



HUD Project ID #96
\$5,000.00
FOCUS
Education Conference

City of Jonesboro 2007 CDBG AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into by and between the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas (hereinafter referred to as the "Grantee") and FOCUS, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as the "Subrecipient").

WHEREAS, the Grantee has applied for and received funds from the United States Government under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383; and

WHEREAS, the Grantee wishes to engage the Subrecipient to assist the Grantee in utilizing such funds;

NOW THEREFORE, It is agreed by the parties in exchange of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein:

I. SCOPE OF SERVICE

The Subrecipient will be responsible for administering a service to the City and its low and moderate income residents for the Program Year. The project involves the administration of services, programs and community outreach to low and moderate income persons and/or families as stated under Item C of this contract. The funds for this program will assist in the capacity building of the service providers who support our most vulnerable populations. The provision of local affordable staff training allows even the smallest providers the capability of educating their staff. These funds will be used to train staff who assist low and moderate income U.S./Visa holding citizens residing within the City limits of Jonesboro.

A complete detailed accounting of the number of providers, and specifically those providing services to the City of Jonesboro was provided by the Subrecipient, along with the schedule of training courses made available, and how these specific courses advance said providers.

A. General Administration

The Subrecipient will provide adequate personnel inclusive of volunteer participation as stated in the formal application to maintain the Scope of Services.

B. National Objectives

The Subrecipient certifies that the activities carried out with funds provided under this Agreement will meet one or more of the CDBG program's National Objectives:

1. Benefit low/moderate income persons,
2. Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight
3. Meet community development needs having a particular urgency - as defined in 24 CFR Part 570.208.

C. Levels of Accomplishment

In addition to the normal administrative services required as part of this Agreement, the Subrecipient agrees to provide the following levels of program services:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Total Persons/Year</u>
Northeast Arkansas Health Education Conference	640

D. Staffing

The following staff will be actively participating in program delivery:
Co-Director, Early Childhood Coordinator, Records Coordinator, Fiscal Officer, Secretary

E. Performance Monitoring

The Grantee will monitor the performance of the Subrecipient against goals and performance standards required herein. Substandard performance as determined by the Grantee will constitute non-compliance with this Agreement. If action to correct such substandard performance is not taken by the Subrecipient within a 30 day period of time after being notified by the Grantee, Agreement suspension or termination procedures will be initiated.

II. TIME OF PERFORMANCE

Services of the Subrecipient shall be for the Program year. The term of this Agreement and the provisions herein can be extended to cover any additional time period during which the Subrecipient remains in control of CDBG funds or other assets, including program income. No program income is expected with this project.

III. BUDGET

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Administration/Program Delivery	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>

Any indirect costs charged must be consistent with the conditions of Paragraph VIII (C)(2) of this Agreement. In addition, the Grantee may require a more detailed budget breakdown than the one contained herein, and the Subrecipient shall provide such supplementary budget information in a timely fashion in the form and content specified by the Grantee. Any amendments to this budget must be approved in writing by the Grantee and the Subrecipient.

IV. PAYMENT

It is expressly agreed and understood that the total amount to be paid by the Grantee under this Agreement shall not exceed \$5,000.00. The funds shall be used for eligible expenses against the line item budgets specified in Paragraph III herein and in accordance with performance. Expenses for general administration shall also be paid against the line item budgets specified in Paragraph III and in accordance with performance.

Payments shall be contingent upon certification of the Subrecipient's financial management system in accordance with the standards in OMB Circular A-110 which is included in an Administrative Manual, located at 519 West Washington in the City Offices and is available should you need any copies or have any questions.

V. NOTICES

Communication and details concerning this Agreement shall be directed to the following:

Grantee

City of Jonesboro
Dept. of Community Development
519 W. Washington, P.O. Box 1845
Jonesboro, AR 72401
Office (870) 933-4635
Fax (870) 933-4626

Subrecipient

Jacqueline Buchanan, Co-Director
FOCUS
2809 Forest Home Road
Jonesboro, AR 72401
Office (870) 935-2750
Fax (870) 931-3755

VI. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

NONE

VII. GENERAL CONDITIONS

A. General Compliance

The Subrecipient agrees to comply with the requirements of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 570 (the Housing and Urban Development regulations concerning Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)). The Subrecipient also agrees to comply with all other applicable Federal, state and local laws, regulations, and policies governing the funds provided under this Agreement. *The Subrecipient further agrees to utilize funds available under this Agreement to supplement rather than supplant funds otherwise available.*

B. "Independent Contractor"

Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended to, or shall be construed in any manner, as creating or establishing the relationship of employer/employee between the parties. The Subrecipient shall at all times remain an "independent contractor" with respect to the services to be performed under this Agreement. The Grantee shall be exempt from payment of all Unemployment Compensation, FICA, retirement, life and/or medical insurance and Workers' Compensation Insurance as the Subrecipient is an independent Subrecipient.

