

SUBAWARD AGREEMENT

This document constitutes the subaward agreement (“Subagreement”) between the Johns Hopkins University (“JHU”) and the City of Port St. Lucie (“Subrecipient”) under which Subrecipient shall perform the work defined below as the statement of work, to enable JHU to complete its obligations under its grant (“Prime Award”) titled “2024-2026 LOVE YOUR BLOCK,” (“Project”) funded by the Bloomberg Philanthropies (“Prime Sponsor”). All terms and conditions of this Subagreement are subject to applicable law and regulations.

1. STATEMENT OF WORK

- 1.1 Subrecipient’s work shall conform to the statement of work, including the Love Your Block application, (“Statement of Work”) approved by JHU attached and incorporated as **Exhibit A**.
- 1.2 Both parties shall mutually agree upon any change in the Statement of Work in writing, signed by authorized officials of both parties prior to the commencement of Subrecipient’s performance under any such change.

2. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

This Subagreement is effective for the period **11/01/2025 through 10/31/2026** (the “Period of Performance”), which shall be extended only by mutual written agreement of the parties.

3. PRICE AND PAYMENT

- 3.1 This is a fixed price Subagreement. The total price for Period of Performance of this Subagreement is **\$60,000** United States Dollars (USD).
- 3.2 Upon full execution of this Subagreement, JHU shall pay Subrecipient an advance payment in the amount of \$60,000 USD which is expected to provide adequate funding through 10/31/2026.
- 3.3 JHU shall pay Subrecipient for its services adequately rendered and accepted on a work completed basis in accordance with the Milestone Payment Schedule set forth in **Exhibit B**. Invoices will not be paid until this Subagreement is fully executed by both parties.
- 3.4 All payments will be made upon receipt of an invoice in the format specified in **Exhibit C**, or Subrecipient’s comparable format, which details the specific deliverable or work product accomplished as referenced in Exhibits A and B.
- 3.5 Invoices must be submitted in strict accordance with the schedule set out in Exhibit B to:

Sabrina Garrett
Center for Government Excellence and Public Innovation (GovEx)
The Johns Hopkins University
711 W. 40th St., Suite 400
Baltimore, MD 21211

3.6 In addition, with each invoice, an authorized representative of the Subrecipient shall certify that required Deliverable(s) to date have been submitted, and expenditures reported (or payments requested) are for appropriate purposes and in accordance with Exhibits A and B.

4. KEY PERSONNEL

4.1 The Project Director and Technical Representative at JHU for this Subagreement is **Francisca Rojas** ("JHU PI"). JHU PI is not authorized to alter or amend this Subagreement. Furthermore, the JHU PI's written concurrence shall be required to alter or amend Subrecipient's Statement of Work and/or Budget, followed by a fully executed amendment.

4.2 The Project Director for Subrecipient shall be **Melissa Yunas** ("Subrecipient Project Director"). An authorized official of JHU must approve in writing any proposed change in the Project Director. Should JHU not give its approval, this Subagreement shall be terminated in the manner provided below in Section 14 (Termination).

5. REPORTS AND DELIVERABLES

5.1 Subrecipient shall submit all deliverables, work product and reports as specified in Exhibits A and B to JHU PI.

5.2 Failure by Subrecipient to submit any deliverable, work product, and/or report by its due date shall be considered just cause for JHU to withhold any payment until such deliverable, work product and/or report is received and accepted by JHU. JHU may also terminate this Subagreement in accordance with Section 14 (Termination), should Subrecipient fail to timely provide agreed upon deliverables, work product, and/or reports set forth in Exhibits A and B.

6. APPROVALS AND NOTICES

6.1 Subrecipient shall submit all notices and requests for approval, changes and administrative matters to:

Jennifer Hopkins
Johns Hopkins University Research Administration (JHURA)
The Johns Hopkins University
1101 E 33rd Street, C310
Baltimore, Maryland 21218
Phone: 667-208-8793
Email: jentren@jhu.edu

6.2 Subrecipient shall submit all notices and requests for approvals on financial matters to the individual designated in Section 3.5 above.

6.3 Notices regarding changes in the Statement of Work, Deliverable(s), Budget or Project Director,

and programmatic matters, including publication reviews, should be sent to JHU PI:

Francisca Rojas
Center for Government Excellence and Public Innovation (GovEx)
The Johns Hopkins University
711 W. 40th St., Suite 400
Baltimore, MD 21211
Email: franrojas@jhu.edu

With a copy to the contact provided in Section 3.5 for changes to the Budget, Statement of Work, and/or Project Director.

- 6.4 Subrecipient's authorized official for receiving notices of alterations or amendments to this Subagreement shall be:

Melissa Yunas
City of Port St. Lucie
121 SW Port St Lucie Blvd Building A
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984
Email: Myunas@cityofpsl.com

7. PUBLICITY AND USE OF NAME

- 7.1 Neither party shall use directly or by implication the names of the other party, nor any of the other party's affiliates or contractors, nor any abbreviations thereof, or of any staff member, faculty member, student, or employee of the other party in connection with any products, publicity, promotion, financing, advertising, or other public disclosure without the prior written permission of the other party. All requests for JHU approval shall be forwarded to the Office of Communications, <http://hub.jhu.edu/media/contact/>, with a copy to the JHU PI.
- 7.2 Subrecipient shall provide JHU a copy of any proposed Media Release or Donor Acknowledgment, each as defined below, for the purposes of obtaining the approval of Sponsor with respect to the content, timing and means of distribution of any such Media Release or Donor Acknowledgment prior to its distribution. Additionally, at Sponsor's and Prime Sponsor's request, Subrecipient shall reference Prime Sponsor in all Donor Acknowledgments. To the extent that Subrecipient provides Media Releases and/or Donor Acknowledgments to JHU for Sponsor approval, Subrecipient represents that it owns or otherwise has obtained all rights necessary to use, reproduce, publicly perform and distribute (including the right to sublicense) all works contained or used in the Media Releases and/or Donor Acknowledgments. For purposes of this Subagreement, "Media Release" shall mean any publication, advertising, speech, lecture, interview, press release, internet web page or other media venue of any kind that makes reference to the Prime Award or Project and "Donor Acknowledgments" shall mean each of its donor acknowledgements (print and digital) related to the Project, Subrecipient's other projects supported by Prime Sponsor and all other crediting of Subrecipient's organizational support. The parties intend that no such recognition constitutes, directly or indirectly, a more than incidental benefit.

8. PUBLICATIONS

- 8.1 Each party shall have the right to publish and disseminate information derived from the performance of work under this Subagreement.
- 8.2 Qualification for authorship shall be in keeping with generally accepted criteria. The order of authorship shall be a joint decision of the co-authors in any co-authored publication. Each author shall have participated sufficiently in the work to take public responsibility for the content.
- 8.3 Subrecipient shall provide JHU PI with a copy of any proposed publication for review and comment at least thirty (30) days prior to submission.
- 8.4 Publications shall carry appropriate acknowledgment of funding support by a statement such as the following:

“This publication (journal article, etc.) was supported by a Subagreement from The Johns Hopkins University with funds provided by a grant from the Bloomberg Philanthropies. Its contents are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official views of The Johns Hopkins University or the Bloomberg Philanthropies.”

9. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 9.1 “Confidential Information” shall mean information designated as confidential under Florida law for the purposes of public record disclosure. Confidential Information, if in tangible or readable form, shall be marked as such at the time of disclosure and if disclosed orally, shall be reduced to writing, marked confidential, and addressed to the other party within ten (10) days after disclosure.
- 9.2 Each party shall have the right to refuse to accept any Confidential Information proffered to it by the other party. If necessary, the parties will exchange Confidential Information only under the provisions set forth herein. The party who receives Confidential Information (the “Receiving Party”) shall (i) hold the Confidential Information in confidence using the same care it affords its own confidential information of a similar nature, but not less than a reasonable degree of care; (ii) use the Confidential Information only for the performance of this Agreement; and (iii) restrict disclosure of the Confidential Information to employees whose duties justify the need to know the Confidential Information in furtherance of the performance of this Agreement and who are advised as to the confidential nature of the information and required to comply with the provisions of this Agreement. The Receiving Party shall not provide any third parties with access to the Confidential Information unless such third party has agreed to be bound by confidentiality and non-disclosure obligations in a form of an agreement reasonably acceptable to the party disclosing the Confidential Information (the “Disclosing Party”).
- 9.3 Confidential Information shall not include any information disclosed to the Receiving Party that the Receiving Party can demonstrate (i) was previously in its possession, as shown by its pre-

existing records, without violation of any obligation of confidentiality; (ii) was received from a third party without violation of any obligation of confidentiality; (iii) was publicly known and made generally available prior to such disclosure; (iv) becomes publicly known or made generally available at a later date, through no fault of the Receiving Party, and only then after such later date; or (v) was independently developed without use of or reliance upon any Confidential Information by the Receiving Party, its employees, or consultants.

