PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	December 18, 2018	[x] Consent	[] Regular
		[] Workshop	[] Public Hearing
Department:	Office of Equal Opp	ortunity	
Submitted By:	Office of Equal Opp	ortunity	
Submitted For:	Office of Equal Opportunity		

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: a contract with the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc. totaling \$136,990 for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for the Wage Dispute Project.

Summary: On December 19, 2017, the County and the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc. (Legal Aid Society) entered into a Contract (R2017-1863) for \$133,000 to cover the salary and benefits of the staff attorney assigned to the Wage Dispute Project, and the support, investigative, court processing services and other actual costs of the project. The Legal Aid Society has requested to continue the program for another year. In 2017, 318 individuals were provided service under the contract. For the current year, this figure has increased to 336. Kimberly Rommel-Enright, an employee of the Legal Aid Society, serves on the Palm Beach County HIV CARE Council (Council), which is a County Advisory Board. The Council provides no regulation, oversight, management, or policy-setting recommendations regarding the contract listed above. Disclosure of this contractual relationship at a duly noticed public meeting is being provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 2-443 of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics. Countywide (DO)

Background and Justification: On December 4, 2012, the Board adopted Resolution No. R2012-1857 establishing a policy that Palm Beach County condemns the denial of lawful wages to an employee and a procedure for victims of wage theft to recover back wages through a contractual wage recovery program administered by the Legal Aid Society. This renewal marks the 6th year of the contract with the Legal Aid Society.

Attachments:

- 1. Contract
- 2. Resolution (R-2012-1857)
- 3. Letters of Support

Recommended by: 10 Normby 2015.

Department Director Date

Approved by: 12/1/2

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of F	iscal Impact:				
Fiscal Years	<u>2</u> 019	2020	_2021	2022	<u>_2</u> 023
Capital Expenditures Operating Costs External Revenues Program Income (County) In-Kind Match (Country)	<u>102,742</u> 	<u>34,248</u> 			
NET FISCAL IMPACT	102,742	34,248			
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)					
Is Item Included In Current Budg Does this item include the use of	get? f federal fund	Yes <u>X</u> s? Yes	No	loX	
Budget Account No.: Fund	<u>0001</u> Depa	rtment <u>760</u>	Unit <u>7610</u>	Object <u>3</u>	<u>401</u>
Reporting Category	_		•		
B. Recommended Sources	of Funds/Sum	mary of Fisca	al Impact:		
C. Departmental Fiscal Revi	ew:		-		
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(This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment)

CONTRACT FOR PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

This Contract is made as of the ______ day of ______, 20___, by and between Palm Beach County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the COUNTY, and (Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.,), a (Not-for-profit corporation) authorized to do business in the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the AGENCY, whose Federal I.D. is 59-6046994.

In consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the COUNTY and the AGENCY agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - SERVICES

The AGENCY'S responsibility under this Contract is to provide services to residents of Palm Beach County, as more specifically set forth in the Scope of Work detailed in Exhibit "A".

The COUNTY'S representative/liaison during the performance of this Contract shall be <u>Pamela Guerrier</u>, telephone no. (561)355-4884.

The AGENCY's representative/liaison during the performance of this Contract shall be **Robert** Bertisch, telephone no. (561) 655-8944.

ARTICLE 2 - SCHEDULE

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The AGENCY shall commence services on January 1, 2019 and complete all services by December 31, 2019.

Reports and other items shall be delivered or completed in accordance with the detailed schedule set forth in Exhibit "A".

ARTICLE 3 - PAYMENTS TO AGENCY

- A. The total amount to be reimbursed by the COUNTY under this Contract for all services and materials including, if applicable, "out of pocket" expenses (specified in paragraph C below) shall not exceed a total contract amount of **ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINTY** Dollars (\$136,990.00). The AGENCY will submit an invoice, with copies of canceled checks or such documentation as the COUNTY may require for reimbursement.
- B. The AGENCY should submit invoices with a cover letter indicating the total amount for reimbursement signed by an authorized AGENCY official. Invoices received from the AGENCY pursuant to this Contract will be reviewed and approved by the COUNTY's representative, to verify that services have been rendered in conformity with the Contract.

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Approved invoices will then be sent to the Finance Department for payment. Invoices will normally be paid within thirty (30) days following the COUNTY representative's approval.

- C. "Out-of-pocket" expenses will be reimbursed up to an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINTY Dollars (\$136,990.00), and in accordance with the list of the types and amounts of expenditures eligible for reimbursement as set forth in Exhibit "A". All requests for payment of "out-of-pocket" expenses eligible for reimbursement under the terms of this Contract shall include copies of paid receipts, invoices, or other documentation acceptable to the Palm Beach County Finance Department. Such documentation shall be sufficient to establish that the expense was actually incurred and necessary in the performance of the Scope of Work described in this Contract. Any travel, per diem, mileage, meals, or lodging expenses which may be reimbursable under the terms of this Contract will be paid in accordance with the rates and conditions set forth in Section 112.061, Florida Statutes.
- D. <u>Final Invoice</u>: In order for both parties herein to close their books and records, the AGENCY will clearly state "<u>final invoice</u>" on the AGENCY'S final/last billing to the COUNTY. This shall constitute AGENCY'S certification that all services have been properly performed and all charges and costs have been invoiced to Palm Beach County. Any other charges not properly included on this final invoice are waived by the AGENCY.

ARTICLE 4 - TRUTH-IN-NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE

Signature of this Contract by the AGENCY shall also act as the execution of a truth-in-negotiation certificate certifying that the wage rates, over-head charges, and other costs used to determine the compensation provided for in this Contract are accurate, complete and current as of the date of the Contract and no higher than those charged the AGENCY'S most favored customer for the same or substantially similar service.

The said rates and costs shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums should the COUNTY determine that the rates and costs were increased due to inaccurate, incomplete or noncurrent wage rates or due to inaccurate representations of fees paid to outside AGENCYs. The COUNTY shall exercise its rights under this Article 4 within three (3) years following final payment.

ARTICLE 5 - TERMINATION

This Contract may be terminated by the AGENCY upon sixty (60) days' prior written notice to the COUNTY in the event of substantial failure by the COUNTY to perform in accordance with the terms of this Contract through no fault of the AGENCY. It may also be terminated, in whole or in part, by the COUNTY, with cause upon five (5) business day's written notice to the AGENCY or without cause upon ten (10) business day's written notice to the AGENCY. Unless the AGENCY is in breach of this Contract, the AGENCY shall be paid for services rendered to the COUNTY'S satisfaction through the date of termination. After receipt of a Termination Notice, except as otherwise directed by the COUNTY, in writing, the AGENCY shall:

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- A. Stop work on the date and to the extent specified.
- B. Terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated work.
- C. Transfer all work in process, completed work, and other materials related to the terminated work to the COUNTY.
- D. Continue and complete all parts of the work that have not been terminated.

ARTICLE 6 - PERSONNEL

The AGENCY represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all necessary personnel required to perform the services under this Contract. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the COUNTY.

All of the services required hereunder shall be performed by the AGENCY or under its supervision, and all personnel engaged in performing the services shall be fully qualified and, if required, authorized or permitted under state and local law to perform such services.

Any changes or substitutions in the AGENCY'S key personnel, as may be listed in Exhibit "A", must be made known to the COUNTY'S representative and written approval must be granted by the COUNTY's representative before said change or substitution can become effective.

The AGENCY warrants that all services shall be performed by skilled and competent personnel to the highest professional standards in the field.

All of the AGENCY'S personnel (and all Subcontractors), while on County premises, will comply with all COUNTY requirements governing conduct, safety and security.

ARTICLE 7 - SUBCONTRACTING

The COUNTY reserves the right to accept the use of a subcontractor or to reject the selection of a particular subcontractor and to inspect all facilities of any subcontractors in order to make a determination as to the capability of the subcontractor to perform properly under this Contract. The AGENCY is encouraged to seek additional small business enterprises for participation in subcontracting opportunities. If the AGENCY uses any subcontractors on this project the following provisions of this Article shall apply:

If a subcontractor fails to perform or make progress, as required by this Contract, and it is necessary to replace the subcontractor to complete the work in a timely fashion, the AGENCY shall promptly do so, subject to acceptance of the new subcontractor by the COUNTY.

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The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners has established a minimum goal for SBE participation of 15% on all County solicitations.

The AGENCY agrees to abide by all provisions of the Palm Beach County Code establishing the SBE Program, as amended, and understands that failure to comply with any of the requirements will be considered a breach of contract.

The AGENCY understands that each SBE firm utilized on this Contract must be certified by Palm Beach County in order to be counted toward the SBE participation goal.

The AGENCY shall provide the COUNTY with a copy of the AGENCY's contract with any SBE subcontractor or any other related documentation upon request.

The AGENCY understands the requirements to comply with the tasks and proportionate dollar amounts throughout the term of this Contract as it relates to the use of SBE firms.

The AGENCY will only be permitted to replace a certified SBE subcontractor who is unwilling or unable to perform. Such substitutions must be done with another certified SBE in order to maintain the SBE percentages established in this Contract. Requests for substitutions of SBE's must be submitted to the COUNTY's representative and to the Office of Small Business Assistance.

The AGENCY shall be required to submit to the COUNTY Schedule 1 (Participation of SBEM/WBE Contractors) and Schedule 2 (Letter of Intent) to further indicate the specific participation anticipated, where applicable.

The AGENCY agrees to maintain all relevant records and information necessary to document compliance with the Palm Beach County Code and will allow the COUNTY to inspect such records.

ARTICLE 8 - FEDERAL AND STATE TAX

The COUNTY is exempt from payment of Florida State Sales and Use Taxes. The COUNTY will sign an exemption certificate submitted by the AGENCY. The AGENCY shall <u>not</u> be exempted from paying sales tax to its suppliers for materials used to fulfill contractual obligations with the COUNTY, nor is the AGENCY authorized to use the COUNTY'S Tax Exemption Number in securing such materials.

