports of the program participants.	\$ 45,000.00
Overhead	Indirect cost of the program through De Minimis Rate (10%)	\$ 97,664.00
	Total Expenses for Amendment:	\$ 158,664.00
	Total Cost for Expenses in SRA:	\$ 184,421.00





EQUIPMENT

Item Name	Item Description	Budget
Office Equipment	Equipment such as but not limited to laptops, printers, and other office equipment for the staff of the program.	\$ 7,905.00
	Total Expenses in SRA:	\$ 7,905.00

PROJECT ACTIVITY DELI	VERY COSTS	
Staffing	Direct staff for the program implementation and development.	\$ 1,115,953.00
Professional Services	The cost associated with outreach for the program.	\$ 30,000.00
Other Operating	Operational cost associated to the program such as materials, travel, credit reports and indirect cost.	\$ 184,421.00
Equipment	Necessary office equipment for the program.	\$ 7,905.00
TOTAL COSTS		\$ 1,338,279.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 1,338,279.00

Budget Re-distribution

- a) The Subrecipient may request in writing to the PRDOH a re-distribution of the Maximum Authorized Budgets shown above without exceeding the Total Authorized Budget.
- b) The PRDOH will evaluate the re-distribution request to validate purpose and balance of funds, and if determined the re-distribution is in benefit for the Program and the balance of funds is validated, the PRDOH will provide written authorization to the Subrecipient. Until the written authorization is submitted by the PRDOH, the re-distribution cannot be considered as authorized.
- c) This re-distribution of funds as described here shall be considered binding and will not require an amendment to this SRA.

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ATTACHMENT V

Contract Code: cc5935-c Type: Change Order A_V2 Original Registered Code:

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

Requested on behalf: CDBG-DR Director

The Finance Division certifies the availability of the following funds:

Contracting Of:

CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICES OF INC

Source of Funds:

14.228 CDBG Funds

For:

Amendment C to 2020-DR0012 - Housing Counseling Program

Amount:

\$332,217.00



The breakdown and grant of the certified funds is as follows:

Grant	Area / Project	Activity Code	Category Description	Account	Amount
Later Andrews Communication Co				and all and additions with	
B-18-DP-72-0001	Housing	r02h12hcp-doh-lm	H - Indirect Cost	6090-01-000	\$30,201.00
B-18-DP-72-0001	Housing	r02h12hcp-doh-lm	H - Staff / Personnel (Sub- recipient)	6090-01-000	\$302,016.00
		tital committee			\$332,217.00

The above distribution of funds is subject to changes and will be allocated in accordance with the executed agreement within the parties

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at (787)274-2527.

Cesar Candelario Signed Date - 04/19/2022 Electronic Approval Budget Manager

Nilda Baez Signed Date - 04/24/2022 Electronic Approval Finance Director

GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

ATTACHMENT VI

EXHIBIT G SUBROGATION AND ASSIGNMENT PROVISIONS HOUSING COUNSELING PROGRAM CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICES OF PUERTO RICO

1. General Provisions.

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- a) The Parties acknowledge that the following provisions of this Exhibit are hereto incorporated by reference and made an integral part of the aforementioned Subrecipient Agreement as **Exhibit G.**
- b) Changes in the provisions of this Exhibit will require an amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement. Such amendment would result in the incorporation by reference of a modified **Exhibit G** to the Subrecipient Agreement.

2. Subrogation and Assignment Relating to Funds Received from the Puerto Rico Department of Housing – Housing Counseling Program.

- a) These provisions are incorporated into the Subrecipient Agreement in consideration of the commitment by PRDOH to evaluate Subrecipient's application for the award of disaster assistance funds (the "Application") or the Subrecipient's receipt of CDBG-DR disaster recovery funds (the "Grant Proceeds") under the Program being administered by PRDOH.
- b) Subrecipient understands and acknowledges that the Program is subject to the provisions of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (the "Act") and that, under such Act, the Subrecipient may only receive assistance to the extent that the Subrecipient has a disaster recovery need that is not fully met by insurance or other forms of disaster assistance. Subrecipient further acknowledges that these provisions are intended to ensure that Subrecipient does not receive duplicate benefits available to the Subrecipient from another source, for the same purposes as the Grant Proceeds provided under the Program, and that, any assistance determined to be duplicative must be deducted from the Program's calculation of the Subrecipient's total need prior to awarding assistance.
- c) Subrecipient hereby subrogates and assigns to PRDOH any and all of Subrecipient's future rights to, and any interest Subrecipient may have in, any reimbursement and all payments received or subsequently received from any grant, loan, insurance policy or policies of any type (each individually, a "Policy" and collectively, the "Policies"), or under any subsidy, reimbursement or relief





program related to or administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"), insurance payments, or any other federal, state or local government agency (each, individually, a "Disaster Program" and collectively, the "Disaster Programs") to the extent of all Grant Proceeds paid or to be paid under the Program and that are determined, in the sole discretion of PRDOH or its designated agent, to be a duplication of benefits ("DOB"). Any payments referred to in this paragraph, whether they are from Policies, FEMA, or any other source, and whether or not such amounts are a DOB, shall be referred to herein as "Proceeds"; any Proceeds that are determined to be a DOB shall be referred to herein as "DOB Proceeds".

d) Subrecipient agrees that, in the event that Subrecipient receives additional Proceeds related to disaster recovery that are not listed on the Duplication of Benefits Certification submitted in connection with the Application, Subrecipient will notify the PRDOH within **ten** (10) working days of receipt of the funds by sending a written notification to cpagan@vivienda.pr.gov. PRDOH will, in turn determine, in its sole discretion, if such Proceeds constitute DOB Proceeds. If any of the Proceeds are determined to be DOB Proceeds, the Subrecipient shall pay PRDOH the DOB Proceeds, to be disbursed as provided in Section 3 of this Agreement.

