## FEDERALLY-FUNDED SUBAWARD AND FUNDING ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

The following information is provided pursuant to 2 C.F.R. §200.331(a)(1):

Name of sub-recipient: SalusCare, Inc.

SAM Organization Identifier: U71ABQHAXGX7 ARPA Project Unique identifier: ARPA-PH110A Federal Award Identification Number: SLT-2390

Federal Award Date: June 14, 2021 (first payment/tranche received)

Subaward Period of Performance: Start Date: November 1, 2021
Subaward Period of Performance: End Date: December 31, 2024
Total Amount Obligated by this Action: Not to Exceed \$9,000,000.00

Total Federal Obligation by Lee County to Sub-recipient: (including this obligation)

\$10,000,000

Total Federal Award Commitments by Lee County to Sub-recipient: \$9,000,000.00

Award is R&D: 0

<u>Federal Award Program Description:</u> On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law by the President. Section 9901 of ARPA amended Title VI of the Social Security Act (the Act) to add section 602, which establishes the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, and section 603, which establishes the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (together, the Fiscal Recovery Funds). The Fiscal Recovery Funds are intended to provide support to state, local, and tribal governments (together, recipients) in responding to the impact of COVID–19 and in their efforts to contain COVID–19 on their communities, residents, and businesses. The Fiscal Recovery Funds build on and expand the support provided to these governments over the last year, including through the Coronavirus Relief Fund (C.R.F.).

The American Rescue Plan will deliver \$350 billion for state, local, territorial, and tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and restore jobs. The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide a substantial infusion of resources to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery. Recipients may use Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to:

- Support public health expenditures by funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff;
- Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector;
- Replace lost public sector revenue by using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic;
- Provide premium pay for essential workers by offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors; and,
- Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure by making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, to support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

Federal awarding agency: U.S. Department of Treasury

Pass-through entity: Lee County, FL

<u>CFDA number</u>: **21.027** 

**CFDA** name: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF)

R&D designation: Non R&D

Should you have any question about this sub-award, please contact: Glen Salyer, Assistant

**County Manager at 239-533-2221** 

As required by Federal Regulations and the terms and conditions of this award, the applicant agrees to complete and sign this document to ensure that they are eligible for any future COVID-19 funding from Lee County. This also includes that the Sub recipient agrees to report any fraud, waste or abuse of these funds to Lee County Administration.

### SUBRECIPIENT CONTRACT BETWEEN

### THE LEE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## AND SALUSCARE, INC.

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by Lee County, a charter county and political subdivision of the State of Florida, herein referred to as COUNTY and **SalusCare**, **Inc.** whose address is **3763 Evans Ave**, **Fort Myers**, **FL 33901**, herein referred to as SUBRECIPIENT.

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, Lee County is a body corporate and politic established under the Florida Constitution and the Laws of Florida, and is authorized to, among other things, accept and administer grants from State and Federal authorities to enhance the quality of life in Lee County; and

WHEREAS, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) on March 10, 2021 and President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act into law on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act, in part, amends the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601) by establishing the Fund in the amount of \$350 billion dollars for payments to States, Tribal governments and units of local government based on their populations.

WHEREAS, Lee County accepted American Rescue Plan Act funding from the United States Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is consistent with American Rescue Plan Act guidelines to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, the SUBRECIPIENT requests and the COUNTY agrees, to provide funding to the SUBRECIPIENT for eligible expenditures under the American Rescue Plan Act, specifically pursuant to the terms and conditions specified herein relating to COVID-19; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises, and representations contained in this Agreement and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

### Section 1. Recitals

The foregoing recitals are true and correct and form a material part of this Agreement upon which the Parties relied.

## Section 2. Term

This Agreement is effective on November 1, 2021 and ends on December 31, 2024 unless terminated earlier in accordance with this Agreement.

The Subaward Period of Performance is from November 1, 2021 and ends on December 31, 2024.

The Subaward Budget Period is from November 1, 2021 and ends on December 31, 2024.

# Section 3. American Rescue Plan Act Funding

- a) The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, Section 603(c)(1) of the Social Security Act, established the \$350 billion Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. The United States Department of Treasury made payments from the Fund to States and eligible units of local government. The American Rescue Plan Act requires that payments from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSLFRF) only be used to cover expenses that: (a) To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality; (b) To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID–19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers; (c) For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID–19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and (d) To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.
- b) For the purposes this Agreement, the COUNTY serves as the pass-through entity for a Federal award and the SUBRECIPIENT serves as the recipient of a sub award. This Agreement is entered into based on the following representations:
  - 1. The SUBRECIPIENT represents that it is fully qualified and eligible to receive these grant funds per the funding requirements.
  - 2. The COUNTY received these funds from the Federal government, and the COUNTY has the authority to sub grant these funds to the SUBRECIPIENT upon the terms and conditions outlined below.
  - 3. The COUNTY has authority to disburse the funds under this Agreement.

The COUNTY agrees to provide financial assistance to the SUBRECIPIENT in an amount not-to-exceed \$9,000,000.00. The SUBRECIPIENT must use this financial assistance for expenses eligible under 603(c)(1) of the Social Security Act, specifically the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSLFRF) to mitigate financial hardships incurred because of COVID-19 during the Term. These funds must be spent in accordance with the guidance on the United States Treasury's website <a href="https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds">https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds</a>. SUBRECIPIENTS are responsible for ensuring that any procurement using CSLFRF funds, or payments under procurement contracts using such funds are consistent with the procurement standards set forth in the Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR 200.317 through 2 CFR 200.327, and Appendix II to Part 200, as applicable.