The AGENCY shall be responsible for payment of its own and its share of its employees' payroll, payroll taxes, and benefits with respect to this contract.

ARTICLE 9 - AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

The COUNTY'S performance and obligation to pay under this contract for subsequent fiscal years are contingent upon annual appropriations for its purpose by the Board of County Commissioners.

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ARTICLE 10 - INSURANCE

- A. AGENCY shall, at its sole expense, agree to maintain in full force and effect at all times during the life of this Contract, insurance coverages and limits (including endorsements), as described herein. AGENCY shall agree to provide the COUNTY with at least ten (10) day prior notice of any cancellation, non-renewal or material change to the insurance coverages. The requirements contained herein, as well as COUNTY'S review or acceptance of insurance maintained by AGENCY are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by AGENCY under the contract.
- B. <u>Commercial General Liability</u> AGENCY shall maintain Commercial General Liability at a limit of liability not less than \$500,000 Each Occurrence. Coverage shall not contain any endorsement excluding Contractual Liability or Cross Liability unless granted in writing by County's Risk Management Department. AGENCY shall provide this coverage on a primary basis.
- C. Business Automobile Liability AGENCY shall maintain Business Automobile Liability at a limit of liability not less than \$500,000 Each Accident for all owned, non-owned and hired automobiles. In the event AGENCY doesn't own any automobiles, the Business Auto Liability requirement shall be amended allowing AGENCY to agree to maintain only Hired & Non-Owned Auto Liability. This amended requirement may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability, or separate Business Auto coverage form. AGENCY shall provide this coverage on a primary basis.
- D. Worker's Compensation Insurance & Employers Liability AGENCY shall maintain Worker's Compensation & Employers Liability in accordance with Florida Statute Chapter 440. AGENCY shall provide this coverage on a primary basis.
- E. Professional Liability AGENCY shall maintain Professional Liability or equivalent Errors & Omissions Liability at a limit of liability not less than \$1,000,000 Each Claim. When a self-insured retention (SIR) or deductible exceeds \$10,000, COUNTY reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and request a copy of AGENCY'S most recent annual report or audited financial statement. For policies written on a "Claims-Made" basis, AGENCY shall maintain a Retroactive Date prior to or equal to the effective date of this Contract. The Certificate of Insurance providing evidence of the purchase of this coverage shall clearly indicate whether coverage is provided on an "occurrence" or "claims made" form. If coverage is provided on a "claims made" form the Certificate of Insurance must also clearly indicate the "retroactive date" of coverage. In the event the policy is canceled, non-renewed, switched to an Occurrence Form, retroactive date advanced, or any other event triggering the right to purchase a Supplement Extended Reporting Period (SERP) during the life of this Contract, AGENCY shall purchase a SERP with a minimum reporting period not less than 3 years. AGENCY shall provide this coverage on a primary basis.

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Additional Insured AGENCY shall endorse the COUNTY as an Additional Insured with a CG 2026 Additional Insured - Designated Person or Organization endorsement, or its equivalent, to the Commercial General Liability. The Additional Insured endorsement shall read "Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, its Officers, Employees and Agents." AGENCY shall provide the Additional Insured endorsements coverage on a primary basis.

- F. Waiver of Subrogation AGENCY hereby waives any and all rights of Subrogation against the County, its officers, employees and agents for each required policy. When required by the insurer, or should a policy condition not permit an insured to enter into a pre-loss agreement to waive subrogation without an endorsement to the policy, then AGENCY shall agree to notify the insurer and request the policy be endorsed with a Waiver of Transfer of rights of Recovery Against Others, or its equivalent. This Waiver of Subrogation requirement shall not apply to any policy, which specifically prohibits such an endorsement, or which voids coverage should AGENCY enter into such an agreement on a pre-loss basis.
- G. Certificate(s) of Insurance Prior to execution of this Contract, AGENCY shall deliver to the COUNTY'S representative as identified in Article 26, a Certificate(s) of Insurance evidencing that all types and amounts of insurance coverages required by this Contract have been obtained and are in full force and effect. Such Certificate(s) of Insurance shall include a minimum ten (10) day endeavor to notify due to cancellation or non-renewal of coverage. The certificate of insurance shall be issued to

Palm Beach County c/o Office of Equal Opportunity 301 North Olive Avenue, 10th Floor West Palm Beach, FL 33401

- H. <u>Umbrella or Excess Liability</u> If necessary, AGENCY may satisfy the minimum limits required above for Commercial General Liability, Business Auto Liability, and Employer's Liability coverage under Umbrella or Excess Liability. The Umbrella or Excess Liability shall have an Aggregate limit not less than the highest "Each Occurrence" limit for either Commercial General Liability, Business Auto Liability, or Employer's Liability. The COUNTY shall be specifically endorsed as an "Additional Insured" on the Umbrella or Excess Liability, unless the Certificate of Insurance notes the Umbrella or Excess Liability provides coverage on a "Follow-Form" basis.
- I. Right to Review COUNTY, by and through its Risk Management Department, in cooperation with the contracting/monitoring department, reserves the right to review, modify, reject or accept any required policies of insurance, including limits, coverages, or endorsements, herein from time to time throughout the term of this Contract. COUNTY reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and reject any insurer providing coverage because of its poor financial condition or failure to operate legally.

ARTICLE 11 - INDEMNIFICATION

AGENCY shall protect, defend, reimburse, indemnify and hold COUNTY, its agents, employees and elected officers harmless from and against all claims, liability, expense, loss, cost, damages or causes of action of every kind or character, including attorney's fees and costs, whether at trial or appellate levels or otherwise, arising during and as a result of their performance of the terms of this Contract or due to the acts or omissions of AGENCY.

ARTICLE 12 - SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

The COUNTY and the AGENCY each binds itself and its partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party and to the partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns of such other party, in respect to all covenants of this Contract. Except as above, neither the COUNTY nor the AGENCY shall assign, sublet, convey or transfer its interest in this Contract without the prior written consent of the other.

ARTICLE 13 - REMEDIES

This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any legal action necessary to enforce the Contract will be held in a court of competent jurisdiction located in Palm Beach County, Florida. No remedy herein conferred upon any party is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity, by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof.

No provision of this Contract is intended to, or shall be construed to, create any third party beneficiary or to provide any rights to any person or entity not a party to this Contract, including but not limited to any citizen or employees of the COUNTY and/or AGENCY.

ARTICLE 14 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The AGENCY represents that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required hereunder, as provided for in Chapter 112, Part III, Florida Statutes, and the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics. The AGENCY further represents that no person having any such conflict of interest shall be employed for said performance of services.

The AGENCY shall promptly notify the COUNTY's representative, in writing, by certified mail, of all potential conflicts of interest of any prospective business association, interest or other circumstance which may influence or appear to influence the AGENCY'S judgement or quality of services being provided hereunder. Such written notification shall identify the prospective business association, interest or circumstance, the nature of work that the AGENCY may undertake and request an opinion of the COUNTY as to whether the association, interest or circumstance would, in the opinion of the

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COUNTY, constitute a conflict of interest if entered into by the AGENCY. The COUNTY agrees to notify the AGENCY of its opinion by certified mail within thirty (30) days of receipt of notification by the AGENCY. If, in the opinion of the COUNTY, the prospective business association, interest or circumstance would not constitute a conflict of interest by the AGENCY, the COUNTY shall so state in the notification and the AGENCY shall, at its option, enter into said association, interest or circumstance and it shall be deemed not in conflict of interest with respect to services provided to the COUNTY by the AGENCY under the terms of this Contract.

ARTICLE 15 - EXCUSABLE DELAYS

The AGENCY shall not be considered in default by reason of any failure in performance if such failure arises out of causes reasonably beyond the control of the AGENCY or its subcontractors and without their fault or negligence. Such causes include, but are not limited to, acts of God, force majeure, natural or public health emergencies, labor disputes, freight embargoes, and abnormally severe and unusual weather conditions.

Upon the AGENCY'S request, the COUNTY shall consider the facts and extent of any failure to perform the work and, if the AGENCY'S failure to perform was without it or its subcontractors fault or negligence, the Contract Schedule and/or any other affected provision of this Contract shall be revised accordingly, subject to the COUNTY'S rights to change, terminate, or stop any or all of the work at any time.

ARTICLE 16 - ARREARS

The AGENCY shall not pledge the COUNTY'S credit or make it a guarantor of payment or surety for any contract, debt, obligation, judgement, lien, or any form of indebtedness. The AGENCY further warrants and represents that it has no obligation or indebtedness that would impair its ability to fulfill the terms of this Contract.

ARTICLE 17 - DISCLOSURE AND OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

The AGENCY shall deliver to the COUNTY's representative for approval and acceptance, and before being eligible for final payment of any amounts due, all documents and materials prepared by and for the COUNTY under this Contract.

To the extent allowed by Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, all written and oral information not in the public domain or not previously known, and all information and data obtained, developed, or supplied by the COUNTY or at its expense will be kept confidential by the AGENCY and will not be disclosed to any other party, directly or indirectly, without the COUNTY'S prior written consent unless required by a lawful court order. All drawings, maps, sketches, programs, data base, reports and other data developed, or purchased, under this Contract for or at the COUNTY'S expense shall be and remain the COUNTY'S property and may be reproduced and reused at the discretion of the COUNTY.

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All covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made herein, or otherwise made in writing by any party pursuant hereto, including but not limited to any representations made herein relating to disclosure or ownership of documents, shall survive the execution and delivery of this Contract and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Contract, all documents, records, reports and any other materials produced hereunder shall be subject to disclosure, inspection and audit, pursuant to the Palm Beach County Office of the Inspector General, Palm Beach County Code, Sections 2-421 - 2-440, as amended.

