

**COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN
CITY OF HAMMOND
AND
CRIME STOPPERS OF TANGIPAHOA, INC.**

THIS COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”), is made and entered into this ___ day of _____, 2021, by and between:

CITY OF HAMMOND (hereinafter referred to as “City”), represented herein by its duly authorized Mayor, Pete Panepinto, and

CRIME STOPPERS OF TANGIPAHOA, INC. (hereinafter referred to as “Crime Stoppers”), represented herein by its CEO/Executive Director, Michelle Gallo,

who agree as follows:

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that, “For a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions...may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual”;

WHEREAS, the City has all powers not denied by any charter or general law or inconsistent with the constitution, including but not limited to the authority to exercise general police power, as well as to pass ordinances to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace, and good order of the City;

WHEREAS, Crime Stoppers was incorporated in 1983 as a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of Louisiana, including for the purposes of accepting funds raised by statutory assessments in criminal cases or traffic offenses and expending those funds to pay rewards to individuals who provide information on criminal activity, for operating a hotline used for receiving that information, and for other purposes directly related to obtaining information on criminal activities;

WHEREAS, Crime Stoppers also accepts funds from municipalities and other sources and uses those funds for expenses related to operating a hotline used for receiving information related to criminal activity, providing various crime prevention programs and services; administering and operating Crime Stoppers and its programs, and for other purposes directly related to obtaining information on criminal activities;

WHEREAS, as part of law enforcement efforts, the City desires to cooperate with Crime Stoppers in the operation of the City’s law enforcement programs and provide funds to Crime Stoppers in connection with its Services, which are hereinafter provided;

WHEREAS, the public purpose of this endeavor is to assist with law enforcement efforts in the City of Hammond (the “Services”);

WHEREAS, the City has a reasonable expectation of receiving a benefit or value described in detail that is at least equivalent to or greater than the consideration described in this Agreement;

WHEREAS, the transfer or expenditure of public funds or property is not a gratuitous donation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

I. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Crime Stoppers will accept funds from the City and expend those funds to operate a hotline used for receiving information related to criminal activity in Hammond, provide various crime prevention programs and services to the Hammond community, administer and operate Crime Stoppers and its programs, including a youth advisory board that is dedicated to efforts that stand against underage drinking and substance abuse and that support crime prevention; and for other purposes directly related to obtaining information about criminal activities in Hammond, and, when appropriate, Crime Stoppers will forward to the City's law enforcement agency information concerning criminal activity it receives from any source.

II. OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY

The City agrees and obligates itself to pay to Crime Stoppers \$10,757 in the fiscal year 2021-2022. No additional costs or expenses incurred by Crime Stoppers in performance of this Agreement shall be reimbursed or paid by the City unless agreed upon in writing by the parties. The financial disbursement under any future cooperative endeavor agreement(s) may decrease or desist altogether.

III. OBLIGATIONS OF CRIME STOPPERS

Crime Stoppers agrees and obligates itself to the Scope of Services as described in Section I and to provide semi-annual updates of its obligations under this Agreement, as well as its program goals, services, outreach/marketing efforts, fundraising efforts, and overall budget. Crime Stoppers shall have completed an independent financial audit of its books at the end of its fiscal year, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:513, and shall present to the City a copy of said audit. The City shall be allowed to audit all aspects of the operations of Crime Stoppers including expenditures and income. Crime Stoppers shall maintain accurate books and records of the operations for at least three (3) years and shall deliver such records to the City upon request. Crime Stoppers shall deliver the past three (3) years of tax records and a past one-year program report to the City prior to April 15, 2022.

IV. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

Either party may terminate this Agreement for cause based upon the failure of the other party to comply with the terms and/or conditions of the Agreement; provided that the party shall give other written notice specifying the other party's failure. If within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice, the party has not either corrected such failure or, in the case which cannot be corrected in thirty (30) days, begun in good faith to correct said failure and thereafter proceeded diligently to complete such correction, then the terminating party may, at its option, place the other party in default and the Agreement shall terminate on the date specified in such notice. The terminating party may exercise any rights available to it under Louisiana law to terminate for cause upon the failure of the other party to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement; provided that the terminating party shall give the other party written notice specifying its failure and a reasonable opportunity for the party to cure the defect.

