

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CHAMPAIGN AND DREAAM FOR  
COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM ASSISTANCE**

This Agreement is entered as of October 21, 2022, by and between the County of Champaign, Illinois (“County”), with an address of 1776 E. Washington Street, Urbana, IL 61802 and DREAAM Opportunity Center (“DREAAM”), with an address of 302 W. Church Street, Champaign, IL 61820; collectively “the Parties.”

**WHEREAS**, The County is in receipt of funds pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2 (“ARPA Funds”); and

**WHEREAS**, The County is authorized by Section 603 of the Social Security Act and the United States Department of Treasury Interim and Final Rule 31 CFR Part 35 to transfer ARPA Funds to respond to the pandemic public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including transferring funds to nonprofit organizations to support the organization’s qualifying programs and services aimed toward community violence interventions, and

**WHEREAS**, DREAAM is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to disrupt generational cycles of poverty and trauma by providing healing-centered services and educational programming that transforms and empowers DREAAMers and their families, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Parties desire to enter into this Agreement to recognize the roles and responsibilities for each Party in assisting with program costs of operating a community violence intervention program in Champaign County, hereby named “Program.”

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **Purpose and Scope.** The Parties intend for this Agreement to provide the foundation and structure for assisting Program costs through the following understanding:
  - a. **Program:** DREAAM will conduct activities between July 21, 2022 and December 31, 2024 directly related to program costs of operating a Program in Champaign County to concentrate on outcomes of early intervention, violence prevention, health and wellness, and overall holistic development of children and adults; with proposed program details and budget included in Attachment 1.
  - b. **Funding:** The County will transfer ARPA funds to DREAAM in an amount of up to \$500,000 in reaching over 1,000 children, youth, and parents with Program activities and services; beginning in County fiscal year 2022, according to the projected budget in Attachment 1. The transfer of funds shall be made in quarterly installments as needed of \$62,500. Installments may be made more frequently pending documentation of the program being successfully implemented. In order for funds to be released, DREAAM must submit a Risk Assessment Form as provided by the County for the first installment; followed by documentation of funding and a Reporting Form as provided by the County for remaining

installment(s) prior to release of funds. The Risk Assessment Form and Reporting Form shall be made available by the County to DREAAM in a fillable format.

## **2. Roles and Responsibilities of DREAAM.**

### **a. Oversight**

- i. DREAAM agrees to cooperate with meetings conducted by Champaign County Board Members and/or County staff, as requested, to review programs in progress.
- ii. DREAAM will adhere to the ARPA Funds fiscal, accounting, and audit procedures that conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and the requirements of federal Uniform Guidance (2 CFR Part 200).
- iii. DREAAM will submit reporting information to the County as required by the Department of Treasury, upon request of the County. Information will include, but is not limited to: program details and purpose, program timeline and status, program impact, expenditure information and status, capital expenditure amounts and details, impacted populations, public health or economic impact experienced due to the pandemic, program response to public health or negative economic impact due to the pandemic, number of individuals served, Davis Bacon and Labor Reporting for capital expenditures over \$10 million. Reporting requirements will be specified by the County.
- iv. DREAAM will provide to the County, upon reasonable notice, access to and the right to examine such books and records of DREAAM and will make such reports to the County as the County may reasonably require so that the County may determine whether there has been compliance with this Agreement.
- v. No person shall be excluded from participation in programs the County is funding, be denied the benefits of such program, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with the funds provided under this Agreement on the ground of race, ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, disability, or on any other ground upon which such discrimination is prohibited by law. DREAAM understands that Executive Order 13985, Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government, applies to the use of ARPA Funds.
- vi. DREAAM will comply with all applicable statutes, ordinances, and regulations. DREAAM will not use any of these ARPA Funds for lobbying purposes. If it is determined by the County that any expenditure made with the ARPA Funds provided under this Agreement is prohibited by law,

DREAAM will reimburse the County any amount that is determined to have been spent in violation of the law.

- vii. DREAAM will enforce all applicable terms and requirements of this agreement with any subgrantees or partners of this program and is liable for all subgrantee and partner activity related to this specific program agreement.

