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Agriculture

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Marketing and  
Regulatory  
Programs

RE: County Cooperative Agreement

To: County Commissioner

PO Box 36295  
Oklahoma City, OK  
73136

Enclosed is the cooperative agreement for FY25 regarding the predator & rodent control in your county. Please review and return the signed agreement and payment as indicated on the invoice.

2800 N. Lincoln Blvd  
Oklahoma City, OK  
73105

Please note some changes coming to the FY26 agreement. Due to the rising costs of supplies, equipment, and fuel, we are being forced to increase the agreement to \$3,400.00. This increase is not something we take lightly; however, it is required for us to be able to continue to provide top quality, timely responses to your needs.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office at 405/521-4039.

Justin Cooper  
Acting State Director, Oklahoma  
US Department of Agriculture  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services

**COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT**  
between  
**Muskogee County Board of Commissioners and**  
**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS)**  
**WILDLIFE SERVICES (WS)**

**ARTICLE 1**

The purpose of this agreement is to cooperate in a wildlife damage management project as described in the attached Work Plan.

**ARTICLE 2**

APHIS-WS has statutory authority under the Acts of March 2, 1931, 46 Stat. 1468-69, 7 U.S.C. §§ 8351-8352, as amended, and December 22, 1987, Public Law No. 100-202, § 101(k), 101 Stat. 1329-331, 7 U.S.C. § 8353. , to cooperate with States, local jurisdictions, individuals, public and private agencies, organizations, and institutions while conducting a program of wildlife services involving mammal and bird species that are reservoirs for zoonotic diseases, or animal species that are injurious and/or a nuisance to, among other things, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, animal husbandry, wildlife, and human health and safety.

**ARTICLE 3**

APHIS-WS and the Cooperator agree:

1. The Cooperator will provide payment upon receipt of bill to "USDA, APHIS" in the amount of \$ 2,400.00.
2. The performance of wildlife damage management actions by APHIS-WS under this agreement is contingent upon a determination by APHIS-WS that such actions are in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, and any other applicable federal statutes. APHIS-WS will not make a final decision to conduct requested wildlife damage management actions until it has made the determination of such compliance.
3. Nothing in this agreement shall prevent APHIS-WS from entering into separate agreements with any other organization or individual for the purpose of providing wildlife damage management services exclusive of those provided for under this agreement.
4. The Cooperator certifies that APHIS-WS has advised the Cooperator there may be private sector service providers available to provide wildlife damage management services that the Cooperator is seeking from APHIS-WS.
5. The performance of wildlife damage management actions by APHIS-WS under this agreement is contingent upon a determination by APHIS-WS that such actions are in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, and any other applicable federal statutes. APHIS-WS will not make a final decision to conduct requested wildlife damage management actions until it has made the determination of such compliance.
6. The cooperating parties agree to coordinate with each other before responding to media requests on work associated with this project.

**ARTICLE 4**

This agreement is contingent upon the passage by Congress of an appropriation from which expenditures may be legally met and shall not obligate APHIS-WS upon failure of Congress to so appropriate. This agreement also may be reduced or terminated if Congress only provides APHIS-WS funds for a finite period under a Continuing Resolution.

**ARTICLE 5**

Pursuant to Section 22, Title 41, United States Code, no member of or delegate to Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this agreement or to any benefit to arise there from.

**ARTICLE 6**

APHIS-WS assumes no liability for any actions or activities conducted under this agreement except to the extent that recourse or remedies are provided by Congress under the Federal Tort Claims Act (28 USC 1346(b), 2401(b), 2671-2680). This agreement is not a procurement contract (31 U.S.C. 6303), nor is it considered a grant (31 U.S.C. 6304). In this agreement, APHIS-WS provides goods or services on a cost recovery basis to nonfederal recipients, in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations and policies.

This agreement shall become effective July 1, 2024, and shall continue until June 30, 2025. This agreement may be amended or terminated at any time by mutual agreement of the parties in writing. Further, in the event the Cooperator does not, for any reason, provide necessary funds, APHIS-WS is relieved of the obligation to provide services under this agreement.

As required by Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996:

Cooperator's Tax ID No. (unless Over-the-Counter CSA): \_\_\_\_\_  
APHIS-WS's Tax ID: 41-0696271

**Cooperator Name/signer**

*[Handwritten Signature]*

County Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*[Handwritten Signature]*

County Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*[Handwritten Signature]*

County Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**APHIS-WS State Office**

*[Handwritten Signature]*

5/1/24

Acting State Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 2800 N Lincoln Blvd  
 Oklahoma City, OK 73105

**WORK PLAN**

Description of Damage: Threats to ag producers and critical infrastructure.

**FINANCIAL PLAN**

Cost Element		Full Cost
Personnel Compensation		\$1,887.53
Travel		
Vehicles		
Other Services		
Supplies and Materials		
Equipment		
Subtotal (Direct Charges)		
Pooled Job Costs [for non-Over-the Counter projects]	11.00%	\$207.63
Indirect Costs	16.15%	\$304.84
Aviation Flat Rate Collection		
Agreement Total		\$2,400.00
The distribution of the budget from this Financial Plan may vary as necessary to accomplish the purpose of this agreement, but may not exceed: \$2,400.00		