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**Description of Nature of Partnership**

In order to ensure the effective implementation of the Community Connectors program throughout the state, applicants are required to partner with education stakeholders from the faith, business, and nonprofit communities. Each applicant must identify its partners and include description of each respective partner's roles and responsibilities in question 12 of the grant application.

A partner agrees to provide human and material assets or access to academic and administrative resources to the grant applicant to develop or execute a Community Connectors grant application. However, in partnership, only the grant applicant is responsible for ensuring the grant is developed and executed according to the terms of the grant agreement.

**Each member of the partnership is responsible for the following assurances:**

1) Be knowledgeable about the applicant's Community Connectors grant proposal and application, including advocacy of the Community Connectors program.
2) Maintain a familiarity with the partner's services to enhance the proposal, including specific goals and practices.
3) Demonstrate a commitment to clear roles and responsibilities of each partner as it relates to the grant proposal and application.
4) Sustain consistent communication among partners and stakeholders with a shared vision of the goals of the grant proposal. This includes participating in regularly scheduled meetings for project management and identifying areas for improvement.
5) Ensure partners have appropriate access to data for purposes of grant program improvement and evaluation in accordance with state and federal law.

DAG ~~Lead Applicant~~ PARTNER/FISCAL AGENT
Name: Deborah A. Gerken
Title: Executive Director
Organization: Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission
Sign: Deborah A Gerken

Partner
Name: Stephen Fogo
Title: Superintendent
Organization: Napoleon Area City Schools
Sign: Stephen Fogo

Partner
Name: Mark T. Cacciatore
Title: V.P. Operations - Campbell Soup Co.
Organization: Campbell Soup Supply Co.
Sign: Mark T Cacciatore

KB LEAD APPLICANT
~~Partner~~
Name: Kelli Burkhardt
Title: Executive Director
Organization: Together We Can Make a Difference Initiatives
Sign: Kelli Burkhardt

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Additional Partner (Optional)
Name: Ron Wieches

Title: pres

Organization: Emanuels Lutheran

Sign:

Additional Partner (Optional)
Name: Sandy Blackwood

Title: Executive Director

Organization: Henry County Senior Center

Sign:

A. The enforcement of any obligations imposed by law.
B. The correction of deficiencies in program operations that are identified through program audits, monitoring or evaluation.
C. The adoption of written procedures for the receipt and resolution of complaints alleging violations of law in the administration of such programs.

19. The GRANTEE, by submission of a grant proposal, agrees that THE DEPARTMENT has the authority to take administrative sanctions, including, but not limited to, suspension of cash payments for the project, suspension of program operations and/or, termination of project operations, as necessary to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations and assurances for any project. The GRANTEE acknowledges this authority under Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.07 (C), as applicable.
20. . In the purchase of equipment and supplies, the GRANTEE will comply with state ethics laws and Ohio Revised Code Section 2921.42.
21. That the GRANTEE will have effective financial management systems, which includes, but is not limited to, the ability to report financial data verifying compliance with program regulations and maintaining effective internal control over the operations of the approved grant.
22. That the GRANTEE will obligate funds within the approved project period as set forth in the approved application and will liquidate said obligations not later than 90 days after the end of the project period for the grant.

This assurance is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all grants, loans, contracts, property, discounts or other financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the GRANTEE by THE DEPARTMENT, including installment payments, after such date on account of applications for financial assistance which were approved before such date. The GRANTEE recognizes and agrees that such financial assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this assurance, and that the State of Ohio shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of this assurance. This assurance is binding on the GRANTEE, its successors, transferees and assigns. The person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the GRANTEE.

GRANTEE

Kelli J. Burkhardt 3/2/2015
Authorized Representative Date
Together We Can Make A Difference
(Grantee)

Kelli J. Burkhardt, Executive Director
Printed

Deborah A. Gerken 3/2/15
Fiscal Representative Date
Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission
(Contracted Fiscal Agent)

Deborah A. Gerken, Executive Director
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