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COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT

BY AND BETWEEN

THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

AND

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND
AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL ON BEHALF OF THE LSU AGRICULTURE
CENTER

THIS COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT (the “**Agreement**”) is entered into by and between the City of New Orleans, represented by LaToya Cantrell, Mayor (the “**City**”), and the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, represented by William B. Richardson, Vice President (“**LSU AgCenter**”). The City and LSU AgCenter may sometimes be collectively referred to as the “**Parties**.” The Agreement is effective as of the date of January 1, 2022 (the “**Effective Date**”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, LSU AgCenter is a non-profit corporation of the state, which principal address is located at 101 J. Norman Efferson Hall, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 7, Section 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and related statutes, and Section 9-314 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans, the City may enter into cooperative endeavors with the State of Louisiana, its political subdivisions and corporations, the United States and its agencies, and any public or private corporation, association, or individual with regard to cooperative financing and other economic development activities, the procurement and development of immovable property, joint planning and implementation of public works, the joint use of facilities, joint research and program implementation activities, joint funding initiatives, and other similar activities in support of public education, community development, housing rehabilitation, economic growth, and other public purposes;

WHEREAS, the City has received a detailed related proposal from the LSU AgCenter and approved funding and other support for its 2021 program in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, the City and LSU AgCenter desire to accomplish a valuable public purpose of improving the lives and economic well-being of New Orleans residents by providing innovative research-based educational programs;

WHEREAS, LSU AgCenter will operate public welfare programs for the benefit of New Orleans residents; and

WHEREAS, the City will help fund the programs and provide operations spaces and support in City facilities.

NOW THEREFORE, the City and LSU AgCenter, each having the authority to do so, agree as follows:

ARTICLE I – LSU AgCenter’s OBLIGATIONS

LSU AgCenter will:

A. Deliver needs based, focused programs in five general categories, including: 1) Youth Development, 2) Family and Consumer Sciences, 3) Nutrition Education, 4) Sustainable Housing, and 5) Consumer/Commercial Horticulture. Exhibit “A” hereto details the program services the LSU AgCenter will perform;

B. Recruit and appoint competent faculty and support personnel and place them in parish offices according to LSU Agricultural Center Human Resources Office procedures;

C. Afford faculty training and professional improvement opportunities to assure the parish has the best technical resources available;

D. Provide City with a copy of the Orleans Parish LSU/SU AgCenter’s Safety and Continuity of Operations Plan (“**SCOOP**”);

E. Provide its own liability insurance and thereby hold the City harmless from any liabilities associated with the occupation and use of its facilities unless such liabilities are caused by the willful act, fault, omission, or negligence of the City or its employees, servants, or agents;

F. Maintain a line of communication with the City of New Orleans’ liaison to update on projects and progress toward locating a functional office space;

G. Acknowledge City’s generosity for giving the LSU/SU AgCenter’s office space on our website, newsletter, and other appropriate media outlets;

H. Adhere to applicable City policies such as those regarding drugs, violence, and firearms; and

I. Provide a schedule of LSU/SU AgCenter’s scheduled holidays/office closures.

ARTICLE II - THE CITY’S OBLIGATIONS

The City will:

A. Administer this Agreement through the New Orleans Health Department (“**NOHD**”);

B. Provide LSU AgCenter with documents deemed necessary for LSU AgCenter’s performance of any work required under this Agreement;

C. Provide access to NOHD personnel to discuss the required services during normal working hours, as requested by LSU AgCenter;

D. Provide suitable office space and support facilities to LSU AgCenter;

E. Provide operating services support such as utilities, telecommunication and internet technology, and custodial services;

F. Provide office space within City Hall, 1300 Perdido Street, to accommodate a minimum of 12 LSU AgCenter and Southern University Agricultural Center ("SU AgCenter") Orleans Parish staff members;

G. Designate a contact person to serve as liaison to the LSU AgCenter's Orleans Parish Chair;

H. Designate a contact person from property management to provide guidance on property and maintenance requirements;

I. Designate a contact person from Information Technology to provide guidelines regarding the setup and installation of telecommunication systems;