ARTICLE 18 - INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP

The AGENCY is, and shall be, in the performance of all work services and activities under this Contract, an Independent Contractor, and not an employee, agent, or servant of the COUNTY. All persons engaged in any of the work or services performed pursuant to this Contract shall at all times, and in all places, be subject to the AGENCY'S sole direction, supervision, and control. The AGENCY shall exercise control over the means and manner in which it and its employees perform the work, and in all respects the AGENCY'S relationship and the relationship of its employees to the COUNTY shall be that of an Independent Contractor and not as employees or agents of the COUNTY.

The AGENCY does not have the power or authority to bind the COUNTY in any promise, agreement or representation.

ARTICLE 19 - CONTINGENT FEES

The AGENCY warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the AGENCY to solicit or secure this Contract and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the AGENCY, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Contract.

ARTICLE 20 - ACCESS AND AUDITS

The AGENCY shall maintain adequate records to justify all charges, expenses, and costs incurred in estimating and performing the work for at least three (3) years after completion or termination of this Contract. The COUNTY shall have access to such books, records, and documents as required in this section for the purpose of inspection or audit during normal business hours, at the AGENCY'S place of business.

Palm Beach County has established the Office of the Inspector General in Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-421 - 2-440, as may be amended. The Inspector General's authority includes but is not limited to the power to review past, present and proposed County contracts, transactions, accounts and records, to require the production of records, and to audit, investigate, monitor, and inspect the activities of the AGENCY, its officers, agents, employees, and lobbyists in order to ensure compliance with contract requirements and detect corruption and fraud.

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Failure to cooperate with the Inspector General or interfering with or impeding any investigation shall be in violation of Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-421 - 2-440, and punished pursuant to Section 125.69, Florida Statutes, in the same manner as a second degree misdemeanor.

ARTICLE 21 - NONDISCRIMINATION

The COUNTY is committed to assuring equal opportunity in the award of contracts and complies with all laws prohibiting discrimination. Pursuant to Palm Beach County Resolution R2017-1770, as may be amended, the AGENCY warrants and represents that throughout the term of the Contract, including any renewals thereof, if applicable, all of its employees are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or genetic information. Failure to meet this requirement shall be considered default of the Contract.

ARTICLE 22 - AUTHORITY TO PRACTICE

The AGENCY hereby represents and warrants that it has and will continue to maintain all licenses and approvals required to conduct its business, and that it will at all times conduct its business activities in a reputable manner. Proof of such licenses and approvals shall be submitted to the COUNTY's representative upon request.

ARTICLE 23 - SEVERABILITY

If any term or provision of this Contract, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall, to any extent, be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Contract, or the application of such terms or provision, to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected, and every other term and provision of this Contract shall be deemed valid and enforceable to the extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE 24 - PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES

As provided in F.S. 287.132-133, by entering into this contract or performing any work in furtherance hereof, the AGENCY certifies that it, its affiliates, suppliers, subcontractors and AGENCYs who will perform hereunder, have not been placed on the convicted vendor list maintained by the State of Florida Department of Management Services within the 36 months immediately preceding the date hereof. This notice is required by F.S. 287.133(3)(a).

<u>ARTICLE 25 - MODIFICATIONS OF WORK</u>

The COUNTY reserves the right to make changes in Scope of Work, including alterations, reductions therein or additions thereto. Upon receipt by the AGENCY of the COUNTY'S notification of a contemplated change, the AGENCY shall, in writing: (1) provide a detailed estimate for the increase or decrease in cost due to the contemplated change, (2) notify the COUNTY of any estimated change

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in the completion date, and (3) advise the COUNTY if the contemplated change shall affect the AGENCY'S ability to meet the completion dates or schedules of this Contract.

If the COUNTY so instructs in writing, the AGENCY shall suspend work on that portion of the Scope of Work affected by a contemplated change, pending the COUNTY'S decision to proceed with the change.

If the COUNTY elects to make the change, the COUNTY shall initiate a Contract Amendment and the AGENCY shall not commence work on any such change until such written amendment is signed by the AGENCY and approved and executed on behalf of Palm Beach County.

ARTICLE 26 - NOTICE

All notices required in this Contract shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, hand delivery or other delivery service requiring signed acceptance. If sent to the COUNTY, notices shall be addressed to:

Pamela Guerrier, Director Palm Beach County Office of Equal Opportunity 301 North Olive Avenue 10th Floor West Palm Beach, FL 33401

With copy to:

Palm Beach County Attorney's Office 301 North Olive Avenue West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

If sent to the AGENCY, notices shall be addressed to:

Robert A. Bertisch, Esquire, Executive Director Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc. 423 Fern Street West Palm Beach, FL 33401

ARTICLE 27 - ENTIRETY OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

The COUNTY and the AGENCY agree that this Contract sets forth the entire agreement between the parties, and that there are no promises or understandings other than those stated herein. None of the provisions, terms and conditions contained in this Contract may be added to, modified, superseded or otherwise altered, except by written instrument executed by the parties hereto in accordance with Article 25- Modifications of Work.

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ARTICLE 28 - CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK

The AGENCY, AGENCY'S employees, subcontractors of AGENCY and employees of subcontractors shall comply with Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-371 - 2-377, the Palm Beach County Criminal History Records Check Ordinance ("Ordinance"), for unescorted access to critical facilities ("Critical Facilities") or criminal justice information facilities ("CJI Facilities") as identified in Resolution R-2003-1274, as amended. The AGENCY is solely responsible for the financial, schedule, and/or staffing implications of this Ordinance. Further, the AGENCY acknowledges that its Contract price includes any and all direct or indirect costs associated with compliance with this Ordinance, except for the applicable FDLE/FBI fees that shall be paid by the COUNTY.

This Contract may include sites and/or buildings which have been designated as either "critical facilities" or "criminal justice information facilities" pursuant to the Ordinance and Resolution R2003-1274, as amended. COUNTY staff representing the COUNTY department will contact the AGENCY(S) and provide specific instructions for meeting the requirements of this Ordinance. Individuals passing the background check will be issued a badge. The AGENCY shall make every effort to collect the badges of its employees and its subcontractors' employees upon conclusion of the contract and return them to the COUNTY. If the AGENCY or its subcontractor(s) terminates an employee who has been issued a badge, the AGENCY must notify the COUNTY within two (2) hours. At the time of termination, the AGENCY shall retrieve the badge and shall return it to the COUNTY in a timely manner.

The COUNTY reserves the right to suspend the AGENCY if the AGENCY 1) does not comply with the requirements of County Code Section 2-371 - 2-377, as amended; 2) does not contact the COUNTY regarding a terminated AGENCY employee or subcontractor employee within the stated time; or 3) fails to make a good faith effort in attempting to comply with the badge retrieval policy.

ARTICLE 29 - REGULATIONS; LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

The AGENCY shall comply with all laws, ordinances and regulations applicable to the services contemplated herein, to include those applicable to conflict of interest and collusion. AGENCY is presumed to be familiar with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, codes and regulations that may in any way affect the services offered.

ARTICLE 30 - SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES

- A. As provided in F.S. 287.135, by entering into this Contract or performing any work in furtherance hereof, the AGENCY certifies that it, its affiliates, suppliers, subcontractors and consultants who will perform hereunder, have not been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that boycott Israel List, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel, pursuant to F.S. 215.4725.
- B. When contract value is greater than \$1 million: As provided in F.S. 287.135, by entering into this Contract or performing any work in furtherance hereof, the CONSULTANT certifies that it, its affiliates, suppliers, subcontractors and consultants who will perform hereunder, have not been placed on the Scrutinized Companies With Activities in Sudan List or Scrutinized

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Companies With Activities in The Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List created pursuant to F.S. 215.473 or is engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

C. If the County determines, using credible information available to the public, that a false certification has been submitted by CONSULTANT, this Contract may be terminated and a civil penalty equal to the greater of \$2 million or twice the amount of this Contract shall be imposed, pursuant to F.S. 287.135. Said certification must also be submitted at the time of Contract renewal, if applicable.

ARTICLE 31 - PUBLIC RECORDS

Notwithstanding anything contained herein, as provided under Section 119.0701, F.S., if the AGENCY: (i) provides a service; and (ii) acts on behalf of the County as provided under Section 119.011(2) F.S., the AGENCY shall comply with the requirements of Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, as it may be amended from time to time The AGENCY is specifically required to:

- A. Keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform services as provided under this Contract.
- B. Upon request from the County's Custodian of Public Records, provide the County with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119 or as otherwise provided by law. The AGENCY further agrees that all fees, charges and expenses shall be determined in accordance with Palm Beach County PPM CW-F-002, Fees Associated with Public Records Requests, as it may be amended or replaced from time to time.
- C. Ensure that public records that are exempt, or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the Contract, if the AGENCY does not transfer the records to the public agency.
- D. Upon completion of the Contract the AGENCY shall transfer, at no cost to the County, all public records in possession of the AGENCY unless notified by County's representative/liaison, on behalf of the County's Custodian of Public Records, to keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service. If the AGENCY transfers all public records to the County upon completion of the Contract, the AGENCY shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt, or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the AGENCY keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Contract, the AGENCY shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically by the AGENCY must be provided to County, upon request of the County's Custodian of Public Records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of County, at no cost to County.

Failure of the AGENCY to comply with the requirements of this article shall be a material breach of this Contract. County shall have the right to exercise any and all remedies available to it, including but not limited to, the right to terminate for cause. AGENCY acknowledges that it has familiarized itself with the requirements of Chapter 119, F.S., and other requirements of state law applicable to public records not specifically set forth herein.