- 9.4 If the Receiving Party is required to disclose Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party by order of a court of competent jurisdiction, administrative agency or governmental body, or by subpoena, summons, or other legal process, the Receiving Party shall give the Disclosing Party prompt written notice of such requirement so that the Disclosing Party may seek a protective order or take other appropriate action, cooperate reasonably with Disclosing Party in connection with Disclosing Party's efforts to seek such relief, and thereafter to disclose only the minimum information required to be disclosed in order to comply.
- 9.5 Upon termination of this Subagreement or the Disclosing Party's request, Confidential Information shall be promptly returned to the Disclosing Party or destroyed, at the Disclosing Party's option, with such destruction confirmed in writing. The Receiving Party may retain one archival copy of such Confidential Information for purposes of fulfilling its obligations under this Subagreement and/or under the Prime Award, as applicable.
- 9.6 The obligations of confidentiality under this **Section 9** shall continue for a period of three (3) years following conclusion or early termination of this Subagreement.
- 9.7 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in the Agreement, JHU acknowledges Subrecipient's duties under Article 1, Section 24, Florida Constitution, and Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (2026), to provide public access to Subrecipient's records and to hold them open for personal inspection and copying by any person. JHU acknowledges that the parties are required to comply with Article 1, Section 24, Florida Constitution, and Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, with regard to the Agreement and JHU affirms that said laws supersede any contrary or inconsistent terms of the Agreement. As such, notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in the Agreement, the definitions of "Confidential" and/or "Proprietary" information, the Parties' abilities and obligations to disclose same, the methods for such disclosure, and the remedies, if any regarding same, shall be determined solely according to Article 1, Section 24, Florida Constitution and Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, as those laws may be amended from time to time. Accordingly, the Subrecipient may release documents if, in its sole discretion, City determines such release is required by law.
- 9.8 To the extent applicable, JHU shall comply with Florida's Public Records Law, and as may be amended from time to time.

10. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

10.1 Inventions and Patents.

- 10.1.1 Subrecipient understands and acknowledges that JHU, through its employees, has knowledge, experience and expertise, which has been acquired over a substantial number of years prior to entering into this Subagreement ("JHU Background Intellectual Property"). JHU

shall retain all rights to such JHU Background Intellectual Property. Nothing in this Subagreement shall confer any right to Subrecipient to acquire by assignment or license, exclusive ownership or use of JHU Background Intellectual Property.

10.1.2 Subrecipient shall (i) retain title to any Inventions first conceived or actually reduced to practice in the performance of the work funded by this Subagreement solely by its faculty member(s) and/or employee(s) and/or student(s), provided, however, Subrecipient shall promptly notify the JHU Principal Investigator in writing of any such Inventions and Subrecipient hereby grants to JHU a non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual license, to all of Subrecipient's rights in all media, now known or hereafter developed, to reproduce, distribute, publicly display, perform and create derivative works from all works developed by the Subrecipient as part of the Subagreement.

10.1.3 JHU shall retain ownership of any Inventions first conceived or actually reduced to practice in the performance of the work funded by this Subagreement solely by a JHU faculty member(s) and/or employee(s) and/or student(s).

10.1.4 Subrecipient and JHU shall be joint owners of any Inventions first conceived or actually reduced to practice in the performance of the work funded by this Subagreement jointly by faculty member(s) and/or employee(s) and/or student(s) of Subrecipient and JHU. For any jointly owned Inventions, JHU shall have the opportunity to preview and comment on all documents of record used in filing, prosecuting, and maintaining of any patent application and to participate in the selection of the patent attorney.

10.2 Copyrights.

10.2.1 Disposition of any copyrights or any copyrightable material created by Subrecipient in performance of the Statement of Work will be determined by the policy of the Subrecipient, subject to this **Section 10.2.**

10.2.2 Subrecipient shall provide copies of all copyrighted or copyrightable materials to the JHU PI. Subrecipient hereby grants to JHU an irrevocable, royalty-free, non-exclusive, worldwide right and perpetual license to all of Subrecipient's rights, in all media now known or hereafter developed, to distribute, use, copy, reproduce, create derivative works from, display, publish, perform, publicly display and sublicense any copyrights or copyrighted material (including any computer software and its documentation and/or databases) developed under this Subagreement for the purpose of education and research and/or to the extent required to meet JHU's obligations under its Prime Award.

10.3 Data. Subrecipient will own the data it generates under this Subagreement. Subrecipient hereby grants to JHU the right to receive copies of such data and to use such data for the purpose of education and research and/or to the extent required to meet JHU's obligations under its Prime Award.

11. **EQUIPMENT**

No Equipment shall be purchased using funds awarded under this Subagreement.

12. **CHANGES**

12.1 Funds awarded under this Award may only be used for the Project.

12.2 Subrecipient agrees to provide JHU with sufficient justification and supporting materials to support any requested change. All requests for approval required by this Section shall be submitted to the persons cited in Sections 3.5 and 6.1. Subrecipient may not issue any subawards under this Subagreement without the express prior written consent of JHU. Should lower tier subawards be approved by JHU, Subrecipient is solely responsible to comply with all of its obligations under this Subagreement and to ensure that the agreement to a lower tier subrecipient reflects all the requirements of this Subagreement and applicable law, the Prime Award, and any document referenced in any of these sources, as well as all other provisions necessary or prudent to effectuate such requirements and otherwise exercise appropriate monitoring of its lower tier subrecipients.

13. INSPECTION AND AUDIT

13.1 JHU, Sponsor and Prime Sponsor, or their assignee(s), reserve the right to inspect, upon reasonable advance notice and during normal business hours (except in the case of an emergency), Subrecipient's physical facilities, all aspects of the Statement of Work undertaken under this Subagreement, and all books, records, receipts, accounts, and other documentation of any kind pertaining to the Subagreement. Subrecipient agrees to provide copies of any and all such books, records, receipts, accounts, or other documentation to JHU, Sponsor or Prime Sponsor, or their assignee(s), in a timely fashion as reasonably requested by JHU, Sponsor or Prime Sponsor, or their assignee(s).

13.2 Subrecipient will keep all usual and proper records and books of accounts in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) relating to performance of the Statement of Work for a minimum period of three (3) years after the date of receipt of the final payment. During this period, JHU or an authorized representative shall have the right to audit, at its own expense, all books, receipts, accounts, records, and other documentation of funds received and costs and commitments incurred under this Subagreement. If an audit reveals a material discrepancy or error in reporting, Subrecipient will reimburse JHU upon request for the costs and expenses associated with such audit and will repay the unallowable costs.

14. TERMINATION

This Subagreement may be terminated by either party at any time upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party; however, JHU may terminate on less than thirty (30) days' notice in the event such termination occurs pursuant to a notice of termination from the Sponsor to JHU. Upon such notification, Subrecipient shall proceed in an orderly fashion to limit or terminate any outstanding commitments, and to conclude the Project. Subrecipient shall submit a final financial report and/or progress report (if applicable) to JHU within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of termination. In the event that the Subagreement is terminated as a result of a breach by Subrecipient, non-cancellable expenses incurred by the Subrecipient in relation to the Project may be allowable, but only up to the date that Subrecipient receives the notice of the breach. If the Subagreement is terminated for any other reason, non-cancelable expenses incurred by the Subrecipient in relation to the Project through the date of termination may be allowable.

15. LIABILITIES AND LOSS

Subrecipient agrees to indemnify, protect, defend, and hold JHU, Sponsor, Prime Sponsor, their affiliates and related companies, and the employees, agents, officers, managers and directors of each (“Indemnified Parties”), harmless from and against any losses, costs, damages, claims or expenses, including reasonable attorneys’ fees, arising out of or resulting from (i) Subrecipient’s breach of this Subagreement, (ii) the negligence or willful misconduct of Subrecipient or any of its agents, subrecipients, contractors, sub-contractors or employees, and (iii) performance of the Project, or which otherwise arise by, through or under Subrecipient. Subrecipient agrees that any activities by JHU, Sponsor or Prime Sponsor in connection with the Project, such as its review or proposal of suggested modifications to the Project, will not modify or waive the Indemnified Party’s rights under this Section 14. Subrecipient’s obligations are limited to the extent permitted or precluded under applicable laws, including state governmental immunity acts or state constitution. Nothing in this Subagreement will constitute an express or implied waiver of Subrecipient’s governmental or sovereign immunities, if any.

16. INSURANCE

Subrecipient represents that it carries sufficient insurance coverage to comply with the requirements of federal, state and local laws as well as its obligations under this Subagreement.