**b. Program**

- i. Services: DREAAM shall conduct activities toward operation of a Program under the following requirements:
  - 1. DREAAM shall incur Program costs between July 21, 2022 and December 31, 2024 directly related to program costs of operating a Program in Champaign County to concentrate on outcomes of early intervention, violence prevention, health and wellness, and overall holistic development of children and adults. County ARPA Funds will assist in reaching over 1,000 children, youth, and parents.
  - 2. DREAAM shall conduct Program costs in accordance with the proposed budget and details provided in Attachment 1.
- ii. Governance: The Program activities shall be overseen by the DREAAM Board of Directors with the following responsibilities:
  - 1. Review reports and program adherence.
  - 2. Approve significant changes in programs prior to implementation.

**3. Roles and Responsibilities of the County.**

- a. The County shall provide ARPA Funds to DREAAM in the amount of up to \$500,000, in quarterly installments as needed, available beginning in 2022. Installments may be made more frequently pending documentation of the program being successfully implemented.
- b. The County shall provide oversight as described in this Agreement for the purpose of ensuring that ARPA Funds are spent in compliance with federal law, and in compliance with the intended purpose of the funds as set forth in this Agreement.
- c. The County is not responsible in any way for the operations of DREAAM.

4. **Term.** This Agreement shall commence upon its execution between the Parties.

5. **Termination.** The Agreement may be terminated by either party upon a thirty-day notice in writing to the other party. Upon termination, DREAAM shall provide to the County an accounting of the ARPA Funds and shall remit unspent ARPA Funds to the County. Additionally, if DREAAM does not spend the ARPA Funds in accordance to the regulations and requirements specified in this Agreement, DREAAM will be required to repay the County in the amount of ARPA funds that were utilized incorrectly.

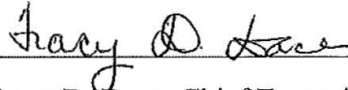
6. **Amendments.** This Agreement may be amended only by an agreement of the parties executed in the same manner in which this Agreement is executed.
7. **Representations and Warranties.** Both Parties represent that they are fully authorized to enter into this Agreement. The performance and obligations of either Party will not violate or infringe upon the rights of any third-party or violate any other agreement between the Parties, individually, and any other person, organization, or business or any law or governmental regulation.
8. **Indemnity.** DREAAM agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County, its respective affiliates, officers, agents, employees, and permitted successors and assigns against any and all claims, losses, damages, liabilities, penalties, punitive damages, expenses, reasonable legal fees and costs of any kind or amount whatsoever, which result from the negligence of or breach of this Agreement by DREAAM, its respective successors and assigns that occurs in connection with this Agreement. This section remains in full force and effect even after termination of the Agreement by its natural termination or the early termination by either party.
9. **Limitation of Liability.** UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY OR ANY THIRD PARTY FOR ANY DAMAGES RESULTING FROM ANY PART OF THIS AGREEMENT SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOSS OF REVENUE OR ANTICIPATED PROFIT OR LOST BUSINESS, COSTS OF DELAY OR FAILURE OF DELIVERY, WHICH ARE NOT RELATED TO OR THE DIRECT RESULT OF A PARTY'S NEGLIGENCE OR BREACH.
10. **Severability.** In the event any provision of this Agreement is deemed invalid or unenforceable, in whole or in part, that part shall be severed from the remainder of the Agreement and all other provisions should continue in full force and effect as valid and enforceable.
11. **Waiver.** The failure by either party to exercise any right, power or privilege under the terms of this Agreement will not be construed as a waiver of any subsequent or further exercise of that right, power or privilege or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege.
12. **Conflicts.** In the event of an unresolvable dispute, both parties agree to participate in a mediation process and to split equally any costs associated with such. Any outcomes of mediation shall be in writing and binding on the parties.
13. **Legal and Binding Agreement.** This Agreement is legal and binding between the Parties as stated above. The Parties each represent that they have the authority to enter into this Agreement.
14. **Entire Agreement.** The Parties acknowledge and agree that this Agreement represents the entire agreement between the Parties. In the event that the Parties desire to change, add, or

otherwise modify any terms, they shall do so only by an agreement of the parties executed in the same manner in which this Agreement is executed.