C. Hold Harmless

The Subrecipient shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify the Grantee from any and all claims, actions, suits, charges and judgments whatsoever, including legal fees and expenses that arise out of the Subrecipient's performance or nonperformance of the services or subject matter called for in this Agreement.

D. Worker's Compensation

The Subrecipient shall provide Workers' Compensation insurance coverage for all of its employees involved in the performance of this Agreement.

E. Insurance & Bonding

The Subrecipient shall carry sufficient insurance coverage to protect Agreement assets from loss due to theft, fraud, and/or undue physical damage, and as a minimum shall purchase a blanket fidelity bond covering all employees in an amount equal to cash advances from the Grantee. The Subrecipient shall comply with the bonding and insurance requirements of OMB Circular A-110, Bonding and Insurance.

F. Grantor Recognition

The Subrecipient shall insure recognition of the role of the Grantor agency in providing services through this Agreement. All activities, facilities, and items utilized pursuant to this Agreement shall be prominently labeled as to funding source. In addition, the Subrecipient will include a reference to the support provided herein in all publication and media presentations made possible with funds provided for activities under this Agreement.

G. Amendments

The Grantee or Subrecipient may amend this Agreement at any time provided that such amendments make specific reference to this Agreement, and are executed in writing, signed by a duly authorized representative of both organizations. Such amendments shall not invalidate this Agreement, nor relieve or release the Grantee or Subrecipient from its obligations under this Agreement.

The Grantee may, in its discretion, amend this Agreement to conform with Federal, state or local governmental guidelines, policies and available funding amounts, or for other reasons. If such amendments result in a change in the funding, the scope of services, or schedule of the activities to be undertaken as part of the Agreement, such modifications will be incorporated only by written amendment signed by both Grantee and Subrecipient.

H. Suspension or Termination

Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving written notice to the other party of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof at least 30 days before the effective date of such termination. Partial terminations of the Scope of Service in Paragraph 1 (A) above may only be undertaken with the prior approval of the Grantee. In the event of any termination for convenience, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, maps, models, photographs, reports, or other materials prepared by the Subrecipient under this Agreement shall, at the option of the Grantee, become the property of the Grantee, and the Subrecipient shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents or materials prior to the termination.

The Grantee may also suspend or terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, if the Subrecipient materially fails to comply with any term of this Agreement, or with any of the rules, regulations or provisions referred to herein; and the Grantee may declare the Subrecipient ineligible for any further participation in the Grantee's contracts, in addition to other remedies as provided by law. In the event there is probable cause to believe the Subrecipient is in noncompliance with any applicable rules or regulations, the Grantee may withhold up to fifteen (15) percent of said Agreement funds until such time as the Subrecipient is found to be in compliance by the Grantee, or is otherwise adjudicated to be in compliance.

I. Authorization to Enter Agreement

The undersigned person signing as an officer on behalf of the Subrecipient, a party to this Agreement, hereby severally warrants and represents that said person has authority to enter this Agreement on behalf of said Subrecipient and to bind the same to this Agreement, and further that said Subrecipient has authority to enter into this Agreement and that there are no restrictions or prohibitions contained in any article of incorporation or bylaw against entering into this Agreement. It is agreed that the Subrecipient will provide a copy of the board minutes designating said authority, which is to be attached as a permanent part of this agreement.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

A. Financial Management

1. Accounting Standards

The Subrecipient agrees to comply with the Administrative Manual located at 519 West Washington Avenue in the City Offices and agrees to adhere to the accounting principles and procedures required therein, utilize adequate internal controls, and maintain necessary source documentation for all costs incurred.

2. Cost Principles

The Subrecipient shall administer its program in conformance with OMB Circulars A-122, "Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations," These principles shall be applied for all costs incurred whether charged on a direct or indirect basis.