IF THE AGENCY HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE AGENCY'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, PLEASE CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT RECORDS REQUEST, PALM BEACH COUNTY PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, 301 N. OLIVE AVENUE, WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33401, BY E-MAIL AT RECORDSREQUEST@PBCGOV.ORG OR BY TELEPHONE AT 561-355-6680.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida has made and executed this Contract on behalf of the COUNTY and AGENCY has hereunto set its hand the day and year above written.

ATTEST:	
SHARON R. BOCK	PALM BEACH COUNTY
CLERK AND COMPTROLLER	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
Ву:	Ву:
Deputy Clerk	Mayor
WITNESS: Walle Luva	AGENCY: Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County
Signature	Inc.
Noelle Smith	
Name (type or print)	Signature
· —	Robert Bertisch
Signature	Name (type or print)
Vanessa Coe	Executive Director
Name (type or print)	Title
APPROVED AS TO FORM	
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY	(corp. seal)
By	
County Attorney	
APPROVED AS TO TERMS	

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Department Director

SCOPE OF WORK & SERVICE 2019 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT

Agency Name:

Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc

Program Name:

The Wage Dispute Project

Overview: The Wage Dispute Project (f/k/a Wage Theft Project and hereinafter referred to as Project) will provide services through a team approach, with primary services being provided by the Project Attorney.

Additional support staff will be assigned to the Project as needed. The Wage Dispute Project will also Utilize attorneys from their Pro Bono Panel, in addition to other volunteers.

Service: The overall goal of the Project is to assist clients with the collection of unpaid and underpaid wages, with a focus on the timely payment of those wages.

The Project will utilize various tools in order to achieve this goal, including demand letters, pre-suit conciliation, pre- and post-suit mediation, and filing of legal actions in the Palm Beach County Courts, including the newly created Wage Dispute Division.

- Provide wage dispute legal services to a minimum 155 individuals in accordance with the Legal Aid Society Wage Dispute Program Procedures. (Exhibit "B")
- Track data and provide interim reports to Palm Beach County in the Legal Server format. (Exhibit "C")
- Provide a minimum of five (5) wage theft workshops or presentations to advise individuals of their rights to be paid for work performed, including their rights under state and federal wage and hour laws, and the remedies available to them for violations.
- Implementation of a Wage Theft/Dispute dedicated telephone hotline at the Legal Aid Society.
- Create and distribute a press release announcing the formal creating of the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County's Wage Dispute Project.
- Creation of Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County Wage Theft/Dispute Brochures in English,
 Spanish and Creole, with distribution throughout Palm Beach County.
- Distribute Wage Theft/Dispute Brochures to community partners such as, Palm Beach County
 Office of Equal Opportunity, Palm Beach County Clerk's Office, Palm Beach County Office of
 the Department of Labor, Workforce Development, and others.
- Create a presence for the Wage Dispute Project on the Legal Aid Society's Webpage (www.legalaidpbc.org).

SERVICE AND 2019 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT

Agency:

Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.

Service:

Wage Dispute Project

\$136,990.00

Month	Amount	
1	11,415.83	
2	11,415.83	
3	11,415.83	
4	11,415.83	
5	11,415.83	
6	11,415.83	
7	11,415.83	
8	11,415.83	
9	11,415.83	
10	11,415.83	
11	11,415.83	
12	11,415.87	
Total	136,990.00	

TOTAL CONTRACT

\$136,990.00

Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc. Wage Dispute Project (WDP) Procedures

Potential Client Contacts Legal Aid Society

Potential wage dispute client contacts Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc. (LAS) by leaving a message on the Wage Dispute Hotline or calling the LAS general line (bilingual operators are available). LAS staff will contact the potential wage dispute client, complete a telephone intake form with basic client information and set an appointment date if the potential client meets the WDP criteria within thirty (30) days. The WDP criteria are met if the potential client has no legal conflicts with LAS, meets the income and amount requirements and has a valid wage dispute. If there are legal conflicts or the claimant does not meet the income or amount requirements, LAS will attempt to refer the case to pro bono attorneys, private attorneys or lawyer referral, or as is appropriate.

LAS Intake Appointment, Investigation, and Denial of WDP Services

The potential wage dispute client will speak with a WDP staff member to complete the WDP intake form. The form may also be completed online with the LAS online intake. Once the form is completed an LAS attorney will review the intake form to evaluate whether the client is eligible for the Wage Dispute Project (i.e., whether an employee-employer relationship exists, whether the client presents valid claim for unpaid or underpaid wages, etc.).

If the initial investigation does not indicate an employer-employee relationship or a valid wage dispute exists, the claimant will not be accepted into the Wage Dispute Project. In those cases, the claimant may seek a second opinion from independent counsel or proceed pro-se and benefit from the Wage Dispute Division ("Division WD") process established by Administrative Order No. 3.907-12/12.

Acceptance, Demand Letter, Pre-Settlement and Mediation

If a valid claim does exist, a WDP staff member will investigate the claim to obtain all information needed to identify and contact the employer and to assist the client in calculating the total wages owed by the employer. A WDP staff member will draft and issue a demand letter to the employer outlining the wage dispute within thirty (30) days of determining a valid claim exists. The demand letter will offer pre-suit mediation as an option for resolving the claim. The employer will be required to confirm attendance at the mediation. Early settlement is encouraged and may be settled at any point in the process. If neither negotiation nor mediation does not resolve the dispute, LAS will file a complaint with the Clerk and Comptroller to have the dispute assigned to Division WD as soon as the court has an available date.

Pretrial Conference and Hearing

Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 3.907-12/12, a County Judge will preside over Division WD and hearings will be scheduled for the third Thursday of each month, subject to change by the presiding Judge. An LAS attorney will represent eligible claimants at the Pretrial Conference and subsequent Hearing if the matter is not resolved.

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Default Judgments/Trial/Final Judgments

After a lawsuit is filed, the Plaintiff may prevail based upon a default judgment if the Defendant/Employer fails to appear at the first court hearing. At the first court hearing, the LAS attorney will motion the court for Default Judgment and will prepare the Proposed Final Default Judgment for the judge's approval.

If the Defendant appears at the first hearing and the matter is not resolved, the case will be scheduled for a trial before the WD division judge. The LAS attorney will continue to discuss settlement options and will also discuss trial procedure with the Plaintiff. If the Plaintiff prevails at trial, the LAS attorney will prepare the Proposed Final Judgment for the judge's approval.

Post-Judgment Mediation

If a Defendant Debtor comes forward after a judgment has been filed, the LAS attorney will contact the Client. If the Client is interested in mediating the issue after the judgment has been awarded, the LAS attorney will facilitate the mediation process, if able.

Post-Judgment Collection

Once the Plaintiff is awarded a Final Judgment or a Final Default Judgment, LAS will record the judgment with the Palm Beach County Clerk. This recording gives the Plaintiff a lien that is enforceable for 10 years and re-recordable after the expiration of the original lien. LAS will provide the Plaintiff Creditor with an information packet on how to collect on the judgment. LAS will also offer the contact information of Pro Bono or Low Bono Debt Collections Attorneys. LAS may assist the client with the collections process beyond recording the lien and referring the client to Pro Bono or Low Bono Attorneys, if able.

The decision about collection on judgments will be based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to, the following: the amount of the final judgment, the individual and/or entity against whom the judgment was obtained, the costs of collection, the likelihood of collection, and the interest of the client.

Wage Dispute Project

Agency Name:

Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.

Submitted By:

Submitted To:

Palm Beach County Office of Equal Opportunity

Reporting Period:	······································
Hotline Calls	
Total number of calls to Wage Dispute Project hotline	The state of the s
Total number of online intakes	
Number accepted by Wage Dispute Project Attorney	
Number referred to pro bono attorney	And the second s
Number given referral to other resource(s)	
Number with no claim merit or did not return our call	
Total number of individuals receiving brief service, negotiations,	
settlements or court decisions during reporting period	· value reconstruction and a second s
Total number of individuals receiving advice and counsel	
Number of cases referred to pro bono attorneys	
Reasons for Referral to Pro Bono Attorney	
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Total number of individuals attending outreach events	CONTROL CONTROL MONTH AND CONTROL MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL CONTR

New Cases
Number of cases opened in reporting period Total Amount Claimed to be Owed
Opened Cases by Referral Sources
Opened Cases by Industry
Opened Cases by Special Legal Problem Code
Closed Cases
Number of cases closed in reporting period (excluding Advice and Counsel)
Cases Closed by Closing Reason
Average number of days between telephone intake and meeting with an attorney
Average number of days between attorney meeting and issuance of a demand letter
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Outcomes of Cases Closed in Reporting Period

	Number
Pre-Suit Mediations	
Complaints Filed	
Hearings	
Cases with Claims Recovered	
Total Amount Claimed	
Total Amount Recovered (Cash, Judgment, Pro Bono)	
By LAS Attorney (Cash and Judgment)	
By Pro Bono Attorney (Cash & Judgment)	
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Cash-in-Hand vs. Judgments Cash-in-Hand (Not from collecting on judgments) Cash Check	
Cash-in-Hand vs. Judgments Cash-in-Hand (Not from collecting on judgments) Cash Check EFT	
Cash-in-Hand vs. Judgments Cash-in-Hand (Not from collecting on judgments) Cash Cash EFT Amount of Judgments	
Cash-in-Hand vs. Judgments Cash-in-Hand (Not from collecting on judgments) Cash Cash Check EFT Amount of Judgments Amount Collected on Judgments	



CONTRACT FOR PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

This Contract is made as of the	day of	, 20, t	v and between	Palm Beach
County, a Political Subdivision of the State	of Florida,	by and through i	ts Board of Co	mmissioners
hereinafter referred to as the COUNTY, ar	id (Legal A	id Society of Pa	lm Beach Cou	ntv. Inc). a
(Not-for-profit corporation) authorized to	do business	in the State of Fl	orida, hereinaft	er referred to
as the AGENCY, whose Federal I.D. is 59-6	5046994.			

In consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the COUNTY and the AGENCY agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - SERVICES

The AGENCY'S responsibility under this Contract is to provide services to residents of Palm Beach County, as more specifically set forth in the Scope of Work detailed in Exhibit "A".

The COUNTY'S representative/liaison during the performance of this Contract shall be <u>Pamela Guerrier</u>, telephone no. (561)355-4884.

The AGENCY's representative/liaison during the performance of this Contract shall be <u>Robert</u> <u>Bertisch</u>, telephone no. (561) 655-8944.

ARTICLE 2 - SCHEDULE

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The AGENCY shall commence services on January 1, 2019 and complete all services by December 31, 2019.

Reports and other items shall be delivered or completed in accordance with the detailed schedule set forth in Exhibit "A".

ARTICLE 3 - PAYMENTS TO AGENCY

- A. The total amount to be reimbursed by the COUNTY under this Contract for all services and materials including, if applicable, "out of pocket" expenses (specified in paragraph C below) shall not exceed a total contract amount of **ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINTY** Dollars (\$136,990.00). The AGENCY will submit an invoice, with copies of canceled checks or such documentation as the COUNTY may require for reimbursement.
- B. The AGENCY should submit invoices with a cover letter indicating the total amount for reimbursement signed by an authorized AGENCY official. Invoices received from the AGENCY pursuant to this Contract will be reviewed and approved by the COUNTY's representative, to verify that services have been rendered in conformity with the Contract.

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Approved invoices will then be sent to the Finance Department for payment. Invoices will normally be paid within thirty (30) days following the COUNTY representative's approval.

- C. "Out-of-pocket" expenses will be reimbursed up to an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINTY Dollars (\$136,990.00), and in accordance with the list of the types and amounts of expenditures eligible for reimbursement as set forth in Exhibit "A". All requests for payment of "out-of-pocket" expenses eligible for reimbursement under the terms of this Contract shall include copies of paid receipts, invoices, or other documentation acceptable to the Palm Beach County Finance Department. Such documentation shall be sufficient to establish that the expense was actually incurred and necessary in the performance of the Scope of Work described in this Contract. Any travel, per diem, mileage, meals, or lodging expenses which may be reimbursable under the terms of this Contract will be paid in accordance with the rates and conditions set forth in Section 112.061, Florida Statutes.
- D. <u>Final Invoice</u>: In order for both parties herein to close their books and records, the AGENCY will clearly state "<u>final invoice</u>" on the AGENCY'S final/last billing to the COUNTY. This shall constitute AGENCY'S certification that all services have been properly performed and all charges and costs have been invoiced to Palm Beach County. Any other charges not properly included on this final invoice are waived by the AGENCY.

ARTICLE 4 - TRUTH-IN-NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE

Signature of this Contract by the AGENCY shall also act as the execution of a truth-in-negotiation certificate certifying that the wage rates, over-head charges, and other costs used to determine the compensation provided for in this Contract are accurate, complete and current as of the date of the Contract and no higher than those charged the AGENCY'S most favored customer for the same or substantially similar service.

The said rates and costs shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums should the COUNTY determine that the rates and costs were increased due to inaccurate, incomplete or noncurrent wage rates or due to inaccurate representations of fees paid to outside AGENCYs. The COUNTY shall exercise its rights under this Article 4 within three (3) years following final payment.

ARTICLE 5 - TERMINATION

This Contract may be terminated by the AGENCY upon sixty (60) days' prior written notice to the COUNTY in the event of substantial failure by the COUNTY to perform in accordance with the terms of this Contract through no fault of the AGENCY. It may also be terminated, in whole or in part, by the COUNTY, with cause upon five (5) business day's written notice to the AGENCY or without cause upon ten (10) business day's written notice to the AGENCY. Unless the AGENCY is in breach of this Contract, the AGENCY shall be paid for services rendered to the COUNTY'S satisfaction through the date of termination. After receipt of a Termination Notice, except as otherwise directed by the COUNTY, in writing, the AGENCY shall:

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- A. Stop work on the date and to the extent specified.
- B. Terminate and settle all orders and subcontracts relating to the performance of the terminated work.
- C. Transfer all work in process, completed work, and other materials related to the terminated work to the COUNTY.
- D. Continue and complete all parts of the work that have not been terminated.

ARTICLE 6 - PERSONNEL

The AGENCY represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all necessary personnel required to perform the services under this Contract. Such personnel shall not be employees of or have any contractual relationship with the COUNTY.

All of the services required hereunder shall be performed by the AGENCY or under its supervision, and all personnel engaged in performing the services shall be fully qualified and, if required, authorized or permitted under state and local law to perform such services.

Any changes or substitutions in the AGENCY'S key personnel, as may be listed in Exhibit "A", must be made known to the COUNTY'S representative and written approval must be granted by the COUNTY's representative before said change or substitution can become effective.

The AGENCY warrants that all services shall be performed by skilled and competent personnel to the highest professional standards in the field.

All of the AGENCY'S personnel (and all Subcontractors), while on County premises, will comply with all COUNTY requirements governing conduct, safety and security.

ARTICLE 7 - SUBCONTRACTING

The COUNTY reserves the right to accept the use of a subcontractor or to reject the selection of a particular subcontractor and to inspect all facilities of any subcontractors in order to make a determination as to the capability of the subcontractor to perform properly under this Contract. The AGENCY is encouraged to seek additional small business enterprises for participation in subcontracting opportunities. If the AGENCY uses any subcontractors on this project the following provisions of this Article shall apply:

If a subcontractor fails to perform or make progress, as required by this Contract, and it is necessary to replace the subcontractor to complete the work in a timely fashion, the AGENCY shall promptly do so, subject to acceptance of the new subcontractor by the COUNTY.

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The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners has established a minimum goal for SBE participation of 15% on all County solicitations.

The AGENCY agrees to abide by all provisions of the Palm Beach County Code establishing the SBE Program, as amended, and understands that failure to comply with any of the requirements will be considered a breach of contract.

The AGENCY understands that each SBE firm utilized on this Contract must be certified by Palm Beach County in order to be counted toward the SBE participation goal.

The AGENCY shall provide the COUNTY with a copy of the AGENCY's contract with any SBE subcontractor or any other related documentation upon request.

The AGENCY understands the requirements to comply with the tasks and proportionate dollar amounts throughout the term of this Contract as it relates to the use of SBE firms.

The AGENCY will only be permitted to replace a certified SBE subcontractor who is unwilling or unable to perform. Such substitutions must be done with another certified SBE in order to maintain the SBE percentages established in this Contract. Requests for substitutions of SBE's must be submitted to the COUNTY's representative and to the Office of Small Business Assistance.

The AGENCY shall be required to submit to the COUNTY Schedule 1 (Participation of SBEM/WBE Contractors) and Schedule 2 (Letter of Intent) to further indicate the specific participation anticipated, where applicable.

The AGENCY agrees to maintain all relevant records and information necessary to document compliance with the Palm Beach County Code and will allow the COUNTY to inspect such records.

ARTICLE 8 - FEDERAL AND STATE TAX

The COUNTY is exempt from payment of Florida State Sales and Use Taxes. The COUNTY will sign an exemption certificate submitted by the AGENCY. The AGENCY shall <u>not</u> be exempted from paying sales tax to its suppliers for materials used to fulfill contractual obligations with the COUNTY, nor is the AGENCY authorized to use the COUNTY'S Tax Exemption Number in securing such materials.

The AGENCY shall be responsible for payment of its own and its share of its employees' payroll, payroll taxes, and benefits with respect to this contract.

ARTICLE 9 - AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

The COUNTY'S performance and obligation to pay under this contract for subsequent fiscal years are contingent upon annual appropriations for its purpose by the Board of County Commissioners.

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ARTICLE 10 - INSURANCE

- A. AGENCY shall, at its sole expense, agree to maintain in full force and effect at all times during the life of this Contract, insurance coverages and limits (including endorsements), as described herein. AGENCY shall agree to provide the COUNTY with at least ten (10) day prior notice of any cancellation, non-renewal or material change to the insurance coverages. The requirements contained herein, as well as COUNTY'S review or acceptance of insurance maintained by AGENCY are not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by AGENCY under the contract.
- B. <u>Commercial General Liability</u> AGENCY shall maintain Commercial General Liability at a limit of liability not less than \$500,000 Each Occurrence. Coverage shall not contain any endorsement excluding Contractual Liability or Cross Liability unless granted in writing by County's Risk Management Department. AGENCY shall provide this coverage on a primary basis.
- C. Business Automobile Liability AGENCY shall maintain Business Automobile Liability at a limit of liability not less than \$500,000 Each Accident for all owned, non-owned and hired automobiles. In the event AGENCY doesn't own any automobiles, the Business Auto Liability requirement shall be amended allowing AGENCY to agree to maintain only Hired & Non-Owned Auto Liability. This amended requirement may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability, or separate Business Auto coverage form. AGENCY shall provide this coverage on a primary basis.
- D. Worker's Compensation Insurance & Employers Liability AGENCY shall maintain Worker's Compensation & Employers Liability in accordance with Florida Statute Chapter 440. AGENCY shall provide this coverage on a primary basis.
- E. Professional Liability AGENCY shall maintain Professional Liability or equivalent Errors & Omissions Liability at a limit of liability not less than \$1,000,000 Each Claim. When a self-insured retention (SIR) or deductible exceeds \$10,000, COUNTY reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and request a copy of AGENCY'S most recent annual report or audited financial statement. For policies written on a "Claims-Made" basis, AGENCY shall maintain a Retroactive Date prior to or equal to the effective date of this Contract. The Certificate of Insurance providing evidence of the purchase of this coverage shall clearly indicate whether coverage is provided on an "occurrence" or "claims made" form. If coverage is provided on a "claims made" form the Certificate of Insurance must also clearly indicate the "retroactive date" of coverage. In the event the policy is canceled, non-renewed, switched to an Occurrence Form, retroactive date advanced, or any other event triggering the right to purchase a Supplement Extended Reporting Period (SERP) during the life of this Contract, AGENCY shall purchase a SERP with a minimum reporting period not less than 3 years. AGENCY shall provide this coverage on a primary basis.

