

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION AND
AZURA VITA FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2026 by and between the CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA, an Arizona municipal corporation ("City"), and AZURA VITA, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization ("Services Provider"), under the City's human services program, collectively referred to as the "Parties" or individually as a "Party".

RECITALS

- A. Pursuant to Apache Junction City Code, ("A.J.C.C.") Volume I, Chapter 2: Mayor, Council, and Appointed Boards and Commission, Article 2-11: Health and Human Services Commission, and Article 2-14: Requests for Financial Assistance, the City may provide financial assistance to non-profit agencies which provide city residents, elderly, handicapped, developmentally disabled care and other public health needs.
- B. The Health and Human Services Commission ("the Commission") has reviewed requests for city funding as submitted by health and human services providers for fiscal year 2026-2027.
- C. The Commission has submitted its recommendations to the city council.
- D. On June 16, 2026, the city council will likely pass and adopt the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget, which includes funding for health and human services for specific health and human services providers.
- E. Pursuant to A.J.C.C., Vol. I, Chapter 2: Mayor, Council and Appointed Boards and Commissions, Article 2-14: Requests for Financial Assistance, § 2-14-1, Requests for Non-Profit Funding, subsection (C)(1), all city funds allocated or granted to any non-profit agency shall be by means of a written contract based on services and/or a program (the "Program") for the City to be in compliance with the provisions of state law relating to the use of public funds.
- F. Pursuant to A.J.C.C., Vol. I, Chapter 2: Mayor, Council and Appointed Boards and Commissions, Article 2-14: Requests for Financial Assistance, subsection 2-14-1, Requests for Non-Profit Funding, subsection (C)(2), all city funds allocated by the council shall only be released to the Services Provider in equal quarterly installments or quarterly payments based on a schedule of anticipated expenses, and no subsequent quarterly allocation shall be released to the Services Provider until such time the receiving agency has provided all required documentation for the previous quarter along with satisfactory evidence of compliance with the scope of work ("SOW") pursuant to this agreement.

- G. Pursuant to A.J.C.C., Vol. I, Chapter 2: Mayor, Council and Appointed Boards and Commissions, Article 2-14: Requests for Financial Assistance, § 2-14-1, Requests for Non-Profit Funding, subsection (B), the Services Provider must submit on a quarterly basis a detailed accounting of the performance and accomplishments within the SOW.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of payment of public funds in exchange for health and human services to qualified recipients, both Parties agree to the terms and conditions set forth below as well as the Recitals set forth above:

1. **SERVICES PROVIDER'S DUTIES:** Services Provider agrees to perform the following SOW in connection with the Program:
 - A. Provide to city residents assistance with the following projects throughout the year:
 1. Volunteer tax preparation assistance for low to moderate families in Apache Junction
 - B. Provide such programs and activities to only residents of the City and only as documented by Services Provider.
 - C. Require documentation of City residency in the form of a valid State of Arizona driver's license or valid State of Arizona non-operator identification; current utility bill, showing an in-city address; current rent receipt showing an in-city address; State of Arizona valid voter registration or valid military identification which establish proof of residency within the City. Use or acceptance of any other form of identification, must be approved in advance by the Apache Junction City Clerk (hereafter the "City Clerk"). The type of documentation accepted shall be included on all quarterly reports filed with the City Clerk as indicated in Section E below.
 - D. Comply with all provisions of A.J.C.C., Vol. I, Chapter 2: Mayor, Council and Appointed Boards and Commissions, Article 2-14: Requests for Financial Assistance, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and all other applicable city ordinances; submit contract proposal for fiscal year 2027-2028 to City on or before January 31, 2027.
 - E. File with City all documentation for the previous quarter no later than the 15th day following the end of the quarter. City offices are open Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. City offices are closed Fridays, weekends, and legal holidays.

Quarter 1: July 1 through September 30
Quarter 2: October 1 through December 31
Quarter 3: January 1 through March 31
Quarter 4: April 1 through June 30

City funded services to individuals shall be identified with complete city street residential addresses which shall be verified by comparing the residential addresses with the City street naming map as currently adopted or as may be amended or through City geographic information system (“GIS”) at <https://gis.apachejunctionaz.gov/portal/home/>.

Post office box addresses nor business addresses shall not meet the reporting requirements of this section.

