

ESCROW AGREEMENT

THIS ESCROW AGREEMENT, (this "Agreement") dated as of June 18, 2019, made by and between the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, a political subdivision of the State of Texas in Dallas, Ellis, and Tarrant Counties (the "City"), acting by and through the Mayor and City Secretary and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., a national banking association duly organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America (the "Bank"), as Escrow Agent (the "Escrow Agent") together with any successor in such capacity:

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Principal Forgiveness Agreement identified as TWDB Commitment No. LF1000964, the City will accept certain contractual obligations to obtain financial assistance (the "Obligations") from the Texas Water Development Board ("TWDB") for the purpose of funding the construction of improvements and extensions to the City's wastewater system (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Escrow Agent is a state or national bank designated by the Texas Comptroller as a state depository institution in accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 404, Subchapter C, or is a designated custodian of collateral in accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 404, Subchapter D and is otherwise qualified and empowered to enter into this Agreement, and hereby acknowledges its acceptance of the terms and provisions hereof; and

WHEREAS, a condition of the Obligations is the deposit of the proceeds of the Obligations (the "Proceeds") in escrow subject to being withdrawn only with the approval of the Executive Administrator of the TWDB or another designated representative; provided, however, the Proceeds can be transferred to different investments so long as all parties hereto consent to such transfer;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements herein contained and in consideration of the amount of fees to be paid by the City to the Escrow Agent, as set forth on **EXHIBIT A**, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and in order to secure the delivery of the proceeds, the parties hereto mutually undertake, promise and agree for themselves, their respective representatives and successors, as follows:

SECTION 1: ESCROW ACCOUNT. Upon the delivery of the Obligations described above, the Proceeds identified under TWDB Commitment Number LF1000964 shall be deposited to the credit of a special escrow account or escrow subaccount (the "Escrow Account") maintained at the Escrow Agent on behalf of the City and the TWDB and shall not be commingled with any other accounts or with any other proceeds or funds. The Proceeds received by the Escrow Agent under this Agreement shall not be considered as a banking deposit by the City, and the Escrow Agent shall have no right to title with respect thereto except as Escrow Agent under the terms of this Agreement.

The Escrow Account shall be entitled "CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD COMMITMENT NO. LF1000964 ESCROW ACCOUNT" and shall not be subject to warrants, drafts or checks drawn by the City but shall be disbursed or withdrawn to pay the costs of the Project for which the City's Water and Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, New Series 2019 were issued or other purposes in accordance with the Principal Forgiveness Agreement and solely upon written authorization from the Executive Administrator, or his/her

designated representative. The Escrow Agent shall provide to the City and to the TWDB the Escrow Account bank statements upon request.

SECTION 2: COLLATERAL. All cash deposited to the credit of such Escrow Account and any accrued interest in excess of the amounts insured by the FDIC and remaining uninvested under the terms of this Agreement shall be continuously secured by a valid pledge of direct obligations of the United States of America or other collateral meeting the requirements of the Public Funds Collateral Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2257, as amended.

SECTION 3: INVESTMENTS. While the Proceeds are held in escrow, the Escrow Agent shall only invest escrowed Proceeds in investments that are authorized by the Public Funds Investment Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2256 ("PFIA"). It is the City's responsibility to direct the Escrow Agent to invest all public funds in a manner that is consistent not only with the PFIA but also with its own written investment policy.

SECTION 4: DISBURSEMENTS. The Escrow Agent shall not honor any disbursement from the Escrow Account, or any portion thereof, unless and until it has been supplied with written approval and consent by the Executive Administrator or his/her designated representative. However, no written approval and consent by the Executive Administrator shall be required if the disbursement involves transferring Proceeds from one investment to another within the Escrow Account provided that all such investments are consistent with the PFIA requirements.

SECTION 5: UNEXPENDED FUNDS. Any Proceeds remaining unexpended in the Escrow Account after completion of the Project and after the final accounting has been submitted to and approved by the TWDB shall be disposed of pursuant to the provisions of the Principal Forgiveness Agreement. The City shall deliver a copy of such TWDB approval of the final accounting to the Escrow Agent together with instructions concerning the disbursement of unexpended Proceeds hereunder. The Escrow Agent shall have no obligation to ensure that such unexpended Proceeds are used as required by the provisions of the Principal Forgiveness Agreement, that being the sole obligation of the City.

SECTION 6: CERTIFICATIONS. The Escrow Agent shall be authorized to accept and rely upon the certifications and documents furnished to the Escrow Agent by the City and the TWDB and shall not be liable for the payment of any funds made in reliance in good faith upon such certifications or other documents or approvals, as herein recited.

SECTION 7: LIABILITY OF ESCROW AGENT. To the extent permitted by law, the Escrow Agent shall not be liable for any act done or step taken or omitted by it or any mistake of fact or law, except for its negligence or willful misconduct. The Escrow Agent shall not be responsible in any manner for any proceedings in connection with the Obligations or any recitation contained in the Obligations.

