

Botanical Sanctuary, LLC  
710 Orange Ave.  
Fort Pierce, FL 34950  
6/17/2025  
Subject: Grant Application – 710 Orange Ave. Fort Pierce, FL 34950

Dear Members of the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency,

I am writing to submit an application for the Commercial Façade Grant to support significant improvements to our residential property located at 710 Orange Ave. Fort Pierce, FL 34950 within the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Area. The proposed project includes the installation of impact-resistant windows on the second story and the repaving and restriping of the parking lot. These enhancements aim to address critical maintenance issues and contribute to the ongoing revitalization efforts within the FPRA district.

**1. Need for Financial Assistance:** The current windows on the second story are outdated, leading to significant energy loss and allowing pests to enter the home. Replacing them with impact-resistant glass will not only improve energy efficiency but also enhance the safety and comfort of the residents. Additionally, the parking lot has deteriorated over time, with cracks and faded striping creating safety hazards. Repaving and restriping the lot will ensure a safer environment for residents and visitors. While we are committed to funding these improvements independently, this grant will expedite the project, reducing the timeline and enabling us to complete the upgrades more efficiently.

**2. Enhancement of Visual Appeal and Elimination of Blight:** The proposed improvements will significantly enhance the property's appearance, aligning with the FPRA's goal of eliminating slum and blight. Installing modern, impact-resistant windows will update the façade, contributing to a more cohesive and attractive streetscape. Repaving and restriping the parking lot will eliminate unsightly cracks and faded markings, further enhancing the property's curb appeal and setting a positive example for neighboring properties.

**3. Innovative and Visually Appealing Elements:** The new impact-resistant windows will feature a sleek, contemporary design that complements the architectural style of the neighborhood. The choice of materials and finishes will ensure durability and aesthetic appeal, contributing to the overall visual enhancement of the area. The repaved parking lot will include clearly defined spaces and updated signage, improving both functionality and appearance.

**4. Community Benefits and Positive Outcomes:** These improvements will provide a safer and more comfortable living environment for residents, promoting community well-being. By enhancing the property's appearance and functionality, we aim to set a positive example for neighboring properties, encouraging further investment and improvements within the FPRA district. The project aligns with the FPRA's objectives of fostering neighborhood restoration and economic development.

**5. Alignment with the FPRA Plan:** The proposed project supports several goals outlined in the 2020 FPRA Community Redevelopment Plan, including:

- **Restoring Neighborhoods:** By upgrading the property, we contribute to the overall revitalization of the neighborhood, enhancing its appeal and desirability.
- **Fostering Arts and Culture:** While the project is primarily focused on physical improvements, the enhanced property may serve as a catalyst for cultural and community activities in the area.
- **Re-Setting the Economic Base:** The improvements will increase the property's value, contributing to the economic stability and growth of the FPRA district.
- **Connecting Neighborhoods, Destinations, and Employment Centers:** By improving the property's infrastructure, we support better connectivity and accessibility within the community.

We respectfully request your consideration for this grant, which will enable us to make meaningful improvements that benefit both our property and the broader Fort Pierce community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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