B. Documentation and Record-Keeping

1. Records to be Maintained

The Subrecipient shall maintain all records required by the Federal regulations specified in 24 CFR Part 570.506 that are pertinent to the activities to be funded under this Agreement. Such records shall include but not be limited to:

- a. Records providing a full description of each activity undertaken;
- b. Records demonstrating that each activity undertaken meets one of the National Objective of the CDBG program;
- c. Records required to determine the eligibility of activities and recipients of said activities;
- d. Records required to determine the low income eligibility;
- e. Records required to document the acquisition, improvement, use or disposition of real property acquired or improved with CDBG assistance;
- f. Records documenting compliance with the fair housing and equal opportunity components of the CDBG program;
- g. Financial records as required by 24 CFR Part 570.502, and OMB Circular A-110; and
- h. Other records necessary to document compliance with Subpart K of 24 CFR 570.

2. Retention

The Subrecipient shall retain all records pertinent to expenditures incurred under this Agreement for a period of five (5) years after the termination of all activities funded under this Agreement. Records for non-expendable property acquired with funds under this Agreement shall be retained for five (5) years after final disposition of such property. Records for any displaced person must be kept for five (5) years after he/she has received final payment. Notwithstanding the above, if there is litigation, claims, audits, negotiations or other actions that involve any of the records cited and that have started before the expiration of the five (5) year period, then such records must be retained until completion of the actions and resolution of all issues, or the expiration of the five (5) year period, whichever occurs later.

3. Client Data

The Subrecipient shall maintain client data demonstrating client eligibility for services provided. Such data shall include, but not be limited to, client name, social security, income level or other basis for determining eligibility, and description of service provided. Such information shall be made available to Grantee monitors or their designees for review upon request. The Subrecipient shall submit Intake Forms with each quarterly report to the Grantee.

4. Disclosure

The Subrecipient understands that client information collected under this Agreement is private and the use or disclosure of such information, when not directly connected with the administration of the Grantee's or Subrecipient's responsibilities with respect to services provided under this Agreement, is prohibited unless written consent is obtained from such person receiving service and, in the case of a minor, that of a responsible parent/guardian.

5. Property Records

The Subrecipient shall maintain real property inventory records which clearly identify properties purchased, improved or sold. Properties retained shall continue to meet eligibility criteria and shall conform to the "changes in use" restrictions in 24 CFR Parts 570.503(b) (8), as applicable.

6. Close-Outs

The Subrecipient's obligation to the Grantee shall not end until all close-out requirements are completed. Activities during this close-out period shall include, but are not limited to making final payments, disposing of program assets (including the return of all unused materials, equipment, unspent cash advances, program income balances, and accounts receivable to the Grantee), and determining the custodianship of records.

7. Audits & Inspections

All Subrecipient records with respect to any matters covered by this Agreement shall be made available to the Grantee, Grantor agency, their designees or the Federal Government, at any time during normal business hours, as often as the Grantee or Grantor agency deems necessary, to audit, examine, and make excerpts or transcripts of all relevant data. **Any deficiencies noted in audit reports must be fully cleared by the Subrecipient within 30 days after receipt by the Subrecipient. Failure of the Subrecipient to comply with the above audit requirements will constitute a violation of this Agreement and may result in the withholding of future payments.** The Subrecipient hereby agrees to have an annual agency audit conducted in accordance with current Grantee policy concerning Subrecipient audits and, as applicable, OMB Circular A-133.

C. Reporting and Payment Procedures

1. Program Income

The Subrecipient shall report quarterly all program income as defined in 24 CFR 570.500(a) generated by activities carried out with CDBG funds made available under

this Agreement. The use of program income by the Subrecipient shall comply with the requirements set forth at 24 CFR 570.504. By way of further limitations, the Subrecipient may use such income during the Agreement period for activities permitted under this Agreement and shall reduce requests for additional funds by the amount of any such program income balance on hand. All unused program income shall be returned to the Grantee at the end of the Agreement period. Any interest earned on cash advances from the U.S. Treasury is not program income and shall be remitted promptly to the Grantee. **Note: This project will not generate program income.**

2. Indirect Costs

If indirect costs are charged, the Subrecipient will develop an indirect cost allocation plan for determining the appropriate Subrecipient's share of administrative costs and shall submit such plan to the Grantee for approval, in a form specified by the Grantee.

3. Payment Procedures

The Grantee will pay to the Subrecipient funds available under this Agreement based upon information submitted by the Subrecipient and consistent with any approved budget and Grantee policy concerning payments. With the exception of certain advances, payments will be made for eligible expenses actually incurred by the Subrecipient, and not to exceed actual cash requirements. Payments will be adjusted by the Grantee in accordance with advance fund and program income balances available in Subrecipient accounts. In addition, the Grantee reserves the right to liquidate funds available under this Agreement for costs incurred by the Grantee on behalf of the Subrecipient.

