



# WHEDA Home Improvement and Rehab Loan RENOVATION LOAN AGREEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ (“Property”)  
[Property Address]

**THIS RENOVATION LOAN AGREEMENT** (“Loan Agreement”) dated \_\_\_\_\_,

(“Closing Date”) is made by and between: \_\_\_\_\_

(“Borrower”, “I”, “me” or “my”), and \_\_\_\_\_,  
a \_\_\_\_\_ having a principal place of business  
at \_\_\_\_\_ (“Lender”).

## 1. ABOUT THIS LOAN AGREEMENT

**1.1. Lender’s Loan to Me.** I have signed a Promissory Note or Retention Agreement payable to Lender (“Note”). The Note is for the loan by Lender to me in the principal amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (“Loan”). The purpose of the Loan is to pay for labor and materials (“Work”) to complete certain improvements or repairs (“Improvements”) on the Property. “Property” includes the Improvements.

I also have executed a Mortgage or Retention Agreement (“Security Instrument”) granting Lender a lien on the Property. In this Loan Agreement, “Loan Documents” means the Note, the Security Instrument, and this Loan Agreement. All terms defined in the Note and the Security Instrument have the same meaning in this Loan Agreement.

## 2. MY AGREEMENTS

### 2.1. The Work.

**2.1.1. My Contractor.** I have entered into a written agreement (“Renovation Contract”) with \_\_\_\_\_ with offices at \_\_\_\_\_ (“Contractor”) for all the Work. The Renovation Contract states the total amount that I will pay Contractor for the Work (“Contract Price”). The Renovation Contract, along with the plans and specifications for the Work (“Plans”), blueprints, shop drawings, building permits, Change Orders, a written itemization of the Work and payment schedule (“Contract Time”), and any amendments or addenda to any of the foregoing comprise the entire contract between me and the Contractor (all such documents, singularly or collectively, the “Contract Documents”). I have provided to the Lender a copy of the Renovation Contract, and any other Contract Documents as requested by Lender. Upon request, the Contractor will give Lender the name, address and telephone number of each person that has a contract with Contractor to supply materials or labor for the Work (each, a “Supplier”). I acknowledge that I am authorized to provide the Contractor with a copy of this Loan Agreement.

- 2.12. Permits.** I will obtain from the Contractor all approvals of the Work (each, a “Permit”) that are required by any federal, state, county, or local government agency (each, a “Government Authority”). I will comply with all applicable laws of any Government Authority (“Government Regulations”). I will verify that Contractor will have any license required by any Government Authority to perform the Work. I will provide to Lender copies of all licenses and Permits required by Government Authorities.
- 2.13. Change Orders.** Any material change in the Contract Price, the Contract Time, or the Work must be in a written agreement signed by me and Contractor and approved by Lender (“Change Order”).
- 2.14. Care of the Property.** If Lender requests, I will provide Lender with a certified report that the Property is free of wood-boring insects. I will comply with all of the reasonable recommendations of any engineer making a report for the Property. I will notify Lender promptly of any fire or other casualty relating to the Property or the Work.
- 2.15. Completing the Work.** I will cause the Contractor to begin the Work promptly after the loan closing and once all permits are in place. I will use my best efforts to ensure the Contractor continues the Work diligently and in a commercially reasonable and workmanlike manner in strict accordance with the Contract Documents and all Government Regulations. The Work will not violate any conditions, covenants or restrictions on the Property, if any.

I will notify Lender promptly in writing if (i) I think that the Work does not comply with the Contract Documents or this Loan Agreement; (ii) any notice of lien on the Property is served on me or Contractor; or (iii) any Government Authority issues any notice or claim relating to the Property.

I acknowledge that the Renovation Contract represents that the Work will be completed on or before \_\_\_\_\_ (“Completion Date”), subject to modifications in approved Change Orders, but no later than six (6) months after the Closing Date stated above. Lender will accept the Work as completed when I satisfy all of the conditions in Section 2.8.4.6 of this Loan Agreement.

