

## Public Library Services Agreement

This Agreement is made by and between Washington County, a home rule subdivision of the State of Oregon hereinafter referred to as “County”, on behalf of Washington County Cooperative Library Services, hereinafter referred to as “WCCLS,” and the Cities of Banks, Beaverton, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Hillsboro, North Plains, Sherwood, Tigard, and Tualatin, and Aloha Community Library Association, Cedar Mill Community Library Association and Garden Home Community Library Association, hereinafter referred to as “Contractor(s).” County and Contractors are collectively known as “the Parties.” WHEREAS, Washington County has approved funding for countywide library services including non-fee access by County residents to public libraries operated by Contractors; and

WHEREAS the Parties originally entered into this Agreement in 1976 and the Agreement has had subsequent amendments and renewals including the last one entered into on June 21, 2011 (MO #11-165); and

WHEREAS, the Parties to this Agreement are either units of local government empowered by ORS 190.010 to enter into an intergovernmental agreement or are private non-profit agencies operating public libraries; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to maintain and provide residents of Washington County with access to quality public library services and Contractors can provide such access and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

### 1. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall be used in this Agreement:

- A. WCCLS (Washington County Cooperative Library Services) – An agency of County government that exists to coordinate, contract for or provide a full range of library and information services to all residents of the county.
- B. WCCLS Information Network– The system that includes: the shared integrated library system software (circulation, public access catalog, cataloging, serials control and acquisitions software); the WCCLS.org website and its resources; other databases and e-content provided by WCCLS for Contractors’ staff or public access; wireless Internet access for the public; central site hardware and software; software, hardware or peripheral products provided to Contractors and supported by WCCLS; and the telecommunications network linking Contractors to the system and for Internet access.

- C. Qualified Borrowers – All Washington County residents, residents of counties or cities with which Washington County has reciprocal borrowing agreements, and paying card holders.
- D. West Slope Community Library - The public library that is a department of WCCLS and managed by the County. For purposes of this Agreement, West Slope is a Contractor.
- E. Oregon Public Library Statistical Report – The report mandated by ORS 357.520, containing statistics and provided on an annual basis to the Oregon State Library via a reporting format determined by the State Library. Report data is typically due October 1 of each year.
- F. WCCLS Executive Board – the board established to advise the Board of County Commissioners and the Cooperative Library Services Director on matters pertaining to the funding for countywide library services, distribution of financial resources by WCCLS for the provision of countywide public library services, and long term governance and funding strategies.
- G. WCCLS Policy Group – the Board established to provide technical and professional support and advice to the WCCLS Executive Board, to develop and implement policies and procedures for delivery of countywide public library services, and to advise the Cooperative Library Services Director.

2. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021, except as otherwise provided in Section 11 of this Agreement.

3. FUNDS

As compensation to Contractor for the services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement, WCCLS agrees to distribute funds to Contractor on the basis set forth in Section 5 and the Payment Schedule set forth in Section 7.

By receipt of funds from WCCLS each Contractor agrees to expend those funds to provide library services according to Contractor's established policies, and to ensure that Contractor's library facilities are open for public use by all Qualified Borrowers. Contractors must spend all funds received from WCCLS on the provision of library services.

4. MINIMUM OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

By receipt of funds from WCCLS each Contractor agrees that Contractor's library facilities will be open to the public at least 45 hours per week, and to employ at least one full-time employee who will serve as the primary contact with WCCLS.

5. FUNDING DISTRIBUTION

A. WCCLS shall determine the total payment to be made to each Contractor during the term of this Agreement by using the method set forth in this Section and based on figures set forth in EXHIBIT A "Funding Distributions."

B. Payments to Contractors shall be budgeted in three (3) funding distribution pools.

1. Pool One. If the countywide assessed value increases at least 3% annually, for FY2016-17 the total amount in Pool One shall be \$23,313,017 as identified in EXHIBIT A. Thereafter, if countywide assessed value increases at least 3% annually Contractors shall each receive increases of 3% on an annual basis for the Term of this Agreement.
2. Pool Two. After actual County assessed valuation, tax levies and taxes are certified, County will determine WCCLS revenue which is subject to adjustment to actual revenue. WCCLS will use the WCCLS actual revenue to first fully fund Pool One distributions and budgeted WCCLS support and outreach services, including the Jump Start Operating Fund. WCCLS may then allocate additional funds to Pool Two. The WCCLS Executive Board shall recommend whether funds from Pool Two shall be distributed to Contractors, and if so, on what basis. Typically, the WCCLS Executive Board shall make the recommendation in February of each year. Any distribution of funds from Pool Two shall be distributed on a separate schedule from Pool One.
3. Jump Start Operating Fund. WCCLS shall create a third funding pool and use funds from this pool to support Contractors that physically expand a library building or add a new library branch during the term of this Agreement. Funds shall be allocated to support the operations of said expansions. WCCLS shall allocate funds through an application process created by the WCCLS Executive Board. Funds from this third funding pool will be added to the Contractor's Pool 1 base allocation at the beginning of the next Agreement term.