- F. Advise City in its report of the identification utilized (driver’s license, utility bill, etc.); submit to City typed or computer generated quality reports; maintain a separate list of City residents assisted by the Program to include their name and residential address; designate one primary and one secondary person as coordinators for the record keeping and disbursement of funds; assign one primary and one secondary person who shall monitor compliance, review reports and verify City residency. Such persons shall be responsible for submitting accurate reports to the City Clerk; provide the City Clerk, in writing, with the names, street addresses, email and telephone numbers of the primary and secondary contact persons immediately upon the signing of this agreement. Provide City Clerk with written notification of any changes in the primary or secondary person(s) within five (5) City working days following such change.
- G. All reports shall be sent by an approved electronic method, either email or another form as identified by the commission, no other means shall be accepted. The Commission staff liaison will prescribe the format in which such reports shall be prepared and submitted. Any reports not prepared in accordance with this section shall be deemed rejected and shall constitute a breach of contract. A list of reporting requirements shall be noted in the format attached hereto (See Exhibit B).
- H. Funds are distributed on a reimbursable quarterly basis after the submittal of a quarterly report which outlines expenditures and activities completed as stipulated in the SOW and as confirmed by the City. Any funds disbursed by the Services Provider in violation of A.J.C.C. Vol. I, Chapter 2: Mayor, Council and Appointed Boards and Commissions, Article 2-14: Requests for Financial Assistance, (See Exhibit A), or this Agreement, shall be reimbursed to the City.
- I. File the quarterly report and required documentation by the deadline set forth in § C above or risk disqualification for health and human services funding for fiscal year 2026-2027. Failure to file the quarterly report and required documentation by the deadlines set forth in § C above shall result

in the immediate termination of this agreement.

- J. **Maintain a listing with the community information and referral service that supports Pinal County and the Apache Junction area during the Term of this agreement. Service Provider shall also be represented at the Apache Junction Community Resource Center once monthly, during Project Connect events, and the annual Health and Wellness Expo.**
 - K. **Service Provider's failure to meet the requirements of A.J.C.C. Vol. I, Chapter 2: Mayor, Council and Appointed Boards and Commissions, Article 2-14: Requests for Financial Assistance, as set forth in Exhibit A, or the terms of this agreement shall result in automatic termination of this Agreement.**
 - L. **Any Services Provider staff responsible for the preparation of the required reports or requests for reimbursement shall be familiar with the terms and requirements of this agreement in order to avoid processing errors.**
2. **COMPENSATION: In accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, City shall compensate Services Provider for its services as follows:**
- A. **A total of \$2,000.00 for fiscal year 2026-2027 for SOW performance.**
 - B. **Compensation shall be in equal quarterly payments of \$500.00. No quarterly payment shall be released until Services Provider has provided all of the required documentation for the previous quarter and has provided satisfactory evidence of compliance with the terms and conditions of this agreement. The deadline for receipt of such documentation is set forth in § 1 (E) above, and failure to comply with this deadline shall result in forfeiture of claim to the funds and will result in automatic termination of the Agreement.**
 - C. **In accordance with the recommendations of the Commission and its subsequent acceptance by the Apache Junction city council, should any of the agencies receiving fiscal year 2026-2027 human services funding be unable to meet the requirements of A.J.C.C. Vol. I, Chapter 2: Mayor, Council and Appointed Boards and Commissions, Article 2-14: Requests for Financial Assistance, as set forth in Exhibit A, or the terms of their respective agreement, any unused funds shall be retained in City's general fund.**
 - D. **In accordance with the recommendations of the Commission, representatives of the Services Provider identified in § 1 (F) above shall attend a mandatory training meeting at a time, date and location to be scheduled by the staff liaison to the commission in order to review terms and reporting requirements of this agreement. The Services Provider representatives shall be those individuals who are responsible for compiling the information and filing the required quarterly reports.**

pertaining to this Agreement shall be kept on a generally recognized accounting basis and made available to City for inspection on request. Services Provider shall maintain records for a period of at least two (2) years after termination of this Agreement and shall make such records available during that retention period for examination or audit by City personnel during regular business hours.