J. Provide long distance telephone service for LSU/SU AgCenter's use;

K. Provide training to LSU/SU AgCenter Orleans Parish staff members on emergency, safety, and security procedures;

L. Provide keys for office space in City Hall for LSU/SU AgCenter staff;

M. Provide utilities for the operation of the LSU/SU AgCenter facility including equipment, information technology, and telecommunication in City Hall;

N. Provide janitorial services including trash pickup and vacuuming; and

O. Provide a schedule of the City of New Orleans scheduled holidays/office closures.

ARTICLE III - FUNDING

A. **Maximum Monthly Amount.** The maximum monthly amount funded by the City under this Agreement is up to \$15,416.67 per month.

B. **Maximum Amount.** The maximum amount funded by the City under this Agreement is up to \$185,000.00.

C. Invoices.

1. LSU AgCenter will submit monthly invoices for work performed under this Agreement to the City no later than 10 calendar days following the end of the period covered by the invoice. Untimely invoices may result in delayed payment for which the City is not liable.

2. All invoices must be signed by an authorized representative of LSU AgCenter under penalty of perjury attesting to the validity and accuracy of the invoice.

3. The City may require changes to the form of the invoice and may require additional supporting documentation to be submitted with invoices.

4. Invoices and supporting documentation must be submitted via mail, email, or fax to:

City of New Orleans Health Department
Brandye A. DeLarge
Manager of Fiscal and Administrative Services
1300 Perdido Street, Suite 8E18
New Orleans, La 70112
Fax: 504-658-2533
Email: badelarge@nola.gov

ARTICLE IV - DURATION AND TERMINATION

A. *Term.* The term of this agreement shall be for one year from the Effective Date through December 31, 2022.

B. *Extension.* The City can opt to extend the term of this Agreement provided that the City Council approves it as a multi-term cooperative endeavor agreement and that additional funding, if required, is allocated by the City Council.

C. *Termination for Convenience.* The City may terminate this Agreement at any time during the term of the Agreement by giving LSU AgCenter written notice of the termination at least 30 calendar days before the intended date of termination.

D. *Termination for Cause.* The City may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause by sending written notice to LSU AgCenter. "Cause" includes without limitation any failure to perform any obligation or abide by any condition of this Agreement or the failure of any representation or warranty in this Agreement, including without limitation any failure to comply with any provision of City Code § 2-1120 or requests of the Office of Inspector General. If a termination for cause is subsequently challenged in a court of law and the challenging party prevails, the termination will be deemed to be a termination for convenience effective 30 days from the date of the original written notice of termination for cause was sent to the challenging party; no further notice will be required.

E. *Termination for Non-Appropriation.* This Agreement will terminate immediately in the event of non-appropriation of funds sufficient to maintain this Agreement without the requirement of notice and the City will not be liable for any amounts beyond the funds appropriated and encumbered for this Agreement.

ARTICLE V - INDEMNITY

A. To the fullest extent permitted by law, LSU AgCenter will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City, its agents, employees, officials, insurers, self-insurance funds, and assigns (collectively, the "**Indemnified Parties**") from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, and judgments of sums of money accruing against the Indemnified Parties: for loss of life or injury or damage to persons or property arising from or relating to any negligent act or omission or the operation of LSU AgCenter, its agents or employees while engaged in or in connection with the discharge or performance of any services under this Agreement; and for any and all claims and/or liens for labor, services, or materials furnished to LSU AgCenter in connection with the performance of work under this Agreement.

B. *Limitation.* The LSU AgCenter's indemnity does not extend to any loss arising from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of any of the Indemnified Parties, provided that neither LSU AgCenter nor any of its agents or employees contributed to such gross negligence or willful misconduct.

C. *Independent Duty.* The LSU AgCenter has an immediate and independent obligation to, at the City's option: (a) defend the City from or (b) reimburse the City for its costs incurred in the defense of any claim that actually or potentially falls within this indemnity, even if: (1) the allegations are or may be groundless, false, or fraudulent; or (2) LSU AgCenter is ultimately absolved from liability.