- 2.16. Inspections.** Lender has the right to enter the Property to inspect the Work, or cause Lender’s agent to enter the Property to inspect the Work, with notice to me, during normal business hours, or any other times that Lender, or Lender’s agent, arranges with me. I will pay for all inspections performed at the request of Lender or any Government Authority, at the prevailing rate.

Inspections requested by Lender are for Lender’s benefit only, and create no liability or responsibility to me, Contractor, any Suppliers, or any third parties. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, Lender, or its agents, are not obligated to inspect the Property or the Work.

- 2.17. I Am Responsible for the Work.** I have full and sole responsibility to make sure that the Work complies with the Plans and all Government Regulations. Lender has no liability, obligation or responsibility for the Work. Lender is not liable for any failure to construct, complete, protect, or insure the Work. Lender is not liable for any costs of the Work. Nothing Lender does (including inspecting the Work or disbursing any part of the Loan) will be a representation or warranty by Lender that the Work complies with the Renovation Contract, this Loan Agreement, the Permits or any Government Regulations. If Lender asks, I will repair or replace at my expense any Work that does not comply with the Plans. I have no right to assert or claim any offset, counterclaim or defense against Lender because of any claim

I may have against Contractor or any Suppliers.

- 2.2. **Costs and Expenses.** I will pay all costs and expenses required to satisfy the conditions of this Loan Agreement, including any Change Orders.
- 2.3. **Other Financing.** Until paid in full, the Loan will be my only financing for the Work, unless otherwise approved in advance by Lender. Failure to obtain Lender's prior written consent for any other financing on the Property shall be an event of default under the Security Instrument.
- 2.4. **Survey.** If Lender requests, I will provide and certify to Lender and to the Title Company a survey of the Property and the Improvements, including dimensions and locations of all completed Improvements and all easements or other rights or restrictions (each, a "Survey"). Each Survey must be satisfactory to Lender and to the Title Company.
- 2.5. **Appraisal.** Lender will obtain, at my expense, an appraisal or other valuation of the Property and the Improvements before Lender disburses any part of the Loan. The appraisal may show the value of the Property and the Improvements. Lender will choose the appraiser. Each appraisal will reflect an appraised value and be in form and substance satisfactory to Lender.
- 2.6. **Hazard Insurance.**
  - 2.6.1 **The Contractor's Insurance.** The Contractor must get and keep in force the following insurance policies ("Contractor's Insurance") at all times while completing the Work: (i) a builder's risk insurance policy; (ii) commercial general liability insurance, in amounts required by the State of Wisconsin; (iii) workers' compensation insurance as required by Wisconsin law; (iv) automobile insurance in amounts required by Wisconsin law for each vehicle that will be used in providing the services hereunder; and (v) other insurance as is appropriate for the Work being performed. The Contractor's Insurance will be in force until I accept the Improvements.
  - 2.6.2 **My Insurance.** I will get and keep in force property insurance and other reasonably appropriate insurance.
- 2.7. **The Loan.**
  - 2.7.1 **Administration.** Lender will disburse the Loan proceeds ("Loan Proceeds"): on the Closing Date, in escrow, to a federally insured interest bearing account ("Escrow Account" or "Account"), to be disbursed by

Lender, or Lender's escrow agent, in accordance with this Loan Agreement, unless prohibited by applicable law.

**2.8.1. Use of the Loan Funds.**

**2.8.1.1. Disbursements.** "Disbursement" means Lender's disbursement of any part of the Loan under this Loan Agreement, or my endorsement and delivery of any Loan Proceeds check to Contractor or a Supplier.

**2.8.1.2. Loan Commitment Amount.** As of the Closing Date, Lender commits to disburse Loan principal in the total amount of the Loan ("Loan Commitment Amount"). After the Closing Date, the Loan Commitment Amount will equal the principal amount of the Loan less the total amount of Disbursements made to date. Any Loan Commitment Amount that remains undisbursed after all Disbursements have been made will be credited as a partial prepayment of the principal amount of the Loan at the time of the final Disbursement or, with Lender's approval, may be used to pay for additional Work on the Property.

