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July 28, 2025

Subject: Request for Modification to Awarded TDC Grant – Quarterly Milestone Payments

Dear Mr. Lowack,

On behalf of Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA), I would like to extend our sincere gratitude for the support and partnership provided by Visit St. Pete/Clearwater through the awarded TDC grant. Your continued commitment enables us to enhance our mission of marine animal rescue, rehabilitation, and conservation while also contributing to the economic and cultural vitality of the St. Pete/Clearwater region.

We are writing to respectfully request a modification to the existing grant agreement to implement a milestone-based payment schedule aligned with quarterly submissions. Adjusting the payment structure to quarterly disbursements will allow CMA to better manage cash flow and project deliverables throughout the grant term, ensuring timely progress toward the established goals and outcomes.

We believe that this modification will enhance transparency, streamline reporting, and maintain accountability, while providing the necessary flexibility for the successful execution of all grant-related initiatives.

We kindly ask for your consideration of this request and welcome the opportunity to discuss any details or provide additional documentation needed to support this adjustment. Thank you again for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to working together to advance the success of this project and further promote the St. Pete/Clearwater area.

Sincerely,

Joe Handy

CEO

Clearwater Marine Aquarium

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