- c) SUBRECIPIENT is required to review the United States Treasury's website for updates to ensure compliance with the most updated CSLFRF guidance.
- d) For each SUBRECIPIENT, the COUNTY will assess the risk to successfully fulfilling the project objective pertaining to this agreement. The results of subrecipient risk assessments will have an effect on the frequency and level of scrutiny during the monitoring process and may result in additional requirements being imposed on the SUBRECIPIENT.
- e) The SUBRECIPIENT must comply with 2 CFR 200 for accounting standards and cost principles.
- f) The SUBRECIPIENT must comply with COUNTY rules and 2 CFR 200 for conflicts of interest.

- g) The SUBRECIPIENT shall be responsible for indirect cost associated with this grant.
- h) SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that it has read, understands, will be bound by and agrees to have carried out, shall carry out, or cause to be carried out the terms, conditions, and services as described in the agreement attachments, including:
  - 1. ATTACHMENT A: PROJECT DETAILS Overview (Need and Response), eligible activities.
  - ATTACHMENT B: SCOPE OF WORK Description of the SUBRECIPIENT's and the COUNTY's task, deliverables, timelines, and milestones. Additional United States Treasury scope requirements may be identify and required after the execution of this agreement.
  - 3. ATTACHMENT C: PROJECT BUDGET Summary of the project's annual budget by expense category and budget justification by category.
  - 4. ATTACHMENT D: REPORTING REQUIREMENTS Description of the reporting requirements. Additional United States Treasury reporting requirements may be identify and required after the execution of this agreement.
  - 5. ATTACHMENT E: EQUITY-BASED REQUIREMENT Description of the project's equitable design and implementation by addressing the program's equity goals, awareness, access and distribution, and outcomes.
  - 6. ATTACHMENT F: EVIDENCE-BASED REQUIREMENT Description of the supporting evidence or evidence-producing strategy related the project selection, design, and implementation.
  - 7. Award Payment:
  - a. Payments made under this Agreement shall be on a reimbursement basis. These reimbursement monies are from CFDA 21.027. In order to obtain reimbursement for expenditures, the SUBRECIPIENT must file with the COUNTY, through a portal or through an email process, its request for reimbursement and any other information required to justify and support the payment request. Reimbursement requests may be submitted as frequently as monthly. The final reimbursement request is due on or before January 10, 2025 for costs incurred through award December 31, 2024.
  - b. Reimbursement requests must include a certification, signed by an official who is authorized to legally bind the SUBRECIPIENT, which reads as follows:

By signing this request, I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the request is true, complete, and accurate, and the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the reimbursement. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims or otherwise. (U.S. Code Title 18, Section 1001 and Title 31, Sections 3729–3730 and 3801–3812).

- c. The COUNTY shall verify all documentation received prior to expending Funds under this Agreement and may request additional documentation, if needed. Reimbursements will only be made for expenditures that the COUNTY provisionally determines are eligible under the CSLFRF. The COUNTY retains the right to deny any requests for Funds under this Agreement if in the COUNTY'S sole discretion the request is not for and documentation does not substantiate an eligible expenditure. However, the COUNTY'S provisional determination that an expenditure is eligible does not relieve the SUBRECIPIENT of its duty to repay the COUNTY for any expenditures that are later determined by the COUNTY or the Federal government to be ineligible.
- d. COUNTY shall not be liable to any vendor, supplier or subcontractor for any expenses or liabilities incurred in connection with any Project and SUBRECIPIENT shall be solely liable for such expenses and liabilities.
- e. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that the COUNTY intends to award a portion of the CSLFRF funding to SUBRECIPIENT, and further acknowledges that the CSLFRF funding may be utilized only for the uses authorized by American Rescue Plan Act. Accordingly, SUBRECIPIENT covenants that the use of the CSLFRF funding by SUBRECIPIENT pursuant to this Agreement is limited to only those uses for which the CSLFRF funding may be utilized under American Rescue Plan Act.
- f. SUBRECIPIENT will retain any equipment purchased with CSLFRF funding through December 31, 2026.

### Section 4. Enforcement

SUBRECIPIENT certifies that the information provided is complete, accurate, and current demonstrating SUBRECIPIENT'S eligibility to receive the Funds. SUBRECIPIENT is liable for recapture of Funds if any representation made in the reimbursement requests, reporting or supporting documentation is at any time false or misleading in any respect, or if SUBRECIPIENT is found in non-compliance with laws, rules or regulations governing the use of the Funds provided pursuant to this Agreement. The provisions of this Section 4 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

## Section 5. Recapture of Expenses

- A. Any funds that are not expended as authorized under this Agreement must be refunded to the COUNTY within fourteen (14) days of receipt of written notice provided by the COUNTY.
- B. Any funds that are not expended within the anticipated timeframe under this Agreement are subject to recapture. If requested, a refunded to the COUNTY must be made within fourteen (14) days of receipt of written notice for a refund provided by the COUNTY.
- C. The COUNTY'S determination that an expenditure is eligible does not relieve the SUBRECIPIENT of its duty to repay the COUNTY in full for any expenditures that are later determined by the COUNTY or the Federal Government, in each of its sole discretion, to be ineligible expenditures or the discovery of a duplication of benefits.
- D. If requested by the COUNTY, all refunds, return of improper payments, or repayments due to the COUNTY under this Agreement are to be made payable to Lee County and mailed directly to the COUNTY pursuant to Section 18 Notice and this Agreement.

### Section 6. Maintenance and Review of Records

SUBRECIPIENT shall maintain all records and accounts, including property, personnel and financial records, contractual agreements, memoranda of understanding, subcontracts, proof of insurance, and any other records related to or resulting from the Agreement to assure a proper accounting and monitoring of all funds awarded and shall maintain all accounts pertaining to such services, including, but not limited to, property, personnel and financial records, and supporting documentation, and any additional records required as a result of or associated with the utilization of the CSLFRF funding as outlined in the United States Treasury Compliance and Reporting Guidance, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, or as maybe amended, which, among other things, shall enable ready identification of SUBRECIPIENT'S cost of goods and use of funds. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, monitoring, inspection or other action has been started before the expiration of the required record retention period, records must be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues that arise from it, or the end of the required period, whichever is later.