SECTION 8: RECORDS. The Escrow Agent will keep complete and correct books of record and account relating to the receipts, disbursements, allocations and application of the money deposited to the Escrow Account, and investments of the Escrow Account and all proceeds thereof. The records shall be available for inspection and copying at reasonable hours and under reasonable conditions by the City and the TWDB.

SECTION 9: MERGER/CONSOLIDATION. In the event that the Escrow Agent merges or consolidates with another bank or sells or transfers substantially all of its assets or corporate trust business, then the successor bank shall be the successor Escrow Agent without the necessity of further action as long as the successor bank is a state or national bank designated

by the Texas Comptroller as a state depository institution in accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 404, Subchapter C, or is a designated custodian of collateral in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 404, Subchapter D. The Escrow Agent must provide the TWDB with written notification within 30 days of acceptance of the merger, consolidation, or transfer. If the merger, consolidation or other transfer has occurred between state banks, the newly-created entity shall forward the certificate of merger or exchange issued by the Texas Department of Banking as well as the statement filed with the pertinent chartering authority, if applicable, to the TWDB within five business days following such merger, consolidation or exchange.

SECTION 10: AMENDMENTS. This Agreement may be amended from time to time as necessary with the written consent of the City and the TWDB, but no such amendments shall increase the liabilities or responsibilities or diminish the rights of the Escrow Agent without its consent.

SECTION 11: TERMINATION. In the event that this Agreement is terminated by either the City or by the Escrow Agent, the Escrow Agent must report said termination in writing to the TWDB within five business days of such termination. The City is responsible for ensuring that the following criteria are satisfied in selecting the successor escrow agent and notifying the TWDB of the change in escrow agents: (a) the successor escrow agent must be an FDIC-insured state or national bank designated by the Texas Comptroller as a state depository; (b) the successor escrow agent must be retained prior to or at the time of the termination; (c) an escrow agreement must be executed by and between the City and the successor escrow agent and must contain the same or substantially similar terms and conditions as are present in this Agreement; and (d) the City must forward a copy of the executed escrow agreement with the successor escrow agent within five business days of said termination. No funds shall be released by the TWDB until it has received, reviewed and approved the escrow agreement with the successor escrow agent. If the City has not appointed a successor escrow agent within thirty (30) days of the notice of termination, the Escrow Agent may petition any court of competent jurisdiction in Texas for the appointment of a successor escrow agent or for other appropriate relief, and any such resulting appointment shall be binding upon the City. Whether appointed by the City or a court, the successor escrow agent and escrow agreement must be approved by the TWDB for the appointment to be effective. The Escrow Agent is responsible for performance under this Agreement until a successor has been approved by the TWDB and has signed an acceptable escrow agreement.

SECTION 12: EXPIRATION. This Agreement shall expire upon final transfer of the funds in the Escrow Account to the City.

SECTION 13: **POINT OF CONTACT.** The points of contact for the Escrow Agent, the City and the TWDB are as follows:

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.
2001 Bryan Street, 10th Floor
Dallas, Texas 75201
Attention: _____
Phone Number: (214) 468-_____
Fax Number: (214) 468-5166
Email Address: _____@bnymellon.com]

The City of Grand Prairie
317 College Street
Grand Prairie, Texas 75050
Attention: Anna Doll, Deputy City Manager
Phone: (972) 237-8012
Email: adoll@GPTX.org

Executive Administrator
Texas Water Development Board
1700 North Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701
Attention: Luis Farias, Michael Brooks, Laura Jarzombek, Chris Caran, and Ashley Nwonuma
Phone: (512) 475-4816 (Luis)
(512) 936-4018 (Michael)
(512) 463-7971 (Laura)
(512) 463-3887 (Chris)
(512) 463-9105 (Ashley)
Email: luis.farias@twdb.texas.gov
michael.brooks@twdb.texas.gov
laura.jarzombek@twdb.texas.gov
chris.caran@twdb.texas.gov
ashley.nwonuma@twdb.texas.gov]

SECTION 14: **CHOICE OF LAW.** This Agreement shall be governed exclusively by the applicable laws of the State of Texas. Venue for disputes shall be in the District Court of Travis County, Texas.

SECTION 15: **ASSIGNABILITY.** This Agreement shall not be assignable by the parties hereto, in whole or in part, and any attempted assignment shall be void and of no force and effect.

SECTION 16: **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement evidences the entire Escrow Agreement between the Escrow Agent and the City and supersedes any other agreements, whether oral or written, between the parties regarding the Proceeds or the Escrow Account. No modification or amendment of this Agreement shall be valid unless the same is in writing and is signed by the City and consented to by the Escrow Agent and the TWDB.

SECTION 17: **VALIDITY OF PROVISIONS.** If any term, covenant, condition or provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated thereby.

SECTION 18: **COMPENSATION FOR ESCROW SERVICES.** The Escrow Agent shall be entitled to compensation for its services as stated in **Exhibit A**, which compensation shall be paid by the City but may not be paid directly from the Escrow Account.

