

TOURISM PROMOTION AGREEMENT

2024 M.L.K. Dream Big Parade

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of the 2 day of November, 2023 (“Effective Date”), by and between Pinellas County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (“County”), for and on behalf of Visit St. Petersburg/Clearwater (“VSPC”), and Advantage Village Academy, Inc., a Florida Not for Profit Corporation (“Event Organizer”) (collectively, the “Parties,” or individually, a “Party”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 118-32, Pinellas County Code, and Section 125.0104(5)(a)2., Florida Statutes, VSPC is responsible for promoting tourism in Pinellas County, including funding activities, services, and events that have as one of its main purposes the attraction of tourists; and

WHEREAS, the County, on behalf of VSPC, agrees to provide Tourist Development Tax funding for 2024 M.L.K. Dream Big Parade to be held January 12-15, 2024 (“Event”), organized and operated by the Event Organizer to promote Pinellas County tourism as described in the promotion program as defined herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual covenants herein contained, the Parties agree as follows:

1. The term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall remain in full force and effect through July 15, 2024, unless otherwise terminated as provided herein.

2. The County agrees to pay to the Event Organizer the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) for Sponsorship benefits as an Event sponsor, to sponsor, promote and market Pinellas County tourism in connection with the Event as defined in the promotion program described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof (“Promotion Program”). The County shall pay the funding herein in accordance with the following:

A. Up to \$75,000.00 will be paid pre-event upon receipt of an invoice and any other supporting documentation as may be required by VSPC staff for the direct and actual event operational expenses, such as hotel rooms. Event Organizer herein further understands that if there is any use of Tourist Development Tax funding for costs not directly related to the event that they will be liable to reimburse any such costs back to the County and that they would be ineligible from future County funding consideration.

B. Any payment not disbursed shall be made by the County to the to the Event Organizer in accordance with §218.70 et seq., Florida Statutes, “The Local Government Prompt Payment Act.”

C. In the event the Event Organizer: (i) cancels the Event or does not conduct the Event for any reason including, but not limited to, voluntary action or non-voluntary mandates; or (ii) is not in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement; or (iii) is dissolved, or ceases or suspends its operations for any reason, then any sums not paid or disbursed to the Event Organizer are hereby deobligated, and shall not be paid unless this Agreement is amended in writing by mutual agreement of the Parties expressly authorizing payment of the funding herein on the revised terms as provided in said amendment. The parties further agree that if an Event Organizer cancels an event per (i, ii, or iii) above post a fully executed funding agreement but pre-event, the Event Organizer shall either: 1) remit any sponsorship funding monies advanced pre-event which were used for operating expenses minus any value received by County up until cancellation as determined by VSPC staff; or 2) seek reimbursement for allowable marketing deliverables per the agreement, but only as to those actual, verifiable marketing deliverable costs incurred by the Event Organizer up until the time of cancelling the event and to the extent of value received by County as determined by VSPC staff.

D. The Event Organizer shall repay the County for all illegal or unlawful expenditures of the funding herein, or for expenditures made by The Event Organizer in breach of any covenant, term or condition of this Agreement, including illegal, unlawful, and/or unauthorized expenditures discovered after the expiration of the term.

E. The Event Organizer shall provide immediate written notice to VSPC if the Event is cancelled, rescheduled, or the scope of the Event is substantially changed from the Event as described in Event Organizer's funding request.

F. The Event Organizer may amend or revise the Promotion Program only with the prior written consent from the Director of VSPC, or his designee.

G. The Event Organizer shall provide a written final report to VSPC within forty-five (45) calendar days of Event completion, which at a minimum shall include documentation establishing that the Event Organizer provided the promotional benefits described in the Promotion Program, including any documentation required in Exhibit A, and shall specify attendance at the Event and room nights generated by the Event in Pinellas County, the methodology used for computing the room nights which methodology must be documentable, supportable, and calculated in compliance with tourism market and research analysis industry standards, and such other information as required by VSPC. Failure to submit the report as required shall disqualify the Event Organizer from being eligible for funding in future years.

3. A. The Event Organizer shall organize, manage, operate and/or conduct the programs, activities, and events, and be solely responsible for all costs and expenses related to the Event.

B. The Event Organizer represents and warrants that it has substantial experience and skill in the business of organizing and promoting the Event and agrees to use its best efforts to organize, manage, operate and conduct the Event in a professional manner, calculated to create a quality, pleasant, enjoyable experience for all participants.