6. ADJUSTMENTS IN PAYMENTS

- A. WCCLS may adjust payments if funding for payments noted in 5.B.1 is less than projected. WCCLS will reduce amounts paid to each Contractor in an amount proportionate to each library's percentage of the total amount available for payment.
- B. WCCLS shall notify the Contractors in writing of any adjustments under this Section after the County adopts the budget for the subsequent fiscal year. If reductions in revenue are necessary after the beginning of a fiscal year, County shall give sixty (60) days notification to Contractors, if possible.

7. PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- A. WCCLS shall make payments to those Contractors that are cities as follows:
  - 1. 80% (eighty percent) of the total annual payment shall be made on or before December 31; and
  - 2. 20% (twenty percent) of the total annual payment shall be made on or before April 15.
- B. Notwithstanding paragraph 7.A above, a city not formerly a party to a Public Library Services Agreement with WCCLS, that establishes a public library and becomes a party to this Agreement, shall be entitled to receive payment on a monthly basis during the term of this Agreement. The monthly payment shall be 1/12 of the total annual payment. In addition, WCCLS agrees that any city to which this subsection applies shall be entitled to receive monthly payments for the entire term of any renewal or successor agreement to which it becomes a party, provided funds are available.
- C. WCCLS shall make payments to those Contractors that are community libraries, specifically Aloha Community Library Association, Cedar Mill Community Library Association, Garden Home Community Library Association and the West Slope Community Library, on a monthly basis. The monthly payment shall be 1/12 of the total annual payment.

8. SPECIAL LIBRARY FUND

County, on behalf of WCCLS, shall maintain a Special Library Fund that shall include:

- A. Any remaining funds from a previous year which shall be carried over to the next year;
- B. All property tax collections made under all County library local option levies;

- C. All transfers of county general funds made to WCCLS;
- D. All interest earnings on the Special Library Fund, in accordance with ORS 294.080(1); and
- E. Other revenues for library services.

9. SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY WCCLS

WCCLS agrees to provide the following central support and outreach services to Contractors and West Slope Community Library:

- A. Reciprocal borrowing with other metropolitan area public libraries and Oregon Library Passport Program participating libraries;
- B. Coordination of countywide library services among Contractors and with regional and state library service providers;
- C. Coordination of selection and purchase of shared electronic products available through WCCLS.org, coordination of training and education for adult services staff, coordination of countywide adult programming such as Summer Reading, and interlibrary loan borrowing from and lending to libraries outside of Washington County;
- D. Outreach services to special populations of Washington County residents, including, but not limited to, circulation of materials to those who cannot get to a public library (homebound), information and education about library-related services for child care providers and the children in their care, Latino and other cultural communities.
- E. Coordination and support of countywide youth services, including Summer Reading Programs and shared resources, coordination of training and education of youth services staff;
- F. Courier pick-up and delivery of materials between Contractors and provision of courier connections to regional library delivery systems;
- G. Planning for long-term growth and development of countywide library services;
- H. Operation and maintenance of the WCCLS Information Network as defined in the WCCLS Information Network Agreement; and
- I. Other services to address Long Range Service Plan goals as agreed upon by the Parties.

10. SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY CONTRACTORS

- A. Each Contractor agrees to ensure equity of access to materials, resources and services for all Qualified Borrowers.
- B. Qualified Borrowers will not be charged a fee for the initial circulation or renewal of library materials.
- C. Each Contractor shall apply all fees and policies uniformly to all Qualified Borrowers. Such fees may include special service and overdue fees.
- D. Each Contractor shall designate a staff member who will work with WCCLS and administer this Agreement on behalf of Contractor. Contractor shall authorized the staff member to receive and give any

notices that may be required under this Agreement. Unless otherwise designated, this shall be the Library Director for each Contractor.

- E. Each Contractor shall meet all requirements for Level 5 Libraries as defined in the Admission of New Public Libraries to Washington County Cooperative Library Services, as approved by the WCCLS Executive Board May 23, 2012 and subsequent revisions.
- F. Each Contractor shall abide by shared policies and procedures as agreed upon by the WCCLS Policy Group.
- G. Each Contractor shall identify its membership in WCCLS through identification marks, and through public communications in selected library printed materials, websites or other publicity materials.

