Building Economic Resilience in Communities Program MOU
Between
National League of Cities Institute and
Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government, KY

PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms of participation and understanding between the National League of Cities Institute (NLCI) and the City of Louisville (City) as part of NLCI's *Building Economic Resilience in Communities Program* between June 11, 2026, and March 31, 2027.

BACKGROUND

With support from the Gates Foundation, NLCI's Building Economic Resilience in Communities (BERC) Program provides cities with coaching and grant funding to help them test innovative ideas that will strengthen the economic resilience of residents and communities through the usage of Community Resilience Centers (CRCs). The Community Resilience Center is a place-based, wraparound service hub hosted by a municipality in partnership with different benefits and programs providers. Participating cities, towns, or villages will learn from peers and NLCI staff through their participation. This MOU defines the terms for the full project period.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION RIGHTS

This MOU will take effect upon the last party's signature and shall remain in effect until April 30, 2027. Either party may terminate this MOU upon delivery of written notice to the other party. Upon termination, the City must promptly refund any unused grant funds to NLCI within 30 days of termination.

GRANT AWARD AND USE OF FUNDS

NLCI will provide the City a grant in the amount of $25,000 to support costs associated with testing ideas, planning projects, and supporting existing strategies that respond to community needs and advance economic resilience as outlined in the City's application as accepted by NLCI. Funds shall be used solely for the purpose and goals stated herein and in accordance with the budget submitted by the City and approved by NLCI for activities for the term of this MOU. Allowable uses of funds include but are not limited to expenses associated with core personnel costs; consultants, stakeholder engagement with community organizations, residents, and other partners; supports or incentives for resident engagement such as payments, gift cards or food; sub granting to target population; technology integration; and other uses as approved by NLCI.

DISTRIBUTION OF AWARD

NLCI shall distribute the total grant award to the City upon the receipt of a completed W-9 form, completed ACH form, and a signed copy of this MOU.

SUMMARY OF ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

By accepting this grant, the City agrees to:

- Select a team comprised of at least two City government employees to serve as primary contacts for NLCI;
- Select and identify City executive leadership and/or community-based organization contacts or partners (as applicable) that will support the success of the BERC program;
- In collaboration with NLCI, identify a date and times for at least four coaching calls with core team;
- Participate in all bi-monthly full cohort calls with NLCI staff and other BERC program cohort cities;
- Develop and submit a written document to NLCI describing the impact that the CRC efforts have had on at least two residents;
- Create and publish, with support from NLCI staff, at least one public-facing communication such as press release, blog post, or report regarding the work completed by the BERC program and/or CRC work more broadly;
- When discussing the City's participation in or impacts of the program in public settings or communications and media materials, note the National League of Cities' involvement;
- When possible, present information about programs funded and results achieved through this grant with council or other formal city leadership at meetings and events;
- Keep NLCI staff appraised of progress, and notify NLCI within 3 business days of any major setbacks, unexpected challenges, staff transitions on the funded project team, or proposed budget changes exceeding 10 percent throughout the grant period;
- In collaboration with NLCI staff, host a two-day in-person site visit for the Building Economic Resilience in Communities program;
- Two members of the city team must attend and share information about project progress for an event at City Summit 2026 Conference in Nashville, TN from November 19 - 21, with limited expenses (i.e., one night of hotel and airfare) paid by NLCI; and
- Submit **a final grant report to NLCI by April 30, 2027,** which includes a narrative description of all work conducted under the grant, outcomes achieved, lessons learned, and a financial report that shows how the awarded funds were used. NLCI will provide the final report template materials.

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By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the grant provisions set forth in this MOU for the National League of Cities Institute's *Building Economic Resilience in Communities* program.

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Signature Date

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Name -Authorized Signature

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Title

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City

National League of Cities Institute

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Signature Date

Clarence E. Anthony
President and Treasurer
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