**2.8.1.3. No Changes.** Unless Lender agrees in writing first, I will not change the Contract Documents, or permit any part of any Disbursement to be paid except as specified in a Request for Disbursement.

**2.8.2. Disbursements; Conditions To Disbursements.** Each of the representations and warranties I make in this Loan Agreement will be considered made again as of the time (i) Lender, or Lender's escrow agent, receives any request from me or Contractor for a Disbursement ("Request for Disbursement"); or (ii) I endorse any Loan Proceeds check to Contractor or a Supplier. Lender will hold ten percent (10%) of each Disbursement for the Work ("Holdback"). Lender will disburse the Holdback only as part of the final Disbursement. I represent and warrant that:

**2.8.2.1. Plans Approved.** I have reviewed the Plans; the Plans are satisfactory and have been approved by all Government Authorities having jurisdiction over the Property and the Work.

**2.8.2.2. Work Completed; Invoices and Lien Waivers.** The Work for which a Disbursement is requested has been completed in a good and workmanlike manner, and complies with the Contract Documents, and all Government Regulations.

**2.8.2.3. My Financial Condition; No Defaults.** There is no material adverse change in my financial condition or employment status since the time I applied for the Loan. I am not in default under any of the Loan Documents or the Renovation Contract. I have complied completely with all of my promises about the Work (including the promises in Section 2.1.5 of this Loan Agreement).

**28.24. Request for Disbursement.** Contractor will deliver to Lender or Lender's escrow agent: (i) a Request for Disbursement, properly completed, and signed by me and the Contractor; (ii) the invoices for the Work; (iii) unconditional lien waivers from Contractor and from Suppliers for all Work covered by the Request for Disbursement; (iv) all other required information described in the Request for Disbursement; and (v) any other information or documentation otherwise requested by Lender. Lender may rely on my statements and Contractor's statements in the Request for Disbursement and on the other documents submitted by Contractor. Lender does not have to verify any of that information. The funds obtained with the Request for Disbursement will be used to pay for the Work described in the Request for Disbursement.

**28.25. Completion of Improvements.** The Work will be completed as required by this Loan Agreement.

I acknowledge that before the final Disbursement, Lender must obtain a certification of completion stating the Work was completed in accordance with the Plans, and the final, unconditional certificate of occupancy issued by the responsible Government Authority, if required by law.

### **3. DEFAULT AND REMEDIES**

**3.1. Events of Default.** I will be in default under this Loan Agreement and the other Loan Documents if any of the following events ("Events of Default") occurs:

**3.1.1. Nonpayment.** I fail to make any payment due under any Loan Document.

**3.1.2. Other Broken Promises.** I fail to keep any promise in this Loan Agreement or any other Loan Document.

**3.1.3. False Statements.** Any statement of fact, representation or warranty I make to Lender in my loan application, this Loan Agreement or in any other Loan Document is false, inaccurate, or incomplete.

**3.2. Lender's Rights and Remedies.** Subject to my right to notice of default and right to cure the default(s), to the extent required by law, if an Event of Default occurs, Lender has the following rights and remedies ("Rights and Remedies"), subject to applicable law:

**3.2.1. Declare a Default.** Lender may declare the Note, the Security Instrument, or both, in default.

**3.2.2. Finish the Improvements and Protect the Property.** Subject to this Loan Agreement and applicable law, Lender may take possession of the Property. Lender may do every act and thing I or any subsequent owner of the Property might or could do for the protection, construction, repair, operation, maintenance and leasing of the Property.

I authorize Lender, as my attorney-in-fact, to exercise any right I may have in or under the Renovation Contract or any Permit. I irrevocably authorize and direct each party to any Permits and Renovation Contracts to provide Lender the benefits of the Permits and the Renovation Contracts upon Lender's written notice. I agree that any such party will have the right to rely upon any written notice from Lender without any obligation or right to inquire as to whether an Event of Default actually exists and notwithstanding any notice from me or claim by me to the contrary. I will have no right or claim against any such party for any benefit provided to Lender by such party. If I cure the Event of Default, or if Lender reinstates the Loan in good standing, Lender will give written notice of reinstatement to each such party and authorize each such party to render such benefits to me.