17. HUMAN SUBJECTS/ANIMAL RESEARCH COMPLIANCE

- 17.1 Protection of Human Subjects. Subrecipient agrees that no research involving the use of human subjects will be conducted under this Subagreement.
- 17.2 Vertebrate Animals. Subrecipient agrees that no research involving the use of vertebrate animals will be conducted under this Subagreement.

18. EXPORT CONTROLS

- 18.1 Each party to this Subagreement assumes responsibility for determining whether its performance is subject to, and in compliance with, U.S. export control and sanction program laws and regulations (“U.S. Export Controls”), including but not limited to the Export Administration Regulations (Department of Commerce), the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (Department of State), and the sanctions programs embodied in regulations administered by the Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). Each party shall be responsible for obtaining and/or invoking for its own organization any authorization needed from a cognizant, government authority, in order to ensure its performance under this Subagreement, including export/re-export or import licenses and exemptions/exceptions. The parties shall cooperate to promote one another’s compliance with U.S. Export Controls, but any such cooperation, including notice, advice or other assistance, shall not be relied upon as one party’s assumption of any portion of another party’s independent legal responsibility to comply.
- 18.2 In the spirit of such cooperation, JHU anticipates that fulfillment of this Subagreement will not require Subrecipient to receive Controlled Items from JHU. In the context of this Subagreement,

Controlled Items are tangible or intangible items (e.g., commodities or technology) that are listed within U.S. Export Controls, such as the dual-use items found on the Commerce Control List (see 15 CFR 774), or the defense articles found on the U.S. Munitions List (see 22 CFR 121).

- 18.3 JHU further anticipates that fulfillment of this Subagreement will not require Subrecipient to enter into transactions or other activities that invoke one or more U.S. sanctions programs or embargoes. JHU and Subrecipient shall independently assume full responsibility for their own release of Controlled Items to, or controlled transactions with, a foreign country or its citizens.
- 18.4 If either party discovers that it cannot reasonably ensure its lawful performance of activities involving Controlled Items or sanctions programs or embargoes, whether anticipated or unanticipated, where such activities are required in order to fulfill its obligations under this Subagreement, then the parties will make a good-faith effort to contemplate feasible, alternative activities. If the parties cannot mutually agree upon such alternative activities, and if that renders either or both parties unable to fulfill their respective obligations under this Subagreement, then the Subagreement may be terminated or amended as covered by Section 14.

19. ANTI-TERRORIST COMPLIANCE

- 19.1 Subrecipient is reminded that U.S. Executive Orders and U.S. law prohibits transactions with, and the provision of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. It is the legal responsibility of the Subrecipient to ensure compliance with these Executive Orders and laws.
- 19.2 Subrecipient hereby agrees that all funds, including Subawards to lower-tier Subrecipients, will be used in compliance with all applicable United States anti-terrorist financing and asset control laws, regulations, rules and executive orders.
- 19.3 This provision must be included in all subagreements issued under this Subagreement.

20. DISPUTES

Every effort shall be made to resolve any disputes arising in connection with this Subagreement in an amicable and informal manner. Failing to reach resolution, any dispute shall be finally settled under the Rules of Conciliation and Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce by one arbitrator, appointed in accordance with said Rules. Any and all hearings shall be conducted in the English language at a location mutually agreed upon by the parties. Judgment upon the award rendered may be entered into any court having jurisdiction.

21. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party will be responsible or liable to the other party for non-performance or delay in performance of any terms or conditions of this Subagreement due to acts or occurrences beyond the control of the nonperforming or delayed party, including, but not limited to, acts of

God, acts of government, terrorism, wars, riots, strikes or other labor disputes, shortages of labor or materials, fires, and floods, provided the nonperforming or delayed party provides to the other party written notice of the existence of and the reason for such nonperformance or delay, and shall work diligently to mitigate its effects and make best efforts to resume performance as soon as practicable.

22. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

Any inconsistency in this Subagreement shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- 22.1 The Subagreement;
- 22.2 Exhibit A, Statement of Work
- 22.3 Other documents, exhibits, and attachments.

23. ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS

- 23.1 General. Subrecipient represents and certifies that it has filed and will maintain all assurances or other documentation with the appropriate government agencies to the extent such assurances and documentation are required.
- 23.2 Debarment. Subrecipient certifies that neither Subrecipient nor any of its officers, employees, or agents performing any service under this Subagreement (including the Project Director) are presently or proposed to be debarred, suspended, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, under investigation for a crime or otherwise engaged in conduct for which a person can be debarred by any federal agency, and Subrecipient will immediately notify JHU upon any inquiry concerning commencement of any such proceeding concerning Subrecipient or such person referred to in this subparagraph.
- 23.3 Prohibited Uses. Subrecipient represents and warrants that it shall not use any part of the Subagreement funds or the income therefrom for any of the following purposes: (1) to fulfill any existing legally binding pledge of the Sponsor or Prime Sponsor or any other advisor to the account; (2) to provide any private benefit to the Prime Sponsor or any other advisor to the account, any family member thereof, any other person described in Section 4958(f)(7) of the Code with respect to the account, or to any individual who is not an appropriate beneficiary of the Subrecipient's charitable programs; (3) for lobbying, political contributions or to support political campaigns; or (4) for any other purpose other than one specified in Section 170(c)(2)(B) of the internal revenue Code. Subrecipient further represents and warrants that it does not and will not knowingly provide financial support or other resources to any individual or entity to further unlawful acts including acts of violence or terrorism, and Subrecipient is in compliance with all laws, statutes, and regulations restricting U.S. persons from dealing with any individuals, entities, groups, or countries subject to Office of Foreign Assets Control sanctions. Subrecipient will not provide any tax substantiation letter to JHU, Sponsor or Prime Sponsor or any other advisor to the account in connection with this Subagreement.
- 23.4 Equal Opportunity. Prime Sponsor gives high priority to the realization of equality of opportunity

for all members of society. Prime Sponsor works to implement this policy in a variety of ways, internationally as well as in the United States, with due respect for the great diversity of situations in different countries and cultural contexts. Accordingly, it is Prime Sponsor's and Sponsor's expectation that Subrecipient will take appropriate steps to ensure equal employment opportunities to the fullest extent allowable under applicable law and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, protected veteran status, status as a qualified individual with a disability or any other category of protected class or category as defined by any applicable law. Further, Subrecipient represents and warrants that it has established and shall maintain appropriate policies and procedures for training staff and receiving and addressing complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and other forms of workplace misconduct.

- 23.5 Changes. Subrecipient agrees to notify JHU promptly if there is any change of status in any of the above assurances and certifications.

24. RESEARCH MISCONDUCT

- 24.1 Subrecipient must maintain, and effectively communicate to its personnel, written policies and procedures for inquiring into, investigating, and addressing allegations of research misconduct. Research misconduct means the fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing, performing, or reviewing research, or in reporting research results.
- 24.2 If Subrecipient initiates a research misconduct investigation, it must notify JHU's research integrity officer within five (5) business days. Where research misconduct has affected data validity or reliability, JHU may require the Subrecipient and its collaborator authors to submit a correction or retraction of the data to a journal, publish the corrected data, or both. If Subrecipient does not comply with this requirement, JHU may invoke its rights to access the data (including copyrightable material developed under the Subagreement), have the data reviewed, and submit the correction.

25. MISCELLANEOUS

- 25.1 Neither party may assign or transfer this Subagreement, in whole or in part, without the written consent of an authorized representative of the other party. Any attempt to assign without prior written consent is void.
- 25.2 The relationship of the parties is that of independent contractors and they are not agents, employees, partners, or joint venturers of one another. No party has the authority to bind any other party in contract or to incur any debts or obligations on behalf of any other party, and no party (including any employee or other representative of a party with responsibility for program matters) shall take any action that attempts or purports to bind any other party in contract or to incur any debts or obligations on behalf of any other party, without the affected party's authorized representative's prior written approval.
- 25.3 Subrecipient certifies and represents that the Statement of Work shall be performed in a professional and workmanlike manner and that any Deliverable shall be original to Subrecipient

and will not infringe on any copyright held by any third party.

- 25.4 The Section headings appearing in this Subagreement have been inserted for the purpose of convenience and ready reference. They do not purport to, and shall not be deemed to, define, limit or extend the scope of intent of the Section to which they appertain.
- 25.5 If any provision of this Subagreement or any provision of any document incorporated by reference shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Subagreement which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Subagreement are declared to be severable.
- 25.6 No waiver of any term or provision of this Subagreement whether by conduct or otherwise in any one or more instances shall be deemed to be, or construed as, a further or continuing waiver of any such term or provision, or of any other term or provision, of this Subagreement.
- 25.7 This Subagreement and Exhibits contain the entire agreement between the parties, and no statements, promises, or inducements made by either party or agent of either party that are not contained in this written Subagreement shall be valid or binding; and this Subagreement may not be enlarged, modified, or altered except in writing signed by an authorized representative of the parties
- 25.8 This Subagreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which, taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

26. TAX STATUS

Subrecipient shall notify JHU within five (5) business days after learning of a change in the Subrecipient's tax status.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

Please indicate acceptance of this Subagreement by having a duly authorized official sign this document.

