



May 17, 2021

Florida Division of Cultural Affairs
329 North Meridian Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

Re: Support of St. Lucie Cultural Alliance for General Program Support 2022-2023

Dear Sir/Madam:

On behalf of the City of Fort Pierce, please except this letter of support for the grant application for General Program Support for 2022-2023 submitted by St. Lucie Cultural Alliance.

One of the best returns that our community receives is in its investment in the arts! Arts, cultural heritage and creativity are the essential keys that define Fort Pierce's distinctive and diverse identity. There is no denying the economic impact of the arts and cultural sector and its role in defining the Sunrise City. It is embedded in our city's DNA, as outlined in the Fort Pierce Art & Culture Master Plan.

The City of Fort Pierce is home to many cultural organizations and artist incubators including the Sunrise Theatre, A.E. Backus Museum & Gallery, The Peacock Arts District, Manatee Observation & Education Center, Atlantic Classical Orchestra and Historic Lincoln Theater and neighborhood revitalization just to list a few. Total arts and culture related expenditures in the City of Fort Pierce exceeded \$8 million last year.

With the partnership of SLCA, milestones outlined in the Master Plan have been advanced, including SLCA presence with an office located in downtown Fort Pierce. The venue provides a gallery as well as training space to assist artists and arts organizations.

Your favorable consideration of this grant application is greatly appreciated and will further the creation and promotion of Fort Pierce's artists, arts and cultural heritage programs and projects.

Sincerely,

Linda Hudson
Mayor