With respect to all matters covered by this Agreement, records will be made available for examination, audit, inspection or copying purposes at any time during normal business hours and as often as COUNTY may require. SUBRECIPIENT will permit same to be examined and excerpts or transcriptions made or duplicated from such records, and audits made of all contracts, invoices, materials, records of personnel and of employment and other data relating to all matters covered by this Agreement.

The SUBRECIPIENT must maintain records and financial documents in compliance with all standards in the ARPA CSLFRF guidance and 2 CFR 200. Generally, records and financial documents must be maintained for five years after all funds have been expended or returned. The COUNTY or Treasury may request transfer of records of long-term value at the end of such period. Wherever practicable, such records should be collected, transmitted, and stored in open and machine-readable formats.

SUBRECIPIENT must agree to provide or make available such records to the COUNTY upon request, to Treasury upon request, and to the Government Accountability Office ("GAO"), Treasury's Office of Inspector General ("OIG"), and their authorized representative in order to conduct audits or other investigations.

The COUNTY may access the SUBRECIPIENT records and financial statements as necessary to conduct monitoring activities.

### Section 7. Monitoring

The SUBRECIPIENT agrees to permit persons duly authorized by the COUNTY, the Federal or State grantor agency (if applicable) or any representatives to inspect all records, papers, documents, facility's goods and services of the SUBRECIPIENT and/or interview any clients and employees of the SUBRECIPIENT to be assured of satisfactory performance of the terms and conditions of this contract to the extent permitted by the law after giving the SUBRECIPIENT reasonable notice. The monitoring is a limited scope review of the contract and agency management and does not relieve the SUBRECIPIENT of its obligation to manage the grant in accordance with applicable rules and sound management practices.

Following such monitoring, the COUNTY will deliver to the SUBRECIPIENT a written report regarding the manner in which services are being provided. The SUBRECIPIENT will rectify all noted deficiencies within the specified period of time indicated in the monitoring report or provide the COUNTY with a reasonable and acceptable justification for not correcting the noted shortcomings. The SUBRECIPIENT S failure to correct or justify the deficiencies within the time specified by the COUNTY may result in the withholding of payments, being deemed in breach or default, or termination of this contract.

### Section 8. Audits

- A. The COUNTY may perform an audit of the records of the SUBRECIPIENT at any time during the Term of this Agreement and after final disbursements have been made, even if the Agreement has expired or terminated. Audits may be performed at a time mutually agreeable to the SUBRECIPIENT and the COUNTY. When conducting an audit of the SUBRECIPIENT'S performance under this Agreement, the COUNTY must use Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards ("GAGAS"). As defined by 2 C.F.R. §200.50, GAGAS, also known as the Yellow Book, means generally accepted government auditing standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, which are applicable to financial audits.
- B. If an audit shows that all or any portion of the Funds disbursed were not spent in accordance with the conditions of and strict compliance with this Agreement, the SUBRECIPIENT will be held liable for reimbursement to the COUNTY of all Funds not spent in accordance with these applicable regulations and this Agreement, within fourteen (14) days after the COUNTY has notified the SUBRECIPIENT of such non-compliance.
- C. If the COUNTY elects to have the SUBRECIPIENT perform an audit, the SUBRECIPIENT must have all audits completed by an independent auditor, which is defined in § 215.97(2)(i), Florida Statutes, as "an independent certified public accountant licensed under chapter 473." The independent auditor must state that the audit complied with the applicable provisions noted above. The audits must be received by the COUNTY no later than six (6) months from the end of the SUBRECIPIENT'S fiscal year.
- D. The SUBRECIPIENT must send copies of reporting packages required under this paragraph directly to the COUNTY in accordance with Section 18 Notice.
- E. Single Audit Requirements. SUBRECIPIENTS, that expend more than \$750,000 in Federal awards during their fiscal year will be subject to an audit under the Single Audit Act and its implementing regulation at 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F regarding audit requirements.

## Section 9. Closeout

SUBRECIPIENT will comply will all closeout procedures of the awards, to include full compliance with the agreement terms and conditions, ARPA, CSLFRF rule and guidance, and 2 CFR 200. Key tasks will be closeout communications, confirmation for maintenance of records and financial documents, receipt of all final reimbursement requests or payment requests, receipt of all financial reports and performance reports, fulfillment of any requests to reconcile reports and payment requests.

### Section 10. Indemnification

SUBRECIPIENT shall indemnify, hold harmless, and defend COUNTY from and against any and all liabilities, losses, claims, damages, demands, expenses or actions, either at law or in equity, including court costs and attorneys' fees (at the trial and all appellate levels), that may hereafter at any time be made or brought by anyone on account of personal injury, property damage, loss of monies, or other loss, allegedly caused or incurred, in whole or in part, as a result of any negligent, wrongful, or intentional act or omission, or based on any act of fraud or defalcation or breach of any provision or covenant of this Agreement or applicable law by the SUBRECIPIENT, its agents, subcontractors, assigns, heirs, and employees resulting from or arising under this Agreement.

The provisions of this Section 11 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

## Section 11. Termination

This Agreement may be terminated by the SUBRECIPIENT or the COUNTY at any time, with Cause or without Cause, upon not less than thirty (30) days prior written notice delivered to the SUBRECIPIENT as provided for in this Agreement or, at the option of COUNTY, immediately in the event that SUBRECIPIENT fails to fulfill any of the terms, understandings, or covenants of this Agreement. COUNTY will not be obligated to pay for costs incurred by SUBRECIPIENT after SUBRECIPIENT has received notice of termination. When an award is terminated, or partially terminated, the SUBRECIPIENT is still responsible for compliance with 2 CFR 200.

