



Housing & Community Development

March 8, 2023

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The Honorable John B. Hendricks, Mayor
City of Maderia Beach
300 Municipal Drive
Maderia Beach, Florida 33708

RENEWAL OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Dear Mayor Hendricks:

The purpose of this letter is to advise the City of the upcoming requalification of Pinellas County for receipt of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds as an Urban County for fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026. The City of Maderia Beach is a partner in the current Pinellas County CDBG Urban County program under an existing Cooperation Agreement.

As a non-entitlement city within the Urban County, the City has two (2) options for applying for CDBG funds. Option 1 is to form an inter-local or cooperation agreement with the Urban County, which must be approved by HUD. Under Option 1, the City would apply to the County for CDBG funds for any eligible project but would relinquish the ability to apply for Small Cities CDBG funds through the State of Florida. Option 2 is through the State Small Cities program. Option 2 does not preclude the County from using CDBG funds to assist individuals who reside within the incorporated areas of the County.

By participating in the Urban County CDBG program, the City will also be participating in the County's HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and the County's Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. Participation will not preclude the City or the County from applying for funds under the State of Florida's HOME or ESG programs.

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Thank you for your long-term support to bring federal CDBG funds to our communities. For nearly 50 years, low- and moderate-income residents of the City and County, including the elderly, the disabled, and families with special needs have been the principal beneficiaries of a multitude of programs and projects undertaken as a result of cooperative efforts.

Please respond no later than July 1, 2023, of the City's intent to remain a member of the Urban County or to terminate the Cooperation Agreement and leave the Urban County. Simply check the appropriate selection below, sign, date and return this letter to Brook Gajan, Compliance Manager, Community Development Division.

If you have any questions concerning the process, please feel free to contact Bruce Bussey at 727-464-8257, bbussey@pinellas.gov, or Brook Gajan at 727-464-8232, bgajan@pinellas.gov.

Sincerely,



Carol L. Stricklin
Director, Pinellas County Housing and Community Development

cc: Mr. Robin Ignacio Gomez, City Manager
Ms. Precious Brannon, Department of HUD

The City of Maderia Beach elects to:

☒ remain in the Pinellas County Urban County for use of CDBG funds, allowing for automatic renewal of the existing Cooperation Agreement for fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026, and relinquish the ability to apply for funding through the State of Florida's Small Cities CDBG program.

☐ withdraw from the Pinellas County Urban County, allowing the existing Cooperation Agreement to expire, and retain the ability to apply to the State of Florida Small Cities program for CDBG funds for fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026.

Signature: Rob I. Gomez

Date: 6-28-2023

Printed Name: Robin I. Gomez

Title: City Manager