## COOPERATION AGREEMENT

## CONNECTICUT SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

This agreement entered into on the day of May, 2020 by and between the City of Torrington at 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT 06790 and Supportive Housing Works (SHW) at 815 Main Street, Suite 201, Bridgeport, CT 06604.

WHEREAS, the City of Torrington has identified the need in Litchfield County to provide accessibility to suitable living environments, and SHW, as the Regional Administrator of the Northwest Coordinated Access Network (CAN), represents over 50 stakeholder organizations working collectively to end homelessness, and

WHEREAS, the City of Torrington contemplates submitting an application on behalf of the Northwest CAN for the "Shelter Diversion" grants under the Small Cities Program of the Connecticut Department of Housing (DOH) for the purpose of meeting identified housing diversion needs, and

WHEREAS, SHW understands that the City of Torrington will act as the applicant and will have the ultimate responsibility to assume all obligations under terms of the grant including assuring compliance with all applicable laws and program regulations and performance of all work in accordance with the contract, and

WHEREAS, SHW's role includes the monitoring and oversight of member agencies in their efforts to end homelessness in activities that include outreach, community navigation and housing placement through the continuum of housing interventions pursuant to the terms of the Small Cities CDBG DOH grant, and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the City of Torrington and DOH have access to all participants' community development block grant records and authority to monitor all activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Torrington and SHW agree to cooperate in the implementation of the application submitted to the Small Cities Program as approved the Department of Housing.

Nothing contained in this agreement shall deprive any municipality of any power or zoning, development control or other lawful authority which it presently possesses,