COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY AND THE CITY OF COVINGTON (Community Block Grant Program)

This Cooperative Endeavor Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into effective on the date of full execution by both parties, pursuant to the 1974 Louisiana Constitution Article VII Section 14(C) wherein governmental entities are empowered to enter into Cooperative Endeavor Agreements by and among the following parties:

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, whose mailing address is PO BOX 628, Covington, LA 70434, herein appearing by and through Patricia P. Brister, Parish President, duly authorized by law (hereinafter referred to as "Parish"); and

THE CITY OF COVINGTON, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, whose mailing address is 317 N Jefferson Ave, Covington, LA 70433, represented by and through Mark Johnson, Mayor, duly elected and authorized, as per law (hereinafter referred to as "City").

The above captioned parties hereinafter may be collectively referred to as "Parties" and individually as "Party."

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have the authorization to carry out activities funded by annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for Fiscal Years 2020-2022 and by any program income generated from the expenditure of such funds; and

WHEREAS, the Parties hereto, in order to obtain the benefits of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, do hereby enter into an Agreement to cooperate to undertake, or assist in undertaking, eligible activities.

1. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY

1.1 If the City participates in using CDBG funds in conjunction or partnership with the Parish, then the provisions and requirements of the HUD and CDBG programs will be followed, including 2 CFR 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements and Cost Principals for federal awards.

1.2 The City acknowledges that for the period covered by this Agreement it is ineligible to apply for grants under the Small Cities State LCDBG Program during this CEA time period;

1.3 The City agrees to give formal response to all St. Tammany Parish Department of Grants inquiries that relate to this CEA and CDBG programming.
2. **OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARISH**

2.1 St. Tammany Parish agrees to solicit input for available CDBG funding for approved activities (or in support of activities) provided the City agrees to comply with HUD regulations and the aforesaid provisions.

2.2 St. Tammany Parish, in collaboration with the City, will develop eligible CDBG activities and projects to be carried out within the City, but cannot guarantee their funding. St. Tammany Parish is responsible for submitting the Consolidated Plan and all annual Action Plans and amendments to HUD.

2.3 St. Tammany Parish shall administer the CDBG activities in the City unless otherwise provided under a sub-grantee Agreement as set forth in 24 CPR 570.503.

2.4 Upon notification by HUD of the Urban County 3 year Qualification Notice for the next qualification period, St. Tammany Parish will notify the City in writing of its right to continue participation or not to participate. The City agrees to reply timely and in writing to St. Tammany Parish if it chooses to exercise its right.

3. **TERMINATION AND BINDING NATURE**

3.1 This Agreement remains in effect until the CDBG funds and program income received with respect to activities carried out during the three-year qualification period for Fiscal Years 2020-2022 are expended and the funded activities completed.

3.2 The term of this Agreement shall be for the federal Fiscal Years 2020-2022, which begins October 1, 2019.

3.3 Authorized Representation: Each representative herein warrants that he has the requisite authority and permission to enter, sign and bind this office.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed in multiple originals by the hereunder signed officers, each in the presence of the undersigned two (2) competent witnesses in St. Tammany Parish, State of Louisiana, as of the dates set forth, below after diligent reading of the whole, in various counterparts.
THUS DONE AND SIGNED effective as of 11-20-, 2019 in the presence of the undersigned witnesses.

WITNESSES:

Amy Melber

Jennifer O'Neal

ST. TAMMANY PARISH

BY: Patricia P. Brister
Parish President

THUS DONE AND SIGNED effective as of September 23, 2019 in the presence of the undersigned witnesses.

WITNESSES:

April Hayden

Denise Brindamour

THE CITY OF COVINGTON

BY: Mark Johnson
Mayor