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September 29, 2021

Paul Cozzie, Director
12520 Ulmerton Road
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Dear Mr. Cozzie,

Re: Gladys's Douglas Hackworth Florida Community Trust (FCT)

I wanted to follow-up on the FCT grant and legislative line item (LLI) appropriation for the acquisition of the Gladys Douglas Hackworth property. As previously advised, Pinellas County must hold a property interest if it wishes to receive the LLI funding. Outlined below is the path forward.

1. The county can hold an interest in the property through:
 - Fee-simple – joint ownership with the City of Dunedin
 - Fee-Simple – sole ownership by Pinellas County
 - Less-than-fee – interest, such as CE, in all or a portion of the property equating to \$1.5M with City of Dunedin holding the underlying fee title
2. If the county elects to move forward with the less-than-fee option, then the county must obtain an appraisal demonstrating the value of a less-than-fee interest. If the appraised value comes in lower than \$1.5M then the county will be reimbursed for the lower amount and the remaining balance will revert as we are only permitted to reimburse 100% of the appraised less-than-fee value.
3. Since the county would be receiving state funding reimbursement under both the FCT and LLI grants, the LLI appropriation will reduce the match provided by \$1.5M. As such, the FCT application score will be reduced by a total of 29 points:
 - Rule 62-818.007(1)(d)(1)(c) – Provide a Match for 60 percent or more of the Project Costs, or, for small Local Governments as defined in subparagraph 62-818.003(8)(c)1., F.A.C., and eligible non-profit applicants, a Match for 30 percent or more of the Project Costs (25 points)
 - Rule 62-818.007 (1)(d)(1)(c) (1)(e)(2) – The Applicant is requesting a grant award amount that does not exceed \$2,500,000.00 (4 points)

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4. While this does drop the county's position on the FCT priority list, the project would remain "in the funding".

Please let us know if the County wishes to proceed with the LLI appropriation and if so, the type of property interest that the County will seek. If you would like to schedule a call to discuss, please let me know and we can schedule a conference call.

Regards,



Callie DeHaven, Director
Division of State Lands