

COOPERATION AGREEMENT
(Draft 11-2-06)

This Agreement (the Cooperation Agreement) is made as of _____, 2006, by and between the CITY OF LOUISVILLE, COLORADO (the City) and the LOUISVILLE REVITALIZATION COMMISSION (the LRC). The City and the LRC are sometimes referred to herein individually as a Party and collectively as the Parties.

RECITALS

- A. The City is a home-rule city and municipal corporation duly organized and existing under and pursuant to Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and Charter of the City (the Charter).
- B. The LRC is a public body corporate and politic authorized to transact business and exercise its powers as an urban renewal authority under and pursuant to the Colorado Urban Renewal Law, Part 1 of Article 25 of Title 31, C.R.S. (the Act).
- C. The Act and Section 18, Article XIV of the Colorado Constitution authorize the Parties to enter into cooperation agreements, and the Parties desire to enter into this Cooperation Agreement respecting operating funds, support services, and general oversight of the LRC to be provided by the City to the LRC and related matters.

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the following terms and conditions, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Advance of Operating Funds by the City. The City may annually advance to the LRC an amount of operating funds (Operating Funds) to be determined by appropriation by the City Council of the City. Operating Funds shall be used by the LRC for operating, administrative, consulting and other costs incurred by the LRC in accordance with the Act, including, without limitation, the costs and expenses of Support Services described in Section 2, below. Operating Funds shall be paid directly to the LRC to be used in accordance with the Act, this Cooperation Agreement and the City-approved LRC budget.

2. Support Services. The City agrees to provide administrative and legal support services (Support Services) to the LRC in connection with its operations. The City Manager shall serve as Director of the LRC as provided in the Act and shall have discretion to employ those City staff members as may be required to carry out the duties and operations of the LRC. Support Services may include, without limitation, planning, financing and accounting, engineering, legal, and administrative and outside consulting services.

3. LRC Budget. The LRC shall adopt a budget (the LRC Budget) for each fiscal year (which shall be the calendar year) and, by September 1 of each year, shall provide a copy of the budget to the City for review and approval. The LRC Budget shall contain a statement of sources and uses of all funds that are available or that the LRC reasonably expects to become available to LRC to finance its activities, undertakings, and obligations for each budget year. It is the intention of the Parties that the LRC shall use its reasonable best efforts to use other sources of revenue available under the Act as the primary source of its Operating Funds and payment for Support Services as such revenue becomes available to the LRC. Such revenue shall include, without limitation, tax allocation or tax increment revenues that may become available pursuant to any urban renewal plan approved by the City Council of the City.

4. Reimbursement for Operating Funds and Support Services. The Parties shall establish a procedure for documenting the reasonable costs and expenses (the Costs and Expenses) related to the Operating Funds and Support Services provided by the City. The Costs and Expenses shall constitute an indebtedness of the LRC to be repaid to the City from sources of revenue available under the Act as such revenue becomes available to the LRC. Such revenue shall include, without limitation, tax allocation or tax increment revenues that may become available pursuant to an urban renewal plan approved by the City Council of the City.


a. It is agreed that the Costs and Expenses incurred by the City to date total \$27,000. At the election of the City, such amount may be evidenced by a note approved by the Parties and executed by LRC.

b. Upon request of the LRC, the City agrees to give reasonable consideration to subordinating its right to repayment of Costs and Expenses to any bonds, loans, advances, indebtedness, or other obligation of the LRC.

