

## **TOURISM PROMOTION AGREEMENT**

### **Clearwater Sea-Blues Festival**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered into as of the 20 day of March, 2025 ("Effective Date"), by and between Pinellas County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida ("County"), for and on behalf of Visit St. Pete-Clearwater ("VSPC" or "VisitSPC"), and City of Clearwater, a municipality ("Event Organizer") (collectively, the "Parties," or individually, a "Party").

### **WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 118-32, Pinellas County Code, and Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, VSPC is responsible for promoting tourism in Pinellas County, including funding activities, services, and events that have as one of their main purposes the attraction of tourists, as evidenced by the promotion of the activity, service, or event to tourists; and

**WHEREAS**, the County, on behalf of VSPC, agrees to provide Tourist Development Tax funding for the Clearwater Sea-Blues Festival to be held February 28 - March 2, 2025 ("Event"), organized and operated by the Event Organizer to promote Pinellas County tourism as pursuant to the promotion program described in Exhibit A;

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

1. The term of this Agreement will commence on the Effective Date and remain in full force and effect through September 2, 2025, unless otherwise terminated as provided herein.

2. The County agrees to pay to the Event Organizer the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for Sponsorship benefits and up to the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for Marketing and Advertising expenditures for a total sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) 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, which is incorporated into this Agreement ("Promotion Program"). The County will pay the funding in accordance with the following:

A. Marketing and Advertising expenditures will be paid on a reimbursement basis upon submittal of required documentation to the County which must include a copy of subcontractor/vendor invoices that support the marketing plan attached hereto as Exhibit B for which Event Organizer is seeking reimbursement, as well as other such documentation as required by VSPC.

B. The funding will be due and payable within forty-five (45) calendar days of Event completion, upon Event Organizer submitting an invoice with all documentation required in Section 2.A and 2.H. at the address set out in Section 4.

C. For convenience, payment will be made by the County to the Event Organizer in accordance with the procedures outlined in §218.70 et seq., Florida Statutes, "The Local Government Prompt Payment Act." However, the Parties agree that receipt of funding under this Agreement does not make the municipality a "vendor" and this is not a "purchase" as defined by the Act. Therefore, interest accrual, dispute resolution, and other substantive provisions of the Act do not apply.

D. In the event the Event Organizer: (i) cancels the Event or does not conduct the Event for any reason including, but not limited to, infeasibility, 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 will be deobligated, and will not be paid. The parties further agree that if an Event Organizer cancels an event per (i, ii, or iii) above after entering into a fully executed funding agreement but pre-event, the Event Organizer must 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 in their sole discretion; 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 in their sole discretion. If the Event is cancelled for any reason, this Agreement may be amended in writing by mutual agreement of the Parties to authorize funding on revised terms.

E. The Event Organizer will 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.

F. The Event Organizer will 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.

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

H. The Event Organizer will provide a written final report to VSPC within forty-five (45) calendar days of Event completion, which at a minimum will include documentation establishing that the Event Organizer provided the promotional benefits described in the Promotion Program, including any documentation required in Exhibit A, and will 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 will disqualify the Event Organizer from being eligible for funding in future years.



3. A. The Event Organizer will 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 or similar events, and agrees to use its best efforts to organize, manage, operate and conduct the Event in a professional manner, calculated to create a high quality, pleasant, accessible, safe, and enjoyable experience for all participants/attendees.

4. Each Party hereby designates the person set forth below as its respective contact person. The person designated is each Party's prime contact person for coordinating Promotion Program related activities. Notices or reports will 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  
Brand Activations  
Visit St. Pete-Clearwater  
8200 Bryan Dairy Rd., Suite 200  
Largo, FL 33777  
Craig@VisitSPC.com

For the Event Organizer:

Kris Koch, Senior Manager  
City of Clearwater  
706 North Missouri Avenue  
Clearwater, FL 33755  
Kris.Koch@MyClearwater.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 will 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 at their sole discretion. Reimbursement will 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 will be considered in breach thereof, and 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 will 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 will terminate without penalty to the County.