D. Expenses. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, LSU AgCenter shall bear the expenses including, but not limited to, the City's reasonable attorney fees and expenses, incurred by the City in enforcing this indemnity.

ARTICLE VI - INSURANCE

A. Except as otherwise noted, at all times during this Agreement or the performance of work required by this Agreement, LSU AgCenter will maintain the following insurance in full force and effect for the duration of the work under this Agreement:

1. adequate workers compensation and unemployment insurance coverage for its employees in accordance with state law;
2. comprehensive general liability insurance in amounts not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence; and
3. cause City to be named as an additional insured without cost to City. City shall have no responsibility for any deductible under all such policies of insurance.

B. LSU AgCenter will provide the City's Risk Manager (at City of New Orleans Attn: Risk Manager, 1300 Perdido Street, Suite 9E06, New Orleans, LA 70112 – Ref.: Municipal CEA) within 10 days of the Signature Date and at any other time at the City's request the following documents:

1. Proof of coverage for each policy of insurance required by this Agreement;
2. Copy of fully executed Agreement;
3. Copies of all policies of insurance, including all policies, forms, and endorsements; and
4. Statements disclosing any policy aggregate limit.

C. Without notice from the City, LSU AgCenter will:

1. Replenish any policy aggregate limit that is impaired before commencement of any work or continuation of any work under this Agreement;
2. Substitute insurance coverage acceptable to the City within 30 calendar days if any insurance company providing any insurance with respect to this Agreement is declared bankrupt, becomes insolvent, loses the right to do business in Louisiana, or ceases to meet the requirements of this Agreement; and
3. Notify the City's Risk Manager in writing within 48 hours of its receipt of any notice of non-renewal, cancellation, or reduction in coverage or limits affecting any policy of insurance maintained under this Agreement.

ARTICLE VII - PERFORMANCE MEASURES

A. Factors. The City will measure the performance of LSU AgCenter according to the following non-exhaustive factors: work performed in compliance with the terms of the Agreement; staff availability; staff training; staff professionalism; staff experience; customer service; communication and accessibility; prompt and effective correction of situations and conditions;

timeliness and completeness of submission of requested documentation (such as records, receipts, invoices, insurance certificates, and computer-generated reports).

B. *Failure to Perform.* If LSU AgCenter fails to perform according to the Agreement, the City will notify LSU AgCenter. If there is a continued lack of performance after notification, the City may declare LSU AgCenter in default and may pursue any appropriate remedies available under the Agreement and/or any applicable law.

ARTICLE VIII - NON-DISCRIMINATION

A. *Equal Employment Opportunity.* In all hiring or employment made possible by, or resulting from this Agreement, the LSU AgCenter (1) will not be discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, sex, color, religion, gender, age, physical or mental disability, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, creed, culture, or ancestry, and (2) where applicable, will take affirmative action to ensure that the LSU AgCenter's employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, sex, color, religion, gender, age, physical or mental disability, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, creed, culture, or ancestry. This requirement shall apply to, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship. All solicitations or advertisements for employees shall state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, sex, color, religion, gender, age, physical or mental disability, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, creed, culture, or ancestry.

B. *Non-Discrimination.* In the performance of this Agreement, the LSU AgCenter will not discriminate on the basis, whether in fact or perception, of a person's race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, domestic partner status, marital status, physical or mental disability, or AIDS- or HIV-status against (1) any employee of the City working with the LSU AgCenter in any of LSU AgCenter's operations within Orleans Parish or (2) any person seeking accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, services, or membership in all business, social, or other establishments or organizations operated by the LSU AgCenter. The LSU AgCenter agrees to comply with and abide by all applicable federal, state and local laws relating to non-discrimination, including, without limitation, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

C. *Incorporation into Subcontracts.* The LSU AgCenter will incorporate the terms and conditions of this Article into all subcontracts, by reference or otherwise, and will require all subcontractors to comply with those provisions.

D. The City may terminate this Agreement for cause if the Contractor fails to comply with any obligation in this Article, which failure is a material breach of this Agreement.