SECTION 19: **OTHER PROVISIONS.** If the Escrow Agent is made a party to or intervenes in any litigation pertaining to this Agreement or institutes interpleader proceedings

relative hereto, the Escrow Agent shall be compensated reasonably by the City for such extraordinary services and reimbursed for any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, fines, penalties, and expenses, including out-of-pocket and incidental expenses and legal fees occasioned thereby, unless such claim, liability, loss, damages, fine, penalty, and expense shall have been finally adjudicated to have resulted from the bad faith or negligence of the Escrow Agent. The Escrow Agent shall not be required to risk or expend its own funds before taking any action under this Agreement.

The Escrow Agent may execute any of the trusts or powers hereof and perform any of its duties by or through attorneys, agents or receivers, and shall be entitled to advice of counsel concerning all matters of trusts hereof and duties hereunder.

The Escrow Agent may consult with counsel, and the advice of such counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by the Escrow Agent hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.

The Escrow Agent shall be protected in acting and relying upon any notice, order, requisition, request, consent, certificate, order, opinion, affidavit, letter, telegram or other paper or document in good faith deemed by it to be genuine and correct and to have been signed or sent by the proper person or persons.

SECTION 20: FAX/E-MAIL. The Escrow Agent shall have the right to accept and act upon instructions, including funds transfer instructions ("Instructions") given pursuant to this Agreement and delivered using Electronic Means; provided, however, that the City shall provide to the Escrow Agent an incumbency certificate listing officers with the authority to provide such Instructions ("Authorized Officers") and containing specimen signatures of such Authorized Officers, which incumbency certificate shall be amended by the City, whenever a person is to be added or deleted from the listing. If the City elects to give the Escrow Agent Instructions using Electronic Means and the Escrow Agent in its discretion elects to act upon such Instructions, the Escrow Agent's understanding of such Instructions shall be deemed controlling. The City understands and agrees that the Escrow Agent cannot determine the identity of the actual sender of such Instructions and that the Escrow Agent shall conclusively presume that directions that purport to have been sent by an Authorized Officer listed on the incumbency certificate provided to the Escrow Agent have been sent by such Authorized Officer. The City shall be responsible for ensuring that only Authorized Officers transmit such Instructions to the Escrow Agent and that the City and all Authorized Officers are solely responsible to safeguard the use and confidentiality of applicable user and authorization codes, passwords and/or authentication keys upon receipt by the City. The Escrow Agent shall not be liable for any losses, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from the Escrow Agent's reliance upon and compliance with such Instructions notwithstanding such directions conflict or are inconsistent with a subsequent written instruction. The City agrees: (i) to assume all risks arising out of the use of Electronic Means to submit Instructions to the Escrow Agent, including without limitation the risk of the Escrow Agent acting on unauthorized Instructions, and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties; (ii) that it is fully informed of the protections and risks associated with the various methods of transmitting Instructions to the Escrow Agent and that there may be more secure methods of transmitting Instructions than the method(s) selected by the City; (iii) that the security procedures (if any) to be followed in connection with its transmission of Instructions provide to it a commercially reasonable degree of protection in light of its particular needs and circumstances; and (iv) to notify the Escrow Agent immediately upon learning of any compromise or unauthorized use of the security procedures. "Electronic Means" shall mean the following communications methods: e-mail, facsimile transmission, secure electronic transmission containing applicable authorization

codes, passwords and/or authentication keys issued by the Escrow Agent, or another method or system specified by the Escrow Agent as available for use in connection with its services hereunder.

SECTION 21: COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

SECTION 22: NO BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL. The Escrow Agent hereby verifies that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not boycott Israel and, to the extent this Agreement is a contract for goods or services, will not boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement. The foregoing verification is made solely to comply with Section 2270.002, Texas Government Code, and to the extent such Section does not contravene applicable Federal law. As used in the foregoing verification, 'boycott Israel' means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes. The Escrow Agent understands "affiliate" to mean an entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Escrow Agent and exists to make a profit.

SECTION 23: CONTRACTS WITH COMPANIES ENGAGED IN BUSINESS WITH IRAN, SUDAN OR FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS PROHIBITED. The Escrow Agent represents that neither it nor any of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates is a company identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 2252.153 or Section 2270.0201, Texas Government Code, and posted on any of the following pages of such officer's internet website:

<https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/sudan-list.pdf>,
<https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/iran-list.pdf>, or
<https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/fto-list.pdf>.

The foregoing representation is made solely to comply with Section 2252.152, Texas Government Code, and to the extent such Section does not contravene applicable Federal law and excludes the Escrow Agent and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, that the United States government has affirmatively declared to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan or Iran or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization. The Escrow Agent understands "affiliate" to mean any entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Escrow Agent and exists to make a profit.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS

By: _____
Mayor

City Secretary

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST
COMPANY, N.A.
as Escrow Agent

By: _____

Title: _____

ATTEST:

By: _____

Title: _____

[signature page to Escrow Agreement – Principal Forgiveness]

EXHIBIT A
Fee Schedule