ACCEPTED FOR:

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

Jennifer Hopkins
Assistant Director
JHU Research Administration (JHURA)


Name:
Title:

DATE: _____

Date: _____

Attached Exhibits

- Exhibit A – Statement of Work
- Exhibit B – Milestone Payment Schedule
- Exhibit C – Sample Fixed Price Invoice



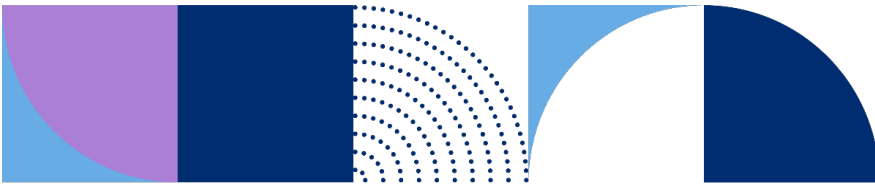
Love Your Block

Statement of Work

Overview

The primary purpose of this project is the design and implementation of Love Your Block, an impact volunteering grant program supporting volunteer-fueled projects that address local public problems. This grant program focuses on supporting cities to partner with community groups and activate resident volunteers to repair, remediate, and address blight in their neighborhoods.

The cash award of \$60,000 for 1 year supplemental staff efforts in accordance with this Agreement. The funding recognizes the City's commitment to engage volunteers in blight prevention and/or remediation activities such as housing repair and vacant lot transformation to revitalize low-income neighborhoods. The City and City Lead (as hereinafter defined) shall work fully and cooperatively with the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation (BCPI) and its strategic partners to achieve the goals of the Program.



Love Your Block 2.5 Milestone Payment Schedule

Prepared December 2025

Period of Performance

The period of performance is November 1, 2025-October 31, 2026.

Payment Schedule

JHU will provide the City with \$60,000 in Grant Funds. Grant Funds will be disbursed in one payment, as follows:

Payment 1	\$60,000	Upon execution of agreement
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**Exhibit C
Sample Fixed Price Invoice**

Subrecipient shall submit invoices, stated in U.S. dollars, to JHU in accordance with this sample invoice. All invoices must: (i) be sequentially numbered; (ii) indicate the date(s) of performance by the Subrecipient; (iii) state the JHU Purchase Order number, the title of the project, and the name of the JHU Principal Investigator; and (iv) include the Subrecipient's certification that the invoice is just and correct, and that payment for this work has not yet been received; and (v) upon submission of final invoice, state specifically that all of Subrecipient's work for this project has been successfully completed.

Johns Hopkins University

Remit payment to:

Subrecipient: _____	Bank Name: _____	Foreign only
Subrecipient Address 1: _____	Bank Address: _____	
Subrecipient Address 2: _____	Routing/ABA #: _____	
Contact Person: _____	Account #: _____	
Contact Person E-mail: _____	SWIFT Code: _____	

JHU's P.I.:	Date of invoice:
Subrecipient's P.I.:	Invoice number:
Purchase Order number:	

Project title:
Current billing period:
Amount due this invoice:

Description of milestone achieved:

Milestone payment due:

Subagreement Value	Funds Received to Date	Current Invoice Total	Total Cumulative Invoiced	Remaining Subagreement Balance

If receipts are in a foreign language, English translation must be attached.

By signing this invoice, I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that it is true, complete, and accurate, and the expenditure are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of this Subaward . I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims or otherwise.

Subrecipient Authorized Signature

Date

JHU Principal Investigator Signature of Approval

Date

With submission of final invoice (90 days after Subagreement termination date), Subrecipient must additionally certify to the following:

“All requirements and deliverables set forth in this Subagreement have been met and Subrecipient’s scope of work has been successfully completed.”

Subrecipient Authorized Signature

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Section 1/7

City	Port St. Lucie
State	Florida
First Name	Kate
Last Name	Parmelee
Your Title	Deputy City Manager for Strategic Initiatives & Innovation
How long you have been in your role?	Over 6 years in a variation of current role, recently promoted to Deputy City Manager.
Your work email	KParmelee@cityofpsl.com
Your work phone number	(772) 281-9986
Your physical mailing address	121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd.
The name and title of your direct supervisor	Jesus Merejo, City Manager
The city's EIN number	59-6141662
Will you lead the proposed project?	No
What is the name and job title of the person who will lead the proposed project?	Carmen Capezzuto, Neighborhood Services Director
How long have they been in their role?	6 years
What is the name and title of their direct supervisor?	Kristina Ciuperger, Deputy City Manager
How involved were they in informing the content of this grant application?	Supervises team that helped write components of the application and participated in interdepartmental calls to finalize project scope.

Section 2/7

1. Please tell us about the public problem the eligible organization hopes to alleviate or solve with the proposed project. Specifically include the scale of the problem, who is impacted, and how. Please provide quantitative and qualitative data to describe the scale of the problem and the impact of this issue.

The City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, has grown from less than 300 people in 1961 to nearly 240,000 in 2023. Many people move to the community because of the hometown feel that still exists, even though Port St. Lucie is the 6th largest city in Florida. According to the City's most recent annual National Community Survey™, residents find Port St. Lucie overall a desirable place to live. However, growth is creating livability challenges in some older neighborhoods. As the City races to keep pace with the needs of new residents, established areas have begun to show signs of blight and deterioration particularly in comparison to the newly constructed areas of western Port St. Lucie.

Exponential growth in new, master planned communities and economic jobs corridors has cast a shadow on already built-out places in Port St. Lucie. These long-settled areas include older housing stock, aging infrastructure, and fewer amenities. A lack of public and private investment in these neighborhoods has created conditions where people felt less connected to where they live. With rising apathy has come blight, which could contribute to increased crime and other social problems.

In 2017, the City launched its Neighborhood Improvement & Community Engagement (NICE) Program to help strengthen the fabric of Port St. Lucie, neighborhood by neighborhood. Planning exercises were conducted across the community to identify resident concerns, discuss issues, and resolve conflicts. The NICE Program is working with residents to improve quality of life, including efforts to prevent litter, enforce codes, and deter crime.

Love Your Block funds will specifically focus on the disadvantaged Whispering Pines neighborhood. This area is located in Census Tracts 3821.15 and 3821.29. Whispering Pines is home to a substantial minority population (63.6% in Census Tract 3821.15 and 45.1% in Census Tract 3821.29), including significant numbers of Black and Hispanic residents. Exactly 17.6% and 28.0% of residents in Census Tracts 3821.15 and 3821.29, respectively, are foreign-born and a language other than English is spoken by 31.8% of the area's population. The U.S. Census Bureau reports a poverty rate of 8.7% in Census Tract 3821.15 and 13.9% in 3821.29, compared to 8.3% across all of Port St. Lucie. The median household incomes in Census Tract 3821.15 is \$48,577, ~42% less than the national level (\$69,021).

Quality of life in the Whispering Pines neighborhood is consistently rated lower by area residents participating in the City's annual National Community Survey™ compared to other areas. Love Your Block funding and support will help Port St. Lucie improve quality of life in one of the older areas of the city. The proposed project will engage community groups and resident volunteers in neighborhood revitalization efforts and boost civic engagement. Mini-grants to area non-profits and other stakeholders will support beautification projects in Whispering Pines.

2. Please describe the eligible organization's commitment to addressing this problem and why it is a priority. Describe how the mayor or city chief executive has prioritized this problem. If relevant also, describe what has already been done to address this problem.

Revitalization of older neighborhoods like Whispering Pines is a community priority, with strong support from newly reelected Mayor Shannon Martin and the Port St. Lucie City Council. The City's Strategic Plan prioritizes the goals of a Safe, Clean and Beautiful City and Vibrant Neighborhoods along with increased community engagement. Programs and projects that support these goals are prioritized in the City's budget and the work of the City team overseen by City Manager Jesus Merejo.

Prior work on this issue includes the formation of Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful (KPSLB) in 2001 with a focus on the Adopt a Street program and improving quality of life through education, beautification, and litter control. KPSLB has engaged thousands of volunteers in community cleanup activities. Port St. Lucie's NICE Program was initiated by the City Council in 2017 with the creation of the Neighborhood Services Department. The initiative brought together code enforcement tools, housing resources, and other community programs to work collectively to improve neighborhood conditions. The NICE Program has launched neighborhood improvement projects like signage, decorative utility box wraps, street furniture, and small-scale green space improvements. The program's initial investment came from recycling revenues generated by rebates from a waste disposal agreement negotiated by the City. This innovative funding leveraged with other grant dollars has been recognized nationally by Neighborhoods, USA multiple times.

A key component of this multi-pronged approach is the incorporation of resident education and engagement at meetings, trainings, the City University Program, and the popular Neighborhood Socials. The Communications Department and City Manager's Office Strategic Initiatives & Innovation are also focusing on increasing community engagement citywide and in the City's strategic plan through the National Community Survey™ and the nationally-award winning Citizen Summit, recently incorporating Citizen Summit pop up engagement efforts at NICE Neighborhood Socials. The City is collectively working to deepen engagement efforts, dubbed "Citizen Summit 2.0" and "NICE 2.0", and seeks to foster the development of co-creators in the city's residents and expand NICE offerings to include proposed Neighborhood Mini-Grants to area non-profits and other stakeholders in support of beautification projects.

3. Please provide a brief description of your proposed project. In a few sentences, share your project's elevator pitch.

Love Your Block resources will help Port St. Lucie build on the success of its innovative community engagement efforts and its NICE Program, incorporate and strengthen the volunteer mobilization of Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful and deepen community understanding and co-creation. The focus of this new phase will be awarding Neighborhood Mini-Grants to area non-profits and other stakeholders in support of local beautification projects (e.g., art installations, park cleanups, tree plantings, etc.).

Section 3/7

4. How will volunteers be engaged in the project? How many volunteers do you expect to engage? Please describe what activities volunteers will take on and the volunteering frequency.

The City will undertake numerous approaches to engage Whispering Pines neighbors in volunteer project activities, including:

1) Neighborhood Leadership Day - Upon project launch, Port St. Lucie will organize and host a Neighborhood Leadership Day to bring residents together. City officials will co-create project goals with residents and discuss ways to attract youths, seniors, low-income household members, minorities, persons with disabilities, and other stakeholders into the process. This event will invite community leaders to share ideas on how best to engage area non-profits and residents in local revitalization activities. This feedback will lay the foundation of all volunteer recruitment efforts. The City will provide direct outreach and invitation to residents who have participated in City University, attended the Citizen Summit and/or attended NICE neighborhood events that live within the project area.

2) Neighborhood Ambassadors - The project team will identify key community leaders to serve as Whispering Pines Neighborhood Ambassadors. These individuals will directly engage with residents to support Neighborhood Mini-Grant-funded activities. Neighborhood Ambassadors will be responsible for building separate volunteer teams. Approximately 5 Neighborhood Ambassadors will be named for the project to lead 5 volunteer teams.

3) Volunteer Teams - Volunteer teams will be built to help implement projects supported with Neighborhood Mini-Grant dollars. These groups, led by a Neighborhood Ambassador, will include broad representation from within the Whispering Pines community. Approximately 10-12 volunteer team members will participate in the project on each ambassador led team.

Volunteer project activities, supported with mini-grant resources, may include public art installations, park cleanups, tree plantings, crime prevention endeavors, and other revitalization efforts. Neighborhood Mini-Grants will begin to be awarded in late Year 1 of the project period. Approximately 4-5 projects will be supported with Love Your Block funding.

5. How will you recruit volunteers who are from and/or currently live in the impacted communities and who are representative (e.g., gender, race, age, different-ability) of the area of focus?

Port St. Lucie's NICE program includes a network of 4,000+ residents. The project team will conduct outreach with this group of stakeholders to gather interest in community revitalization activities within the Whispering Pines neighborhood. In addition, the City's Communications Department will promote volunteer opportunities to 80,000+ people who have signed up to receive information through regular municipal communication channels (e.g., social media, email, newsletters). Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful will provide outreach to the thousands of residents who have previously participated in community cleanups. Partnering organizations (including CSC...) and other stakeholders will also help to share project volunteer information with their constituencies. Pending grant confirmation, the opportunity will also be announced at the #IAMPSL Citizen Summit scheduled for February 3, 2024 at the Community Center which is expected to attract 1,000 residents. NICE Program staff will recruit residents to participate at the Vibrant Neighborhoods booth.

The project will kick-off with a Neighborhood Leadership Day, to occur within the disadvantaged Whispering Pines area. This event will be organized to share information on the Neighborhood Mini-Grant initiative, as well as gather input on ways to boost volunteer recruitment. Area non-profits will be invited to submit mini-grant applications describing their project proposals and outlining ways that they will encourage residents to participate in their revitalization efforts.

Approximately 5 Neighborhood Ambassadors will be named to lead volunteer recruitment efforts in the Whispering Pines area. These individuals will be responsible for building volunteer teams of 10-12 residents. Neighborhood Ambassadors will ensure broad representation among volunteer team members, including youths, seniors, low-income household members, minorities, persons with disabilities, and other stakeholders.

6. Who will act as the executive sponsor (e.g., chief of staff, deputy mayor, deputy chief of staff) of this project within the mayor's office and ensure the project has executive support?

Kate Parmelee, Deputy City Manager for Strategic Initiatives and Innovation within Port St. Lucie's City Manager's office, will serve as a liaison between municipal department staff, Mayor Shannon Martin, and the City Council. She will provide oversight of project activities and provide direct reports to the Mayor and City Council on Love Your Block activities in coordination with Brandon Dolan, Executive Assistant to Mayor Martin.

7. What role will the mayor or city chief executive play during the design, implementation, and celebration of the project?

Mayor Shannon Martin will help to launch the project at the Neighborhood Leadership Day upon grant award. She will directly engage with area non-profits, residents, and other stakeholders in Neighborhood Mini-Grant application criteria development, volunteer recruitment efforts, local revitalization activities, and celebrations of completed projects. Mayor Martin will also communicate broadly with community members about Love Your Block activities at Town Hall meetings, during monthly coffee talks, and on Port St. Lucie's new podcast .

8. When would the project launch?

Upon grant award, Port St. Lucie will immediately hire a Love Your Block Fellow, recruit an AmeriCorps VISTA member, and begin to plan the proposed Neighborhood Leadership Day. That event will occur 2 months after kick-off. Mini-grant application criteria will be developed within 3 months of the project's start. Revitalization project funding will begin to be distributed to area non-profits and other stakeholders in late Year 1. Volunteer activities will occur during Months 9-24 of the project.

9. Which city departments/agencies will be involved in the project? What will their roles be throughout the project?

City departments leading Love Your Block efforts include:

- Neighborhood Services, NICE Program - The Neighborhood Services Department will serve as the lead agency for neighborhood engagement and project mobilization. The Love Your Block Fellow and AmeriCorps VISTA member will be supervised by the Neighborhood Services team. This department will be responsible for organizing and hosting the Neighborhood Leadership Day, identifying and coordinating Neighborhood Ambassadors, developing the Neighborhood Mini-Grant application criteria, overseeing volunteer recruitment efforts in partnership with Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful, managing local revitalization activities, and celebrating success.

- City Manager's Office, Strategic Initiatives and Innovation - The Strategic Initiatives & Innovation Team will provide project oversight, serve as a liaison between City staff, Mayor Shannon Martin, and the City Council and will assist in developing program metrics and outcomes. The team will also integrate the lessons learned into the citywide innovation program and expanded Citizen Summit 2.0 program to expand innovative community techniques piloted through the Love Your Block program.

- Communications, Engagement Team and Outreach - The City's Communications Department will lead outreach efforts in the community. The Communications team will develop promotional materials and share information through social media, the web site, newsletters, and other messaging tools.

- Parks & Recreation, Special Events and Volunteerism - Parks & Recreation Department staff will cooperate on all activities located at Whispering Pines park. This team will help to coordinate volunteers in park cleanup and development efforts.

- Solid Waste, Keep Port St. Lucie Beautiful (KPSLB) - The Office of Solid Waste staff oversee KPSLB, a subsidiary of Keep America Beautiful that works to engage individuals to take greater responsibility for improving their community environments. KPSLB will also help to engage volunteers and support any public-private partnerships. KPSLB has historic engagement and education through their adopt-a-street and litter eradication programs.

- Human Resources, Volunteerism - Port St. Lucie's Human Resources Department is experienced in coordinating with other municipal agencies on projects involving volunteers. Human Resources staff will ensure that volunteer activities are appropriate and comply with all appropriate regulations. The Human Resources Department will also be involved in recruiting an AmeriCorps VISTA member and hiring a Love Your Block Fellow.

Other Port St. Lucie departments will also participate on an as-needed basis to support special outreach and revitalization activities.

10. Which community partners will be involved in this project? What will their roles be throughout the project? For example: nonprofits, community based organizations, businesses, schools, churches, colleges/universities, hospitals, corporate partners and other interested community partners.