11. **RIGHT OF CITY TO CONTRACT WITH OTHERS:** Nothing in this Agreement shall imply City is obligated to obtain the services described herein with only this particular Services Provider.
12. **INDEMNIFICATION:** To the fullest extent permitted by law, Services Provider shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless City, its elected and appointed officers, officials, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to, demands, claims, actions, fees, costs and expenses, including attorney and expert witness fees, arising from or connected or alleged to have arisen from or connected with, relating to, arising out of, or alleged to have resulted from the acts, errors, mistakes, omissions, work or services of Services Provider, its agents, and employees. Services Provider's duty to defend, hold harmless and indemnify City, its special districts, elected and appointed officers, officials, agents, and employees shall arise in connection with any tortious claim, damage, loss or expense that is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease, death, or injury to, impairment, or destruction of property including loss of use resulting therefrom, caused by a Services Provider's acts, errors, mistakes, omissions, work program or services in the performance of this Agreement including any employee of Services Provider.
13. **WAIVER OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** The failure of City to insist in any one or more instances on performance of any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement or to exercise any right or privilege contained herein shall not be considered as thereafter waiving such terms, conditions, rights or privileges, and they shall remain in full force and effect.
14. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** Services Provider shall at all times during Services Provider's performance of the services retain Services Provider's status as independent contractor. Services Provider's employees shall under no circumstances be considered or held to be employees or agents of City, and City shall have no obligation to pay or withhold state or federal taxes or provide workers' compensation or unemployment insurance for or on behalf of them or Services Provider.
15. **APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE:** The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Arizona. Any action at law or in equity brought by either Party for the purpose of enforcing a right or rights provided for in this Agreement, shall be tried in a court of competent jurisdiction in Pinal County, State of Arizona. The Parties hereby waive all provisions of the law providing for a change of venue in such proceeding to any other county. In the event either Party shall bring

suit to enforce any term of this Agreement or to recover any damages for and on account of the breach of any term or condition in this Agreement, it is mutually agreed that the prevailing party in such action shall recover all costs including: all litigation and appeal expenses, collection expenses, reasonable attorney fees, necessary witness fees and court costs.

16. **OWNERSHIP OF RECORDS AND REPORTS:** All of the files, reports, documents, information and data prepared or assembled by Services Provider under this Agreement shall be and remain the property of City and shall be forwarded to City at any time City requires such papers but is subject to two (2) year retention schedule set forth in section 10 above.
17. **CITY BUSINESS LICENSE AND TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE TAX LICENSE:** Services Provider represents and warrants that any license necessary to perform the work under this Agreement is current and valid. Services Provider understands that the activity described herein constitutes “doing business in the City of Apache Junction” and Services Provider agrees to obtain a non-profit license pursuant to Chapter 8 of the Apache Junction City Code, Vol. I, and keep such license current during the Term of this Agreement. Services Provider also acknowledges that the tax provisions of the City of Apache Junction Tax Code may apply and, if so, shall obtain a tax privilege license through the Arizona Department of Revenue.
18. **ASSIGNMENT & DELEGATION:** This Agreement has been entered into based upon the reputation, expertise, and qualifications of Services Provider. Neither Party to this Agreement shall assign its rights or interest in the Agreement, either in whole or in part nor any monies due to or become due to it. In addition, all duties set forth herein are non-delegable.
19. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT:** This Agreement and any attachments represent the entire agreement between City and Services Provider and supersede all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either express or implied, written or oral. It is mutually understood and agreed that no alteration or variation of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties hereto. Written and signed amendments shall automatically become part of the supporting documents, and shall supersede any inconsistent provision therein; provided, however, that any apparent inconsistency shall be resolved, if possible, by construing the provisions as mutually complementary and supplementary.
20. **SEVERABILITY:** City and Services Provider each believe that the execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement are in compliance with all applicable laws. However, in the unlikely event that any provision of this Agreement is declared void or unenforceable (or is construed as requiring City to do any act in violation of any applicable laws, including any constitutional provision, law, regulation, or city code), such provision shall be deemed severed from this Agreement and this Agreement shall otherwise remain in full force and effect; provided that this Agreement shall retroactively be deemed reformed to the extent reasonably possible in such a manner so

that the reformed agreement (and any related agreements effective as of the same date) provide essentially the same rights and benefits (economic and otherwise) to the Parties as if such severance and reformation were not required. Unless prohibited by applicable laws, the Parties further shall perform all acts and execute, acknowledge and/or deliver all amendments, instruments and consents necessary to accomplish and to give effect to the purposes of this Agreement, as reformed.

21. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** This Agreement is subject to, and may be terminated by City in accordance with, the provisions of A.R.S. § 38-511.