The Parties agree to the terms and conditions set forth above as demonstrated by their signatures as follows:

**THE COUNTY OF CHAMPAIGN**

**DREAAM OPPORTUNITY CENTER**



Darlene A. Kloeppe, County Executive

Tracy D. Dace, Chief Executive Officer



## **Champaign County Board Community Violence Prevention Proposal**

### **Organizational Mission**

DREAAM (Driven to Reach Excellence and Academic Achievement for Males) is a community impact organization with a social justice mission to reduce the achievement and opportunity gaps among boys and young men ages 3 to 24. To achieve this mission, DREAAM builds a seamless pipeline of hope to disrupt the "school to prison" pipeline and increase life opportunities. During COVID-19, DREAAM expanded to serve girls, young women, and families, and provided in-person services to improve remote learning outcomes, social emotional health, and parental involvement. This expansion has strengthened and re-purposed our mission to prioritize the whole family's health, well-being, and achievement.

### **Project Description**

Hope for the Future (H4F) is an evidence-informed, social justice initiative to develop a path of proactive violence prevention. The vision is to prevent violence over time and build hope for a lifetime. This initiative will address inequalities, child well-being, and mental health among Black and Brown children and their parents living in three small urban cities in Illinois which are Champaign, Urbana, and Rantoul. Building on existing partnerships and impactful programming, DREAAM will implement, scale, and sustain H4F programs and services that are trauma-informed, community-based, culturally responsive, and people-centered. Specifically, H4F will implement early childhood cultural education and expand girls' programming, preventative services, health programming, and personal development opportunities to continue supporting children and families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Champaign Community Board funding will equip DREAAM to implement, scale, and sustain effective programs and services that will provide and elevate children's mental health and wellness services, culturally relevant supports, and family-centered programs. These services will reach, teach, and heal Black and Brown children and youth—ages 3 to 24—and their parents in Champaign County. In addition, a portion of the funding will be designated to continue to expand programs and services specifically for girls ages 3 to 17. This funding will allow DREAAM to "think outside the box" to address violence and replace it with hope, healing, and health. Specifically, the requested funding will be used for the following:

1. To build a racially diverse team of program and support staff and highly qualified mental health professionals, including hiring licensed clinical social workers, wraparound facilitators, behavioral interventionists, and violence prevention counselors.
2. To design and operate a state-of-the-art early childhood center focusing on Black cultural education, wraparound services and early intervention, family mental health services, and culturally relevant parental engagement.
3. To expand and sustain wellness and gender-specific programming across the three target cities that will offer enriching, well-rounded opportunities, such as exposure to the arts, trauma healing, health education, and college and career exposure experiences.

## **Scope and Approach**

Hope for the Future will initially implement a three-strategy approach that concentrates on outcomes of early intervention, violence prevention, health and wellness, and overall holistic development of children and adults in Champaign County. To achieve these outcomes, programs and services will be research-based, accessible, trauma-informed, culturally responsive, and people-centered.

Specifically, H4F will develop a program team who represent and reflect the racial and cultural identity of the target population; program and support staff, volunteers, and partners will form strong relationships and have culturally informed tools; data will drive the implementation, and structural scope of the proposed work; and last, but not least, H4F will embrace respect and love throughout all programming. A "village-building" approach of new and existing partnerships will be used to actualize the outcomes of H4F. It will take a connected, mighty village of partners and people to mentor, volunteer, provide services, evaluate, and, most importantly, change lives.

The proposed scope of work is to develop and implement evidence-based impact strategies and practices across three small, urban, high-hope cities with the vision of impacting over 1,000 people. The impact strategies are:

Strategy One (1) – Wellness for ALL. This strategy will have specific programming targeting well-being, health, and development and providing free, community-based artistic, physical, and mental health, culturally enriching programming, and self-care practices. Broader services will be offered for parent learning and family resiliency.