The following community partners have committed to participate in the project:

- St. Lucie County Community Services Department - This St. Lucie County agency provides assistance to residents to improve quality of life through information, resources and services. Department staff will support the Love Your Block project with outreach activities across the region.
 - Boys and Girls Club of St. Lucie County - The Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County is at the forefront of youth development, working with children from disadvantaged economic, social, and family circumstances. This area non-profit will work with the project team to recruit volunteers and participate in neighborhood revitalization activities. The organization will also conduct Mobile Club pop-up programming (e.g., games, crafts, tutoring) within the Whispering Pines neighborhood during organized volunteer events.
 - St. Lucie Public Schools - Children within the Whispering Pines neighborhood attend Allapattah Flats K-8 School, Oak Hammock K-8 School, St. Lucie West K-8 School, West Gate K-8 School, and Treasure Coast High School. St. Lucie County Schools, the district that operates these public primary and secondary schools, will encourage its students to participate in the Love Your Block project and support volunteer recruitment.
 - Healthy St. Lucie - The Healthy St. Lucie coalition, led by the Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County, brings together diverse organizations and individuals to identify solutions for barriers to being healthy. The organization will support project activities that enable Whispering Pines residents to recreate and exercise outdoors.
 - Council of Social Agencies - Representing a group of more than 300 human service providers, the Council of Social Agencies' members provide support to disadvantaged residents in the region. The organization will work with Port St. Lucie to engage low-income and minority populations in Love Your Block activities.
 - Children's Services Council (CSC) of St. Lucie County - The mission of the Children's Services Council and the reason for its existence is to improve the quality of life for all children in St. Lucie County. CSC will help in recruiting volunteers, particularly among low-income and minority populations.
 - Windmill Point One POA, Inc. The property owner association supports Port St. Lucie's Whispering Pines neighborhood beautification project because they would like to make their common ground more appealing, but their funds have not allowed up to support our visions, they would appreciate assistance in making this happen to help boost their communities image in hopes the residents will follow. Windmill Point One POA, Inc. is prepared to serve as a project partner during implementation of the project. This participation will include help in recruiting volunteers, particularly among low-income and minority populations.
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Section 4/7

11. What result(s) do you expect to achieve through Love Your Block? For example: number of volunteers engaged, volunteer hours, community projects completed, pounds of trash removed, square feet of graffiti removed, trees planted, and community partners engaged.

Port St. Lucie will use Love Your Block resources to improve quality of life within the Whispering Pines neighborhood with volunteer-led revitalization projects. Neighborhood Mini-Grants will support area non-profits and other stakeholders who seek to remove blight and improve living conditions in the disadvantaged area. Projects may include public art installations, park cleanups, tree plantings, crime prevention endeavors, and other revitalization efforts. Approximately 4-5 projects will be supported with Love Your Block funding.

Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation investment will also produce the following results:

- Improved civic engagement - The project will involve opportunities for volunteers to support local revitalization efforts. Approximately 5 Neighborhood Ambassadors will be identified to recruit and manage residents for Neighborhood Mini-Grant-funded efforts. Volunteer teams (approximately 50-60 total members) will implement projects supported with Love Your Block dollars. An estimated 1,000-1,200 volunteer hours will be dedicated to improving the Whispering Pines neighborhood.
 - Increased neighborhood pride - Removing blight and addressing neighborhood neglect will help to build a sense of pride among Whispering Pines residents.
 - Raised NICE and City Program awareness - The project will help to raise awareness of broader NICE and City Program activities and the development of committed volunteers to advance these efforts moving forward.
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12. How will you measure the impact of Love Your Block? Please identify up to five (5) measures the mayor and other key executives (e.g., council members, chief of staff, etc.), as well as engaged residents and community partners will receive to show the impact of the project on the stated public challenge.

The main measures that will show the Love Your Block project's impact are:

- Number of Neighborhood Mini-Grant applications - A process will be developed for area non-profits and other stakeholders to apply for Love Your Block funding in support of Whispering Pines revitalization projects. Port St. Lucie will measure how many applicants pursue mini-grant funding.
 - Volunteer participation - The project is intended to grow civic engagement in the Whispering Pines neighborhood. Residents will have opportunities to serve as Neighborhood Ambassadors or participate in volunteer teams. Volunteer activities may include public art installations, park cleanups, tree plantings, crime prevention endeavors, and other revitalization efforts. The City will measure the number of people who volunteer, as well as count the total number of volunteer hours.
 - Increased resident satisfaction - Every year, Port St. Lucie questions residents through the City's National Community Survey™ on issues related to "Neighborliness," "Quality of Life," and "Opportunities for Engagement." Following grant award, the National Community Survey™ will measure improved resident attitudes in the Whispering Pines neighborhood and that area of the city, and pre-and post-surveys will be conducted with neighborhood volunteers in the program.
 - Neighborhood crime statistics will be analyzed by the Port St. Lucie Police department and Code Enforcement data will be analyzed to determine program impact.
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13. How will you track metrics for the project (e.g., dashboard, bi-weekly status meeting, etc.)? You may provide examples of how the city has tracked similar project-related metrics.

Port St. Lucie uses the online National Community Survey™ system to get a representative picture of residents' needs and perspectives. This survey tool, developed by the National Research Center at Polco, helps the City to effectively engage residents, measure performance, and make evidence-based decisions. The National Community Survey™ is the gold standard in community assessments.

Project metrics will be tracked internally as well as published for public consumption. Residents will be able to follow project progress on the City's web site and in the City Manager's bi-weekly report. Metrics will also be published on the City's online dashboard for the City's Strategic Plan (<https://www.cityofpsl.com/government/mayor-city-council/strategic-plan>) under Goal 2: Vibrant Neighborhoods (<https://dashboards.mysidewalk.com/2023-port-st-lucie-performance-dashb oard-93226bb4b896/vibrant-neighborhoods>).

Lastly, the NICE Program recently developed a "Neighborhood Resources Guide" (<https://joom.ag/VbCd>) about organizing within neighborhoods as a complement to the "City's New Resident Welcome Guide" (<https://www.cityofpsl.com/residents/welcome-guide>). A part of the project will involve the Love Your Block Fellow and AmeriCorps VISTA member updating these publications and setting up a system for two-way communication between neighborhood groups/leaders and the City.

Examples of how Port St. Lucie has tracked similar project-related metrics include:

The City has tracked a few similar projects through various programs since they were adopted. These include the following:

- City of Port St. Lucie Adopt-a-Street Program tracks volunteers, volunteer groups, and the hours of work they contribute to the program and the amount of litter collected by the volunteers.

<https://www.cityofpsl.com/government/departments/public-works/keep-port-st-lucie-beautiful/adopt-a-street>

- City of Port St. Lucie's NICE Program tracks attendees of various outreach and educational programs including NICE socials meetings, trainings, as well as any feedback they contribute to surveys or project public information initiatives. The NICE Program also manages and tracks attendance to the City University educational program. The N.I.C.E. Program also solicits and manages a specific email list separate from the City's main email network with residents' information that are specifically interested in furthering the initiatives of the N.I.C.E. Program. Attendees of the N.I.C.E. Program's activities and City University are particularly interested in neighborhood volunteer activities.

- The City of Port St. Lucie's Human Resources Department tracks all volunteers that are hired by the City in posted volunteer positions. They also track all of the hours they contribute to their volunteer position, the department and role. Those results are also reported to the Florida Benchmarking Consortium (FBC). The City tracks attendance at events and

various survey responses.

14. How often does the eligible organization collect demographic data? Who is tasked with this data collection?

The City's Strategic Initiatives & Innovation Team and Planning and Zoning Department collects demographic data on an annual basis. The City's Neighborhood Services Department collects demographic information within the community on an as needed basis. This data helps to determine eligibility for specific individual grants either for individual household assistance or small business assistance. The two main grant programs that the City employs for programs of this nature are the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and the State's Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program. The City's Neighborhood Services Department has also collected specific demographic data for other grants that have been awarded that required income qualification during specific eras as a result of certain legislation for example the Neighborhood Specialization Program (NSP) and the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) as well as the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

All demographic data is managed securely in collaboration with the City's Information Technology Team and in accordance with Florida Public Records standards.

15. What demographic data does the eligible organization collect, and how is that information used?

The demographic data collected for certain grant programs (reference in question 14) are primarily collected for income qualification. Data is also used to determine eligibility for grant programs based on organizational rules and regulations as well as rules and regulations set out by State and Federal legislation as well as parameters established by the specific grant program. Demographic data is collected in conjunction with outreach activities to provide the City Council data on the diverse needs of residents. Demographic data is also used to design programs to better meet resident needs, improve accessibility and equity.