5. Approval of Certain Contracts; Bonds and Other Obligations of the LRC. The Parties agree that the City Council of the City shall provide direction to LRC and oversight of LRC activities as follows:

a. Any agreement of the LRC that commits or otherwise requires the LRC to expend a total of \$ _____ or more shall be subject to the prior review and approval of the City Council.

b. or to issuing bonds or any other capital financial obligations or financial obligations extending beyond the end of the current fiscal year of the LRC, the LRC shall notify the City Council in writing of its intention to do so, and shall promptly furnish to the City Council such information and documents relating to such bonds or other capital or long-term financial obligations as the City Council may request. The Commission shall not commit to or proceed with any such bonds or other capital or long-term financial obligations unless a majority of the City Council has adopted a resolution determining that the City's interests in connection with such bonds or other obligations are adequately protected.

c.  The LRC shall comply with applicable City codes, rules, and regulations related to any other urban renewal activities of the LRC. The City Council shall be informed of the activities, functions, operations, and financial condition of the LRC in the form of reports to the City Council not less than quarterly, and at any other time as requested by the City Council.

d. The City agrees that it will make reasonable efforts to act within thirty days of a request for review of any document, agreement, obligation, or action required by this Cooperation Agreement. Unless otherwise required by law or provided herein, any approval or other action of the City Council shall be by motion or resolution.

6. Continuing Cooperation; Additional Agreements. The Parties shall cooperate to carry out and complete the urban renewal plan approved by the City Council. It is contemplated that additional agreements may be required to plan and carry out urban renewal projects in accordance with the provisions of such urban renewal plan and the Act. The Parties agree to cooperate and give timely consideration to any additional agreements or amendments to this Cooperation Agreement that may be necessary or convenient in connection with such activities and undertakings; provided, however, nothing in this Cooperation Agreement shall preclude or require the commitment of additional revenue, financing, or services by either Party in connection with such activities and undertakings.

7. Obligations Subject to Act, Charter, and Constitution. The covenants, duties and actions required of the Parties under this Cooperation Agreement shall be subject to and performed in accordance with the provisions and procedures required and permitted by the Charter, the Act, any other applicable provision of law, and the Colorado Constitution.

8. Enforced Delay. Neither Party shall be considered in breach of, or in default in, its obligations with respect to this Cooperation Agreement in the event of delay in the performance of such obligations due to causes beyond its control and without its fault, it being the purpose and intent of this provision that if such delay occurs, the time or times for performance by either Party affected by such delay shall be extended for the period of the delay.

9. No Third Party Beneficiaries. Neither the City nor the LRC shall be obligated or liable under the terms of this Cooperation Agreement to any person or entity not a party hereto.

10. Severability. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Cooperation Agreement or any application thereof, shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Cooperation Agreement, or any other application thereof, shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

11. Binding Effect. Subject to compliance with Section 13, below, this Cooperation Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties, their successors, legal representatives, and assigns.

12. City and Commission Separate. Nothing in this Cooperation Agreement shall be interpreted in any manner as constituting the City or its officials, representatives, consultants, or employees as the agents of the LRC, or the LRC or its officials, representatives, consultants, or employees as the agents of the City. Each entity shall remain a separate legal entity pursuant to applicable law. Neither of the Parties hereto shall be deemed to hereby assume the debts, obligations, or liabilities of the other. The LRC shall be responsible for carrying out its duties and functions in accordance with the Act and other applicable laws and regulations, and nothing herein shall be construed to compel either Party to take any action in violation of law.

13. Assignment. This Cooperation Agreement shall not be assigned in whole or in part by either Party without the prior written approval of the other Party.

14. Governing Law. This Cooperation Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Colorado.

15. Headings. Section headings in this Cooperation Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not constitute a part of this Cooperation Agreement for any other purpose.

16. Additional or Supplemental Agreements. The Parties mutually covenant and agree that they will execute, deliver and furnish such other instruments, documents, materials, and information as may be reasonably required to carry out the Cooperation Agreement.

17. Entire Agreement; Amendment. This Cooperation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties pertaining to the subject matter hereof. No addition to or modification of the Cooperation Agreement shall be effective, except by written agreement authorized and executed by the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Cooperation Agreement to be duly executed and delivered by their respective officers as of the date first above written.

THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE,
a Colorado municipal corporation

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk

LOUISVILLE REVITALIZATION
COMMISSION

Attest:

Chairman

Secretary