### **Proposed Work:**

- Extensive training, skill building, and development of community members, practitioners, and clinicians in trauma healing, effective parenting, restorative justice, and gun violence therapy

- Design and re-purpose the former Greyhound space in the Illinois Terminal as a trauma-informed, centralized community resource space for referrals, and linkage, employment services, and other efforts to foster hope
- Expand Wellness for ALL and DREAAM girls programming to Urbana and Rantoul

Strategy Two (2) – Hope for Boys. H4F will expand programming to reach, teach, and empower boys involved in and/or at risk of being involved in gangs and the juvenile justice system. Expanded programming will include restorative justice, peer leadership training, mental health services, and exposure opportunities to careers and college. To support the health and development of girls, male participants in this program will also receive education about fostering positive perceptions of girls and women, developing allyship with them, and reducing negative behaviors, including violence against them.

Proposed work:

- Develop curricula and innovation to prevent and reduce violence across Champaign County
- Develop and pilot a mentoring and life coaching program to address the mentoring gap

Strategy Three (3) – Black Family Health. H4F will develop a new program dedicated to serving families of Black boys in pre-kindergarten through second grade. The program will provide intensive wraparound services to address the child's mental health needs and equip parents with knowledge, skills, and training to address health needs. In addition, this strategy will narrow the opportunity gap in early childhood services by creating high-quality early childhood education focused on Black cultural pride, children's mental health, and parental involvement.

Proposed work:

- Design, equip, implement, and evaluate a high quality, state-of-the-art early childhood program model
- Expand the early intervention wraparound program to Urbana and Rantoul

Requested funds will support the following principal results of H4F. These results include:

1. Children and adults who have experienced trauma and/or impacted by COVID-19 will have increased support available.
2. Child well-being indicators will increase and improve children's mental health and wellness.
3. Decrease in school and community violence.
4. Communities will have early intervention and prevention resources and a sustainable path to reduce gun violence in the future.



## **Proposed Partners**

The following existing partnerships will be involved in Hope for the Future:

Banks Bridgewater Lewis Fine Arts Academy  
Bradley Learning Center  
Broadmeadow Elementary School  
Carle Illinois College of Medicine  
Champaign Unit 4 School District  
College of Education, University of Illinois  
Cunningham Children's Home  
Foster Grandparents Program  
Head Start, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission  
Helping Our Youth Change Everyday (HOYCE)  
Office of Public Engagement, Chancellor's Office, University of Illinois  
Rantoul Township High School  
School of Social Work, University of Illinois  
Urbana High School – Anti-Violence Collective  
Urbana Park District

## **Funding Request**

DREAAM Opportunity Center is requesting \$500,000 to operationalize the scope of work, goals and proposed outcomes of Hope for the Future. Please see the proposed budget for more information.



**Hope for the Future  
Proposed Budget for  
Champaign County Board Funding**

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Narrative</b>
Personnel – Associate Program Director, Hope for the Future	<b>\$55,000</b>	The Associate Program Director position will work under the leadership of Mr. Tracy D. Dace, DREAM Founder and Program Director of Hope for the Future, to implement and manage the multifaceted components and partnerships of Hope for the Future across Champaign County.
Benefits and Payroll Taxes	<b>\$5,000</b>	Funding is needed to provide health benefits and cover payroll taxes for the Associate Program Director.
Strategy 1 – Wellness for ALL	<b>\$100,000</b>	Strategy 1 funding will support the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extensive wellness training of practitioners and clinicians (\$30,000)</li> <li>• Community resource space at Illinois Terminal (\$30,000)</li> <li>• Expand wellness programming (\$40,000)</li> </ul>
Strategy 2 – Hope for Boys	<b>\$60,000</b>	Strategy 2 funding will support the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gang and violence prevention programming and supplies in Urbana and Rantoul (30,00)</li> <li>• Mentoring program development and supplies (\$30,000)</li> </ul>

Strategy 3 – Black Family Health	<b>\$250,000</b>	Half of the funding request will support Strategy 3, which is the development of the early childhood initiative. These funds will cover the costs of the equipment, supplies, training, curriculum development, evaluation, and sustainability planning of the proposed program model (\$150,000). In addition, this funding will expand early intervention wraparound services to Urbana and Rantoul (\$100,000).
Contractual Services	<b>\$30,000</b>	Contractual services will include transportation (\$24,000) and accounting services (\$6,000). DREAM will use various forms of transportation to increase participation of children and families in services and programming. Accounting administration is important to increase accountability and compliance of American Rescue Plan Act funds and financial reporting to the Champaign County Board.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	