16. Please describe how the eligible organization has made grants to community partners and residents in the past. If the eligible organization has not provided such grants, please describe how you will implement such a process and what, if any, support you will need to do so, including partnering with a city agency, nonprofit, or university.

The Community Programs Division of the Neighborhood Services Department has a long history of success managing grant programs, including:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program - The City receives annual formula funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. CDBG resources are shared with area non-profits and other stakeholders to support improvements in disadvantaged neighborhoods. Port St. Lucie has administered this funding for approximately 30 years.
- State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program - For 3 decades, the City has received and distributed SHIP funding to people who need financial assistance staying in their homes safely.
- Down Payment Assistance - Port St. Lucie has effectively implemented a grant program that helps economically-distressed homebuyers purchase a house.
- Home Repair and Rehabilitation Assistance - Much of the City's housing stock was built in the 80s and 90s. With homeownership rates of more than 80% (higher than most places in the country), there is a huge demand among low- and moderate-income homeowners for repair and rehabilitation resources. A year ago, Port St. Lucie launched a Home Repair and Rehabilitation Assistance Program that has received more than 400 applications.

This division, coupled with the City Manager's strong Grants & Advocacy interdepartmental team, will provide the NICE Program robust support for the execution of mini-grants.

17. How will you ensure that residents and community groups with limited or no involvement are made aware of the opportunity to apply for Love Your Block mini-grants? What activities, resources, or workshops do you plan to make available for residents and community groups to support them during the application process?

Community involvement will be integrated into every part of the project. Engagement activities promoting the Neighborhood Mini-Grant opportunity will be tailored to the needs of the Whispering Pines area and will amplify voices that have not been traditionally included in civic activities. The City will dedicate a team led by Port St. Lucie's Neighborhood Services Director (Carmen Capezzuto), Deputy Director (Alex Tasca), NICE Program Manager (Bolivar Gomez), Deputy City Manager for Strategic Initiatives & Innovation (Kate Parmelee), and Communications Director (Sarah Prohaska) to share information about the mini-grants with area residents and community groups in conjunction with the Love Your Block Fellow.

As many residents are not proficient in English (exactly 17.6% and 28.0% of residents in Census Tracts 3821.15 and 3821.29 are foreign-born and a language other than English is spoken by 31.8% of the area's population), all public engagement promoting the Neighborhood Mini-Grants will be multi-lingual to ensure an equitable process. Promotional materials will be available in multiple languages, including Spanish. Project leaders will communicate Love Your Block news through social media, the City web site, newsletters, and other outreach tools.

Upon project launch, Port St. Lucie will organize and host a Neighborhood Leadership Day to bring residents and community groups together. This event, scheduled at a convenient time and location to maximize participation, will share project goals and solicit input on ways to attract Neighborhood Mini-Grant applications from area non-profits and other stakeholders representing youths, seniors, low-income household members, minorities, and persons with disabilities.

The City will also seek to engage with Whispering Pines residents through regular code compliance activities. Employees in the field will be well-versed on all Love Your Block happenings and will communicate information to residents they come in contact with.

As evidenced by the attached letters of support, there has already been a strong effort to engage with local and regional stakeholders.

18. Please describe the eligible organization's practices and considerations around diversity and inclusion when making grants to community partners or residents. What top lessons learned will you translate or adapt to this grant? If this is a new commitment, describe what best practices and considerations you plan to incorporate. We value learning, so please highlight any shortcomings with your past efforts towards diversity and inclusion that you would improve or address with this project.

According to the Othering and Belonging Institute in Berkeley, California, Port St. Lucie is one of the 2 most integrated cities in America. The Mayor and City Council have adopted numerous equity policies and programs to become a city for all people as "The Heart of the Treasure Coast." The proposed project aligns with the diversity goals of these initiatives, including:

- City's Forum on Race Relations & Inclusion - In 2016, in response to acts of violence in the United States stemming from racial tension, terrorism, hate and a lack of understanding, the City of Port St. Lucie began an ongoing community conversation - creating PSL's Forum on Race Relations and Inclusion. The proposed Neighborhood Mini-Grants will help to support the principles of this initiative.
- NICE Program - Launched in 2017, the NICE Program is working neighborhood by neighborhood to improve local quality of life. Planning exercises have already been conducted across the community to identify resident concerns, discuss issues, and resolve conflicts. Love Your Block activities will support NICE Program efforts to prevent litter, enforce codes, and deter crime.

The work of the Forum on Race Relations & Inclusion and NICE Program will serve as a backdrop for making sure that all residents and local partners are heard and their input incorporated into the project planning process.

Partnerships with local non-profits such as the 300+ Council on Social Agencies group, the Chamber of Commerce, and the local Small Business Development Council will also be key as well. In the last few years, the City has embarked on funding various projects with federal pandemic relief funds like small business grants in distressed Census Tracts, a Mobile Club with the local Boys and Girls Club of St. Lucie County, and COVID-19 rental and eviction assistance with the Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council. These programs demonstrate the focus that the City has put on making grants to disadvantaged community organizations and individuals.

19. Please describe plans for sustaining the project after the two-year grant period. Indicate any relevant conversations about future funding and partnerships with the eligible organization and community partners such as community foundations, local businesses, or universities.

The project will be sustained by the Neighborhood Services Department's NICE Program and utilized as a model for community engagement. Following the 2-year grant period, Port St. Lucie will seek other financial resources to continue providing Neighborhood Mini-Grants in other disadvantaged areas of the community. The City will seek funding from state, federal, and philanthropic sources to build upon this pilot project, including the local Community Foundation for Martin and St. Lucie Counties, who will be invited to program activities to observe. In addition, insights and methods developed during the program will be integrated into the City's innovation program and outreach efforts through the work of the City's Strategic Initiatives & Innovation Team and Communications Department.

Project partners, including the St. Lucie County Community Services Department, Boys and Girls Club of St. Lucie County, St. Lucie County Public Schools, the Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County, Healthy St. Lucie coalition, and 300+ member Council of Social Agencies, are committed to continuing the work started with Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation funding. This model will allow the City to expand beautification projects across its 35 established neighborhoods. The Love Your Block project will serve as the launching pad for NICE 2.0 and will be continued as the City grows.

20. Please identify staff who will be responsible for this project. Provide their title, full name, the role they will play in the proposed project, and what their other responsibilities are. Explain why this project falls under their purview.

Key Port St. Lucie staff who will support the Love Your Block project include:

- Carmen Capezzuto, Neighborhood Services Director oversees all divisions of the Neighborhood Services Department Carmen will oversee the Neighborhood Services project team in partnership with the collaborating departments.
 - Alex Tasca, Neighborhood Services Deputy Director - Alex Tasca serves as Port St. Lucie's Neighborhood Services Deputy Director. Alex will assist Carmen in leading the team and oversee the design of programs in partnership with Bolivar Gomez.
 - Bolivar Gomez, NICE Program Manager - Bolivar Gomez is an urban planner who manages Port St. Lucie's NICE Program. Bolivar will manage day-to-day project activities and will supervise the Love Your Block Fellow and AmeriCorps Vista member. He will lead efforts to organize and host the Neighborhood Leadership Day, identify and coordinate Neighborhood Ambassadors, develop mini-grant application criteria, recruit volunteers, conduct local revitalization activities, and celebrate success. The Love Your Block work aligns perfectly with his NICE Program duties.
 - Kate Parmelee, Deputy City Manager for Strategic Initiatives & Innovation - Kate provides leadership, oversight, and guidance of Strategic Plan projects. She will provide oversight of project activities and serve as a liaison between municipal department staff, Mayor Shannon Martin, and the City Council. The Love Your Block project aligns with her responsibility to strengthen community partnerships and further the goals of the Mayor and City Council and expand innovative community engagement as the City's Chief Innovation Officer.
 - Sarah Prohaska, Communications Director - As Communications Director for the City, Sarah Prohaska leads all community outreach efforts
 - Sarah will help to develop Love Your Block promotional materials and share project information through social media, the City web site, newsletters, and other messaging tools.
 - Mariana Feldpausch, Director of the Office of Solid Waste - Mariana Feldpausch, in addition to overseeing education and compliance for solid waste, manages the KPSLB program. Mariana Feldpausch will help develop the Love Your Block project and mini-grants and volunteer recruitment and retention efforts.
 - Stephanie Vernot, Community Engagement Manager - Stephanie Vernot assists with communication between residents and the City. In this project, Stephanie will help to promote and co-coordinate the Love Your Block events through an equitable lens.
 - Sabrina McLeod, Grants & Strategic Initiatives Project Manager - Sabrina McLeod will be responsible for measuring performance of the project activities and grant compliance.
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21. Please describe how the eligible organization will recruit, manage, and support the AmeriCorps VISTA member and how the VISTA will support the implementation of the project. Describe how the eligible organization plans to train, support, and deploy the AmeriCorps member. Include the organizational structure, where the AmeriCorps VISTA will be placed in the organization and to whom they will report. Please include in the organizational structure the office of the mayor, city chief executive, and/or department director. Please describe how the VISTA will lead volunteer recruitment and impact volunteering through outreach, marketing campaigns, building a social media presence and other key activities. AmeriCorps VISTA members' time must be used in accordance with the core principles of the VISTA program to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering. Include any information about previous experience the city has had with AmeriCorps VISTA members.