4. Progress Reports

The Subrecipient shall submit Progress Reports quarterly or upon request to the Grantee.

D. Procurement

1. Compliance

The Subrecipient shall comply with current Grantee policy concerning the purchase of equipment and shall maintain inventory records of all non-expendable personal property as defined by such policy as may be procured with funds provided herein. All program assets (unexpended program income, property, equipment, etc.) shall revert to the Grantee upon termination of this Agreement unless a written agreement is executed by both parties.

2. OMB Standards

The Subrecipient shall procure all materials, or services in accordance with the requirements of Attachment O of OMB Circular A-110, Procurement Standards, and shall subsequently follow Attachment N, Property Management Standards as modified by 24 CFR 570.502(b)(6), covering utilization and disposal of property. Real property shall be acquired only by the Grantee.

3. Travel/Training

The Subrecipient shall obtain written approval from the Grantee for any travel outside the metropolitan area with funds provided under this Agreement. Failure to do so will result in denial of expenditure.

IX. PERSONNEL & PARTICIPANT CONDITIONS

A. Civil Rights

1. Compliance

The Subrecipient agrees to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 as amended, Section 104(b) and Section 109 of Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Executive Order 11063, and with Executive Order 11246 as amended by Executive Orders 11375 and 12086.

2. Nondiscrimination

The Subrecipient will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, disability or other handicap, age, marital/familial status, or status with regard to public assistance. The Subrecipient will take affirmative action to insure that all employment practices are free from such discrimination. Such employment practices include but are not limited to the following: hiring, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff, termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

3. Land Covenants

This Agreement is subject to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) and 24 CFR 570.601 and 602. In regard to the sale, lease, or other transfer of land acquired, cleared or improved with assistance provided under this Agreement, the Grantee shall cause or require a covenant running with the land to be inserted in the deed or lease for such transfer, prohibiting discrimination as herein defined, in the sale, lease or rental, or in the use or occupancy of such land, or in any improvements erected or to be erected thereon, providing that the Grantee and the United States are beneficiaries of and entitled to enforce such covenants. The Subrecipient, in undertaking its obligation to carry out the program assisted hereunder, agrees to take such measures as are necessary to enforce such covenant, and will not itself so discriminate.

4. Section 504

The Subrecipient agrees to comply with any Federal regulations issued pursuant to compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 706), which prohibits discrimination against those with disabilities in any Federally assisted program.

B. Affirmative Action

1. Approved Plan

The Subrecipient agrees that it shall be committed to carry out pursuant to the Grantee's specifications an Affirmative Action Program in keeping with the principles as provided in President's Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965.

2. WBE/MBE

The Subrecipient will use its best efforts to afford minority - and women-owned business enterprises the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the performance of this Agreement. As used in this Agreement, the term "minority and female business enterprise" means a business at least fifty-one (51) percent owned and controlled by minority group members or women. For the purpose of this definition, "minority group members" are Afro-Americans, Spanish-speaking, Spanish surnamed or Spanish-heritage Americans, Asian-Americans, and American Indians. The Subrecipient may rely on written representations by businesses regarding their status as minority and female business enterprises in lieu of an independent investigation.

3. Access to Records

The Subrecipient shall furnish and cause each of its own Subrecipients or subcontractors to furnish all information and reports required hereunder and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the Grantee, HUD or its agent, or other authorized Federal officials for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with the rules, regulations, and provisions stated herein.

4. Notifications

The Subrecipient will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency's contracting officer, advising the labor union or worker's representative of the Subrecipient's commitments hereunder, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

5. EEO/AA STATEMENT

The Subrecipient will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed or on behalf of the Subrecipient, state that it is an Equal Opportunity or Affirmative Action employer.

6. Subcontract Provisions

The Subrecipient will include the provisions of Paragraphs IX (A), Civil Rights, and (B), Affirmative Action, in every subcontract or purchase order, specifically or by reference, so that such provisions will be binding upon each of its own Subrecipients or subcontractors.

C. Employment Restrictions

1. Prohibited Activity

The Subrecipient is prohibited from using funds provided herein or personnel employed in the administration of the program for political activities, sectarian or religious activities, lobbying, political patronage, and nepotism activities.

