

FUNDING AGREEMENT

THIS FUNDING AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made and entered into by and between PINELLAS COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, which is located at 315 Court Street, 5th Floor, Clearwater, Florida 33756, hereinafter called "the County," and KEEP TIERRA VERDE BEAUTIFUL, INC (KTVB), a non-profit Florida corporation in unincorporated Pinellas County, with its principal address located at 499 Laguna Drive, Tierra Verde, FL 33715, hereinafter called "KTVB".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, KTVB is a private, non-profit organization for the purpose conserving and beautifying the natural and man-made environment in and around the Tierra Verde, Florida area by means of community engagement and education with hopes to one day join the Keep America Beautiful organization;

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the benefits the KTVB provides the community with median enhancements;

WHEREAS, this project is to provide a one-year transition from the current median situation to something more sustainable, but eventually replacing the current landscaping, as needed, with more native, draught resistant plantings, irrigating to get them established but recognizing that, long-term, irrigation is not planned for. Maintaining the irrigation from September 18, 2025 to September 18, 2026 will allow to implementation of a transition plan to be developed jointly between KTVB and Pinellas County (the "Project"); and;

WHEREAS, the KTVB has demonstrated a financial need for median enhancements, including irrigation system services and repairs, as well as beautification efforts that will benefit residents of the unincorporated areas of the County;

WHEREAS, the County accordingly desires to use Municipal Services Taxing Unit Grant Funds to assist the KTVB with median enhancements (the Project);

WHEREAS, the KTVB previously provided a budget and price comparison sheet, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as EXHIBIT A, reflecting the materials to be purchased for the Project and the pricing for such improvements and;

WHEREAS, the County desires to use Municipal Services Taxing Unit grant funds to assist KTVB with funding the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual terms, covenants, and conditions set forth herein, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

1. Recitals

The recitals above are incorporated herein.

2. Funding

Within thirty (30) days of the execution of the funding agreement, the County will issue a check payable to KTVB for the dollar amount equal to the combination of the lowest quotes and service estimates in the total amount of \$20,000.00 ("Funding").

KTVB must utilize the Funding exclusively for payment of the materials and services for the Project. KTVB must expend all Funding by September 18, 2026. After the Project is completed, KTVB is solely responsible for maintaining the Project, as well as any costs associated therewith. KTVB's duty to maintain the Project will survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

3. Progress Reports

KTVB must deliver written progress reports to the County by (1) February 19, 2026, for the period covering September 18, 2025 through February 18, 2026, and (2) September 18, 2026 for the period covering February 19, 2026 through September 18, 2026. Each report must be signed by an authorized KTVB representative and include a combined financial budget and expenditure report detailing how Funding has been or will be expended. Where no Funding

activity has occurred within a report period, KTVB must provide a written explanation for such non-activity.

4. Records Retention

KTVB acknowledges that information and data it manages pursuant to this Agreement may be public records in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and agrees to comply therewith. KTVB must not charge the County any special service or duplication fees under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, should the County request public records pursuant to a public records request, audit, or otherwise. Notwithstanding the termination or expiration of this Agreement and in addition to any records retention requirements under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, KTVB must retain all records relating to this Agreement until at least September 18, 2031.

5. Audit

KTVB must utilize reasonable financial procedures, including adequate supporting documents, to account for the use of Funding. Notwithstanding the termination or expiration of this Agreement, all KTVB records relating to this Agreement are subject to audit without prior notice by the County until September 18, 2031. A copy of the KTVB's IRS 990 form may be requested by, and provided by KTVB to, the County at any time.

6. Appropriation Requirement

This Agreement is not a general obligation of the County. No liability is incurred by the County, or any department, beyond the monies budgeted and available for this purpose. If funds are not appropriated by the County for any or all of this Agreement, the County will not be obligated to pay any sums provided pursuant to this Agreement beyond the portion for which funds are appropriated. The County agrees to promptly notify KTVB in writing of such failure of appropriation, and upon receipt of such notice, this Agreement, and all rights and obligations contained herein, will terminate without liability or penalty to the County.