4. Each Party hereby designates the person set forth below as its respective contact person. The person designated herein shall be each Party's prime contact person for coordinating Promotion Program related activities. Notices or reports shall be sent to the attention of each Party's contact person by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, or email to the Parties' addresses as set forth below:

For the County:

Craig Campbell, Director
Community & Brand Engagement
Visit St. Petersburg/Clearwater
8200 Bryan Dairy Rd., Suite 200
Largo, FL 33777
Craig@VisitSPC.com

For the Event Organizer:

Toriano Parker, CEO
Advantage Village Academy, Inc.
833 22nd St. S.
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
TParker512@aol.com

Any changes to the above representatives or addresses must be provided to the other Party in writing.

5. A. The County reserves the right to terminate this Agreement, without cause, by giving fifteen (15) days advance written notice to the Event Organizer of its election to terminate pursuant to this provision. Should this Agreement be terminated, or the event postponed as provided herein, Event Organizer shall only be entitled to reimbursement of actual costs for goods and/or services received by County from Event Organizer up until the date of postponement or termination of this Agreement, as determined by VSPC staff. Reimbursement shall be based upon submittal and receipt of all supporting, appropriate documentation for such costs.

B. The failure of either Party to comply with any material provisions of this Agreement shall be considered in breach thereof, and shall be cause for immediate termination of the Agreement upon written notice to the defaulting Party.

C. The funds to be used for this Agreement are subject to periodic appropriation of funds by the County. Further, obligations under this Agreement are contingent upon the availability of funds. If funds are not appropriated by the County for any or all of this Agreement, the County shall not be obligated to pay for any promotion benefits provided pursuant to this Agreement beyond the portion for which funds are appropriated. The County agrees to promptly notify the Event Organizer in writing of such failure of appropriation, and upon such notice, this Agreement shall terminate without penalty to the County.

6. A. The Event Organizer shall, upon request, permit the County to examine or audit all records and documents related to the Promotion Program provided for in this Agreement. Event Organizer shall maintain all such records and documents for at least three (3) years following termination of the Agreement, including but not limited to all documents in support of the Event Organizer's funding application and post event reporting.

B. The County through VSPC or VSPC's vendor, has the right to perform on-site surveys during the Event for the purposes of substantiating/verifying Event Organizer's final report and for collecting other information pertinent to the destination.

7. A. Neither the County nor the Event Organizer shall make any express or implied agreements, guaranties or representations, or incur any debt, in the name of or on behalf of the other Party. Neither the County nor the Event Organizer shall be obligated by or have any liability under any agreements or representations made by the other that are not expressly authorized hereunder. The County shall have no liability or obligation for any damages to any person or property directly or indirectly arising out of the operation by the Event Organizer of its business, whether caused by the Event Organizer's negligence or willful action or failure to act.

B. The County will have no liability for any sales, service, value added, use, excise, gross receipts, property, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, withholding or other taxes, whether levied upon the Event Organizer or the Event Organizer's assets, or upon the County in connection with services performed or business conducted by the Event Organizer. Payment of all such taxes and liabilities shall be the responsibility of the Event Organizer.

C. The Event Organizer shall indemnify, pay the cost of defense, and hold harmless the County, its officers, employees and agents from all damages, suits, actions or claims, including all costs of defense incurred by the County, of any character brought on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property, or in any way relating to or arising from the Agreement; or on account of any act or omission, neglect or misconduct of the Event Organizer; or by, or on account of, any claim or amounts recovered under the Workers' Compensation Law or of any other laws, regulations, ordinance, order or decree; or arising from or by reason of any actual or claimed trademark, patent or copyright infringement or litigation based thereon; except only such injury or damage as shall have been occasioned by the sole negligence of the County.

D. The Event Organizer shall secure and maintain the insurance coverages set out in Exhibit B attached hereto for the Event.

8. A. Any Event Organizer receiving funding hereunder, shall conduct the Event in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws.

B. Neither Party may assign or transfer its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party.

C. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to benefit any person or entity not a Party to this Agreement.

D. In carrying out this Agreement, The Event Organizer shall not exclude from participation in, deny benefits to, or otherwise discriminate against, any person because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, family status or handicap.

E. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes any and all prior agreements, communications, or representations, whether oral or written, with respect thereto.

F. No alteration, change, modification, amendment or waiver to or of this Agreement shall be valid or binding unless in writing and signed by both Parties hereto.

G. Nothing in this Agreement will be construed to create, or be implied to create any relationship between the County and any contractor, subcontractor or supplier of the Event Organizer, and at all times the Event Organizer is and shall remain an independent contractor and not an agent of the County or VSPC.