2. Labor Standards

The Subrecipient agrees to comply with the requirements of the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act as amended, the provisions of Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 276a-276a-5; 40 USC 327 and 40 USC 276c) and all other applicable Federal, state and local laws and regulations pertaining to labor standards insofar as those acts apply to the performance of this Agreement. The Subrecipient shall maintain documentation which demonstrates compliance with hour and wage requirements of this part. Such documentation shall be made available to the Grantee for review upon request.

The Subrecipient agrees that, except with respect to the rehabilitation or construction of residential property containing less than eight (8) units, all contractors engaged under contracts in excess of \$2,000.00 for construction, renovation or repair work financed in whole or in part with assistance provided under this Agreement, shall comply with Federal requirements adopted by the Grantee pertaining to such Agreements and with the applicable requirements of the regulations of the Department of Labor, under 29 CFR Parts 1, 3, 5 and 7 governing the payment of wages and ratio of apprentices and trainees to journey workers; provided, that if wage rates higher than those required under regulations are imposed by state or local law, nothing hereunder is intended to relieve the Subrecipient of its obligation, if any, to require payment of the higher wage. The Subrecipient shall cause or require to be inserted in full, in all such Agreements subject to such regulations, provisions meeting the requirements of this paragraph.

3. "Section 3" Clause

a. Compliance

Compliance with the provisions of Section 3, the regulations set forth in 24 CFR 135, and all applicable rules and orders issued hereunder prior to the execution of this Agreement, shall be a condition of the Federal financial assistance provided under this Agreement and binding upon the Grantee, the Subrecipient and any of the Subrecipient's Subrecipients and subcontractors. Failure to fulfill these requirements shall subject the Grantee, the Subrecipient and any of the Subrecipient's Subrecipients and subcontractors, their successors and assigns, to those sanctions specified by the Agreement through which Federal assistance is provided. The Subrecipient certifies and agrees that no contractual or other disability exists which would prevent compliance with those requirements.

The Subrecipient further agrees to comply with these "Section 3" requirements and to include the following language in all subcontracts executed under this Agreement:

"The work to be performed under this Agreement is a project assisted under a program provided direct Federal financial assistance from HUD and is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701. Section 3 requires that to the greatest extent feasible opportunities for training and employment be given to low- and very low-income residents of the project area and contracts for work in connection with the project be awarded to business concerns that provide economic opportunities for low- and very low-income persons residing in the metropolitan area in which the project is located."

The Subrecipient further agrees to ensure that opportunities for training and employment arising in connection with a housing rehabilitation

(including reduction and abatement of lead-based paint hazards), housing construction, or other public construction project are given to low- and very low-income persons residing within the metropolitan area in which the CDBG funded project is located; where feasible, priority should be given to low- and very low-income persons within the service area of the project or the neighborhood in which the project is located, and to low- and very low-income participants in other HUD programs; and award contracts for work undertaken in connection with a housing rehabilitation (including reduction and abatement of lead-based paint hazards), housing construction, or other public construction project are given to business concerns that provide economic opportunities for low- and very low-income persons residing within the metropolitan area in which the CDBG funded project is located; where feasible, priority should be given to business concerns which provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income residents within the service area or the neighborhood in which the project is located, and to low- and very low-income participants in other HUD programs.

The Subrecipient certifies and agrees that no contractual or other legal incapacity exists which would prevent compliance with these requirements.

b. Notifications

The Subrecipient agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, if any, a notice advising said labor organization or worker's representative of its commitments under this Section 3 clause and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment or training.

c. Subcontracts

The Subrecipient will include this Section 3 clause in every subcontract and will take appropriate action pursuant to the subcontract upon finding that the subcontractor is in violation of regulations issued by the grantor agency. The Subrecipient will not subcontract with any entity where it has notice or knowledge that the latter has been found in violation of regulations under 24 CFR 135 and will not let any subcontract unless the entity has first provided it with a preliminary statement of ability to comply with the requirements of these regulations.

D. Conduct

1. Assignability

The Subrecipient shall not assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Grantee thereto; provided, however, that claims for money due or to become due to the Subrecipient from the Grantee under this Agreement may be assigned to a bank, trust company, or other financial institution without such approval. Notice of any such assignment or transfer shall be furnished promptly to the Grantee.

2. Subcontracts

a. Approvals

The Subrecipient shall not enter into any subcontracts with any agency or individual in the performance of this Agreement without the written consent of the Grantee prior to the execution of such agreement.

b. Monitoring

The Subrecipient will monitor all subcontracted services on a regular basis to assure Agreement compliance. Results of monitoring efforts shall be summarized in written reports and supported with documented evidence of follow-up actions taken to correct areas of noncompliance.

c. Content

The Subrecipient shall cause all of the provisions of this Agreement in its entirety to be included in and made a part of any subcontract executed in the performance of this Agreement.

d. Selection Process

The Subrecipient shall undertake to insure that all subcontracts let in the performance of this Agreement shall be awarded on a fair and open competition basis. Executed copies of all subcontracts shall be forwarded to the Grantee along with documentation concerning the selection process.

