INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THURSTON COUNTY, AND THE CITIES OF LACEY, OLYMPIA, TUMWATER, YELM, TENINO, RAINIER, AND THE TOWN OF BUCODA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING SURCHARGE FUNDS GENERATED AS A RESULT OF HB 2060

This agreement is entered into between Thurston County, and the Cities of Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, Yelm, Tenino, Rainier, and the Town of Bucoda for the purpose of creating an interlocal agreement for the use of funds created through the surcharge for specified documents recorded through the County Auditor's office to fund housing programs for extremely low income and very low income persons throughout Thurston County.

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature passed substitute House Bill 2060 during the 57th Legislative Session and Governor Locke signed the bill on April 2, 2002.

WHEREAS, this bill authorizes a surcharge on specified documents recorded through the County Auditor's office for the purpose of providing funds for housing programs for extremely low and very low income persons with incomes at or below 50% of the area medium income and

WHEREAS, Voucher Assistance Programs, McKinney funds, Emergency Shelter Assistance Program funds, Emergency Shelter Grant Program funds, Housing Trust Fund grants, Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation, and Rental Rehabilitation Program funds have either been cut back or require matching funds and

WHEREAS, 2060 funds could be used as the twenty-five percent match required for the HOME funds being requested by Thurston County, and the Cities of Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, Yelm, Tenino, Rainier, and the Town of Bucoda; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of Thurston County currently serves as the Lead Agency for shelter service funds, Lead Agency for Continuum of Care McKinney Funds, Lead Support Staff for the Thurston County Housing Task Force and is designated to be the administering agency for HOME entitlement funds;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual housing benefits for extremely low income and very low income persons living throughout the entire Thurston County area, the above partners agree as follows:

A. The HB 2060 surcharge funds will be used as the twenty-five percent (25%) match for HOME entitlement funds as first priority.

B. These funds may also be used for existing housing programs which require match and or supplementing due to program cutbacks and/or increasing program needs.

C. These funds will provide for new housing programs designed to meet transitional and permanent housing needs.

D. These funds will be administered by Thurston County for the purpose of providing the 25% match for HOME eligible expenses as they are incurred and billed to the extent the funds are available.
E. Surplus funds, if any, will be administered by the lead entity for authorized purposes based on the recommendation of the HOME advisory committee and the Consolidated Plan.

F. These funds will be used for this purpose for the period of 2002 through December 31, 2006.

G. This agreement shall automatically be renewed for participation in successive three-year periods unless a member provides written notice that it elects not to participate in a new period.

THURSTON COUNTY

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