#### 11. RECORD KEEPING

- A. WCCLS shall provide each Contractor with a copy of the County's annual audit, upon request by Contractor.
- B. Each Contractor shall provide WCCLS with a copy of Contractor's annual audit. For purposes of this Section, the following requirements shall apply:
  - 1. For Contractors which are cities, the audit shall be that of the city, and shall be supplied upon request of WCCLS.
  - 2. For Contractors which are community libraries (specifically Aloha Community Library Association, Cedar Mill Community Library Association and Garden Home Community Library Association), the audit shall be the result of an annual review of the Contractor's financial statements made by an independent certified public accountant in accordance with standards of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and shall be supplied by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year to WCCLS.
- C. Each Contractor shall provide WCCLS with a copy of its Oregon Public Library Statistical Report.

#### 12. TERMINATION

- A. County may terminate this Agreement upon sixty (60) days written notice for a termination date no sooner than the end of the current fiscal year, if it determines, in good faith through an open, public process, that:
  - 1. The public interest would be served by such termination; or
  - 2. Adequate funds are not available.
- B. Each Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon sixty (60) days written notice, if Contractor determines, in good faith, that:
  - 1. The public interest in its jurisdiction or area of service would be served by such termination; or

2. Appropriated funds for Contractor are less than the amount reasonably anticipated.

C. County and each Contractor may terminate participation in this Agreement separately, and Agreements between remaining parties and County shall remain in effect.

D. If Contractor terminates its participation in the Agreement, the County shall distribute funds to the Contractor prorated to the date of termination.

13. INSURANCE

Each contractor to this Agreement shall maintain comprehensive general liability insurance or adequate reserves in a program of self-insurance covering personal injury and property damage for the Contractors, its employees and agents. The insurance coverage shall cover the minimum amount specified in ORS 30.271. For Contractors which are not units of local government, certification of insurance shall be provided to WCCLS and all such insurance coverage shall name Washington County, its officers, employees and agents as additional insureds.

14. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS

The Parties shall comply with all local, state, and federal ordinances, statutes, laws and regulations that are applicable to the services provided under this Agreement.

A. Equal Opportunity Contractor shall not discriminate against its employees (including applicants for employment) on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, age, or marital status except in case of bona fide occupational qualifications as defined and provided by applicable federal or state law. No person shall be denied or subjected to discrimination in receipt of the benefits of any services or activities made possible by or resulting from this Agreement on the grounds of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, age, or marital status. Any violation of this provision shall be grounds for cancellation, termination or suspension of the Agreement in whole or in part by County.

B. Public Contracting Statutes ORS 279B.200 through 279B.240 and 279C.500 through 279C.870, as applicable, are incorporated herein by reference. The Contractor agrees to:

1. Make payment promptly, as due, to all persons supplying, to Contractor, labor or material for the performance of the work provided for in this Agreement;
2. Pay all contributions or amounts due the Industrial Accident Fund incurred in the performance of the Agreement:

3. Not permit any lien or claim to be filed or prosecuted against the County on account of any labor or material furnished pursuant to this Agreement; and
4. Pay to the Department of Revenue all sums withheld from employees pursuant to ORS 316.167.

15. INDEMNIFICATION

Each party agrees to hold harmless, defend, and indemnify each other, including its officers, agents, and employees, against all claims, demands, actions and suits (including all attorney fees and costs) arising from the indemnitor's performance of this Agreement where the loss or claim is attributable to the negligent acts or omissions of that party. If the indemnifying party is a unit of local government, such indemnification shall be subject to the limitations of liability for public bodies set forth in the Oregon Tort Claims Act, ORS 30.260 to 30.302, and the Oregon Constitution.

16. DEBT LIMITATION

This Agreement is expressly subject to the debt limitation of Oregon Counties set forth in Article XI, Section 10 of the Oregon Constitution, and is contingent upon appropriation of funds therefor.

17. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Each party is an independent contractor with respect to each other party and has no control over the work performed by the other. No party is an agent or employer of another party. No party or its employees is entitled to participate in a pension plan, insurance, bonus, or similar benefits provided by any other party.

18. NOTICE

Each party shall give the other immediate written notice of any action or suit filed or any claim made against that party that may result in litigation in any way related to this Agreement.

18. COUNTERPARTS

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

19. CAPTIONS

Captions and headings used in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be construed or interpreted so as to enlarge or diminish the rights or obligations of the parties hereto.

20. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Agreement is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Agreement unless the result of the holding is a failure of consideration of any party.

21. AMENDMENT

This Agreement may only be amended in writing and signed by all of the Parties.

FOR THE CONTRACTOR:

FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY:

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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COUNTY COUNSEL