Additional Insured AGENCY shall endorse the COUNTY as an Additional Insured with a CG 2026 Additional Insured - Designated Person or Organization endorsement, or its equivalent, to the Commercial General Liability. The Additional Insured endorsement shall read "Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, its Officers, Employees and Agents." AGENCY shall provide the Additional Insured endorsements coverage on a primary basis.

- F. Waiver of Subrogation AGENCY hereby waives any and all rights of Subrogation against the County, its officers, employees and agents for each required policy. When required by the insurer, or should a policy condition not permit an insured to enter into a pre-loss agreement to waive subrogation without an endorsement to the policy, then AGENCY shall agree to notify the insurer and request the policy be endorsed with a Waiver of Transfer of rights of Recovery Against Others, or its equivalent. This Waiver of Subrogation requirement shall not apply to any policy, which specifically prohibits such an endorsement, or which voids coverage should AGENCY enter into such an agreement on a pre-loss basis.
- G. Certificate(s) of Insurance Prior to execution of this Contract, AGENCY shall deliver to the COUNTY'S representative as identified in Article 26, a Certificate(s) of Insurance evidencing that all types and amounts of insurance coverages required by this Contract have been obtained and are in full force and effect. Such Certificate(s) of Insurance shall include a minimum ten (10) day endeavor to notify due to cancellation or non-renewal of coverage. The certificate of insurance shall be issued to

Palm Beach County c/o Office of Equal Opportunity 301 North Olive Avenue, 10th Floor West Palm Beach, FL 33401

- H. <u>Umbrella or Excess Liability</u> If necessary, AGENCY may satisfy the minimum limits required above for Commercial General Liability, Business Auto Liability, and Employer's Liability coverage under Umbrella or Excess Liability. The Umbrella or Excess Liability shall have an Aggregate limit not less than the highest "Each Occurrence" limit for either Commercial General Liability, Business Auto Liability, or Employer's Liability. The COUNTY shall be specifically endorsed as an "Additional Insured" on the Umbrella or Excess Liability, unless the Certificate of Insurance notes the Umbrella or Excess Liability provides coverage on a "Follow-Form" basis.
- I. Right to Review COUNTY, by and through its Risk Management Department, in cooperation with the contracting/monitoring department, reserves the right to review, modify, reject or accept any required policies of insurance, including limits, coverages, or endorsements, herein from time to time throughout the term of this Contract. COUNTY reserves the right, but not the obligation, to review and reject any insurer providing coverage because of its poor financial condition or failure to operate legally.

ARTICLE 11 - INDEMNIFICATION

AGENCY shall protect, defend, reimburse, indemnify and hold COUNTY, its agents, employees and elected officers harmless from and against all claims, liability, expense, loss, cost, damages or causes of action of every kind or character, including attorney's fees and costs, whether at trial or appellate levels or otherwise, arising during and as a result of their performance of the terms of this Contract or due to the acts or omissions of AGENCY.

ARTICLE 12 - SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

The COUNTY and the AGENCY each binds itself and its partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the other party and to the partners, successors, executors, administrators and assigns of such other party, in respect to all covenants of this Contract. Except as above, neither the COUNTY nor the AGENCY shall assign, sublet, convey or transfer its interest in this Contract without the prior written consent of the other.

ARTICLE 13 - REMEDIES

This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Any legal action necessary to enforce the Contract will be held in a court of competent jurisdiction located in Palm Beach County, Florida. No remedy herein conferred upon any party is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity, by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof.

No provision of this Contract is intended to, or shall be construed to, create any third party beneficiary or to provide any rights to any person or entity not a party to this Contract, including but not limited to any citizen or employees of the COUNTY and/or AGENCY.

ARTICLE 14 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The AGENCY represents that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required hereunder, as provided for in Chapter 112, Part III, Florida Statutes, and the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics. The AGENCY further represents that no person having any such conflict of interest shall be employed for said performance of services.

The AGENCY shall promptly notify the COUNTY's representative, in writing, by certified mail, of all potential conflicts of interest of any prospective business association, interest or other circumstance which may influence or appear to influence the AGENCY'S judgement or quality of services being provided hereunder. Such written notification shall identify the prospective business association, interest or circumstance, the nature of work that the AGENCY may undertake and request an opinion of the COUNTY as to whether the association, interest or circumstance would, in the opinion of the

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COUNTY, constitute a conflict of interest if entered into by the AGENCY. The COUNTY agrees to notify the AGENCY of its opinion by certified mail within thirty (30) days of receipt of notification by the AGENCY. If, in the opinion of the COUNTY, the prospective business association, interest or circumstance would not constitute a conflict of interest by the AGENCY, the COUNTY shall so state in the notification and the AGENCY shall, at its option, enter into said association, interest or circumstance and it shall be deemed not in conflict of interest with respect to services provided to the COUNTY by the AGENCY under the terms of this Contract.

ARTICLE 15 - EXCUSABLE DELAYS

The AGENCY shall not be considered in default by reason of any failure in performance if such failure arises out of causes reasonably beyond the control of the AGENCY or its subcontractors and without their fault or negligence. Such causes include, but are not limited to, acts of God, force majeure, natural or public health emergencies, labor disputes, freight embargoes, and abnormally severe and unusual weather conditions.

Upon the AGENCY'S request, the COUNTY shall consider the facts and extent of any failure to perform the work and, if the AGENCY'S failure to perform was without it or its subcontractors fault or negligence, the Contract Schedule and/or any other affected provision of this Contract shall be revised accordingly, subject to the COUNTY'S rights to change, terminate, or stop any or all of the work at any time.

ARTICLE 16 - ARREARS

The AGENCY shall not pledge the COUNTY'S credit or make it a guarantor of payment or surety for any contract, debt, obligation, judgement, lien, or any form of indebtedness. The AGENCY further warrants and represents that it has no obligation or indebtedness that would impair its ability to fulfill the terms of this Contract.

ARTICLE 17 - DISCLOSURE AND OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

The AGENCY shall deliver to the COUNTY's representative for approval and acceptance, and before being eligible for final payment of any amounts due, all documents and materials prepared by and for the COUNTY under this Contract.

To the extent allowed by Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, all written and oral information not in the public domain or not previously known, and all information and data obtained, developed, or supplied by the COUNTY or at its expense will be kept confidential by the AGENCY and will not be disclosed to any other party, directly or indirectly, without the COUNTY'S prior written consent unless required by a lawful court order. All drawings, maps, sketches, programs, data base, reports and other data developed, or purchased, under this Contract for or at the COUNTY'S expense shall be and remain the COUNTY'S property and may be reproduced and reused at the discretion of the COUNTY.

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All covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made herein, or otherwise made in writing by any party pursuant hereto, including but not limited to any representations made herein relating to disclosure or ownership of documents, shall survive the execution and delivery of this Contract and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Contract, all documents, records, reports and any other materials produced hereunder shall be subject to disclosure, inspection and audit, pursuant to the Palm Beach County Office of the Inspector General, Palm Beach County Code, Sections 2-421 - 2-440, as amended.

ARTICLE 18 - INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP

The AGENCY is, and shall be, in the performance of all work services and activities under this Contract, an Independent Contractor, and not an employee, agent, or servant of the COUNTY. All persons engaged in any of the work or services performed pursuant to this Contract shall at all times, and in all places, be subject to the AGENCY'S sole direction, supervision, and control. The AGENCY shall exercise control over the means and manner in which it and its employees perform the work, and in all respects the AGENCY'S relationship and the relationship of its employees to the COUNTY shall be that of an Independent Contractor and not as employees or agents of the COUNTY.

The AGENCY does not have the power or authority to bind the COUNTY in any promise, agreement or representation.

ARTICLE 19 - CONTINGENT FEES

The AGENCY warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the AGENCY to solicit or secure this Contract and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the AGENCY, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Contract.

ARTICLE 20 - ACCESS AND AUDITS

The AGENCY shall maintain adequate records to justify all charges, expenses, and costs incurred in estimating and performing the work for at least three (3) years after completion or termination of this Contract. The COUNTY shall have access to such books, records, and documents as required in this section for the purpose of inspection or audit during normal business hours, at the AGENCY'S place of business.

Palm Beach County has established the Office of the Inspector General in Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-421 - 2-440, as may be amended. The Inspector General's authority includes but is not limited to the power to review past, present and proposed County contracts, transactions, accounts and records, to require the production of records, and to audit, investigate, monitor, and inspect the activities of the AGENCY, its officers, agents, employees, and lobbyists in order to ensure compliance with contract requirements and detect corruption and fraud.

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Failure to cooperate with the Inspector General or interfering with or impeding any investigation shall be in violation of Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-421 - 2-440, and punished pursuant to Section 125.69, Florida Statutes, in the same manner as a second degree misdemeanor.

ARTICLE 21 - NONDISCRIMINATION

The COUNTY is committed to assuring equal opportunity in the award of contracts and complies with all laws prohibiting discrimination. Pursuant to Palm Beach County Resolution R2017-1770, as may be amended, the AGENCY warrants and represents that throughout the term of the Contract, including any renewals thereof, if applicable, all of its employees are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or genetic information. Failure to meet this requirement shall be considered default of the Contract.