ARTICLE IX - INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

A. Independent Contractor Status. The LSU AgCenter is an independent contractor and shall not be deemed an employee, servant, agent, partner, or joint venture of the City and will not hold itself or any of its employees, subcontractors or agents to be an employee, partner, or agent of the City.

B. Exclusion of Worker's Compensation Coverage. The City will not be liable to LSU AgCenter, as an independent contractor as defined in La. R.S. 23:1021(6), for any benefits or coverage as provided by the Workmen's Compensation Law of the State of Louisiana. Under the provisions of La. R.S. 23:1034, any person employed by LSU AgCenter will not be considered an employee of the City for the purpose of Worker's Compensation coverage.

C. Exclusion of Unemployment Compensation Coverage. The LSU AgCenter, as an independent contractor, is being hired by the City under this Agreement for hire and defined in La. R.S. 23:1472(E) and neither LSU AgCenter nor anyone employed by it will be considered an employee of the City for the purpose of unemployment compensation coverage, which coverage same being hereby expressly waived and excluded by the parties, because: (a) LSU AgCenter has been and will be free from any control or direction by the City over the performance of the services covered by this contract; (b) the services to be performed by LSU AgCenter are outside the normal course and scope of the City's usual business; and (c) LSU AgCenter has been independently engaged in performing the services required under this Agreement prior to the date of this Agreement.

D. Waiver of Benefits. The LSU AgCenter, as an independent contractor, will not receive from the City any sick and annual leave benefits, medical insurance, life insurance, paid vacations, paid holidays, sick leave, pension, or Social Security for any services rendered to the City under this Agreement.

ARTICLE X - NOTICE

A. In General. Except for any routine communication, any notice, demand, communication, or request required or permitted under this Agreement will be given in writing and delivered in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested as follows:

1. To the City:

Director of Health
City of New Orleans
1300 Perdido Street
New Orleans, LA 70112
&
City Attorney
City of New Orleans
1300 Perdido Street, Suite 5E03
New Orleans, LA 70112

2. To LSU AgCenter:

William B. Richardson
The Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State University and
Agricultural and Mechanical College
LSU Agricultural Center
101 J. Norman Efferson Hall Baton Rouge, LA 70803

B. Effectiveness. Notices are effective when received, except any notice that is not received due to the intended recipient's refusal or avoidance of delivery is deemed received as of the date of the first attempted delivery.

C. Notification of Change. Each party is responsible for notifying the other in writing that references this Agreement of any changes in its address(es) set forth above.

ARTICLE XI - ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

A. Amendment. No amendment of or modification to this Agreement shall be valid unless and until executed in writing by the duly authorized representatives of both parties to this Agreement.

B. Assignment. This Agreement and any part of LSU AgCenter's interest in it are not assignable or transferable without the City's prior written consent.

C. Choice of Law. This Agreement will be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana without regard to its conflict of laws provisions.

D. Construction of Agreement. Neither party will be deemed to have drafted this Agreement. This Agreement has been reviewed by the Parties and shall be construed and interpreted according to the ordinary meaning of the words used so as to fairly accomplish the purposes and intentions of the Parties. No term of this Agreement shall be construed or resolved in favor of or against the City or LSU AgCenter on the basis of which party drafted the uncertain or ambiguous language. The headings and captions of this Agreement are provided for convenience only and are not intended to have effect in the construction or interpretation of this Agreement. Where appropriate, the singular includes the plural and neutral words and words of any gender shall include the neutral and other gender.

E. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, including all incorporated documents, constitutes the final and complete agreement and understanding between the parties. All prior and contemporaneous agreements and understandings, whether oral or written, are superseded by this Agreement and are without effect to vary or alter any terms or conditions of this Agreement.

F. Exhibit. The following exhibit will be and is incorporated into this Agreement:
Exhibit A – Scope of Services

G. Jurisdiction. The LSU AgCenter consents and yields to the jurisdiction of the State Civil Courts of the Parish of Orleans and formally waives any pleas or exceptions of jurisdiction on account of the residence of LSU AgCenter.

H. Limitations of the Parties' Obligations. Each party has no obligations not explicitly set forth in this Agreement or any incorporated documents or expressly imposed by law.

