

REPORT ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
PURSUANT TO 28 O.S. SECTION 3122

The Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) respectfully submits this Report of its recently entered Space Sharing Assistance and Use Agreement with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) opened a Community Hope Center in Oklahoma City that is designed to be a community asset and will be driven by community needs and supporting data, including but not limited to helping DHS clients find rental assistance through Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency programs. OKDHS believes this distribution model will allow families and children to be served in deep and meaningful ways, leveraging government, nonprofit, and faith-based organizations.

Community Hope Center Goals include the following:

- To support families to be strong, healthy, and successful
- To provide a coordinated, comprehensive approach that removes barriers to meeting the needs of families and improving outcomes utilizing OHFA's affordable housing options.
- To contribute to building a strong and healthy community
- To reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect by utilizing Strengthening Families Protective Factors
- To increase a family's ability to be economically independent
- To increase Hope Scores in the individuals and families served

Oklahoma Department of Human Services invited OHFA to be a partner and participate in the Community Hope Center to provide housing resources for clients. OHFA believes the centralization of multiple resources in one location is beneficial for our clients and stakeholders.

1. The Effective Date of the Space Sharing Assistance and Use Agreement is January 26, 2023.
2. The term of this Agreement is one year from the date of signatures with four options to renew for one-year periods. Thus, the maximum duration of this agreement is five years, but the agreement may be renegotiated or extended by written agreement of the Parties.
3. The parties subject to the Space Sharing Assistance and Use Agreement are the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency. Though not a party to this Space Sharing Assistance and Use Agreement, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will provide funding/housing vouchers offered through this Space Sharing Assistance and Use Agreement opportunity.
4. The purposes of the Space Sharing Assistance and Use Agreement are:

- a. to provide rental assistance to eligible individuals and families and various community resources to increase housing opportunities in conjunction with services offered by OKDHS and other community partners participating at the Community Hope Center and ultimately improving outcomes for our clients.
  - b. The Parties have joined together to share resources, to work together to remove barriers, and contribute to building a strong and healthy community for our clients.
5. Constitutional or Statutory Provisions allowing these subjects to be addressed:
- a. Oklahoma Constitution Article 25 Sections 1 and 6
  - b. Oklahoma Homeless Prevention Act 74 O.S. §§ 2900-2900.2
  - c. American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) § 3202 Emergency Housing Vouchers, The Secretary shall provide emergency rental assistance vouchers under subsection (a), which shall be tenant-based rental assistance under section 8(o) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 ([42 U.S.C. 1437f\(o\)](#)).
  - d. Title 60, O.S. § 176(A)(1) and other public trust statutes and OHFA's trust indenture executed on May 1, 1975. *See* OHFA Third Amended Trust Indenture (Sept. 24, 2002)