### Section 12. Remedies

The COUNTY may exercise any other rights or remedies, which may be available under law. If the COUNTY waives any right or remedy in this Agreement or fails to insist on strict performance by the SUBRECIPIENT, it will not affect, extend or waive any other right or remedy of the COUNTY, or affect the later exercise of the same right or remedy by the COUNTY for any other default by the SUBRECIPIENT.

## Section 13. Equal Opportunity; Non-Discrimination

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with the requirements of all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances and executive orders prohibiting and/or relating to discrimination, as amended and supplemented. All of the aforementioned laws, rules, regulations, and executive orders are incorporated herein by reference.

## Section 14. Governing Laws; Venue

This Agreement and terms and conditions shall be governed by the laws, rules, and regulations of the State of Florida, and venue shall be in Lee County, Florida.

## Section 15. Public Records Law

This Agreement, including attachments, is subject to disclosure under Florida's public records law subject to limited applicable exemptions. SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges, understands, and agrees that, except as noted below, all information in its application and attachments will be disclosed, without any notice to SUBRECIPIENT, if a public records request is made for such information, and the COUNTY will not be liable to SUBRECIPIENT for such disclosure. Social security numbers are collected, maintained and reported by the COUNTY must comply with IRS 1099 reporting requirements and are exempt from public records pursuant to Florida Statutes §119.071.

If SUBRECIPIENT believes that information in the Agreement, including attachments, contains information that is confidential and exempt from disclosure, SUBRECIPIENT must include a general description of the information and provide reference to the Florida Statute or other law which exempts such designated information from disclosure in the event a public records request is made. The COUNTY does not warrant or guarantee that information designated by SUBRECIPIENT as exempt from disclosure is in fact exempt, and if the COUNTY disagrees, it will make such disclosures in accordance with its sole determination as to the applicable law.

IF THE SUBRECIPIENT HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE SUBRECIPIENT'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 239-533-2221, 2115 SECOND STREET, FORT MYERS, FL 33901, http://www.leegov.com/publicrecords.

## Section 16. Independent Contractor

SUBRECIPIENT acknowledges that it is acting as an independent contractor and not as an agent, officer or employee of COUNTY. In no event shall any provision of this Agreement make COUNTY liable to any person or entity that contracts with or provides goods or services to SUBRECIPIENT in connection with this Agreement. There is no contractual relationship, either express or implied, between COUNTY or any political subdivision of the State of Florida and any person or entity supplying any work, labor, services, goods or materials to SUBRECIPIENT as a result of this Agreement.

## Section 17. Compliance with Applicable Laws

SUBRECIPIENT shall comply with the requirements of all applicable federal, state and local laws and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, including, but not limited to, Florida's Public Records Act, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes and specifically including, but not limited to ARPA rules and guidance and 2 CFR 200.

### Section 18. Notice

Any notice delivered with respect to this Agreement must be in writing and will be deemed to be delivered (whether or not actually received) when (1) hand delivered to the persons designated below, or (2) when deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, certified mail, return-receipt requested, addressed to the person at the address for the party as set forth below, or such other or to such other person as the Party may have specified by written notice to the other Party delivered according to this Section:

### As to COUNTY:

Roger Desjarlais County Manager PO Box 398 Fort Myers, FL 33902

#### As to SUBRECIPIENT:

SalusCare, Inc. Stacey Cook, CEO 3763 Evans Ave Fort Myers, FL 33901

### Section 19. Risk Management

### A. Hold Harmless and Indemnity Clause

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, SUBRECIPIENT shall protect, defend, indemnify, save and hold the COUNTY, the BoCC, its agents, officials, and employees harmless

from and against any and all claims, demands, fines, loss or destruction of property, liabilities, damages, for claims based on the negligence, misconduct, or omissions of the SUBRECIPIENT resulting from the SUBRECIPIENT'S work as further described in this contract and its attachments, which may arise in favor of any person or persons resulting from the SUBRECIPIENT'S performance or non-performance of its obligations under this contract except any damages arising out of personal injury or property claims from third parties caused solely by the negligence, omission(s) or willful misconduct of the COUNTY, its officials, commissioners, employees or agents, subject to the limitations as set out in Florida general law, Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time. Further, SUBRECIPIENT hereby agrees to indemnify the COUNTY for all reasonable expenses and attorney's fees incurred by or imposed upon the COUNTY in connection therewith for any loss, damage, injury, liability or other casualty. SUBRECIPIENT additionally agrees that the COUNTY may employ an attorney of the COUNTY's own selection to appear and defend any such action, on behalf of the COUNTY, at the expense of the SUBRECIPIENT. The SUBRECIPIENT further agrees to pay all reasonable expenses and attorney's fees incurred by the COUNTY in establishing the right to indemnity.

The SUBRECIPIENT further agrees that it is responsible for any and all claims arising from the hiring of individuals relating to activities provided under the contract. All individuals hired are employees of the SUBRECIPIENT and not of the COUNTY.

### B. Insurance Requirements

Insurance – Nonprofit SUBRECIPIENTs

The SUBRECIPIENT agrees to secure and maintain the insurance coverage outlined below during the term of this contract. The SUBRECIPIENT agrees that this insurance requirement shall not relieve or limit SUBRECIPIENT'S liability and that the COUNTY does not in any way represent that the insurance required is sufficient or adequate to protect the SUBRECIPIENT'S interests or liabilities, but are merely minimums. It is the responsibility of the SUBRECIPIENT to insure that all subcontractors comply with the insurance requirements.

Certificate(s) of Insurance naming Lee Board of County Commissioners as Certificate Holder and additional insured will be attached to this contract as an exhibit. Name and address for Certificate Holder should be: Lee Board of County Commissioners, P.O. Box 398, Fort Myers, FL 33902. Certificate(s) must be provided for the following coverage's at the time of contract execution and upon policy renewal. Renewal certificates are due to the COUNTY on or before expiration date.