ARTICLE 22 - AUTHORITY TO PRACTICE

The AGENCY hereby represents and warrants that it has and will continue to maintain all licenses and approvals required to conduct its business, and that it will at all times conduct its business activities in a reputable manner. Proof of such licenses and approvals shall be submitted to the COUNTY's representative upon request.

ARTICLE 23 - SEVERABILITY

If any term or provision of this Contract, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall, to any extent, be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Contract, or the application of such terms or provision, to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected, and every other term and provision of this Contract shall be deemed valid and enforceable to the extent permitted by law.

<u> ARTICLE 24 - PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES</u>

As provided in F.S. 287.132-133, by entering into this contract or performing any work in furtherance hereof, the AGENCY certifies that it, its affiliates, suppliers, subcontractors and AGENCYs who will perform hereunder, have not been placed on the convicted vendor list maintained by the State of Florida Department of Management Services within the 36 months immediately preceding the date hereof. This notice is required by F.S. 287.133(3)(a).

ARTICLE 25 - MODIFICATIONS OF WORK

The COUNTY reserves the right to make changes in Scope of Work, including alterations, reductions therein or additions thereto. Upon receipt by the AGENCY of the COUNTY'S notification of a contemplated change, the AGENCY shall, in writing: (1) provide a detailed estimate for the increase or decrease in cost due to the contemplated change, (2) notify the COUNTY of any estimated change

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in the completion date, and (3) advise the COUNTY if the contemplated change shall affect the AGENCY'S ability to meet the completion dates or schedules of this Contract.

If the COUNTY so instructs in writing, the AGENCY shall suspend work on that portion of the Scope of Work affected by a contemplated change, pending the COUNTY'S decision to proceed with the change.

If the COUNTY elects to make the change, the COUNTY shall initiate a Contract Amendment and the AGENCY shall not commence work on any such change until such written amendment is signed by the AGENCY and approved and executed on behalf of Palm Beach County.

ARTICLE 26 - NOTICE

All notices required in this Contract shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, hand delivery or other delivery service requiring signed acceptance. If sent to the COUNTY, notices shall be addressed to:

Pamela Guerrier, Director Palm Beach County Office of Equal Opportunity 301 North Olive Avenue 10th Floor West Palm Beach, FL 33401

With copy to:

Palm Beach County Attorney's Office 301 North Olive Avenue West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

If sent to the AGENCY, notices shall be addressed to:

Robert A. Bertisch, Esquire, Executive Director Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc. 423 Fern Street West Palm Beach, FL 33401

ARTICLE 27 - ENTIRETY OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

The COUNTY and the AGENCY agree that this Contract sets forth the entire agreement between the parties, and that there are no promises or understandings other than those stated herein. None of the provisions, terms and conditions contained in this Contract may be added to, modified, superseded or otherwise altered, except by written instrument executed by the parties hereto in accordance with Article 25- Modifications of Work.

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ARTICLE 28 - CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK

The AGENCY, AGENCY'S employees, subcontractors of AGENCY and employees of subcontractors shall comply with Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-371 - 2-377, the Palm Beach County Criminal History Records Check Ordinance ("Ordinance"), for unescorted access to critical facilities ("Critical Facilities") or criminal justice information facilities ("CJI Facilities") as identified in Resolution R-2003-1274, as amended. The AGENCY is solely responsible for the financial, schedule, and/or staffing implications of this Ordinance. Further, the AGENCY acknowledges that its Contract price includes any and all direct or indirect costs associated with compliance with this Ordinance, except for the applicable FDLE/FBI fees that shall be paid by the COUNTY.

This Contract may include sites and/or buildings which have been designated as either "critical facilities" or "criminal justice information facilities" pursuant to the Ordinance and Resolution R2003-1274, as amended. COUNTY staff representing the COUNTY department will contact the AGENCY(S) and provide specific instructions for meeting the requirements of this Ordinance. Individuals passing the background check will be issued a badge. The AGENCY shall make every effort to collect the badges of its employees and its subcontractors' employees upon conclusion of the contract and return them to the COUNTY. If the AGENCY or its subcontractor(s) terminates an employee who has been issued a badge, the AGENCY must notify the COUNTY within two (2) hours. At the time of termination, the AGENCY shall retrieve the badge and shall return it to the COUNTY in a timely manner.

The COUNTY reserves the right to suspend the AGENCY if the AGENCY 1) does not comply with the requirements of County Code Section 2-371 - 2-377, as amended; 2) does not contact the COUNTY regarding a terminated AGENCY employee or subcontractor employee within the stated time; or 3) fails to make a good faith effort in attempting to comply with the badge retrieval policy.

ARTICLE 29 - REGULATIONS; LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

The AGENCY shall comply with all laws, ordinances and regulations applicable to the services contemplated herein, to include those applicable to conflict of interest and collusion. AGENCY is presumed to be familiar with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, codes and regulations that may in any way affect the services offered.

ARTICLE 30 - SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES

- A. As provided in F.S. 287.135, by entering into this Contract or performing any work in furtherance hereof, the AGENCY certifies that it, its affiliates, suppliers, subcontractors and consultants who will perform hereunder, have not been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that boycott Israel List, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel, pursuant to F.S. 215.4725.
- B. When contract value is greater than \$1 million: As provided in F.S. 287.135, by entering into this Contract or performing any work in furtherance hereof, the CONSULTANT certifies that it, its affiliates, suppliers, subcontractors and consultants who will perform hereunder, have not been placed on the Scrutinized Companies With Activities in Sudan List or Scrutinized

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Companies With Activities in The Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List created pursuant to F.S. 215.473 or is engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

C. If the County determines, using credible information available to the public, that a false certification has been submitted by CONSULTANT, this Contract may be terminated and a civil penalty equal to the greater of \$2 million or twice the amount of this Contract shall be imposed, pursuant to F.S. 287.135. Said certification must also be submitted at the time of Contract renewal, if applicable.

ARTICLE 31 - PUBLIC RECORDS

Notwithstanding anything contained herein, as provided under Section 119.0701, F.S., if the AGENCY: (i) provides a service; and (ii) acts on behalf of the County as provided under Section 119.011(2) F.S., the AGENCY shall comply with the requirements of Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, as it may be amended from time to time The AGENCY is specifically required to:

- A. Keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform services as provided under this Contract.
- B. Upon request from the County's Custodian of Public Records, provide the County with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119 or as otherwise provided by law. The AGENCY further agrees that all fees, charges and expenses shall be determined in accordance with Palm Beach County PPM CW-F-002, Fees Associated with Public Records Requests, as it may be amended or replaced from time to time.
- C. Ensure that public records that are exempt, or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the Contract, if the AGENCY does not transfer the records to the public agency.
- D. Upon completion of the Contract the AGENCY shall transfer, at no cost to the County, all public records in possession of the AGENCY unless notified by County's representative/liaison, on behalf of the County's Custodian of Public Records, to keep and maintain public records required by the County to perform the service. If the AGENCY transfers all public records to the County upon completion of the Contract, the AGENCY shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt, or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the AGENCY keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the Contract, the AGENCY shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically by the AGENCY must be provided to County, upon request of the County's Custodian of Public Records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of County, at no cost to County.

Failure of the AGENCY to comply with the requirements of this article shall be a material breach of this Contract. County shall have the right to exercise any and all remedies available to it, including but not limited to, the right to terminate for cause. AGENCY acknowledges that it has familiarized itself with the requirements of Chapter 119, F.S., and other requirements of state law applicable to public records not specifically set forth herein.

IF THE AGENCY HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE AGENCY'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, PLEASE CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT RECORDS REQUEST, PALM BEACH COUNTY PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, 301 N. OLIVE AVENUE, WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33401, BY E-MAIL AT RECORDSREQUEST@PBCGOV.ORG OR BY TELEPHONE AT 561-355-6680.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida has made and executed this Contract on behalf of the COUNTY and AGENCY has hereunto set its hand the day and year above written.

ATTEST:	
SHARON R. BOCK CLERK AND COMPTROLLER	PALM BEACH COUNTY
By:	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: By: Mayor
WITNESS: Wille Lunch Signature	AGENCY: Legal Aid Society of Palm Brach County, Inc.
Noelle Smith Name (type or print)	Signature
	Robert Bertisch
Signature Vanessa Coe	Name (type or print)
	Executive Director
Name (type or print) APPROVED AS TO FORM	Title
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY	(corp. seal)
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County Attorney	
APPROVED AS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS	

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Department Director

SCOPE OF WORK & SERVICE 2019 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT

Agency Name:

Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc

Program Name:

The Wage Dispute Project

Overview: The Wage Dispute Project (f/k/a Wage Theft Project and hereinafter referred to as Project) will provide services through a team approach, with primary services being provided by the Project Attorney.

Additional support staff will be assigned to the Project as needed. The Wage Dispute Project will also Utilize attorneys from their Pro Bono Panel, in addition to other volunteers.

Service: The overall goal of the Project is to assist clients with the collection of unpaid and underpaid wages, with a focus on the timely payment of those wages.

The Project will utilize various tools in order to achieve this goal, including demand letters, pre-suit conciliation, pre- and post-suit mediation, and filing of legal actions in the Palm Beach County Courts, including the newly created Wage Dispute Division.

- Provide wage dispute legal services to a minimum 155 individuals in accordance with the Legal Aid Society Wage Dispute Program Procedures. (Exhibit "B")
- Track data and provide interim reports to Palm Beach County in the Legal Server format. (Exhibit "C")
- Provide a minimum of five (5) wage theft workshops or presentations to advise individuals of their rights to be paid for work performed, including their rights under state and federal wage and hour laws, and the remedies available to them for violations.
- Implementation of a Wage Theft/Dispute dedicated telephone hotline at the Legal Aid Society.
- Create and distribute a press release announcing the formal creating of the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County's Wage Dispute Project.
- Creation of Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County Wage Theft/Dispute Brochures in English,
 Spanish and Creole, with distribution throughout Palm Beach County.
- Distribute Wage Theft/Dispute Brochures to community partners such as, Palm Beach County
 Office of Equal Opportunity, Palm Beach County Clerk's Office, Palm Beach County Office of
 the Department of Labor, Workforce Development, and others.
- Create a presence for the Wage Dispute Project on the Legal Aid Society's Webpage (www.legalaidpbc.org).