3. Hatch Act

The Subrecipient agrees that no funds provided, nor personnel employed under this Agreement, shall be in any way or to any extent engaged in the conduct of political activities in violation of Chapter 15 of Title V United States Code.

4. Conflict of Interest

The Subrecipient agrees to abide by the provisions of 24 CFR 570.611 with respect to conflicts of interest, and covenants that it presently has no financial interest and shall not acquire any financial interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of this Agreement. No person having such a financial interest shall be employed or retained by the Subrecipient hereunder.

These conflict of interest provisions apply to any person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or elected official or appointed official of the Grantee, or of any designated public agencies or Subrecipients which are receiving funds under the CDBG Entitlement program.

5. Lobbying

The Subrecipient hereby certifies that:

- a. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal

loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;

- b. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions;
- c. It will require that the language of paragraph (d) of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all Subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly; and

d. Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

6. Copyright

If this Agreement results in any copyrightable material or inventions, the Grantee and/or grantor agency reserves the right to royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use and to authorize others to use, the work or materials for government purposes.

7. Religious Organization

The Subrecipient agrees that funds provided under this Agreement will not be utilized for religious activities, to promote religious interests, or for the benefit of a religious organization in accordance with the Federal regulations specified in 24 CFR 570.200(j).

X. ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

A. Air and Water

The Subrecipient agrees to comply with the following requirements insofar as they apply to the performance of this Agreement:

- Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C., 7401, et seq.
- Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251, et seq., as amended, 1318 relating to inspection, monitoring, entry, reports, and information, as well as other requirements specified in said Section 114 and Section 308, and all regulations and guidelines issued thereunder.
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations pursuant to 40C.F.R., Part

50, as amended.

B. Flood Disaster Protection

In accordance with the requirements of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42 USC 4001), the Subrecipient shall assure that for activities located in an area identified by FEMA as having special flood hazards, flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program is obtained and maintained as a condition of financial assistance for acquisition or construction purposes (including rehabilitation).

C. Lead-Based Paint

The Subrecipient agrees that any construction or rehabilitation of residential structures with assistance provided under this Agreement shall be subject to HUD Lead-Based Paint Regulations at 24 CFR 570.608, and 24 CFR Part 35. Such regulations pertain to all HUD-assisted housing and require that all owners, prospective owners, and tenants of properties constructed prior to 1978 be properly notified that such properties may include lead-based paint. Such notification shall point out the hazards of lead-based paint and explain the symptoms, treatment and precautions that should be taken when dealing with lead-based paint poisoning and the advisability and availability of blood lead level screening for children under seven. The notice should also point out that if lead-based paint is found on the property, abatement measures may be undertaken.

D. Historic Preservation

The Subrecipient agrees to comply with the Historic Preservation requirements set forth in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470) and the procedures set forth in 38 CFR Part 800, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Procedures for Protection of Historic Properties, insofar as they apply to the performance of this Agreement.

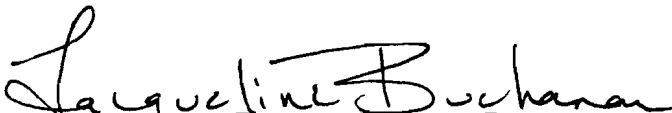
In general, this requires concurrence from the State Historic Preservation Officer for all rehabilitation and demolition of historic properties that are fifty years old or older or that are included on a Federal, state, or local historic property list.

XI. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, the remainder of the Agreement shall not be affected thereby and all other parts of this Agreement shall nevertheless be in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

Subrecipient


Executive Director

Date: 10/22/07

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY**

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July 31, 2007

Corporate Resolution

We, the undersigned Members of the Board of Directors for Focus, Inc., grant the authority to sign contracts with the City of Jonesboro, individually or corporately, to Jacqueline Buchanan and Rebecca Singleton, Co-Directors of Focus, Inc.

Rebecca Harrington
Board Member 7-31-07
Date

Pat Williams
Board Member 7-31-07
Date

Sharon Dore
Board Member 07-31-07
Date

Jack Felt
Board Member 7-31-07
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Kirsty White
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