I. No Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is entered into for the exclusive benefit of the Parties and the Parties expressly disclaim any intent to benefit anyone not a party to this Agreement.

J. Non-Waiver. The failure of either party to insist upon strict compliance with any provision of this Agreement, to enforce any right or to seek any remedy upon discovery of any default or breach of the other party at such time as the initial discovery of the existence of such noncompliance, right, default or breach shall not affect or constitute a waiver of either party's right to insist upon such compliance, exercise such right or seek such remedy with respect to that default or breach or any prior contemporaneous or subsequent default or breach.

K. Prohibition of Financial Interest in Agreement. No elected official or employee of the City shall have a financial interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement. For purposes of this provision, a financial interest held by the spouse, child, or parent of any elected official or employee of the City shall be deemed to be a financial interest of such elected official or employee of the City. Any willful violation of this provision, with the expressed or implied knowledge of LSU AgCenter, shall render this Agreement voidable by the City and shall entitle the City to recover, in addition to any other rights and remedies available to the City, all monies paid by the City to LSU AgCenter pursuant to this Agreement without regard to LSU AgCenter's otherwise satisfactory performance of the Agreement.

L. Prohibition on Political Activity. None of the funds, materials, property, or services provided directly or indirectly under the terms of this Agreement shall be used in the performance of this Agreement for any partisan political activity, or to further the election or defeat of any candidate for public office.

M. Remedies Cumulative. No remedy set forth in the Agreement or otherwise conferred upon or reserved to any party shall be considered exclusive of any other remedy available to a party. Rather, each remedy shall be deemed distinct, separate and cumulative and each may be exercised from time to time as often as the occasion may arise or as may be deemed expedient.

N. Severability. Should a court of competent jurisdiction find any provision of this Agreement to be unenforceable as written, the unenforceable provision should be reformed, if possible, so that it is enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by law or, if reformation is not possible, the unenforceable provision shall be fully severable and the remaining provisions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect and shall be construed and enforced as if the unenforceable provision was never a part the Agreement.

O. Subcontractor Reporting. The LSU AgCenter will provide a list of all natural or artificial persons who are retained by LSU AgCenter at the time of the Agreement's execution and who are expected to perform work as subcontractors in connection with LSU AgCenter's work for the City. For any subcontractor proposed to be retained by LSU AgCenter to perform work on the Agreement with the City, LSU AgCenter must provide notice to the City within 30 days of

retaining that subcontractor. If LSU AgCenter fails to submit the required lists and notices, the City may, after thirty 30 days' written notice to LSU AgCenter, take any action it deems necessary, including, without limitation, causing the suspension of any payments, until the required lists and notices are submitted.

P. *Survival of Certain Provisions.* All representations and warranties and all obligations concerning record retention, inspections, audits, ownership, indemnification, payment, remedies, jurisdiction, choice of law, and shall survive the expiration, suspension, or termination of this Agreement and continue in full force and effect.

Q. *Cost Recovery.* In accordance with Section 2-8.1 of the Municipal Code entitled "Cost recovery in contracts, cooperative endeavor agreements, and grants," to the maximum extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall reimburse the City or disgorge anything of value or economic benefit received from the City if the Contractor fails to meet its contractual obligations.

Q. *Terms Binding.* The terms and conditions of this Agreement are binding on any heirs, successors, transferees, and

ARTICLE XII - ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE AND DELIVERY

The Parties agree that a manually signed copy of this Agreement and any other document(s) attached to this Agreement delivered by email shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement. No legally binding obligation shall be created with respect to a party until such party has delivered or caused to be delivered a manually signed copy of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and LSU AgCenter, through their duly authorized representatives, execute this Agreement.

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

BY: 
LATOYA CANTRELL, MAYOR

Executed on this 14th of February, 2022.