1. Workers' Compensation—Statutory benefits as defined by Florida Statute 440 encompassing all operations contemplated by this contract or agreement to apply to all owners, officers, and employees. Employers' liability will have minimum limits of:

\$100,000 per accident

\$500,000 disease limit

\$100,000 disease limit per employee

2. Commercial General Liability – Coverage shall apply to premises and/or operations, products and/or completed operations, independent contractors, contractual liability, and broad form property damage exposures with minimum limits of: \$500,000 bodily injury per person (B.I.)

\$1,000,000 bodily injury per occurrence (B.I.)

\$500,000 property damage (PD) or

\$1,000,000 combined single limit (C.S.L.) of B.I. and P.D.

The General Liability Policy Certificate shall name "Lee County, a political subdivision and Charter County of the State of Florida, its agents, employees, and public officials" as "Additional Insured". The SUBRECIPIENT agrees that the coverage granted to the Additional Insured applies on a primary basis, with the Additional Insured's coverage being excess.

3. Business Auto Liability – The following Automobile Liability will be required and coverage shall apply to all owned, hired, and non-owned vehicles used with minimum limits of:

\$100,000 bodily injury per person (B.I.)

\$300,000 bodily injury per occurrence (B.I.)

\$100,000 property damage (PD) or

\$300,000 combined single limit (C.S.L.) of B.I. and P.D.

- 4. Directors & Officers Liability Entity coverage to cover claims against the organization directly for wrongful acts with limits not less than \$100,000.
- 5. Fidelity Bonding Covering all employees who handle the agency's funds. The bond amount must be equivalent to the highest daily cash balance or a minimum amount of \$50,000.

Insurance – Government/Municipality

Documentation of the above coverage requirements are not applicable to government/municipalities that are self-insured.

## Section 20. Disclaimer of Third Party Beneficiaries

This Agreement is made for the sole benefit of the Parties of this Agreement and their respective successors and assigns, and is not intended to and will not benefit any third party. No third party will have any rights under this Agreement, because of this Agreement or any right to enforce any provisions of this Agreement.

## Section 21. Dispute Resolution

In the event of a dispute related to any performance or payment obligation arising under this Agreement, the Parties shall exhaust COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures prior to filing a lawsuit or otherwise pursuing legal remedies.

In the event that COUNTY administrative dispute resolution procedures are exhausted, either Party to this Agreement may notify the other Party in writing that it wishes to commence formal dispute resolution with respect to any unresolved problem under this Agreement. The Parties agree to submit the dispute to a Florida Certified Circuit Court Civil Mediator for mediation, within sixty (60) days following the date of this notice. In the event that any dispute cannot be resolved by mediation, the dispute may be filed as a civil action in the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Lee County, Florida, which is the sole venue for any such civil action.

## Section 22. Assignment

This Agreement may not be assigned nor subcontracted in whole or in part without the prior written consent of the COUNTY.

# Section 23. Headings

Article headings have been included in the Agreement solely for the purpose of convenience and shall not affect the interpretation of any of the terms of this Agreement.

## Section 24. Survivability

Any term, condition, covenant or obligation which requires performance by either party subsequent to termination of this Agreement shall remain enforceable against such party subsequent to such termination.

## Section 25. Modifications

This writing embodies the entire agreement and understanding between the parties hereto and there are no other agreements and/or understandings, oral or written, with respect to the subject matter hereof, that are not merged herein and superseded hereby. This Agreement may only be amended or extended by a written instrument executed by the COUNTY and the SUBRECIPIENT expressly for that purpose.

# Section 26. Entire Agreement

It is understood and agreed that the entire agreement of the Parties is contained in this Agreement, which supersedes all oral agreements, negotiations, and previous agreements between the Parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

Any alterations, amendments, deletions, or waivers of the provisions of this Agreement will be valid only when expressed in writing and duly signed by the Parties, except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the SUBRECIPIENT and the COUNTY respectively, have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

SUBRECIPIENT: SalusCare, Inc. registered under the laws of Florida Chapter 617, operating under the laws of the State of Florida BY: 02/07/2022 Signature Date Stacey Cook, Chief Executive Officer Name (print) ATTEST: **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** LINDA DOGGETT, CLERK OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY: BY:\_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Clerk Chair APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR THE RELIANCE OF LEE COUNTY ONLY County Attorney's Office

## ATTACHMENT A: PROJECT DETAILS

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Lee County believes it to be in the public interest to provide support for staffing and capacity to provide youth and adult behavioral health services through SalusCare Inc. SalusCare Inc., is contracted through Central Florida Behavioral Health Network (CFBHN) to provide crisis stabilization services for those who have been Baker Acted (Florida Statute 394), as well as detox, outpatient, and residential behavioral health services.

The Crisis Stabilization Units provide secure, inpatient psychiatric stabilization for those who require the highest level of care and are at risk of harming themselves or others at the Colonial Campus. Due to staffing shortages the facility is not able to operate at full capacity. In addition, staffing shortages have created long wait times for detox, outpatient and residential services. Through this agreement funds are being provided to SalusCare to recruit new staff, incentivize staff retention, and purchase equipment and supplies necessary to provide behavioral health services for youth and adults, and to ensure the safe and efficient operation at full capacity.

Lee County recognizes that administering this agreement to may require an increase in direct administrative costs; these are allowable expenses. A maximum of 5% (\$450,000) of the total allocation will be allowed to support this increased cost.

SalusCare, Inc. shall document a budget for funding uses. Eligible funding uses include:

- Recruitment of new staff (e.g. recruiter, advertising and posting fees, employee sign-on bonus, referral payments);
- Staff retention incentives;
- Salary and benefit pay to ensure staffing levels are met (e.g. employees and contractors);
- Purchases of personal protective equipment and supplies;
- Support for prevention, mitigation, or other services in congregate living facilities (not including construction related expenses);
- Cost associated with making improvements to data or technology infrastructure, impact evaluations, and data analysis; and
- Administration (direct costs)

## **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

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- (i) "Responding to the public health impacts of the public health emergency for purposes including:..."
- (C) "Behavioral health care, including prevention, treatment, emergency or first-responder programs, harm reduction, supports for long-term recovery, and behavioral health facilities and equipment; ...."