22. **POLITICAL ACTIVITIES:** As a community service-based organization, Services Provider is a non-political organization. Its employees are prohibited from engaging in any partisan political activity with respect to candidates for political office beyond the private expression of personal opinion, registering as a member of a political party, signing nomination petitions and voting in any special, primary or general election. No board member, officer or employee of Services Provider shall solicit any contribution in cash or services from any Services Provider employee to support any candidate for public office. No board member or officer shall use the name of Services Provider, or use their affiliation with Services Provider, to engage in any partisan political activity or form of lobbying, of any kind or to solicit any contribution in cash or services to support any candidate for public office. If a board member or officer should engage in said political candidate activities, they shall make it clear that they are doing so in their personal and private capacity, and are not associated with Services Provider in any way, while engaging in said activity. The functions and activities of Services Provider are non-political with respect to candidates for political office. Therefore, all board members, officers and employees will refrain from engaging in any partisan political activity or any form of lobbying, of whatsoever type or nature, while attending or participating in Services Provider function or event. This includes the circulation or signing of nomination petitions or soliciting any contributions in cash or services from anyone to support any candidate for public office. The above prohibition on lobbying includes communicating with commission members and councilmembers for the purpose of gaining an advantage in receiving health and human services funding.

23. **COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS:** Services Provider understands and acknowledges the applicability of the American with Disabilities Act, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1989 to the SOW. As required by A.R.S. § 41-4401, Services Provider hereby warrants its compliance with all federal immigration laws and regulations that relate to its employees and A.R.S. § 23-214(A). Services Provider further warrants that after hiring an employee, Services Provider will verify the employment eligibility of the employee through the E-Verify program. A breach of this warranty shall be deemed a material breach

of the Agreement that is subject to penalties up to and including termination of this Agreement. Services Provider is subject to a penalty of \$100 per day for the first violation, \$500 per day for the second violation, and \$1,000 per day for the third violation. City at its option may terminate this Agreement after the third violation. Services Provider shall not be deemed in material breach of this Agreement if the Services Provider establish compliance with the employment verification provisions of §§ 274A and 274B of the federal Immigration and Nationality Act and the E-Verify requirements contained in A.R.S. § 23-214(A). City retains the legal right to inspect the papers of any Services Provider who works under this Agreement to ensure that the Services Provider is complying with the warranty. Any inspection will be conducted after reasonable notice and at reasonable times. If state law is amended, the Parties may modify this paragraph consistent with state law.

24. **TIME OF ESSENCE:** Time is of the essence of this Agreement and each provision hereof.

25. **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL:** The Parties understand and acknowledge this Agreement is approved on a conditional basis pending Services Provider's timely filing of complete and correct reports for the 4th quarter of the previous fiscal year (if prior year's funding was provided by City). The 4th quarter reports shall be filed within the deadlines established by the prior agreement and must contain the required information as set forth in the prior agreement.

26. **PROHIBITION TO CONTRACT WITH SERVICES PROVIDER WHO ENGAGE IN BOYCOTT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL:** The Parties acknowledge A.R.S. §§ 35-393 through 35-393.03, as amended, which forbids public entities from contracting with a contractor or organization who engage in boycotts of the State of Israel. Should Services Provider under this Agreement engage in any such boycott against the State of Israel, this Agreement is automatically terminated. Any such boycott is a material breach of contract and will subject Services Provider to monetary damages, including but not limited to, consequential and liquidated damages.

27. **CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 35-394:** In accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes § 35-394, Services Provider hereby certifies and agrees that Services Provider does not currently and shall not for the duration of this Agreement use: 1) the forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs in the People's Republic of China, 2) any services or goods produced by the forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs in the People's Republic of China, and/or 3) any suppliers, contractors or subcontractors that use the forced labor or any services or goods produced by the forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs in the People's Republic of China. If Services Provider becomes aware during the term of this Agreement that Services Provider is not in compliance with this Section, then Services Provider shall notify the City within five (5) business days after becoming aware of such noncompliance. If Services Provider does not provide the City with written certification that Services Provider has remedied such noncompliance within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after notifying the City of such noncompliance, this Agreement shall

terminate, except that if the Agreement termination date occurs before the end of such one hundred eighty (180) calendar day remedy period, this Agreement shall terminate on such contract termination date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be signed by their duly authorized representative as of the day and year first above written.

