



May 18, 2022

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

Re: Support of St. Lucie Cultural Alliance for General Program Support 2023-2024

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 2023-2024 submitted by St. Lucie Cultural Alliance (SLCA).

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.

With the partnership of SLCA, milestones outlined in the Master Plan have been advanced, including SLCA presence in downtown Fort Pierce that includes a gallery space, as well as training space to assist artists and arts organizations with the tools to advance their business and realize economic impact. SLCA has forged partnerships to add a music venue to a once shuttered space.

Another important milestone of SLCA, includes funding from the National Endowment for the Arts for RAP, Recycling Arts Project, an initiative that kicks off in Fort Pierce at Creative Arts Academy of St. Lucie (CAST) a K-8 magnet public school.

Total arts and culture related expenditures in the City of Fort Pierce exceeded \$8 million last year.

We appreciate your favorable consideration of this grant application that will further creation and promotion of Fort Pierce's arts, artists, and cultural programs to serve our citizens.

Sincerely,

Linda Hudson  
Mayor