

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR
DAWSON COUNTY MUTUAL FINANCE ORGANIZATION

This Agreement is made on July 1, 2026, by and among the MEMBERS who have signed this Agreement below (MEMBERS).

1. Creation of Mutual Finance Organization: The MEMBERS hereby create a Mutual Finance Organization as authorized by the NEBRASKA MUTUAL FINANCE ASSISTANCE ACT, Nebraska Revised Statute Sec. 35-1201 ff.

2. Purpose: The purpose of the Agency is to exercise the authority granted by the Mutual Finance Assistance Act for the purpose of cooperation in obtaining financing for operational and equipment needs for fire protection, emergency response and training for fire departments of the MEMBERS. A Mutual Finance Organization Board shall be responsible for determination of the uniform property tax levy needed to jointly finance the fire departments of MEMBERS.

3. All MEMBERS of the Mutual Finance Organization shall:

- a). levy the same agreed-upon property tax within their boundaries for one out of three tax years covered by the agreement, but need not levy such agreed-upon property tax rate during the same year; and
- b). levy no more than such agreed-upon property tax rate for the remaining tax years covered by the agreement; and
- c). agree the maximum property tax rate is 1.5%.

4. The property tax rates described in Section 3 shall be levied for the purpose

of jointly funding the operations of all MEMBERS of the Mutual Finance Organization. All such property tax rates shall exclude the levies for bonded indebtedness and lease-purchase contracts in existence on July 1, 1998.

5. The governing body of the Mutual Finance Agency shall be designated as the Board, which shall consist of one representative appointed by resolution of the governing body of each MEMBER. Each MEMBERS' representative to the Board shall have one vote. A quorum of the Board shall consist of Fifty-One percent (51%) of all MEMBER representatives appointed to the Board. The Board shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson/Secretary at its initial meeting, for a term to continue until the Board's next annual meeting. The Board shall meet at least annually, before July 1 of each year, in order to set a uniform levy and make application for funds pursuant to the Mutual Finance Assistance Act.

6. This Agreement shall become effective as first written above and upon the signing of the Agreement by the parties and shall remain in effect until June 30, 2029, unless sooner terminated by mutual agreement of the parties. Any party to this Agreement may withdraw from the Agreement by serving notice of withdrawal by U. S. Mail to the Secretary of the Mutual Finance Organization Board, prior to July 1 of each year.

7. The MEMBERS agree to respond to requests to make local records available to the Board for the purposes of this Agreement, and to assure that administrators and governing bodies release to the Board materials, data and other items pertinent to this Agreement.

8. The Mutual Finance Assistance Board may establish a budget for administration of the duties of the Board, and such amounts shall be paid from the common mill levy and other financing available to the Board.

The foregoing Agreement is executed by each of the parties who acknowledge that such execution is on behalf of the respective MEMBER and with the authority of the respective MEMBER.

CITY OF LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA

Date: _____

BY: _____

Title _____

LEXINGTON RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

Date: _____

BY: _____

Title _____

CITY OF GOTHENBURG, NEBRASKA

Date: _____

BY: _____

Title _____

GOTHENBURG RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

Date: _____

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CITY OF COZAD, NEBRASKA

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COZAD RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

Date: _____

BY: _____

Title: _____

CITY OF EDDYVILLE, NEBRASKA

Date: _____

BY: _____

Title: _____

EDDYVILLE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

Date: _____

BY: _____

Title: _____

EUSTIS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

Date: _____

BY: _____

Title: _____

VILLAGE OF FARNAM, NEBRASKA

Date: _____

BY: _____

Title: _____

FARNAM RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

Date: _____

BY: _____

Title: _____

VILLAGE OF OVERTON, NEBRASKA

Date: _____

BY: _____

Title: _____

OVERTON RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

Date: _____

BY: _____

Title: _____

GOSPER COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT

Date: _____

BY: _____

Title: _____