7. Conflicts of Interest

No officer, member, or employee of the County, and no member of its governing body, and no other public official of the governing body of any locality where Funding is expended who exercises any functions or responsibility in the review or approval of the undertaking or carrying out of this Agreement, may participate in any decisions relating to this Agreement which affect his personal interest or the interest of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he is, directly or indirectly, interested; nor may any such officer, member, or employee of the County, or any member of its governing body, or public official of the governing body, or public official of the governing body of any locality where such Funding is expended, who exercises any functions or responsibilities in the review or approval of the undertaking or carrying out of this Agreement, have any interest, direct, or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.

8. Indemnification

KTVB covenants and agrees that it will, and require all its contractors and subcontractors to, indemnify and hold harmless the County and all of the County's officers, employees, contractors and subcontractors from and claim, loss, damage, cost, charge or expense arising out of any act, action, neglect or omission by KTVB, its officers, employees, agents, contractors, subcontractors, or invitees during the performance of this agreement, and any extensions thereof, whether direct or indirect, and whether to any person or property to which County or said Parties may be subject, except that neither KTVB nor any of its officers, agents, employees, contractors, or subcontractors will be liable under this section for damages arising out of injury or damage to persons or property directly caused by or resulting from the sole negligence of the County or any of its officer or employees. Nothing herein shall be constructed as a waiver of the County's sovereign immunity or limitation thereof pursuant to §768.28, Florida Statutes,

9. Compliance with Laws

KTVB must comply with all applicable Federal, state, and local laws in the performance of this Agreement, including but not limited to laws related to Workers' Compensation, occupational safety and health, the environment, equal employment opportunity, and privacy of medical records or information.

10. Term

The term of this Agreement will commence upon execution by both parties and, unless terminated earlier by the County in accordance with Section Twelve (12) below, expire upon receipt by KTVB of the County's written confirmation of acceptance of KTVB's second six-month report as provided in Section Three (3) above.

11. Amendment

This Agreement may be amended by mutual written agreement of the parties at any time.

12. Breach and Termination

If the County, in its reasonable discretion, determines that any deliverable due from KTVB, including but not limited to the requisite proof of quotes, construction documents for the Project, or either progress report, is untimely or unsatisfactory, it will provide written notice of the defect(s) to KTVB, who will then have thirty (30) days from receipt of said notice to cure said defect(s). If the County, in its reasonable discretion, determines that KTVB has failed to timely and satisfactorily cure the defect(s), KTVB will be in breach of this Agreement, which will be subject to termination in accordance with this Section Twelve (12).

Failure of KTVB to comply with any provision herein will be considered a material breach of the Agreement. Should the County, in its reasonable discretion, determine that such a breach has occurred, this Agreement will be subject to immediate termination by the County upon receipt of written notice of such termination by KTVB. Within thirty (30) days of receipt

of such notice, KTVB must, at the option and direction of the County as provided in such notice, refund up to the entire Funding amount paid by the County; this remedy is notwithstanding that the remainder of this Agreement, except as otherwise provided herein, will terminate immediately upon receipt of such notice. Nothing herein prevents the County from availing itself of all available legal remedies.

13. Assignment

KTVB must perform this Agreement. No assignment is allowed without the prior written consent of the County.

14. Notice

All notices, invoices, approvals, and other correspondence required by law and this Agreement must be in writing and delivered via e-mail or USPS Certified Mail to the following respective persons. Notice will be considered delivered when reflected by an e-mail read receipt or a certified mail delivery receipt.

County:

Pinellas County Administration
Attn: Audrey Ables, Assistant to the County Administrator
315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756
audreyables@pinellas.gov

KTVB, INC :

Attn: Philip Bergquist, Executive Director
499 Laguna Drive, Tierra Verde, FL
pbergquist1@gmail.com

15. Governing Law

The laws of the State of Florida govern this Agreement.

16. Insurance

KTVB shall, require any Contractors and Subcontractors performing work under funding agreement to acquire and maintain insurance coverage that comply with the Insurance, shown on Attachment A, during the term of this Agreement, to include any renewal terms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto or their lawful representatives have executed this Agreement on the day and year set forth under their signatures below:

Keep Tierra Verde Beautiful, INC.:
By: _____
Name/Title: Philip Bergquist
Executive Director

Date: _____

PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA:

By: _____
Name/Title: Barry A. Burton
County Administrator

Date: _____

