

March 11, 2024

The Honorable Steven Barry, Chairman
Escambia County Board of County Commissioners
221 S Palafox Place, Suite 420
Pensacola, FL 32502

SUBJECT: Authority to Use Grant Funds Approval Letter
Escambia County – Voluntary Home Buyout Project
Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program
FDEM Grant Numbers: 4564-017-R, 4564-024-R, 4564-031-R, 4564-032-R
FloridaCommerce Agreement Number: HS011

Dear Chairman Barry,

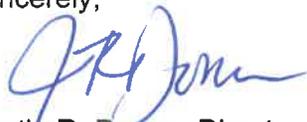
The Florida Department of Commerce (FloridaCommerce) is pleased to inform you that the submitted Environmental Review Record (ERR) related to the Voluntary Home Buyout project has been approved. Accordingly, the Authority to Use Grant Funds (HUD form 7015.16) is included with this letter.

FloridaCommerce received a Request for Release of Funds and Certification (HUD form 7015.15) from Escambia County on March 11, 2024. FloridaCommerce acknowledges Escambia County's official request to adopt the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Record of Environmental Consideration (REC) environmental review in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Adoption of FEMA and Other Federal Environmental Reviews and Processing for Hurricane Sandy Supplemental Appropriation (H.R. 152) Activities memorandum.

A review of the FEMA REC indicates that applicable procedures were followed in assessing the environmental impact of the project, and, to our knowledge, appropriate notices were filed, and no objections were raised. This letter, along with the attached Authority to Use Grant Funds, should be placed in Escambia County's ERR for this project. The environmental review remains valid until or unless one or more of the conditions of Title 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 58.47 occurs.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Melissa Recks, Deputy Chief of Finance and Administration at (850) 921-3267. Thank you for partnering with FloridaCommerce to improve the lives of Floridians and address the needs of your community.

Sincerely,



Justin R. Domer, Director
Office of Long-Term Resiliency