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January 9, 2023

The Honorable Garrett Anderson, Mayor
City of Avon Park
110 E. Main Street
Avon Park, FL 33825

SUBJECT: Authority to Use Grant Funds Approval Letter
City of Avon Park – Distribution System and DWTP Infrastructure Project
Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program
Federal Grant Number: B-18-DP-12-0002
DEO Agreement Number: MT039

Dear Mayor Garrett,

On September 9, 2022, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) received an Environmental Review Record (ERR) and a Request for Release of Funds and Certification (RROF) form, HUD 7015.15, from the City of Avon Park related to the Distribution System and Drinking Water Treatment Plant (DWTP) Infrastructure project. Additional information was requested on October 27, 2022 and received on December 20, 2022. DEO has reviewed all information provided and has deemed the environmental review to be complete.

The RROF has been held by DEO for the required 15 days, pursuant to title 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 58, to allow the public the opportunity to object to the use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funds for this project. No valid objections have been received to the release of funds and related certification. The grant condition requiring this project to be environmentally cleared before committing program funds has been met. This environmental review remains valid until or unless one or more of the conditions of title 24 CFR 58.47 occurs.

This letter along with the attached Authority to Use Grant Funds form (7015.16) should be placed in the ERR for this project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Geoff Amison, Environmental Program Manager at (850) 717-8422.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Benjamin M. Melnick".

Benjamin M. Melnick, Deputy Secretary
Division of Community Development