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Treasury Response:

Households presumed to be impacted: Impacted households are those that experienced a public health or negative economic impact from the pandemic.

With regard to public health impacts, recipients may presume that the **general public experienced** public health impacts from the pandemic for the purposes of providing services for COVID-19 mitigation and behavioral health. In other words, recipients may provide a wide range of enumerated eligible uses in these categories to the general public without further analysis.

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# Treasury Response:

In the final rule, Treasury is maintaining this enumerated eligible use category and clarifying that it covers an expansive array of services for prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction for mental health, substance use, and other behavioral health challenges caused or exacerbated by the public health emergency. The specific services listed in the interim final rule also remain eligible. (Hotlines or warmlines, crisis intervention, overdose prevention, infectious disease prevention, and services or outreach to promote access to physical or behavioral health primary care and preventative medicine.)

Treasury is further clarifying that when providing behavioral health services, recipients can identify the impacted population as the general public and, as with all enumerated eligible uses, presume that all programs and services are reasonably proportional responses to the harm identified unless a response is grossly disproportionate to the type or extent of harm experienced. In contrast, capital expenditures are not considered "programs and services" and are not presumed to be reasonably proportional responses to an identified harm except as provided in section Capital Expenditures in General Provisions: Other.

In other words, recipients can provide behavioral health services to members of the general public without any further analysis of impacts of the pandemic on those individuals and whether the service is responsive. Recipients may also use this eligible use category to respond to increased rates of behavioral health challenges at a population level or, at an individual level, new behavioral health challenges or exacerbation of pre-existing challenges, including new barriers to accessing treatment.

### ATTACHMENT B: SCOPE OF WORK

## 1. Task: Reimbursement Payment Requests

<u>**Due: Monthly by the 20**<sup>th</sup> of the following month.</u> All payments will be <u>**reimbursement**</u> for eligible expenses/services defined as uncompensated expenses rendered during the contract term. Copies of supporting documentation is required as part of the Payment Request for review of grant compliance and before payment will be authorized by Human and Veterans Services.

Reimbursement for eligible expenses will be made after review and authorization of request and all required back up documentation. Appropriate back-up/supporting documentation may include: payroll reports, time cards, cancelled checks, vendor invoices, authorized purchase orders, attendance/service logs, other funder invoices, expenditure spreadsheets or other original documentation.

SUBRECIPIENTS are responsible for ensuring that any procurement using CSLFRF funds, or payments under procurement contracts using such funds are consistent with the procurement standards set forth in the Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR 200.317 through 2 CFR 200.327, and Appendix II to Part 200, as applicable. Proof of compliance must be included with back-up/supporting documentation.

The Payment Request must be submitted with an <u>authorized</u> signature. Cancelled checks, bank statements and/or other documentation from vendor that expense has been paid or service provided may be verified during monitoring.

### Deliverable:

Reimbursement requests

### 2. Task: Staffing Plan

The SUBRECIPIENT will maintain a Staffing Plan. The SUBRECIPIENT will update this plan at least annually to ensure it is kept current.

## **Deliverable:**

Staffing Plan Annual Updates

### 3. Task: Project Budget

The SUBRECIPIENT will maintain a Project Budget and Financial Accounting System. The SUBRECIPIENT will develop and maintain a project budget summary that shows annual and quarterly proposed obligated and actual expenses.

## **Deliverable:**

Annual and Quarterly Project Budget

# 4. Task: Expense Tracking

The SUBRECIPIENT will utilize a financial accounting system for tracking project expenditures. The accounting system should demonstrate compliance for grant expense tracking.

### **Deliverables:**

Records of expenses

# 5. Task: Project Data Collection and Reporting

The SUBRECIPIENT will collect, compile, and report the project information in ATTACHMENT D to the COUNTY, including project performance, expenses, equity data, and learning. In addition, the COUNTY may ask the SUBRECIPIENT to collect other data as Treasury clarifies reporting and compliance requirements.

### **Deliverables:**

Submit Project performance and financial report according to schedule including.

As detailed in Attachment D.

### 6. Task: Financials

The SUBRECIPIENT will pass the COUNTY an audited Financial Statement and Management Letter for fiscal year(s) in which contract funds are expended

## Deliverable:

Due Date: 180 days following the end of SUBRECIEPIENT'S fiscal year(s).

### 7. Task: Monitoring Reports

The SUBRECIPIENT will pass the COUNTY a copy of monitoring reports issued from other sources that fund any program covered under this contract and copies of **SUBRECIPIENT'S** response to the funding agency are.

## Deliverable:

Due to the COUNTY no later than 30 days after receipt by the SUBRECIPIENT.

### 8. Task: Closeout

### Deliverable:

Contract Closeout: Final Closeout Payment Request due January 10, 2025

# ATTACHMENT C: PROJECT BUDGET

# 1. BUDGET SUMMARY

<b>Budget Category</b>	Projected Budget Amount Thru December 31, 2021	Projected Budget Amount Jan 2022 - Dec 2022	Projected Budget Amount Jan 2023 - Dec 2023	Projected Budget Amount Jan 2024 - Dec 2024
Salaries	\$413,085	\$2,090,238	\$1,691,081	\$1,625,864
Professional Fees	\$174,268	\$1,286,127	\$83,400	\$571,336
Equipment, Technology & Maintenance	\$0	\$23,000	\$60,000	\$40,000
Printing, Publications, Marketing, Communication	\$0	\$67,200	\$67,200	\$67,200
Training and Development	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
Conferences & Meetings	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
	\$587,353	\$3,486,565	\$2,611,681	\$2,314,401