3. Cooperation and Further Documentation.

- a) If PRDOH elects to pursue any of the claims Subrecipient has or may have under any Policies, Subrecipient agrees to assist and cooperate with PRDOH. Subrecipient's assistance and cooperation shall include, but shall not be limited to, allowing suit to be brought in Subrecipient's name(s) and providing any additional documentation with respect to such consent, giving depositions, providing documents, producing records and other evidence, testifying at trial, and any other form of assistance and cooperation reasonably requested by the PRDOH. Subrecipient also agrees to assist and cooperate in the attainment and collection of any DOB Proceeds that the Subrecipient would be entitled to under any applicable Disaster Assistance Program.
- b) If requested by PRDOH, Subrecipient agrees to execute such further and additional documents and instruments as may be requested to further and better subrogate and assign to PRDOH (to the extent of the Grant Proceeds paid to Subrecipient under the Program) the Policies, any amounts received under the Disaster Assistance Programs that are determined to be DOB Proceeds and/or any rights thereunder. Subrecipient further agrees to take, or cause to be taken, all actions and to do, or cause to be done, all things requested by the PRDOH to consummate and make effective the purposes of these provisions.





c) Subrecipient expressly allows and authorizes PRDOH to request information from any company with which Subrecipient holds or held any insurance policy or policies of any type, any other company or entity-public or private- from which the Subrecipient has applied for or is receiving assistance (such as FEMA, or others), or any non-public or confidential information determined by PRDOH, in its sole discretion, to be reasonably necessary to monitor/enforce its interest in the rights subrogated and assigned to it under this Agreement, and grant consent to such company or entity to release said information to the PRDOH.

4. Agreement to Turn Over Proceeds; Future Reassignment.

- a) If Subrecipient (or, to the extent permitted by superior loan documents, any lender to which DOB Proceeds are payable) hereafter receives any DOB Proceeds, Subrecipient agrees to promptly pay such amounts to PRDOH, if Subrecipient received Grant Proceeds under the Program in an amount greater than the amount Subrecipient would have received if such DOB Proceeds had been considered in the calculation of Subrecipient's award.
- b) In the event that Subrecipient receives or is scheduled to receive any Proceeds not listed on its Duplication of Benefits Certification ("Subsequent Proceeds"), Subrecipient shall pay such Subsequent Proceeds directly to the PRDOH, and PRDOH will determine the amount, if any, of such Subsequent Proceeds that are DOB Proceeds ("Subsequent DOB Proceeds"). Subsequent Proceeds shall be disbursed as follows:
 - (i) If Subrecipient has received full payment of the Grant Proceeds, Subrecipient shall remit any Subsequent DOB Proceeds to PRDOH. PRDOH shall return to the Subrecipient any Subsequent Proceeds in excess of the Subsequent DOB Proceeds.
 - (ii) If Subrecipient has received no payment of the Grant Proceeds, PRDOH shall reduce the payment of the Grant Proceeds to Subrecipient by the amount of the Subsequent DOB Proceeds and shall return all Subsequent Proceeds in excess of the Subsequent DOB Proceeds to Subrecipient.
 - (iii) If Subrecipient has received a portion of the Grant Proceeds, the following shall occur: (A) PRDOH shall reduce the remaining payments of the Grant Proceeds and return Subsequent DOB Proceeds in such amount to the Subrecipient; and (B) Subrecipient shall remit any remaining Subsequent DOB Proceeds to PRDOH. PRDOH shall also return to the Subrecipient any Subsequent Proceeds in excess of the Subsequent DOB Proceeds.
 - (iv) If the PRDOH makes the determination that Subrecipient does not qualify to participate in the Program or Subrecipient decides not to participate in the





Program, PRDOH shall return the Subsequent Proceeds to Subrecipient, and the Agreement shall terminate.

c) Once PRDOH has recovered an amount equal to the Grant Proceeds paid to Subrecipient, PRDOH will reassign to Subrecipient any rights given to PRDOH pursuant to these provisions.

5. Miscellaneous.

- a) Subrecipient hereby represents that all statements and representations made by Subrecipient regarding any Proceeds are true and correct, as of the date of the issuance of the Grant Proceeds.
- b) In any proceeding to enforce these provisions, PRDOH shall be entitled to recover all costs of enforcement, including PRDOH's attorney fees.
- c) The parties hereto each waive the right to have any judicial proceeding concerning any of the provisions hereof tried by a jury.
- d) Neither these provisions, nor any portion or provisions hereof may be changed, waived, or terminated orally or by any course of dealing, or in any manner other than by an agreement in writing, signed by all parties hereto and approved by PRDOH.
- e) These provisions, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be governed and construed in accordance with federal law and the laws of the Government of Puerto Rico without giving effect to conflict of law provisions. Any action arising out of or related to this Subrogation and Assignment provisions shall be brought within the Government of Puerto Rico.
- f) The captions of the various sections of this Subrogation and Assignment provisions have been inserted only for the purpose of convenience; such captions are not a part of the Agreement and shall not be deemed in any manner to modify, explain, enlarge or restrict any provisions of this Subrogation.
- g) Subrecipient acknowledges that making a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in this agreement is punishable under State and Federal law (18 U.S.C. 287, 1001 and 31 U.S.C. 3729), and shall constitute a separate criminal offense each time a public benefit is fraudulently received.
- h) Subrecipient acknowledges that they have been informed and understand the penalties for making a materially false or misleading statement to obtain CDBG-DR funds under the Program or any other of the PRDOH's Programs.



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