H. Sections 2.D, 2.E., 6.A., and 7.A., B. and C. shall survive the expiration of the term or termination of this Agreement.

I. Time is of the essence with respect to all provisions of this Agreement that specify a time for performance.

J. This Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and governed by the laws of the State of Florida.

9. Event Organizer acknowledges that information and data it manages as part of the services may be public records in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes and Pinellas County Public Records Policies. Event Organizer agrees that prior to providing services it will implement policies and procedures to maintain, produce, secure, and retain public records in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and County policies, including but not limited to the Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement relating to compensation, the Event Organizer agrees to charge the County, and/or any third parties requesting public records only such fees allowed by Section 119.07, Florida Statutes and County policy for locating and producing public records during the term of this Agreement.

10. By signing this Agreement as provided below, Signer attests to all of the following:

A. Signer has the legal authority to enter into the Agreement on behalf of the Applicant organization;

B. Signer is not deriving any direct or indirect benefit or bonus, monetary or otherwise, from the Applicant organization or any other party, including signer's employer, as a result of this funding award; and

C. Signer is not aware of any other third party deriving any direct or indirect benefit or bonus, monetary or otherwise, from the Applicant organization or any other party as a result of this funding award.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties herein have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
by and through its County Administrator

By: 

Barry A. Burton

**ADVANTAGE VILLAGE
ACADEMY, INC**

By: 

Toriano Parker, CEO

[Corporate Seal]

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: 

Office of the County Attorney

**Pinellas County TDC Elite Event Funding FY24
Benefits & Deliverables
Exhibit A**

Event Name: 2024 M.L.K. Dream Big Parade (“Event”)

Event Dates: January 12-15, 2024

Marketing & Advertising Up To Funding Amount: \$0

Sponsorship Contribution: \$75,000

Total Contribution: \$75,000

- I. VSPC will receive, in exchange for its financial support, the following benefits at no additional charge, except as noted:
- A. Official Designation Status:
 - i. VSPC to be designated as presenting sponsor of the Event: “2024 M.L.K. Dream Big Parade presented by Visit St. Pete Clearwater.”
 - B. Marketing & Advertising Plan Funding Support – N/A.
 - C. Sponsorship Benefits
 - i. Marketing & Advertising
 - 1. VSPC to receive logo placement and/or written acknowledgment in all Event press releases, promotional materials, social media, TV, radio and print advertising.
 - 2. VSPC to receive four (4) full page color ads in the MLK, Jr. gala program.
 - ii. Digital & Media Benefits
 - 1. VSPC logo on sponsorship page with hyperlink to VSPC website to be included on official Event website.
 - 2. VSPC social media tags and handles to be included in all social media promotion performed by the Event.
 - iii. Event On-Site Benefits
 - 1. VSPC to receive one (1) float entry in the Parade event. Float entry to be the first vehicle in the parade. Pinellas County dignitaries to be invited to participate in VSPC float entry.
 - 2. VSPC to receive twenty-five (25) banners to be placed along the parade route by Event Organizer.
 - 3. VSPC to receive one (1) 10’ x 50’ footprint at the Family Fun Day event to promote the destination.
 - 4. VSPC to receive twenty (20) VIP seats in the MLK Parade VIP area for VSPC invited clients and promotional use. If available, VSPC to receive five (5) parking passes to the event.
 - iv. Additional Benefits
 - 1. VSPC to receive two (2) tables (twenty (20) seats) at the Event Banquet for VSPC invited clients and promotional use.
 - 2. VSPC to receive a minimum of four (4) banners to be placed at the Battle of the Bands event by Event Organizer.

EXHIBIT B
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The following insurance requirements are included in this agreement:

Advantage Village Academy, Inc. (**AVA**) shall obtain and maintain at all times during its performance of the Agreement, insurance of the types and in the amounts set forth. All insurance policies shall be from responsible companies duly authorized to do business in the State of Florida and have an AM Best rating of A- VIII or better. Within ten (10) calendar days of executed Agreement, the **AVA** shall provide the **COUNTY** with properly executed and approved Certificates of Insurance to evidence compliance with the insurance requirements of the agreement. The Certificate(s) of Insurance shall be signed by authorized representatives of the insurance companies shown on the Certificate(s). A copy of the endorsement(s) referenced in paragraph three (3) for Additional Insured shall be attached to the certificate(s).

