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The Honorable Ron Williams
Chairman, Columbia County Board of County Commissioners
Post Office Box 1529
Lake City, Florida 32056-1529

RE: Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
Columbia County Economic Development Award

Dear Commissioner Williams:

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) has completed its review of and site visit for the County's Florida Small Cities CDBG Economic Development application for funding. Congratulations, the County's application meets program requirements, and as such will be offered a sub-award in the amount of \$1,045,000. A copy of the Small Cities CDBG subgrant agreement and other required documents will be emailed to the project contact person identified in the County's application. In conjunction with this email, the County will be mailed an offer to contract letter that once received by the County will start the 60-day offer to contract period.

If the County has not sent copies of its CDBG application to the State Clearinghouse, please ensure that it does so as soon as possible. Four copies of the following application sections are to be sent to the Clearinghouse:

- Part 2: Application Profile and General Scoring Criteria;
- Part 3: Sources and Uses of Non-CDBG Funds (Leverage), if applicable;
- Part 5: Tables E-1, E-2, E-3 and E-4 (Economic Development applications); and
- Part 9: Appendix A: Maps; and
- Part 9: Appendix D: Historic Preservation Documents, if applicable.

The address for the Clearinghouse is:

Florida State Clearinghouse
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd, M.S. 47
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

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The subgrant agreement has been revised in response to statutory changes. Such changes include revisions related to the scope of work, elements of the project narrative, as well as documentation requirements for reimbursement, and public records responsibilities. Additional changes to the subgrant agreement include a language change providing that the start date will commence as of the date of this letter and will expire 30 months following this date. The subgrant agreement additionally requires that the County send either a County employee or elected official to the next implementation workshop. Additional information, regarding the workshop will be emailed to the project contact listed in the application, as information becomes available.

The County is responsible for ensuring compliance with all state and federal regulations, submitting reports on time, and completing project activities within the contract period, even if the County hires a subgrant administrator. Please note that the CDBG subgrant agreement now includes specific financial consequences for not meeting deadlines specified in the subgrant agreement's Program Conditions and Reporting sections.

Please contact Patrick Howard, Government Operations Consultant III, at (850) 717-8418 or Patrick.Howard@deo.myflorida.com if there are any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Brian McManus, Chief of Staff
Department of Economic Opportunity

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cc: Mr. David Kraus, Assistant County Manager, Columbia County
Mr. J. Corbett Alday, III, Chief Operating Officer, Guardian CRM, Inc.