

BRAZOS VALLEY HOME CONSORTIUM
COOPERATION AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, authorized the HOME Investment Partnership Program; and

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WHEREAS, the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, provides that units of local governments that are geographically contiguous may form a consortium for the purpose of receiving a funding allocation as a participating jurisdiction in the HOME Investment Partnership Program; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Acts permit local units of government to contract with other localities to perform any service or activity for which they are authorized to perform by law and to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties identified below mutually agree as follows:

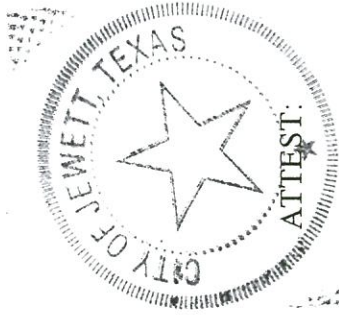
1. The Brazos Valley HOME Consortium is hereby established for the purpose of qualifying as a participating jurisdiction for receipt of federal funds through the HOME Investment Partnership Program.
2. The parties agree to cooperate to undertake or to assist in undertaking affordable housing activities for the HOME Program.
3. Washington County shall assume the role of lead entity and shall contract with the Brazos Valley Council of Governments to act in a representative capacity for all member units of general local government and both entities shall assume overall responsibility for ensuring that the Consortium's HOME Program is carried out in compliance with federal rules, regulations and requirements of the HOME Program, including requirements concerning a Consolidated Plan.
4. The parties agree to affirmatively further fair housing.
5. The parties agree that the term of this agreement shall be that period of time necessary to do and perform all activities that will be funded from HOME funds awarded for the period of three Federal fiscal years commencing with the 2001 Federal Fiscal Year and all parties are prohibited from withdrawing from the Cooperating Agreement during said period.

6. The members of the Consortium will not be required to provide matching funds for the proposed programs unless approved by the jurisdiction's authorizing public body. However, the participating jurisdiction agrees to assist the Consortium in identifying eligible funds, if available.
7. The Consortium and participating members' program year are the same for CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA Programs.
8. This agreement provides for automatic renewal for participatory successive three-year qualifications periods. The Consortium's lead entity will notify each participating unit of general local government in writing of its right not to participate for the successive three-year qualifying period. The Consortium will adopt any amendment to the agreement incorporating changes necessary to meet the requirements for cooperative agreements set forth in a Consortia Qualification Notice applicable for a subsequent three-year Consortia qualification period. Failure to comply with the above will void the automatic renewal of the Consortium Agreement.

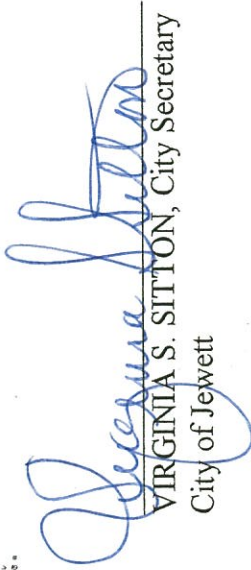
This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this Cooperating Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers.

APPROVED:




JUDI KIRKPATRICK, Mayor,
City of Jewett


VIRGINIA S. SITTON, City Secretary
City of Jewett