FORM AND LEGALITY APPROVED:

Law Department

By: 
Printed Name: Tracy Tyler

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND
AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL ON BEHALF OF THE LSU AGRICULTURAL
CENTER

BY: _____
WILLIAMS B. RICHARDSON, VICE PRESIDENT FOR AGRICULTURE

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EXHIBIT A CONTAINED ON NEXT PAGES

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EXHIBIT A
SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Louisiana State University Agricultural Center (LSU AgCenter) of the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service (LCES) shall perform the following services:

1. The LCES will provide the residents of Orleans parish with innovative research-based educational programs that will improve their lives and economic well-being.
2. The LSU AgCenter LCES is a statewide campus of the LSU System and provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.
3. Competent faculty and staff domiciled in Orleans parish will deliver educational programs to the residents of the parish in the Result Areas of Children & Families and Sustainable Communities. These Result Areas are delivered through existing LCES programs including 4-H Youth Development, Nutrition & Health, and Consumer/Commercial Horticulture.
4. LCES faculty will take part in professional development opportunities to remain current and abreast of best practices in their respective areas of expertise including youth development, family development, nutrition & health, and agriculture & natural resources.
5. LCES will provide the City Health Department and City Council of the City of New Orleans with written reports from the parish LCES faculty on a mutually agreed to schedule at least annually.

RESULT AREA: CHILDREN & FAMILIES

4-H Youth Development

6. LCES will provide youth of Orleans parish an invaluable and essential source of non-formal education through the 4-H Youth Development program.
7. LCES will provide salaried faculty and adult volunteer leaders that will provide creative, dynamic, innovative, and interactive learning experiences for youth of Orleans parish.
8. Through the LCES 4-H youth development program, faculty will provide opportunities for youth to gain knowledge and life skills to enhance quality of life.
9. LCES 4-H youth development faculty will provide opportunities for youth to participate in activities that promote positive youth development.
10. LCES 4-H youth development faculty will provide opportunities for youth to develop skills

and confidence for leadership and self-discipline.

11. LCES 4-H youth development faculty will provide opportunities for youth to develop skills, practical knowledge and wisdom through observing, doing and living through experiences.
12. LCES AgCenter faculty will provide educational opportunities in an environment conducive for learning that will allow youth the opportunity to find expression for their own particular reading, mathematics, and science interest while involved in social, cultural, and enrichment activities that may not be possible in a school setting.
13. LCES AgCenter faculty will involve limited-resource families with children 6 – 12 years of age in the Southern University (SU) AgCenter's Youth Educational Support (YES) program.
14. LCES AgCenter faculty will provide hands-on demonstrations, self-directed learning and take-home activities through sharing, games, field trips, fairs, and contests that promote "learning is fun, it takes everybody, and it takes place everywhere".
15. LCES AgCenter faculty will build partnerships with other LCES programs (such as EFNEP and SNAP-Ed), parents, volunteers, churches, schools, housing developments, community centers, and other state and community-based organizations and clubs.
16. LCES 4-H youth development programs will provide educational opportunities that address three key program areas including *Citizenship, Healthy Living, Science, Engineering and Technology (SET)*.
17. LCES 4-H youth development programs will provide educational opportunities that promote the development of healthy habits that will contribute to the overall well-being of youth including fitness and nutrition.
18. LCES 4-H youth development programs will provide educational opportunities that promote a sense of belonging, life skill development, and service to the community as major youth development components.

Families

19. LCES will provide research-based educational programs in the areas of Parenting, Nutrition & Health, and Gerontology to Orleans parish residents.

Parenting

20. LCES will provide salaried faculty on restricted grant funds to provide expert training in the area of parenting through the *"Healthy Beginnings for Your Baby"* (HBFYB) to Orleans parish residents.
21. Through the HBFYB program, LCES faculty of the LSU AgCenter will provide educational programs in parenting to low-income families receiving benefits from the Family

Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FTAP).

22. Through the HBFYB program, LCES faculty will provide parenting education to pregnant women and parents of children under the age of one of Orleans parish that will encourage positive parenting skills that will contribute to the development of their children.
23. Through the HBFYB program, LCES faculty will provide parenting education to HBFYB clients in Orleans parish on effective money management practices that will increase their skills to manage their budget and meet their financial obligations.

