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To Miriam Garcia (Redevelopment Specialist):
From: Steve Tarr, Bunwin, Inc., Owner of 510 Orange Ave (working with Legacy Scholars School)

Re: Request for a 6 month extension for commercial facade grant.

Please use this correspondence as our formal request to extend our grant period an additional 6 months. The reason for the extension is that the school is (and has been for about a year) navigating its way through the Conditional Use process with the Planning Department. Hopefully, they will be on the next Planning Commission agenda and we can move this along. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

On Thu, Mar 12, 2026 at 10:29 AM <hovenre@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Miriam,
I will prepare a letter requesting the 6 month extension shortly.
Steve

On Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 1:47 PM Miriam Garcia <mgarcia@cityoffortpierce.com> wrote:

Hi Steve,

The project timelines in the current agreement are as follows:

Project Timelines

1. The Recipient must receive the building permits within six months of the Effective Date (**March 9 , 2026**). During this time period, the Recipient shall provide evidence of the building permit approval to the FPRA.
2. The Recipient shall complete the Project within twelve months after the issuance of the building permits.
3. For projects not requiring a building permit, within six months of the Effective Date, the Recipient shall notify the FPRA of when it will start the Project within the aforementioned period.
4. The Recipient must provide written progress updates upon request by the FPRA.
5. Requests for payment to the FPRA, shall include the Final Report documentation itemized below.
6. Completion and/or occupancy and full operation of the services described in this Agreement shall be achieved by March 9, 2027.

Since you will not meet the March 9 deadline to obtain the building permits, I will need a letter from you requesting an extension so that it can be presented to the FPRA Board. The letter should explain the reason for the extension request.

Please indicate whether you will need an additional six months to obtain the permits or a longer extension. Once I receive the letter indicating the requested extension, I can prepare the First Amendment to the Agreement and send it to the City Attorney for review. We will then attempt to place it on the April FPRA agenda.

Please send the letter within the next five business days to ensure we can prepare the amendment and have it reviewed in time for the April agenda deadline.

Kindest regards,

Miriam Garcia, FRA-RP | Redevelopment Specialist | City of Fort Pierce

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From: hovenre@gmail.com <hovenre@gmail.com>
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Yes, please try to obtain an extension for us. I am not sure of the current time restrictions.

On Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 10:25 AM Miriam Garcia <mgarcia@cityoffortpierce.com> wrote:

Thank you for the update.

Please let me know if you need to apply for an extension to remain in compliance with the grant agreement.

Kindest regards,

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From: hovenre@gmail.com <hovenre@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2026 9:33 AM

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Hi Miriam,

The work on this is delayed while the school navigates their way through the Planning Department. Their application is being reviewed now and hopefully they will be on the next Planning agenda. If all goes well there, it will go to City Commission next for approval. At that point improvements will commence. We are at the mercy of the City's approval process. Thank you for following up as we are anxious to get this going.

Thanks,

Steve

On Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 8:59 AM Miriam Garcia <mgarcia@cityoffortpierce.com> wrote:

Good morning, Mr. Tarr,

I am following up on the status of your Commercial Façade Project for 510 Orange Avenue.

Have you begun the permitting process?

Please provide an update regarding your project.

Kindest regards,

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From: Miriam Garcia

Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 10:33 AM

To: hovenre@gmail.com

Subject: 510 Orange Ave - Commercial Facade Grant

Good morning, Steve,

On behalf of the FPRA, I am pleased to inform you that the grant agreement for the Commercial Façade Grant was approved at the FPRA meeting held on September 9, 2025.

We are excited to support your vision for enhancing your property's exterior and are confident that these improvements will positively contribute to the revitalization of our community.

Please find the executed agreement attached and take note of the following key project timelines:

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6. Completion and/or occupancy and full operation of the services described in this Agreement shall be achieved by **March 9, 2027**.

The Recipient will provide to the FPRA a Final Report documenting all construction costs incurred in association with the improvement included in the Application prior to receiving reimbursement payment(s). Recipient must include:

- A. Final Report documenting all construction costs
- B. FPRA Reimbursement Request Form

- C. Completed W-9, as required by law, for the Recipient of the grant funds.
- D. Copies of all required closed permits.
- E. Copies of all invoices
- F. Proof of payment (Cancelled checks or bank statements)
- G. Photographs of the work undertaken
- H. Releases of liens (if applicable)
- I. Occupancy certificates (if applicable)

Once again, congratulations, and we look forward to seeing the transformation!

Kindest regards,



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