Authority to Use Grant Funds

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Community Planning and Development

To: (name & address of Grant Recipient & name & title of Chief Executive Officer)

The Honorable Garrett Anderson, Mayor City of Avon Park 110 East Main Street Avon Park, Florida 33825 Copy To: (name & address of SubRecipient)

Andrew Marcy, Chief, Avon Park Fire Department Marina Edwards, Guardian CRM, Inc. Arnaud Kone, Program Manager, DEO

We received your Request for Release of Funds and Certification, form HUD-7015.15 on

August 3, 2022

Your Request was for HUD/State Identification Number

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All objections, if received, have been considered. And the minimum waiting period has transpired. You are hereby authorized to use funds provided to you under the above HUD/State Identification Number. File this form for proper record keeping, audit, and inspection purposes.

The Department of Economic Opportunity has received the City of Avon Park's Environmental Review. The Request for Release of Funds certifies an environmental impact statement was not required. Based on this certification, it appears the requirements of 24 C.F.R. Part 58 have been met.

A detailed review of the Environmental Review Record (ERR) indicates the appropriate procedures were followed in assessing the environmental impact of the project, appropriate notices were filed, and to our knowledge, no objections were raised.

City of Avon Park - Fire Station Hardening Project - \$894,087.00

The City of Avon Park shall contact the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Compliance Review Section at (850) 245-6333 if prehistoric or historic artifacts, such as pottery or ceramics, projectile points, dugout canoes, metal implements, historic building materials, or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American, early European, or American settlement are encountered at any time within the project site area, the permitted project shall cease all activities involving subsurface disturbance in the vicinity of the discovery. The applicant shall contact the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Compliance Review Section at (850)-245-6333. Project activities shall not resume without verbal and/or written authorization. In the event that unmarked human remains are encountered during permitted activities, all work shall stop immediately and the proper authorities notified in accordance with Section 872.05, Florida Statutes.

Should a potential environmental issue arise during the grant period, it must be appropriately handled and documentation placed in the ERR located at the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). This notice constitutes your authority to expend Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) program funds, unless otherwise restricted by the Special Conditions of the award agreement with the Department.

Please contact Geoff Amison, Environmental Program Manager at (850) 717-8422 if you have questions about this notice. We look forward to working with you to ensure the successful completion of your project.

Typed Name of Authorizing Officer
Ryan Butler, Director

Title of Authorizing Officer

Office of Long-Term Resiliency

Signature of Authorizing Officer

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

form **HUD-7015.16** (2/94) ref. Handbook 6513 01

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