# 2. BUDGET NARRATIVE

Budget Narrative Expenses	Projected Budget Amount Thru Dec 31, 2021	Projected Budget Amount Jan 2022 - Dec 2022	Projected Budget Amount Jan 2023 - Dec 2023	Projected Budget Amount Jan 2024 - Dec 2024
Salaries & Benefits				
Recruitment: New Hire Incentives	\$3,182	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
Recruitment: Employee Referral Program	\$165	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
Retention: Retention Bonus AT 4% plus Small retention bonus at Holiday's	\$305,022	\$808,641	\$929,073	\$1,025,526
Retention: Hazard Pay for 3 years	\$48,196	\$646,677	\$485,008	\$323,338
Retention: \$5 and \$10/hour shift pickup bonus/ Secondary Job Pay	\$52,987	\$377,920	\$0	\$0
Retention: Monthly Senior Leadership Rounding		\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Retention: Employee Recognition Committee		\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Admin: Sr. Contract Accountant - Admin 5%	\$3,535	\$80,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Professional Fees</b>	1	<u> </u>	<u>'</u>	<u>'</u>
Recruitment: Contingency Placement Firms		\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Recruitment: PRN Social Media Recruitment Specialist		\$10,400	\$10,400	\$10,400

Recruitment: Locum Dr and Agency Nurses/Contractors	\$174,268	\$1,125,727	\$623,000	\$410,936
Equipment, Technology & Main	ntenance			
Applicant Tracking System Optimization (2022 only)		\$10,000		
HRIS System Upgrade (2023 only)			\$20,000	
Cape and Colonial Cameras		\$13,000		
Observsmart (monitoring tool annual maintenance)			\$40,000	\$40,000
Printing, Publications, Marketin	ng, Communica	ntion		-
Recruitment: Social Media Advertising		\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Recruitment: Online Job Board Posting		\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Recruitment: Job Board Database Searches		\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Recruitment: Geo Fencing and Virtual Technology Advertising		\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Recruitment: Virtual Job Fairs 2-4 times per year		\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Recruitment: Social Media Software for Advertising		\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Training and Development				-
Employee Electronic Education/Training Software Optimization (2022 only)		\$10,000		
Conferences & Meetings				
Recruitment: Booth Sponsorship at Local/Regional/State Behavioral Health Conferences		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Recruitment: SalusCare Hiring Events 2 times per year		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$587,353	\$3,486,565	\$2,611,681	\$2,314,401

# **ATTACHMENT D: REPORTING REQUIREMENTS (Example)**

Below is an example of information that will be requested. There may be additional reporting requirements that the US Treasury requires or Lee County identifies during the project.

- 1. Equity: Describe how you ensure that your program is designed and implemented with equity in mind for disproportionately affected populations. Additional Information ATTACHMENT E: EQUITY-BASED REQUIREMENT
- 2. Community Engagement: Describe your communication, outreach, and engagement plan to make participants and the community aware of your project.
- 3. Evidence Based or Evidence Producing: If the project is an **evidence-based** practice, identify the source(s), the level of evidence, and explain how this project incorporates this principle. Reporting due for SUBRECIPIENT and per Subaward Subrecipient project as applicable.

If the project is an **evidence-producing** practice, identify related source(s) of your hypothesis and state your hypothesis clearly. Outline how evidence will be collected to validate that it presents as evidence-producing.

Additional Information – ATTACHMENT F: EVIDENCE-BASED REQUIREMENT See Treasury's Compliance and Reporting Guidance State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, <a href="https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf">https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf</a>

## 4. One-Time Reporting:

Organization Name
Business Type (IRS classification)
Nonprofit type (IRS classification)
IRS Determination Letter (if applicable, for nonprofits)
Tax ID#
DUNS #
Address (Physical)
Address Line 2
City, State, ZIP Code
Name of Organization's Main Contact
Phone (Main contact)
Email (Main contact)
Name of Person Responsible for this project.
Phone (Project contact)
Email (Project contact)
Organization Website Url
Provide a SHORT summary of your organization's mission.
Number of employees in Lee County?
Board member roster (Required for nonprofits.)
IRS Form 990 or equivalent (Required for nonprofits.)
Statement of Profit & Loss (Most recent year ended profit & loss comparative to prior year;
not the auditor's report.) (Required for nonprofits.)
Audit Report (Most recent audit if available) (Required for nonprofits)
Single Audit Report (if applicable)

Agency Budget (Your most recent year-ended profit & loss compared to budget). (Required for nonprofits).

Provide a demographics summary of service for this project for the previous year. Summary will show your organization capability to track service by demographics and your service volumes. Summary may include # served by: geographic areas of the county, total served from Lee County, totals by age, race, ethnicity, etc. (If available for nonprofits).

Attach copies of your policies and practices of internal controls related to the program expenditure of program funds, record management (5-years required) (Required for nonprofits).

Attach your statement of compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Does this project serve an economically disadvantaged community as defined by HUD's Qualified Census Tract?

In what census tract(s) is the service provided? If the tract is unknown, in what area of the county is the service provided?

Primary place (address) for service delivery/performance.

Are you able to measure or access data related to the economic characteristics of the primary intended beneficiaries of your program or service? If yes, describe the methodology.

Certificate of Insurance

5. Quarterly Reporting: Lee County will send SUBRECIPIENT a reporting link to submit the following information each quarter, within 10 business days after the reporting period ends. A reporting template will be provided.

#### Schedule:

Reporting Periods	Notes
Award Start Date – March 31, 2022	Due 10 working days after end of quarter
April 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022	
July 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022	
October 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022	
January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023	
April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023	
July 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023	
October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023	
January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024	
April 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024	
July 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024	
October 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024	
Close Out Report	Due January 10, 2025

- A. Reimbursement requests will detail expenditures. This project will report expenditures after reimbursement requests are approved and payment is distributed.
- B. Disadvantaged Communities Summary

Is project is serving an economically disadvantaged community?

