

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOWNDES COUNTY AND
THE VALDOSTA-LOWNDES COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY**

This Intergovernmental Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into and effective the 9th day of November, 2021, by and between **the Board of Commissioners of Lowndes County on behalf of Lowndes County (“Lowndes County”)** and the **Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority**.

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) was signed into law, and the CARES Act provided funding to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) to allocate to states through the Community Block Development Grant COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery Program (“CDBG-CV”); and

WHEREAS, HUD allocated funding totaling Eighty-Two Million, Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand, Six Hundred Seven and Zero Dollars (\$82,850,607.00) to the state of Georgia under the CDBG-CV; and

WHEREAS, HUD regulations require all CDBG-CV funding to be utilized to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, CDBG-CV funding will be utilized for the benefit of persons earning low-and-moderate incomes; and

WHEREAS, the state of Georgia has allocated CDBG-CV funding to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”) to distribute in response to coronavirus pandemic related hardships, including, but not limited to food insecurity, rural access to healthcare, rental assistance, utilities assistance, broadband connectivity, and small business operational cost assistance; and

WHEREAS, DCA allocated **\$18,000,000** to **Lowndes County** to respond to the coronavirus pandemic related hardship caused by food insecurity and lack of access to healthcare facilities in Lowndes County and

WHEREAS, **Lowndes County** desires (a) to enter into an agreement with the **Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority** to administer on behalf of **Lowndes County**, the CDBG-CV funding totaling **\$18,000,000**, and (b) the **Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority** to enter into agreement(s) with a local community food bank, food pantry, or rural health care facility; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of mutual promises and agreements set forth below, **Lowndes County** and the **Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority** hereby agree as follows: