

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF UPSHUR**

FUNDING AGREEMENT

This Funding Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Historical Commission (“Commission”) and Upshur County, a political subdivision of the State of Texas (“County”).

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties do hereby contract, covenant, and agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I
PURPOSE**

1.01 The purpose of this Agreement is to provide for the administration of the grant of funds to Upshur County for the rehabilitation and restoration of the Upshur County Courthouse (“Property”).

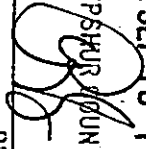
**ARTICLE II
AUTHORITY**

2.01 This Agreement is authorized under the Historic Courthouse Preservation Program, Texas Government Code §§442.008, et seq. (“Program”), and the rules promulgated thereunder at 13 Texas Administrative Code §§12.1, et seq., and the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Government Code Chapter 791.

2.02 This Agreement is subject to the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Act, Government Code Chapter 783, and the conditions and assurances promulgated thereunder by the Office of the Governor.

**ARTICLE III
PERIOD OF THE AGREEMENT**

3.01 This Agreement becomes effective when signed by the last party whose signing makes the Agreement fully executed. This Agreement shall remain in effect until the completion of the rehabilitation and restoration work on the Property as provided in Article V hereof, and the Commission’s final approval of such work, and the satisfactory completion of the grant requirements as stipulated in the grant manual, or until earlier terminated as provided in Article VIII hereof except that the County’s obligations under the following provisions shall remain in effect for a period of 20 years following the final disbursement of funds under the Agreement: Sections 6.01, 6.09 and 6.11.

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**ARTICLE IV
GRANT OF FUNDS**

- 4.01 The amount of the grant under the Program which is the subject of this Agreement shall be \$5,218,363. The grant of funds shall be paid to the County in accordance with the procedure described in Article VII hereof.
- 4.02 A statement of the source of funds is attached as Attachment "A" and incorporated herein for all purposes ("Source of Funds Statement and Verification"). The Source of Funds Statement and Verification itemizes the absolute dollar amounts and associated percentage to be contributed by state and local sources and identifies total available funds in an amount equivalent to the estimated project costs stated in Attachment "B" and incorporated herein for all purposes ("Project Cost Estimate") The Commission's funding participation shall not exceed the amount of the grant award specified herein.
- 4.03 The County shall be responsible for contributing all local funds at an amount not less than that specified in the Source of Funds Statement and Verification, unless the final project cost is less than that specified in the Project Cost Estimate. If the final cost is less than that specified in the Project Cost Estimate, there will be a commensurate reduction to each party's contribution, i.e. state and local contributions will be reduced by an amount that maintains same percentage contribution as the Source of Funds Statement.
- 4.04 The County shall be responsible for funding any non-Program eligible costs associated with the Project including any cost overruns in excess of the Project Cost Estimate, operating and maintenance expenses, interest on borrowed funds or relocation expenses associated with this Project.
- 4.05 If the amount of the grant award changes at any time during the course of the Project, bilateral amendments may be required.

**ARTICLE V
SCOPE OF WORK**

- 5.01 The parties hereby agree that the Scope of Work the County shall perform under this Agreement to restore and rehabilitate the Property ("Project") is attached as Attachment "C" and incorporated herein for all purposes ("Scope of Work"). Changes shall not be made to the Project or approved documents describing it without prior approval of the Commission and substantive changes may require bilateral amendments to this contract.
- 5.02 As determined by the Commission, the Scope of Work may include only planning work or may include both planning and construction work.

**ARTICLE VI
COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 6.01 The County shall ensure that all matters pertaining to the Project are conducted in conformance with the procedures described in the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program Round XII Grant Manual, all applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations and the legal directives of the Commission and its staff.
- 6.02 The County shall provide for the procurement of all necessary architecture, engineering, and consultant services related to the Project. The County's contract(s) for professional services shall be submitted to and reviewed by the Commission.
- 6.03 The County shall ensure that plans and specifications for the Project shall be in accordance with the treatment for restoration, rehabilitation, reconstruction or preservation, as applicable, described the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, 1995 (36 Code of Federal Regulations Part 68) as determined by the Commission.
- 6.04 The County shall submit architectural plans, specifications and other planning products for the Project to the Commission for review and approval. The County shall make all necessary revisions to the Project as determined by the Commission during all planning, bidding and construction phases. The County shall not make changes to the documents or contracts without prior approval by the Commission.
- 6.05 The County shall ensure that the Project's completion schedule ("Project Schedule"), attached as Attachment "D", is met unless an extension is approved in advance by the Commission. Extension requests shall be made in writing by the County at least 14 days prior to the scheduled deadline.
- 6.06 The County shall administer all contracts related to the construction of the Project and shall not commence competitive bidding and/or construction on any particular phase of the Project prior to execution of final 100% complete plans and specifications and granting of any required easements.
- 6.07 Any field changes, supplemental agreements, or revisions to the plans and specifications related to a particular phase of the Project that occur after the construction contract is awarded must be mutually agreed to by the Commission and the County prior to the commencement of the work related to that phase of the Project.
- 6.08 The County shall submit a draft "Project Completion Report" to the Commission for review within ninety (90) days of substantial completion of construction for the Project. The final Project Completion Report is due within six (6) months of substantial completion unless an extension is requested by the County in writing and granted by the Commission.

