## OHS NOTICE OF FEDERAL INTEREST

LEGAL NOTICE: THE PROPERTY NAMED IN THIS DOCUMENT WAS ACQUIRED OR IMPROVED USING FEDERAL FUNDING. THEREFORE, FEDERAL LAW GOVERNS ITS USE, ENCUMBRANCE, AND/OR DISPOSITION. BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE, SELL, OCCUPY, TAKE A MORTGAGE INTEREST IN OR OTHERWISE ENCUMBER, OR FORECLOSE UPON THIS PROPERTY, YOU MUST NOTIFY THE RESPONSIBLE HHS OFFICIAL LISTED BELOW.

Federal law directs the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services to establish uniform procedures for Head Start agencies to purchase facilities to be used to carry out Head Start programs. See 42 U.S.C. § 9839(f). Real property acquired or improved with a Federal award is held in trust by the Head Start agency as trustee for the beneficiaries of the project or program under which the property was acquired or improved. See 45 C.F.R. § § 75.323, 1303.46. Facilities acquired or renovated with grant funds may not be mortgaged, used as collateral, sold, or otherwise transferred to another party without the written permission of the responsible HHS official. See 45 C.F.R. § 1303.48(a).

On 7/13/2022, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families ("HHS/ACF") awarded Grant Number 04WH000011-01-00 in the amount of \$ 1,906,474 to Western Carolina Community Action, Inc. d/b/a WNCSource ("Recipient") for the purpose of operating a Head Start program in Polk County, NC. These grant funds are being used in part for the purchase, continued purchase, improvement, and/or renovation of the property located at 11 Hope Valley Lane, Columbus, NC 28722 and further described on Exhibit A, attached hereto ("Property"). Future grant awards may also be used for this purpose.

Through this grant award and any future grant awards made by HHS/ACF, HHS/ACF has acquired a beneficial ownership interest ("Federal Interest") in the Property. HHS/ACF's interest applies to the entire Property, including, but not limited to, the facility and land.

The Notice of Award for this grant includes conditions on the use of the Property and provides for a continuing Federal Interest in the Property. Specifically, the Property may not be: (1) used for any purpose inconsistent with the Head Start Act and applicable Head Start regulations; (2) mortgaged or used as collateral, sold or otherwise transferred to another party, without the responsible HHS/ACF official's (or the responsible HHS/ACF official's designee's) written permission; (3) subordinated, diminished, nullified or released through the encumbrance of the property, transfer of the property to another party or any other action the Recipient takes without the responsible HHS/ACF official's (or the responsible HHS/ACF official's designee's) written permission. See: 42 U.S.C. § 9831 et seq.; 45 C.F.R. Part 75; 45 C.F.R. Part 1303; 45 C.F.R Part 1305; and other terms and conditions of the award, including the HHS Grants Policy Statement.

The Federal Interest in the Property and the conditions and restrictions that control the use, sale, lease, and disposition of the Property cannot be subordinated, diminished, nullified, or released through encumbrance of the Property, transfer of the Property to another party, or any other action taken by the Recipient without the Responsible HHS/ACF Official's written permission. In accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 75.318 and 45 C.F.R. § 1303.48(b), any party seeking to change

the ownership or approved usage of the Property must provide advanced written notice requesting permission to make the proposed change to the Responsible HHS/ACF Official at the following address:

Dionne Bounds, Grants Management Officer Office of Grants Management Administration for Children and Families U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Telephone Number: 404-562-2910 Dionne.Bounds@acf.hhs.gov

Grantee confirms that Recipient's governing body received a copy of this Notice of Federal Interest on 4/11/2024.

The person(s) executing this Notice of Federal Interest on behalf of Recipient hereto represent and warrant that he or she has been duly authorized by Recipient to so execute this Notice of Federal Interest.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, Recipient has executed this Notice of Federal Interest pursuant to authority duly given, as of 4/8/2024.

[Signature page follows.]

WESTERN CAROLINA COMMUNITY ACTION, INC. d/b/a WNCSource

220 King Creek Blvd Hendersonville, NC 28792

Signature:

By Elizabeth Whitten for WNCSource

Chief Financial Officer

On this 8th day of April, 2024, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said state of North Carolina, personally appeared Elizabeth Whitten, Chief Financial Officer of WNCSource, personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to the individual, whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their capacity, and that by their signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Seal

KIMBERLY C HALL
Notary Public, North Carolina
Henderson County
My Commission Expires
February 03, 2026

Notary Public V Hall

My Commission Expires: 2-3-26

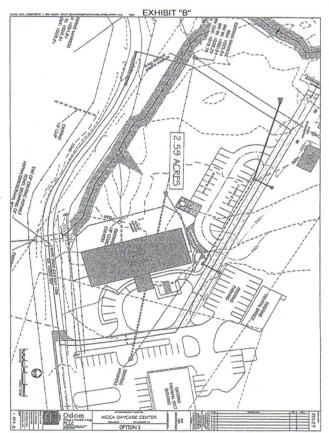
## **EXHIBIT A**

The property legal description from public records is: The Head Start building located on land owned by WNCSource at 11 Hope Valley Lane, Columbus NC 28722 as described below:

Being all of Tract "B", containing 2.60 acres, more or less, as shown and delineated upon a plat entitled "Map of Division for Western Carolina Community Action, Inc.", Columbus Township, Polk County, NC, dated September 25, 2020, and prepared by Associated Land Surveyors & Planners PC, Professional Land Surveyor, Horse Shoe, NC, which plat is duly recorded in Card File F at Page 1562, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Polk County, North Carolina; reference being made to said recorded plat for a full and complete metes and bounds description of said lot, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute Section 47-30(g).

The above described property a portion of the property conveyed by Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina, with its principal office in Columbus, North Carolina to Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina, with its principal office in Columbus, North Carolina by deed dated November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and recorded in Book 369, Page 391, Polk County Registry.

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THIS MAP MAY NOT BE A CERTIFIED SURVEY AND HAS NOT BEEN REVIEWED BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AND HAS NOT BEEN REVIEWED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH RECORDING REGUIREMENTS FOR PLATS.

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