How much of the grant has been expended to serve disadvantaged communities through program or service that is provided at a physical location in a <u>Qualified Census Tract</u> (for multi-site projects, if a majority of sites are within <u>Qualified Census Tract</u>);

How much of the grant has been expended to serve disadvantaged communities through program or service where the primary intended beneficiaries live within a <u>Qualified Census Tract</u>;

How much of the grant has been expended to serve disadvantaged communities through program or service for which the eligibility criteria are such that the primary intended beneficiaries earn less than 60 percent of the median income for the relevant jurisdiction (e.g., State, county, metropolitan area, or other jurisdiction); or

How much of the grant has been expended to serve disadvantaged communities through program or service

for which the eligibility criteria are such that over 25 percent of intended beneficiaries are below the federal poverty line.

## C. Performance Success Summary

Project Status: Choice

- Not Started
- Completed less than 50 percent
- Completed 50 percent or more
- Completed

Provide a success story or summary of successes from this program that can be shared publicly. Always protect the privacy of beneficiaries.

Provide a report of key outputs for the past period [between and ]

## **Staffing Base line Data:**

Permanent Staff at program start

Contractors at program start

Vacancies at program start

Average length of current vacancies.

Number of individual adults served by Treatment Service for 2020 and 2021

Number of individual youth served by Treatment Services for 2020 and 2021

Bed Capacity 2020 and 2021

Turnover Rate for 2020 and 2021. (Permanent Staff)

Pediatric Baker Acts 2020 and 2021

Adult Baker Acts 2020 and 2021

### **Quarterly Data:**

Permanent Staff count

Contractor count

Vacancy count

Average length of vacancies

Number of individual adults served by Treatment Service

Number of individual youth served by Treatment Services

Pediatric Baker Acts

Adult Baker Acts

**Estimated Demographic Data for Adults Served:** Treasury encourages recipients to provide data disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, income, and other relevant factors. Please supply data currently collected through existing registration process. Do not provide any personally identifying information.

**Estimated Demographic Data for Youth Served:** Treasury encourages recipients to provide data disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, income, and other relevant factors. Please supply data currently collected through existing registration process. Do not provide any personally identifying information.

### **Annual Data:**

Bed Capacity
Turnover Rate (Permanent Staff)
Employee Feedback
Community Services for those released from Baker Acts

## Reportable project data may be requested related to payroll expenses.

Provide a report of key outcomes for the past period [between and ].

- Maintain staffing levels that meet the need of the system (reduce turnover)
- Reduce staffing shortages (number of vacancies)
- Increase staff to expand treatment services (Youth/Adults)
- Reduce the number of Baker Acts (Pediatric and Adult)
- Increase community-based services to those released from Baker Acts
- Maintain 100% bed capacity to meet demand

## ATTACHMENT E: EQUITY-BASED REQUIREMENT

Below is an example of information that will be requested. There may be additional reporting requirements that the US Treasury requires or Lee County identifies during the project.

Equity: Describe how you ensure that your program is designed and implemented with equity in mind for disproportionately affected populations. Address the following:

- a. Goals: Are there particular historically underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected groups that you intend to serve within your jurisdiction?
- b. Awareness: How do you market the program to Lee County residents with equity in mind? How equal and practical is the ability for residents or businesses to become aware of the services funded by the SLFRF?
- c. Access and Distribution: Are there differences in levels of access to benefits and services across groups? Are there administrative requirements that result in disparities in ability to complete applications or meet eligibility criteria?
- d. Outcomes: Are intended outcomes focused on closing gaps, reaching universal levels of service, or disaggregating progress by race, ethnicity, and other equity dimensions where relevant for the policy objective?

## ATTACHMENT F: EVIDENCE-BASED REQUIREMENTS

SUBRECIPIENTS must briefly describe the goals of the project, and the evidence base for the interventions funded by the project.

a) Demonstrate that the intervention is implemented as a program evaluation, see OMB M-20-12. "Recipients are exempt from reporting on evidence-based interventions in cases where a program evaluation is being conducted. Criteria requires the recipient to:

# Required

- i. describe the evaluation design including whether it is a randomized or quasi experimental design;
- ii. state the key research questions being evaluated;
- iii. describe whether the study has sufficient statistical power to disaggregate outcomes by demographics;
- iv. post the evaluation publicly and link to the completed evaluation in the Recovery Plan:
- v. describe the timeframe for the completion of the evaluation (including a link to completed evaluation if relevant)
- vi. after sufficient evidence of efficacy has been provided, determine whether the spending for the evaluated interventions should be counted towards the dollar amount categorized as evidence-based for the relevant project
- vii. Recipient may be selected to participate in a nation evaluation which would study the project along with similar projects.

# Encouraged

- viii. Consider how a Learning Agenda, either narrowly focused on SLFRF or broadly focused on the recipient's broader policy agenda, could support their overarching evaluation efforts in order to create an evidence-building strategy for their jurisdiction. See OMB M-19-23
- b) <u>Strong Evidence-based interventions</u>- Is the intervention, based on a "well-designed and well-implemented experimental studies conducted on the proposed program with positive findings on one or more intended outcomes".
  - i. If yes, identify the program as "Strong Evidence Based", cite the study, summarize the findings, and provide the associations to the COUNTY program.
- c) <u>Moderate evidence-based interventions</u> the intervention is based on one or more quasiexperimental studies with positive findings on one or more intended outcomes OR two or more non-experimental studies with positive findings on one or more intended outcomes.
- d) Preliminary evidence the intervention is based on conclusions drawn from a non-experimental study which demonstrates improvement in program beneficiaries over time on one or more intended outcomes OR an implementation (process evaluation) study used to learn and improve program operations would constitute preliminary evidence. Examples of research that meet the standards include: (1) outcome studies that track program beneficiaries through a service pipeline and measure beneficiaries' responses at the end of the program. (2) pre- and post-test research that determines whether beneficiaries have improved on an intended outcome.