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## 2022 Aitkin County Child Care Facilities Grant

### AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

1. The Applicant shall hold Aitkin County, MN, its officers, consultants, attorneys, and agents harmless from any and all claims arising from or in connection with the 2022 Aitkin County Child Care Facilities Grant Program or its Application (Grant Application), including but not limited to, any legal or actual violations of any State or Federal laws.

2. The Applicant recognizes and agrees that Aitkin County retains absolute authority and discretion to decide whether or not to accept or deny any particular Grant Application, and that all expenditures, obligations, costs, fees, or liabilities incurred by the Applicant in connection with the Grant Application are incurred by the Applicant at its sole risk and expense.

3. The Applicant acknowledges that they have read the 2022 Aitkin County Child Care Facilities Grant Program eligibility requirements and understands that if the application is approved for funding, grant funds awarded must only be used to pay eligible expenses. Applicant is exclusively responsible for the lawful use of any funds awarded under the 2022 Aitkin County Child Care Facilities Grant Program.

4. The Applicant acknowledges that they understand data submitted in relation to this application will become government data and is subject to federal and state data laws. Some of the data may be considered private or nonpublic prior to the award of financial assistance, while some limited data may be considered private or nonpublic even following the award. The County will not publicize your business plans, customer lists, income tax returns, design / market / feasibility studies, income and expense reports, or any other data classified as private or nonpublic under Minn. Stat. §13.591. Application data submitted by organizations that are not selected for grant funding will only be released upon request and as required by Minn. Stat. Chapter 13 or other applicable state/federal law. Application or evaluation data may also be shared with any entity that has a legal right to the data under Minnesota or federal law, including under court order. You can refuse to supply any or all of the requested information, which you are not legally required to provide.

5. A recipient found to have misrepresented themselves or their business is responsible for repaying funds to the Aitkin County.

6. Additional acknowledgements.

I acknowledge that Aitkin County retains final authority to determine if a business or nonprofit is eligible for funding, whether to approve a grant and the final grant amount. Aitkin County reserves the right to reduce grant award amounts if the total requests exceed available funding.

I acknowledge that Aitkin County has the right to verify any information contained in this application. Additional information and documentation may be requested at a later date. Failure to provide the



information required may result in ineligibility for grant program or repayment of the funds. I agree to provide Aitkin County any documentation needed to complete an audit of funds awarded. Should Aitkin County be audited and it is found that the business payment is not allowable under federal or state guidelines, such business shall repay the funds to Aitkin County within three months of notification.

I acknowledge that I plan to own and operate this business for at least the next three years. Failure to accomplish this plan may result in repayment of the any funds awarded back to Aitkin County.

I acknowledge that Aitkin County will issue grant recipients an IRS Form 1099 and that these grant funds are taxable.

**7. Financial Assistance Certification:** I hereby certify that the 2022 Aitkin County Child Care Facilities Grant Program is necessary and is in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The undersigned, a duly authorized representative of the Applicant, hereby certifies the foregoing information is true, correct, and complete as of the date hereof; and agrees that:

- The business is located within the political boundaries of Aitkin County;
- There are no outstanding tax liens with the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State;
- All proceeds from the grant will be used for eligible business expenses under the 2022 Aitkin County Child Care Economic Development Grant Program;
- Applicant shall be bound by all terms and provisions of the 2022 Aitkin County Child Care Facilities Grant Program

Applicant Signature:

Date:

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