**3.2.3. Take the Escrow Account.** Subject to this Loan Agreement and applicable law, Lender may take any funds in the Escrow Account, if any, to apply to any amounts I owe under the Loan Documents.

**3.2.4. Indemnity.** I will indemnify and hold Lender and Lender's affiliates, and the officers, directors, employees and agents of Lender and its affiliates ("Indemnified Parties"), harmless from any liability, claim, loss, cost, legal expenses (including suits, claims, proceedings, damages, and costs arising from or relating to any third-party claim), incurred by or alleged against any of the Indemnified Parties arising from or related to (i) the Property, (ii) the Work, or (iii) my default under this Loan Agreement.

**3.2.5. Lender's Fees, Costs, and Expenses.** I will pay to Lender all attorney's fees, costs, and other expenses paid or incurred by Lender in enforcing or exercising Lender's Rights and Remedies under this Loan Agreement. Interest will accrue on these amounts at the Note rate from the date the expense is disbursed by Lender and shall be payable, with such interest, upon notice from Lender requesting payment. The expense plus interest will become additional debt secured by the Security Instrument.

**3.2.6. Remedies Cumulative.** Lender may (but is not required to) exercise any or all of the rights under this Loan Agreement. All of Lender's Rights and Remedies contained in this Loan Agreement are cumulative and are in addition to any other Rights and Remedies created in any other Loan Document or existing at law or in equity.

#### **4. GENERAL**

**4.1. My Cooperation.** Lender may require that I sign other instruments or documents or supply additional information and data to Lender that it considers necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Loan Agreement. I will sign such documents or provide such information at my own cost and expense. All documents delivered to Lender by me will become Lender's property.

42. **Credit Information.** I will provide Lender with updated financial or credit information upon Lender's reasonable request and notice. Subject to applicable law, Lender may obtain consumer reports from consumer reporting agencies as part of reviewing my Loan.
43. **No Waivers.** Lender may choose to delay enforcing any of Lender's rights or waive any of Lender's rights under this Loan Agreement. Lender may delay enforcing or waive any of Lender's rights without affecting Lender's other rights. If Lender waives a right, Lender can still enforce the same right later.
44. **Entire Agreement.** This Loan Agreement and the other Loan Documents are the entire understanding between Lender and me about the Loan, the Improvements, and the Work, and may not be modified, amended, or terminated except by written agreement signed by Lender and me.
45. **Binding Agreement; Assignment.** This Loan Agreement is for the benefit of Lender and Lender's successors and assigns, and binds me, my heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns. I may not assign this Loan Agreement without Lender's prior written consent, which Lender may withhold in Lender's sole discretion.
46. **Survival of Representations.** Any promise I make will survive the termination of this Loan Agreement.
47. **Joint and Several Liability.** Each person executing this Loan Agreement as a Borrower has joint and several liability.
48. **Notices.** Any communication required by this Loan Agreement will be in writing and addressed to the addressee at the address indicated on the first page of this Loan Agreement.
49. **No Third Party Beneficiary.** This Loan Agreement is for the sole benefit of Lender and me, and is not for the benefit of anyone else. All conditions to Lender's obligation to make any Advance are solely for Lender's benefit. No other person or entity will have standing to require satisfaction of those conditions or be deemed to be the beneficiary of those conditions.
410. **Governing Law.** This Loan Agreement is entered into in the State of Wisconsin (the "State") and will be controlled and interpreted by the laws of the United States and the State.
411. **Exhibits.** The following exhibits are attached to and a part of this Loan Agreement.

Exhibit A - Description of the Property

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, Borrower and Lender have executed this Loan Agreement as of the date first set forth on the first page hereof.

**LENDER:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its: \_\_\_\_\_

**BORROWER:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Borrower #1

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Borrower #2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name



**EXHIBIT A**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**