



November 6, 2023

Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

RE: Request of Assignment of Resilient Florida Grant 23FRP12 to FPUA

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Fort Pierce (“City”) respectfully requests the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (“FDEP”) assign Grant 23FRP12 (“Grant”) to the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (“FPUA”) for FPUA to assume full responsibility for the entirety of the grant project.

At the time during which the grant proposal was submitted, the City and FPUA expected to issue the grant responsibilities to FPUA through a Memorandum of Understanding. After further consultation with the FDEP, it was determined that the FPUA qualifies as an eligible entity for the Resilient Florida Program. Per FDEP recommendation, we are happy to request and fully assign the Grant to FPUA for completion of the project.

This project is a critically important community effort that will relocate an aging wastewater treatment plant off South Hutchinson Island to the mainland and will serve to protect the Indian River Lagoon. The treatment plant is fully owned and operated by FPUA, and its relocation will be fully managed and funded by FPUA (including a \$100,000,000 bond secured by FPUA toward this project). FPUA is a separate unit of the City’s government created by City Charter in 1972 with a five-member governing Board comprised of four members appointed by the City Commission and the Mayor of Fort Pierce. The assignment of this Grant will permit a more streamlined process that will allow the City and FPUA to ensure the efficient, robust, and successful relocation of our aging treatment plant off of the Indian River Lagoon.

Thank you, as always, for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Hudson, Mayor
City of Fort Pierce