Nutrition Education

24. LCES will provide research-based nutrition education to Orleans parish residents through the *Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)*, and the *Supplemental Food Assistance Program Nutrition Education (SNAP-Ed)*.
25. LCES will provide trained and certified EFNEP Nutrition Educators to deliver a series of 8-nutrition education lessons, a minimum of 50 minutes each, from an approved curriculum to limited-resource families and youth of Orleans parish.
26. LCES will provide salaried faculty specialized in nutrition and health to supervise and train the EFNEP Nutrition Educators in the most current research-based nutrition information.
27. LCES will provide faculty and staff with a nutrition focus to target children and adolescents in Orleans parish to deliver a series of nutrition education lessons through EFNEP and SNAP-Ed programs.
28. LCES EFNEP Nutrition Educators and SNAP-Ed faculty will provide the most current research-based nutrition education that will encourage families and youth to apply the USDA Dietary Guidelines by making healthy food choices, planning meals, practicing safe food handling techniques, reading the Nutrition Facts label, getting the recommended amount of physical activity, shopping wisely, and managing their food dollars.
29. LCES EFNEP Nutrition Educators and SNAP-Ed faculty will conduct program evaluations to determine knowledge gained and behavior change of the participants.
30. LCES will provide salaried faculty to provide general nutrition education to adult residents of Orleans parish.

Gerontology

31. LCES will provide salaried faculty to deliver educational programs to address the needs of the aging population in Orleans Parish.
32. LCES faculty will provide educational programs at Senior Center.

33. LCES faculty will provide research-based educational programs on topics including health, nutrition, exercise, financial management, and safety.
34. LCES faculty will provide education to caregivers of elderly family members on services provided through home health, social service agencies, and types of available medical equipment.
35. LCES faculty will provide educational programs to grandparents who are raising grandchildren to teach how to develop responsible grandchildren, available homework assistance programs, summer youth programs, and financial assistance programs.

RESULT AREA: SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Consumer/Commercial Horticulture

36. LCES will engage the community with research-based educational information with commercial and consumer horticultural practices that includes demonstration gardens (community/schools), home vegetable gardens, home grounds, lawn, fruit & nuts, landscape horticulture, commercial vegetable demonstration plots and field days, and other horticultural programs.
37. LCES will provide educational programs which utilize techniques to include emerging technologies and social media that will have an impact on the food systems, community and economic development.
38. LCES will provide faculty with expertise in the area of consumer/commercial horticulture to promote Best Management Practices in horticulture and access to research-based educational materials and LSU AgCenter Specialist.
39. LCES consumer/commercial horticulture faculty will provide research-based information for the sustainability of farmers' markets, school and community gardening programs and other community organizations that encourage the recovery, beautification, and economic development of Orleans parish.
40. LCES faculty will serve as advisor to the Master Gardeners of Greater New Orleans (MGGNO) volunteer organization.
41. LCES faculty will recruit and train volunteers from Orleans parish for the Master Gardener Program to expand the capacity of the LCES in promoting Best Management Practices in horticulture and access to research-based information.
42. LCES faculty will provide training and educational opportunities to individuals and groups in Orleans parish communities on horticultural topics including tree care, vegetable gardening, soil testing, pesticides, herbicides, and other relevant topics.

43. LCES faculty will receive and respond to questions related to horticultural matters from Orleans parish residents via phone calls and emails.
44. LCES faculty will provide research-based responses to questions related to horticultural issues from Orleans parish residents via phone calls, email, and occasionally home visits.
45. LCES faculty will work collaboratively with LCES 4-H youth development faculty to provide education and training to youth interested in gardening in Orleans parish.
46. LCES faculty will provide Best Management Practices to commercial horticulture businesses, including nurseries, landscape businesses, and local urban farmers that will promote economic development by the implementation of these practices that will expand their businesses.

Fisheries and Coastal Restoration

47. LCES faculty in partnership with Sea Grant will provide research-based best practices educational programs in preservation of natural resources, coastal restoration, and seafood production in Orleans parish.
48. LCES is charged with educational outreach/discussions in the area of Urban Fisheries Projects, wetland plant propagation, shoreline stabilization, fisheries enhancement in city park lagoons in Orleans; habitat restoration, wetland's utilization/protection.

[END OF AGREEMENT]