

**AGREEMENT**

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF WISE §

FY 2023-2024

**THIS AGREEMENT**, made and entered into by and between **COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES OF WISE COUNTY, INC.**, a private non-profit corporation chartered by the State of Texas, acting herein by and through its duly authorized agent and officer, hereinafter referred to as **CASA** and **WISE COUNTY**, acting by and through its County Judge, duly authorized so to act, hereinafter referred to as **COUNTY**,

**WITNESSETH**

**WHEREAS**, **CASA** provides services to assist the **WISE COUNTY** courts in providing for the best interests of the children in child abuse matters; and

**WHEREAS**, The Wise County Commissioners Court hereby finds that the programs and efforts of **CASA** benefit the citizens of **WISE COUNTY**, particularly children in need of such services;

**NOW THEREFORE**, **COUNTY** and **CASA** hereby agree as follows:

**I.**

**CASA** agrees to continue to providing such public services already being provided to the courts and the children of **WISE COUNTY**.

**II.**

For the public services provided above, the **COUNTY** shall provide **CASA** a lump sum not to exceed **\$56,000** during the term of this contract. All sums to be paid under this contract by the **COUNTY** shall be made from current revenues available after property taxes are received by the **COUNTY**. The term of this contract is one year beginning on October 1, 2023 and ending on September 30, 2024.

**III.**

**CASA agrees to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS WISE COUNTY, its officers, agents, servant or employees from any loss, damage, injury or claim arising from the negligent operation of its program.**

**IV.**

Nothing contained in this agreement shall be deemed or construed by the parties hereto, nor by any third party, as creating the relationship of principal and agent, partnership, joint enterprise, common enterprise, joint venture, joint owners, or joint tenants between the parties. The parties hereby declare and acknowledge that the relationship existing is one of independent contractor. This agreement does not and shall not be construed to entitle either party or any of their respective employees or officials, if applicable, to any benefit, privilege or other amenities of employment from the other party.

**V.**

The parties to this contract do not intend to create any third party beneficiaries of the contract rights contained herein. No person who is not a party to this contract may bring a cause of action pursuant to this contract as a third party beneficiary. This contract may not be interpreted to waive the sovereign immunity of any party to this contract to the extent such party may have immunity under the law of the State of Texas.

**VI.**

**CASA** agrees to provide **COUNTY** all records relating to the programs performed by **CASA** upon written request of **COUNTY** and to provide a final report detailing the manner in which the funds were expended within 60 days of the end of the requested funding year. **CASA** shall yearly provide **THE COUNTY** all documentation related to their continued status as a **501C Organization**.

**VII.**

If any term in this agreement shall be found to be invalid, the remainder of this agreement shall not be affected thereby, and each remaining term of this agreement shall be valid and shall be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**VIII.**

The undersigned officers are the properly authorized officials and have the necessary authority to execute this agreement on behalf of the parties hereto, and each party hereby certifies to the other that any necessary resolutions extending said authority have been duly passed and are now in full force and effect.

**IX.**

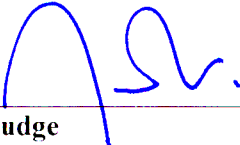
This agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas and the venue for enforcement shall be Wise County, Texas.

**DATED** to be effective this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2023

**COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES OF WISE COUNTY**

E. Rowelle

**WISE COUNTY TEXAS**

  
Wise County Judge