SERVICES PROVIDER:

**AZURA VITA,
a 501(c)3 non-profit organization**

By: _____

Title: _____

CITY:

**CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION,
an Arizona municipal corporation**

By: **WALTER "CHIP" WILSON**
Title: **Mayor**

ATTEST:

EVIE MCKINNEY
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 6.10.26

RICHARD J. STERN
City Attorney

STATE OF ARIZONA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing was subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____, by Kymbrlee Hsu as Agency Director of Azura Vita, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

STATE OF ARIZONA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF PINAL)

The foregoing was subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of, _____ 20____, by Chip Wilson, as Mayor of the City of Apache Junction, Arizona, an Arizona municipal corporation.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

EXHIBIT A

Apache Junction City Code 06-10-2019 ARTICLE 2-14: REQUESTS FOR FINANACIAL ASSISTANCE

2-14-1 REQUEST FOR NON-PROFIT FUNDING

(A) ***Required documentation:*** Any non-profit agency submitting a request for an allocation or grant of city funds shall submit to the city specific documentation including, but not limited, to the following:

1. A copy of the agency's most recent audit report
2. A certified copy of the agency's most recent audit report
3. Detailed expenditure statement to include detailed accounting for all previously received city funds (if applicable)
4. Source and amount of funding received from all other sources, such as non-governmental agencies, membership fees and dues, and private contributions
5. Client service information as applicable to city residents
6. Proof of non-profit status as determined by the Internal Revenue Service
7. Proof of corporate status to include copies of by-laws and Articles of Incorporation
8. Source and amount of funding received from other governmental agencies
9. Names and addresses of all current board members of agency governing board

(B) ***Reporting requirements:*** Any non-profit agency receiving an allocation or grant of city funds shall be required to the following:

1. Submit to the city, on a quarterly basis, a detailed accounting of the expenditure of city funds for the previous quarter
2. A written report outlining the agency's performance and accomplishments within the scope of work outlined in their contractual agreement with the city
3. Any other documentation as may be deemed necessary by the city in order to determine the agency's compliance with the provisions of the contract

(C) ***Contract required:*** procedure for distribution of funds:

1. All city funds allocated or granted to any non-profit agency shall be by means of a written contract based upon services to be provided to or work to be performed on behalf of the city and its residents in compliance with the provisions of Arizona Revised Statues regarding the use of public funds.
2. All city funds allocated or granted under the provisions of the section shall be released in equal quarterly installments or quarterly payments based upon a schedule of anticipated expenses which has been approved by the Mayor and Council. No subsequent quarterly allocation or grant shall be released until such time that the receiving agency has provided all of the required documentation for the previous quarter and has provided satisfactory evidence of compliance with the scope of work stipulated in their contract with the city.

(D) ***Submittal of requests for funding:*** All funding requests submitted by non-profit agencies for the allocation or grant of city funds shall be submitted to the City Clerk's office during the month of January of each year. Requests so submitted shall not be subject to city funding unless approved by the Council and only following adoption of a final budget for the subsequent fiscal year. (Ordinance

- (E) 659, passed 11-3-1998) § 2-14-1, Requests for Non-Profit Funding. All requests for financial assistance shall comply with the following stipulations and conditions:**
- 1. All requests shall be filed by or on behalf of a valid, non-profit organization as qualified by the Internal Revenue Service and as registered with the Arizona Secretary of State, Arizona Corporation Commission, or other appropriate state office. The registration shall be current and documentation of such status and registration shall be provided at the time of the request. This article shall not apply to governmental or quasi-governmental jurisdictions.**
 - 2. All requests shall be submitted to the City Clerk during the month of January of each year in order to be eligible for consideration in conjunction with the subsequent fiscal year budget;**
 - 3. All requests received in accordance with division (B) above shall be referred to the appropriate city board or commission for purposes of review and recommendation to the Council; and**
 - 4. In those instances where a request is due to catastrophic circumstances or when the public health, safety and welfare is at risk, the requirements of this article may be waived by action of the Council. It is preferable, however, even in such instances, for the request to receive a review and recommendation from the appropriate city board or commission. (Prior Code, Art. 2-14)**



EXHIBIT B

Quarter ____

Agency	Azura Vita
Contract No.	HHSC FY 26/27
Contract Period	July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027
Recipient Address	137 E. University Drive, Mesa, AZ 85201
Contact Person	Kymbrlee Hsu
Contact Phone/Email	480.304-1092 – khsu@azuracares.org
City Staff Contact	HHSC@apachejunctionaz.gov

Statement of Work (SOW) as stated in your application:

Provide quarterly totals underneath each item and a brief explanation:

- Volunteer tax preparation assistance (how many people were helped)

Reminders:

Due by the 15th of each quarter for the preceding quarter's activities

Must include expense report with receipts and services provided

Required to maintain a current Community Information Referral List

Required to participate in Health and Wellness Expo in February 2027

Recipient Authorized Signature

Date

Title