6. A. The Event Organizer will, 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 will 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, in accordance with the Retention Schedule as put forth by the Florida Department of State.

B. The County through VSPC or VSPC's vendor, has the right to collect attendee data on-site during the Event using methods including, but not limited to data technology, analytics, surveys, etc. for the purposes of substantiating/verifying Event Organizer's final report and for collecting other information pertinent to the destination. Upon request, Event Organizer will grant VSPC staff or VSPC's designated vendor access to the Event and provide any reasonable assistance needed to accomplish this task.

7. A. Neither the County nor the Event Organizer will 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 will be obligated by or have any liability under any agreements or representations made by the other that are not expressly authorized hereunder. The County will 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 will be the responsibility of the Event Organizer.

C. To the extent provided by law and without waiving sovereign immunity, the Event Organizer will 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 intellectual property, trademark, patent, or copyright infringement or litigation based thereon; except only such injury or damage as has been occasioned by the sole negligence of the County. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to serve as a waiver of sovereign immunity by the Event Organizer or an extension of the Event Organizer's liability beyond the scope, provisions, or limits set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.



8. A. The Event Organizer will 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 will be construed to benefit any person or entity not a Party to this Agreement.

D. In carrying out this Agreement, The Event Organizer will 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 will 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 will 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. will 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 will be construed, interpreted, and governed by the laws of the State of Florida.

9. Event Organizer acknowledges that information and data it manages in connection with the subject of this Agreement may be public records in accordance with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes and Pinellas County Public Records Policies. Event Organizer agrees that 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 associated with this Agreement.

10. By signing this Agreement 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

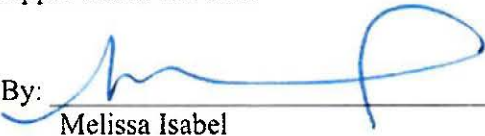
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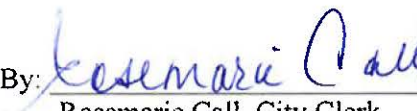
By:   
Jennifer Dorrner, City Manager

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**  
By: Amanda S. Coffey  
Office of the County Attorney

Approved as to Form:

By:   
Melissa Isabel  
Assistant City Attorney

Attest:

By:   
Rosemarie Call, City Clerk



  
Initials

**Pinellas County TDC Elite Event Funding FY25  
Benefits & Deliverables  
Exhibit A**

**Event Name: Clearwater Sea-Blues Festival ("Event")  
Event Dates: February 28 to March 2, 2025  
Marketing & Advertising Up To Funding Amount: \$25,000  
Sponsorship Contribution: \$25,000  
Total Contribution: \$50,000**

I. VisitSPC will receive, in exchange for its financial support, the following benefits at no additional charge, except as noted:

A. Official Designation Status

- i. Official Tourism Partner

B. Marketing & Advertising Benefits

- i. Pursuant to the marketing plan submitted by Event, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, VisitSPC will reimburse Event up to the sum of \$25,000 for pre- Event marketing deliverables upon submittal and acceptance of post-Event proof of performance documentation. Proof of performance shall include 3<sup>rd</sup> party invoice(s), proof of payment and proofs or samples that match the marketing plan and other such documentation as may be required by VisitSPC.

C. Sponsorship Benefits

- i. Pre-Event Marketing
  - a. VisitSPC brand messaging in all print and digital ads.
- ii. Onsite Benefits
  - a. Exclusive sponsor of the Event's secondary stage with mentions throughout Event recognizing VisitSPC.
  - b. Opportunity for VisitSPC representative to address the audience from either the main stage or secondary stage.
  - c. Banners at each entrance/exit to the Event.
  - d. Banners in front of the main stage and VisitSPC stage.
  - e. Logo recognition on Event digital boards, if available.
  - f. Verbal recognition via public address announcements.
  - g. Opportunity for activation space. Location and size to be mutually determined.
- iii. VIP Experience
  - a. Packages to be referenced as the "Visit St. Pete-Clearwater Captains Krewe" with guests receiving:
    - Reserved seating in first rows in front of stage
    - Private restroom/bar/rooftop lounge at the BayCare Sound
    - Access to VIP tent with private side-stage bar
    - Artist Meet and Greet
    - (2) drink tickets and unlimited beverages



- b. VisitSPC to receive (10) Captains Krewe packages for promotional or business use.
- c. Opportunity to provide swag bags for VIP guests.