- 6.09 The County shall maintain and repair the Property to ensure that the historic architectural integrity of the Property is not permitted to deteriorate in any material way. Unless superseded by a Grant of Easement associated with this Project, this provision shall be in effect from the date of the last signature included herein and shall remain in effect for a period of twenty (20) years.
- 6.10 The County shall be responsible for resolving any environmental matters that are identified during the course of the Project, and shall provide the Commission with written certification from appropriate regulatory agencies that any such identified environmental matters have been remediated, if so required.
- 6.11 This project is funded with the proceeds of tax-exempt state general obligation bonds and is subject to private use limitations under the Internal Revenue Code. The County may not sell, lease, rent or otherwise allow private use of the Property during the period of this Agreement, except as may be specifically authorized in writing by the Commission.
- 6.12 The County accepts this grant award and acknowledges that there is no guarantee of further funding in this round or any future round for this project. All grants in this program are subject to future appropriation of funds by the Texas Legislature and a competitive award by the THC. The County acknowledges that the condition of the building upon completion of the work funded through this grant may not constitute a full restoration, and the county will be responsible for any work, and the cost of such work, that may be required to enable the building to be reoccupied by the county.

ARTICLE VII REIMBURSEMENT

- 7.01 The County shall be reimbursed for costs and expenses incurred to perform the work related to the Project by submitting to the Commission documentation showing that such costs and expenses have been paid. Reasonable, allowable, and allocable costs incurred by the County, after the County has obtained written authorization from the Commission to incur such costs, shall be eligible for reimbursement at an amount not to exceed the stated maximum of the eligible authorized costs. The Commission shall reimburse the County for such expenses and costs in accordance with the State Prompt Payment Law after the County submits the documentation required hereunder.
- 7.02 The total estimated cost of the Project ("Project Cost Estimate") is attached as Attachment "B" and incorporated herein for all purposes. The Project Cost Estimate includes the itemized cost of architectural and engineering services, construction activities, and any other substantial items of cost. Non-Program eligible costs and expenses shall be included in the estimate but itemized separately and not included in the local match figure. Only costs and expenses identified as eligible and included as such in the Project Cost Estimate shall be eligible for reimbursement in accordance with Article VII hereof. Notwithstanding, the parties agree that costs may be shifted between categories with written approval from the Commission.

- 7.03 Documentation necessary for reimbursement of Project costs and expenses shall include a certified statement of work performed, materials supplied and/or services rendered with a copy of the payment check. Requests for reimbursement may be made monthly and each request shall include all required documentation for the period.
- 7.04 For each period, reimbursement of all eligible Project costs and expenses shall be made by the Commission in an amount equivalent to their percentage share of the Project Cost Estimate, rounded to the nearest percentage point as stated in the Source of Funds Statement. When the County's eligible expenses exceed 90% of the Project Cost Estimate, the Commission will reconcile the reimbursement total to an exact dollar amount.
- 7.05 The last ten percent (10%) of the Commission's award shall be held until the Project described in the Scope of Work and the approved plans and specifications is complete and determined satisfactory by the Commission. For Projects that include construction work, a Grant Project Completion Report must be submitted and approved by THC prior to disbursement of the final ten percent (10%) of the amount of the grant.
- 7.06 Project costs and expenses incurred prior to the date the Project was selected by the Commission for a grant award under the Program, are not eligible for reimbursement except as otherwise agreed by the parties in writing.
- 7.07 Significant increases or decreases in the County's Project costs and expenses during the course of the Project may require bilateral amendments to this Agreement and warrant a change to the percentage figure used by the Commission for reimbursements.

ARTICLE VIII TERMINATION

- 8.01 This Agreement may be terminated prior to completion of the Project by mutual consent and agreement in writing signed by all parties. In addition, this Agreement may be terminated by either party upon the failure of the other party to fulfill the obligations set forth in this Agreement, in the manner provided in Article 8.02 hereof.
- 8.02 If an event of termination is based on the failure of a party to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, then the party seeking termination shall notify the party of such breach and provide such party a reasonable period of time, which shall not be less than thirty (30) days, to cure such breach. If the breach is cured within the time permitted, no termination shall occur. Otherwise, this Agreement shall terminate after the period to cure the breach has expired. Any cost incurred due to such a breach of contract shall be paid by the breaching party.
- 8.03 If the County withdraws from the Project after this Agreement is executed, but prior to completion of the Project, it shall be responsible for all direct and indirect Project costs as identified by the Commission's cost accounting system. All previously reimbursed Project costs shall be repaid to the Commission by the County within sixty (60) days of termination.