SERVICE AND 2019 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT

Agency:

Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.

Service:

Wage Dispute Project

\$136,990.00

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TOTAL CONTRACT

\$136,990.00

Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc. Wage Dispute Project (WDP) Procedures

Potential Client Contacts Legal Aid Society

Potential wage dispute client contacts Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc. (LAS) by leaving a message on the Wage Dispute Hotline or calling the LAS general line (bilingual operators are available). LAS staff will contact the potential wage dispute client, complete a telephone intake form with basic client information and set an appointment date if the potential client meets the WDP criteria within thirty (30) days. The WDP criteria are met if the potential client has no legal conflicts with LAS, meets the income and amount requirements and has a valid wage dispute. If there are legal conflicts or the claimant does not meet the income or amount requirements, LAS will attempt to refer the case to pro bono attorneys, private attorneys or lawyer referral, or as is appropriate.

LAS Intake Appointment, Investigation, and Denial of WDP Services

The potential wage dispute client will speak with a WDP staff member to complete the WDP intake form. The form may also be completed online with the LAS online intake. Once the form is completed an LAS attorney will review the intake form to evaluate whether the client is eligible for the Wage Dispute Project (i.e., whether an employee-employer relationship exists, whether the client presents valid claim for unpaid or underpaid wages, etc.).

If the initial investigation does not indicate an employer-employee relationship or a valid wage dispute exists, the claimant will not be accepted into the Wage Dispute Project. In those cases, the claimant may seek a second opinion from independent counsel or proceed pro-se and benefit from the Wage Dispute Division ("Division WD") process established by Administrative Order No. 3.907-12/12.

Acceptance, Demand Letter, Pre-Settlement and Mediation

If a valid claim does exist, a WDP staff member will investigate the claim to obtain all information needed to identify and contact the employer and to assist the client in calculating the total wages owed by the employer. A WDP staff member will draft and issue a demand letter to the employer outlining the wage dispute within thirty (30) days of determining a valid claim exists. The demand letter will offer pre-suit mediation as an option for resolving the claim. The employer will be required to confirm attendance at the mediation. Early settlement is encouraged and may be settled at any point in the process. If neither negotiation nor mediation does not resolve the dispute, LAS will file a complaint with the Clerk and Comptroller to have the dispute assigned to Division WD as soon as the court has an available date.

Pretrial Conference and Hearing

Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 3.907-12/12, a County Judge will preside over Division WD and hearings will be scheduled for the third Thursday of each month, subject to change by the presiding Judge. An LAS attorney will represent eligible claimants at the Pretrial Conference and subsequent Hearing if the matter is not resolved.

Default Judgments/Trial/Final Judgments

After a lawsuit is filed, the Plaintiff may prevail based upon a default judgment if the Defendant/Employer fails to appear at the first court hearing. At the first court hearing, the LAS attorney will motion the court for Default Judgment and will prepare the Proposed Final Default Judgment for the judge's approval.

If the Defendant appears at the first hearing and the matter is not resolved, the case will be scheduled for a trial before the WD division judge. The LAS attorney will continue to discuss settlement options and will also discuss trial procedure with the Plaintiff. If the Plaintiff prevails at trial, the LAS attorney will prepare the Proposed Final Judgment for the judge's approval.

Post-Judgment Mediation

If a Defendant Debtor comes forward after a judgment has been filed, the LAS attorney will contact the Client. If the Client is interested in mediating the issue after the judgment has been awarded, the LAS attorney will facilitate the mediation process, if able.

Post-Judgment Collection

Once the Plaintiff is awarded a Final Judgment or a Final Default Judgment, LAS will record the judgment with the Palm Beach County Clerk. This recording gives the Plaintiff a lien that is enforceable for 10 years and re-recordable after the expiration of the original lien. LAS will provide the Plaintiff Creditor with an information packet on how to collect on the judgment. LAS will also offer the contact information of Pro Bono or Low Bono Debt Collections Attorneys. LAS may assist the client with the collections process beyond recording the lien and referring the client to Pro Bono or Low Bono Attorneys, if able.

The decision about collection on judgments will be based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to, the following: the amount of the final judgment, the individual and/or entity against whom the judgment was obtained, the costs of collection, the likelihood of collection, and the interest of the client.

Wage Dispute Project

Agency Name:

Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.

Submitted By:

Submitted To:

Palm Beach County Office of Equal Opportunity

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CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

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THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

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Re: Certificate of Liability Insurance 2018-2019

Dear ITS:

In reference to the attached Certificate of Liability
Insurance for the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County,
Inc., this is to confirm that the Legal Aid Society has no
corporate-owned autos and therefore has checked "Hired
Autos" and "Non-Owned Autos" on its liability coverage.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) 08/22/2018

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RESOLUTION NO. R-2012 - 1857

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING A WAGE RECOVERY PROGRAM PROVIDED THROUGH THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, TO FACILITATE WAGE RECOVERY FOR UNDERSERVED INDIVIDUALS THROUGH THE COURTS, AND PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County ("BCC"), Florida wish to state a clear policy condemning the unlawful under payment or non-payment of employees earned wages by unscrupulous employers; and

WHEREAS, a significant portion of workers affected by under payment or non-payment of earned wages are economically disadvantaged and low-income; and

WHEREAS, the BCC pledge their support to facilitate access to the courts through the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County ("LAS") program for the underserved, which may include certain day workers, casual laborers and the like; and

WHEREAS, the BCC sponsored and endorsed a pilot Wage Recovery Program ("WRP") administered by the LAS; and

WHEREAS, the LAS developed procedures, implemented processes and executed the pilot WRP to facilitate meaningful outcomes and conform to legal and ethical canons; and

WHEREAS, the pilot WRP has been successful; and the BCC does not wish to interfere with LAS' ability to act and react to changing laws and market conditions by limiting their ability to modify and execute the processes and procedures associated with the WRP.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. An employee who has been denied wages when due may contact LAS for wage recovery assistance.

Section 2. In keeping with their legal and ethical obligations, LAS will determine whether the individual has a bona fide claim for unpaid wages. If the individual has a bona fide claim for unpaid wages, LAS will:

- A. Notify the employer and provide the employer with an opportunity to cure the matter of unpaid wages in the manner deemed most appropriate to each claim. The notification may take the form of a telephone call, letter, or any other means that LAS deems appropriate.
- B. Work with the employee and employer to resolve the issue informally but expeditiously. The informal resolution may include obtaining attorneys' fees and costs from the employer.

- C. File court actions as appropriate and may refer unresolved claims to local pro bono or other counsel for resolution.
- D. Monitor and report results to the BCC at predetermined intervals in a manner prescribed by the BCC.

Section 3. The BCC shall provide funding to the LAS program as necessary which, at the outset, shall be \$100,000 for one (1) year, subject to review and extension at the end of that year. This funding shall cover the salary and benefits of the staff attorney assigned to the program together with the support, investigative, court processing services and other of the program's actual costs. This program shall be re-evaluated in twelve (12) months following execution of the contract pursuant to this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Vana, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Abrams Aye

Commissioner Berger . Aye

Commissioner Burdick - Nay

Commissioner Santamaria - Nay

Commissioner Taylor - Aye

Commissioner Valeche Aye

Commissioner Vana _ Aye

The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of December, 2012.

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County Attorney



October 16, 2018

Dear Ms. Guerrier:

PEACE is once again writing in support of continued funding for Legal Aid Society's Wage Recovery Project. Since January 2013, Legal Aid's program has been a successful way for over 1000 victims of Wage Theft to recover over \$1,000,000 in owed wages - real money back in the hands of real people.

The amount of wages recovered, the number of victims served, and the personal stories we hear from people around the county clearly demonstrate that this is a successful program. Because of Legal Aid, hundreds of families have been able to pay their bills and good business owners have been able to flourish in a fair market, making Palm Beach County a better place for all its residents. Finally, the presence of enforcement is a deterrent to violations; its absence encourages violators.

From the beginning, PEACE wanted a way for workers to get their owed wages and this Program, combined with a Docket Day, successfully does that. Working with Legal Aid, victims have received their owed wages — quickly and free of cost. Therefore, PEACE supports continued funding at a level necessary for the program to function at its potential.

Sincerely,

PEACE Wage Theft Committee

CC:

Ana Casey, Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc. Vanessa Coe, Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.

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Florida East Coast Chapter

October 15, 2018

The Honorable Melissa McKinlay 301 North Olive West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Dear Mayor McKinlay,

On behalf of Associated Builders and Contractors, please allow me to offer our continued support of the Palm Beach County Legal Aid Society and their continued efforts to assist residents with their wage theft and wage recovery claims.

ABC has worked with the County, on how best to address claims of Wage Theft, from the very beginning and has always felt that directing folks in need to Legal Aid is the best possible solution. As we know, not every claim amount to Wage Theft but every wronged party deserves help. The beauty of partnering with Legal Aid is that the attorneys working on behalf of the residents of the county can help identify the proper legal resolution and also offer any additional legal support needed by individual claimants. They are an incredibly effective one-stop shop for help and one that should continue to be supported.

We believe that the team at Legal Aid has clearly demonstrated their tremendous ability to assist the residents of Palm Beach County with their wage theft claims, that the program has proven to be a success and that they are deserving of an extension of their contract with the county to provide these services.

Respectfully

Vice President of Government Affairs