D. Additional VisitSPC Requirements (unless superseded by deliverables described above)

i. Brand Placements & Messaging

- a. VisitSPC brand placement on the Event's website and any marketing collateral where all of Event sponsors are recognized, at a minimum.
- b. VisitSPC mention and/or logo placement in any press materials as an official sponsor as outlined above. VisitSPC must review prior to distribution.
- c. Event to include a "Places to Stay" section on its website "sponsored by Visit St. Pete-Clearwater" featuring a link or widget that links to VisitSPC accommodations to encourage overnight visitation.
- d. Inclusion in a minimum of two (2) dedicated Pre-Event and one (1) dedicated Post-Event email messages to attendees. Timing and content to be provided by VisitSPC.

ii. Talent & Media Access

- a. Event to provide access to talent (e.g. player appearances, artists, etc.) and, when required, gather VisitSPC releases and authorization for Event promotional purposes (e.g. social media, etc.).
- b. Event to provide VisitSPC a minimum of four (4) media access passes to cover and promote the Event if requested by VisitSPC.

iii. Event Onsite

- a. VisitSPC to provide a concert stage structure to be utilized in a mutually agreeable location at Event. Signage to be produced by VisitSPC. Structure and signage to be installed by VisitSPC vendor. Event to provide or otherwise secure sound, audio/visual, talent, power, and permits, if required, at no cost to VisitSPC.

iv. Data Collection & Reporting

- a. Event to provide website Google analytics post-event upon request by VisitSPC.
- b. VisitSPC may implement crowd attendee technology services or resources on site at the Event.
- c. Any Ticketed Event to provide Zip Code Data in an Excel format post event upon request by VisitSPC.

v. B2B / Networking Events

- a. Event to provide VisitSPC a minimum of four (4) invitations to ancillary sponsor events and initiate introductions to Event sponsors upon request by VisitSPC.



## EXHIBIT B

## ELITE EVENT PROPOSED MARKETING &amp; ADVERTISING PLAN

Media Category	Media Vendor/ Partner	Market	Media Placement Timing	Media Placement Detail	Media Cost (NET to Vendor)	Media Cost (IN-KIND)
Print	Blues Music Magazine	Clearwater	October	1/2 Page Color	\$ 2,500.00	
Print	Suncoast Blues Society Bar Rag	Clearwater	January	Full Page	\$ 500.00	
Print	Creative Loafing	Clearwater	January/February		\$ 500.00	
Social Media	Facebook / IG	State of Florida	October-February	Clearwater Sea-Blues Festival - Contests	\$ 7,500.00	
Social Media	Blues Festival Guide	State of Florida	January-February	Billboard Banner on e-guide (5 wks) + Featured Festival Posting	\$ 350.00	
Social Media	Blues 411	State of Florida	January-February	Festival Sponsors, 300x300 digital ad, internet prog.	\$ 750.00	
Social Media	TBD Digital Ads	State of Florida	December-February	Digital Ads & Ads on Music Platforms	\$ 7,500.00	
Print	TBD - Posters	Clearwater	December-February	Printed Posters, flyers, and promotional pieces handed out to local hotels, restaurants and establishments	\$ 5,400.00	
					\$ 25,000.00	\$ -

Note: Media plan input document MUST INCLUDE - Vendor, Market, Timing, Placement Detail, Impressions by Placement Type, Total Net Spending