- 8.04 The termination of this Agreement shall extinguish all rights, duties, obligations, and liabilities of either party under this Agreement except the repayment provision under Article 8.03 and the inspection provisions under Article XI.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

- 9.01 This Agreement is the entire agreement between the parties. Any changes, deletions, extensions, or amendments to this Agreement shall be in writing and signed by all parties hereto prior to the ending date hereof. Any other attempted changes, including oral modifications, written notices that have not been signed by both parties, or other modifications of any type, shall be invalid.

ARTICLE X NOTICES

- 10.01 All notices to either party by the other required under this Agreement shall be delivered personally or sent by certified or U. S. Mail, postage prepaid or sent by electronic mail, (electronic notice being permitted to the extent permitted by law but only after a separate written consent of the parties), addressed to such parties at the following addresses:

Commission: Texas Historical Commission
Post Office Box 12276
Austin, Texas 78711

County: The Honorable Todd Tefteller
100 W Tyler St 3rd floor
Gilmer, TX 75644

ARTICLE XI SEVERABILITY

- 11.01 In case one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions and this Agreement shall be construed as if it did not contain the invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision.

ARTICLE XII RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES

- 12.01 The Commission and the County agree that neither party is an agent, servant, or employee of the other party and each party agrees it is responsible for its individual acts and deeds as well as the acts and deeds of its contractors, employees, representatives, and agents.

**ARTICLE - XIII
OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS**

13.01 Upon completion or termination of this Agreement, all documents prepared by either party shall remain the property of such party. All documents and data prepared under this Agreement shall be made available to the Commission without restriction or limit on their further use.

**ARTICLE XIV
COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**

14.01 The parties hereof shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any courts or administrative bodies or tribunals in any matter affecting the performance of this Agreement. When required, either party shall furnish satisfactory proof of their compliance with such requirements stated above.

**ARTICLE XV
LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

15.01 The Commission shall not be liable for any direct or consequential damages to County or any third party for any act or omission of the County in the performance of this Agreement. The Commission shall neither indemnify nor guarantee any obligation of the County.

**ARTICLE XVI
ATTACHMENTS**

16.01 The following documents are included in and shall be a part of this Agreement for all purposes:

Attachment "A"	Source of Funds Statement and Verification
Attachment "B"	Project Cost Estimate
Attachment "C"	Scope of Work
Attachment "D"	Project Schedule
Attachment "E"	Resolution of Support

**ARTICLE XVII
DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

17.01 The dispute resolution process provided for in Government Code Chapter 2260 shall be used, as further described herein, by the parties to attempt to resolve any claim for breach of this Agreement made by either party.

- 17.02 A claim by the County for breach of this Agreement that cannot be resolved between the parties in the ordinary course of business shall be submitted to the negotiation process provided in Government Code Chapter 2260, Subchapter B. Compliance by County with Government Code Chapter 2260, Subchapter B is a condition precedent to the filing of a contested case proceeding under Government Code Chapter 2260, Subchapter C.
- 17.03 The contested case process provided in Government Code Chapter 2260, Subchapter C is County's sole and exclusive process for seeking a remedy for any and all alleged breaches of contract by Commission if the parties are unable to resolve their disputes under this Article XVII.
- 17.04 Compliance with the contested case process as provided in Article 17.02 hereof is a condition precedent to seeking consent to sue from the Texas Legislature under Civil Practices and Remedies Code Chapter 107. Neither the execution of this Agreement by the Commission nor any other conduct of any representative of Commission relating to the Agreement shall be considered a waiver of sovereign immunity to suit.
- 17.05 The submission, processing, and resolution of any claim by County hereunder is governed by 1 Texas Administrative Code §§68.1, et seq., now and as hereafter amended.
- 17.06 Neither the occurrence of an event alleged to constitute breach of this Agreement nor the pendency of a claim constitute grounds for the suspension of performance by the County, in whole or in part.

ARTICLE XVIII SOLE AND ENTIRE AGREEMENT

- 18.01 This Agreement constitutes the sole and entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior understandings or written or oral agreements with respect to the Project or the grant of award funds under the Program.

ARTICLE XIX INSPECTION OF BOOKS, RECORDS, AND WORK

- 19.01 The parties to this Agreement shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records and other documentation relating to costs incurred under this Agreement and shall make such materials available to the Commission, the County, and the Comptroller, or their duly authorized representatives for review and inspection at its office during the contract period and for four (4) years from the date of completion of the work defined under this Agreement or until any impending litigation, or claims are resolved. Additionally, the Commission, the County, and the Comptroller and their duly authorized representatives shall have access to all the governmental records that are directly applicable to the Agreement for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. The Commission may, during normal business hours, inspect the work on the Property undertaken through this Agreement.

**ARTICLE XX
SIGNATORY WARRANTY**

20.01 The signatories to this Agreement warrant that each has the authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the party represented. A statement of the County's resolve to accept this award and enter into this Agreement is attached as Attachment "E" (Resolution) unless authority is conferred to another party on behalf of the County as an alternate attachment.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is executed in duplicate originals as of the dates herein below.


TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

TODD TEFTELLER
UPSHUR COUNTY
By: 
Title: UPSHUR CO. JUDGE
Date: 9-15-2022

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