V. ASSIGNMENT

Crime Stoppers shall not assign any interest in this Agreement and shall not transfer any interest in same (whether by assignment or novation), without prior written consent of the City.

VI. AUDIT CLAUSE

It is hereby agreed that Crime Stoppers will follow the provisions, as applicable, in the Louisiana Audit Law (Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:513). The Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana, and/or the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration auditors shall have the option of inspecting and auditing all data, records, and accounts of Crime Stoppers which relate to this Agreement, upon request. Crime Stoppers shall maintain all books and records pertaining to this Agreement for a period of three years after the date of final payment under the prime contract and any subcontract entered into under this Agreement or three years from the date of termination of the prime contract and any subcontract entered into under this Agreement, whichever is later.

VII. AMENDMENTS IN WRITING

Any alteration, variation, modification, or waiver of provisions of this Agreement shall be valid only when it has been reduced to writing and executed by all parties.

VIII. TERM OF AGREEMENT

The term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, unless sooner terminated as provided in Section IV.

IX. DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE

Crime Stoppers agrees to abide by the requirements of the following as applicable:

Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Opportunity Act of 1972, Federal Executive Order 11246, the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Act of 1975, and Crime Stoppers agrees to abide by the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Crime Stoppers agrees not to discriminate in its employment practices, and will render services under this contract without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, veteran status, political affiliation, or disabilities. Any act of discrimination committed by Crime Stoppers, or failure to comply with these statutory obligations when applicable shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement.

X. PARTIAL INVALIDITY; SEVERABILITY

If any term, covenant, condition, or provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall, at any time or to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such term, covenant, condition or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each term, covenant, condition, and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

XI. NOTICES

All notices and other communications pertaining to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be transmitted either by personal hand-delivery (and receipted for) or deposited in the United States mail, as certified mail, return receipt requested and postage prepaid, to the other party, addressed as follows:

If to the City:

Pete Panepinto, Mayor
City of Hammond
P.O. Box 2788
Hammond, LA 70404

If to Crime Stoppers:

Michelle Gallo
Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa, Inc.
P.O. Box 2973
Hammond, LA 70404

XII. CONTROLLING LAW

The validity, interpretation, and performance of this Agreement shall be controlled by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana.

XIII. LEGAL COMPLIANCE

The City shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including, specifically, the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics (R.S. 42:1101, *et seq.*) in carrying out the provisions of this Agreement.

XIV. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTIES; EXCLUSION OF BENEFITS

The relationship between Crime Stoppers and the City shall be, and only be, that of an independent contractor, and Crime Stoppers shall not be construed to be an employee, agent, partner of, or in joint venture with, the City.

XV. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party to this Agreement shall be responsible to the other party hereto for any delays or failure to perform caused by any circumstances reasonably beyond the immediate control of the party prevented from performing, including, but not limited to, acts of God.

XVI. ENTIRE AGREEMENT; MODIFICATION

This Agreement, including any attachments that are expressly referred to in this Agreement, contains the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any and all agreements or contracts previously entered into between the parties. No representations were made or relied upon by either party, other than those that are expressly set forth. This Agreement may be modified or amended at any time by mutual consent of the parties, provided that, before any modification or amendment shall be operative and valid, it shall be reduced to writing and signed by both parties.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED AT _____, Louisiana, on the _____ day, of _____, 2021.

WITNESSES:

CITY OF HAMMOND

Name: _____

BY: _____
Pete Panepinto, Mayor

Name: _____

WITNESSES:

CRIME STOPPERS OF TANGIPAHOA, INC.

Name: _____

BY: _____
Michelle Gallo, CEO/Executive Director

Name: _____