No Services shall commence under this agreement unless and until the required Certificate(s) of Insurance are received and approved by the **COUNTY**. Approval by the **COUNTY** of any Certificate of Insurance does not constitute verification by the **COUNTY** that the insurance requirements have been satisfied or that the insurance policy shown on the Certificate of Insurance is in compliance with the requirements of the Agreement. **COUNTY** reserves the right to require a certified copy of the entire insurance policy, including endorsements, at any time during the Agreement period.

If any insurance provided pursuant to the Agreement expires prior to the expiration of the Agreement, renewal Certificates of Insurance and endorsements shall be furnished by the **AVA** to the **COUNTY** at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date.

AVA shall also notify **COUNTY** within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt, of any notices of expiration, cancellation, nonrenewal or adverse material change in coverage received by said **AVA** from its insurer. Notice shall be given to: **Pinellas COUNTY Risk Management Department**, InsuranceCerts@pinellas.gov; and nothing contained herein shall absolve **AVA** of this requirement to provide notice.

Should the **AVA**, at any time, not maintain the insurance coverages required herein, the **COUNTY** may terminate the Agreement, or at its sole discretion may purchase such coverages necessary for the protection of the **COUNTY** and charge the **AVA** for such purchase. The **COUNTY** shall be under no obligation to purchase such insurance, nor shall it be responsible for the coverages purchased or the insurance company or companies used. The decision of the **COUNTY** to purchase such insurance shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of any of its rights under the Agreement.

The **COUNTY** reserves the right, but not the duty, to review and request a copy of the **AVA**'s most recent annual report or audited financial statement when a self-insured retention (SIR) or deductible exceeds \$50,000.

Each insurance policy shall include the following terms and/or conditions in the policy:

- (1) The Named Insured on the Certificate of Insurance must match the entity's name that is signing the Agreement.
- (2) Companies issuing the insurance policy, or policies, shall have no recourse against **COUNTY** for payment of premiums or assessments for any deductibles which all are at the sole responsibility and risk of the **AVA**.
- (3) The term "COUNTY," or "Pinellas COUNTY" shall include all Authorities, Boards, Bureaus, Commissions, Divisions, Departments and Constitutional offices of **COUNTY** and individual members, employees thereof in their official capacities, and/or while acting on behalf of Pinellas COUNTY.
- (4) The policy clause "Other Insurance" shall not apply to any insurance coverage currently held by **COUNTY** or any such future coverage, or to **COUNTY**'s Self-Insured Retentions of whatever nature.

**EXHIBIT B
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

- (5) All policies shall be written on a primary, non-contributory basis.
- (6) Any certificate of insurance evidencing coverage provided by a leasing company for either Workers Compensation or Commercial General Liability shall have a list of covered employees certified by the leasing company attached to the Certificate of Insurance. The **COUNTY** shall have the right, but not the obligation to determine that the **AVA** is only using employees named on such list to perform work for the **COUNTY**. Should employees not named be utilized by **AVA**, the **COUNTY**, at its option may stop work without penalty to the **COUNTY** until proof of coverage or removal of the employee by the **AVA** occurs, or alternatively find the **AVA** to be in default and take such other protective measures as necessary.
- (7) Insurance policies, other than Professional Liability, shall include waivers of subrogation in favor of **Pinellas COUNTY** from the **AVA**.
- (8) The insurance requirements for this Agreement, which shall remain in effect throughout its duration, are as follows:

1. **Workers' Compensation Insurance:** Worker's Compensation Insurance is required if required pursuant to Florida law. If, pursuant to Florida law, Worker's Compensation Insurance is required, employer's liability, also known as Worker's Compensation Part B, is also required in the amounts set forth herein

Limit	Florida Statutory
Employers' Liability Limits	
Per Employee	\$ 500,000
Per Employee Disease	\$ 500,000
Policy Limit Disease	\$ 500,000

If Licensee/**AVA**/Contractor is not required by Florida law, to carry Workers Compensation Insurance in order to perform the requirements of this Agreement, County Waiver Form for workers compensation must be executed, submitted, and accepted by Risk Management. Failure to obtain required Worker's Compensation Insurance without submitting and receiving a waiver from Risk Management constitutes a material breach of this Agreement.

2. **Commercial General Liability Insurance** including, but not limited to, Independent **VENDOR**, Contractual Liability Premises/Operations, Products/Completed Operation and Personal Injury.

Limits	
General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Personal Injury and Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000
Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000

3. **Property Insurance** **AVA** will be responsible for all damage to its own property, equipment and/or materials.