An AmeriCorps VISTA member will be recruited by the City's Human Resources Department. Following the steps outlined in the "Recruiting AmeriCorps Members" manual (<https://books.google.com/books?id=OG8FJ-ftJ-AC>), Port St. Lucie will:

- Develop a position description that provides details on the specific Love Your Block project
- Advertise the position (e.g., MyAmeriCorps, ServiceYear.org, college job boards)
- Identify likely candidates
- Recruit and onboard AmeriCorps VISTA member

The AmeriCorps VISTA member will be housed in the Neighborhood Services Department's Community Programs Division. That individual will be managed by and work side-by-side with the NICE Program Manager (Bolívar Gomez) to implement the Love Your Block project. He/she will be involved in all engagement activities and volunteer opportunities. The AmeriCorps VISTA member will also have the support of the Strategic Initiatives and Innovation team within the City Manager's Office.

Training will be provided by City department staff on effective community outreach and volunteer recruitment.

Roles of the AmeriCorps VISTA member include:

- Outreach & marketing - Working with the City's Communications Director, the AmeriCorps VISTA member will help to develop materials to promote the Love Your Block project. That work will include developing copy, building a social media presence, sharing information through Port St. Lucie's web site, and other messaging.
- National Leadership Day - The AmeriCorps VISTA member will help to organize a Neighborhood Leadership Day that will bring Whispering Pines residents together to launch the project. Area non-profits and residents will be invited to this event. A presentation will be developed to share Love Your Block project goals. The AmeriCorps VISTA member will work to attract youths, seniors, low-income household members, minorities, persons with disabilities, and other stakeholders into the process.
- Mini-grant criteria development - The AmeriCorps VISTA member will support development of a mini-grant application and review criteria.
- Volunteer recruitment - The AmeriCorps VISTA member will work with the project team to identify community leaders to serve as Whispering Pines Neighborhood Ambassadors. Volunteer teams will be built to help implement projects supported with mini-grant dollars. The AmeriCorps VISTA member will support all volunteer recruitment efforts.
- Local revitalization activities - Approximately 4-5 local revitalization projects in the Whispering Pines neighborhood will be supported with mini-grant funding. The AmeriCorps VISTA member will actively work with area non-profits and other stakeholders to prepare revitalization projects for implementation.

See below for the organizational structure of Port St. Lucie:

- City Manager's Office -

<https://www.cityofpsl.com/home/showpublisheddocument/4019/638168095570795237>

- Neighborhood Services Department -

<https://www.cityofpsl.com/home/showpublisheddocument/10771/638307>

22. Please describe how the eligible organization will recruit, manage, and support the Love Your Block Fellow for two years. Please describe how the city plans to recruit, train, support, and deploy the two-year Love Your Block Fellow, including where the Fellow will be placed in the organizational structure, and who will supervise the Fellow.

Likewise, the City's Human Resources Department will be involved in recruiting a Love Your Block Fellow. Port St. Lucie will follow all internal hiring guidelines. A job description will be developed seeking a resident with long-time ties to the Whispering Pines neighborhood. The post will be advertised across the community online and in print. The preferred candidate will have a background of working with community partners to affect change.

Similar to the AmeriCorps VISTA members' place in the organization, the Love Your Block Fellow will work under the NICE Program Manager (Bolívar Gomez). Training will be provided by City department staff on effective community outreach and volunteer recruitment.

The Love Your Block Fellow's job responsibilities will mirror those of the AmeriCorps VISTA member, including:

- Outreach & marketing - Working with the City's Communications Director, the Love Your Block Fellow will help to develop materials to promote the Love Your Block project. That work will include developing copy, building a social media presence, sharing information through Port St. Lucie's web site, and other messaging.
- National Leadership Day - The Love Your Block Fellow will help to organize a Neighborhood Leadership Day that will bring Whispering Pines residents together to launch the project. Area non-profits and residents will be invited to this event. A presentation will be developed to share Love Your Block project goals. The Love Your Block Fellow will work to attract youths, seniors, low-income household members, minorities, persons with disabilities, and other stakeholders into the process.
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Section 7/7

23. Is your city currently a member of the Cities of Service coalition?

Yes

Letters of support from the critical departments/agencies.

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Organizational chart that shows the relationship between the staff responsible for this project to the mayor and senior leadership.

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Neighborhood Services Department

December 4, 2023

Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation
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Re: Support for Port St. Lucie's Love Your Block Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to expressly support the City of Port St. Lucie's application for the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation's Love Your Block program. As a representative of the City of Port St. Lucie Neighborhood Services Department, I am eager to endorse this initiative aimed at enhancing the Whispering Pines neighborhood in our rapidly growing city.

Port St. Lucie aims to combat blight and foster community bonds in the Whispering Pines neighborhood through mini-grants allocated to local non-profits and stakeholders for neighborhood beautification projects. In response to lower neighborhood satisfaction ratings reported by residents in this area, the proposed project is designed to empower community groups and resident volunteers, fostering neighborhood revitalization, and increased civic engagement.

Our department, Neighborhood Services, is dedicated to strengthening community ties and improving the overall quality of life in Port St. Lucie. Through our Neighborhood Improvement and Community Engagement (NICE) program, we address resident concerns, facilitate discussions, and resolve conflicts at the grassroots level. Given our involvement in community housing, Community Development Block Grant administration and accredited code compliance services, we are at the forefront of efforts to revitalize neighborhoods, particularly in areas of lower household incomes.

Neighborhood Services is poised to play a vital role as a project partner during the implementation phase. We are committed to assisting in volunteer recruitment, with a particular focus on engaging individuals for low income and minority populations.

I urge you to give Port St. Lucie's grant application the careful consideration it deserves in what we would hope can become the beginning of many more Love Your Block programs in the future.

Sincerely,

Carmen A. Capezzuto
Director of Neighborhood Services

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December 1, 2023

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Re: Support for Port St. Lucie's Love Your Block Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of St. Lucie Public Schools, I wish to express my full support for the City of Port St. Lucie's application for the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation's Love Your Block grant funding and support. Port St. Lucie seeks to reduce blight and build community connection in the disadvantaged Whispering Pines neighborhood with mini-grants to area non-profits and other stakeholders for neighborhood beautification projects. Quality of life in the Whispering Pines neighborhood is consistently rated lower by area residents participating in the City's annual National Community Survey™ compared to other areas of the city. The proposed project will engage community groups and resident volunteers in neighborhood revitalization efforts and boost civic engagement.

St. Lucie Public Schools supports Port St. Lucie's Whispering Pines neighborhood beautification project because upgrades boost the quality of life and economic development in this neighborhood where many of our students reside.

St. Lucie Public Schools is prepared to serve as a project partner during the implementation of the project. This participation will include help in recruiting volunteers, particularly among low-income and minority populations.

Please give Port St. Lucie's grant application your full consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jon R. Prince".

Dr. Jon R. Prince
Superintendent



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Re: Support for Port St. Lucie’s Love Your Block Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Boy & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County, I wish to express my full support for the City of Port St. Lucie’s application for the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation’s Love Your Block grant funding and support. Port St. Lucie seeks to reduce blight and build community connection in the disadvantaged Whispering Pines neighborhood with mini-grants to area non-profits and other stakeholders for neighborhood beautification projects. Quality of life in the Whispering Pines neighborhood is consistently rated lower by area residents participating in the City’s annual National Community Survey™ compared to other areas of the city. The proposed project will engage community groups and resident volunteers in neighborhood revitalization efforts and boost civic engagement.

The Boy & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County supports Port St. Lucie’s Whispering Pines neighborhood beautification project because the City of Port St. Lucie residents deserve an opportunity to get their neighborhoods revitalized. Investing in low-income areas that are in need of an upgrade, will boost the quality of life and continue economic development.

The Boy & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County is prepared to serve as a project partner during implementation of the project. This participation will include help in recruiting volunteers, particularly among low-income and minority populations.

Please give Port St. Lucie’s grant application your full consideration.

Sincerely,

Will Armstead, MBA
CEO

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:



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December 1, 2023

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Re: Support for Port St. Lucie's Love Your Block Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

Secretary

Deborah Hawley
School Board Member

On behalf of the Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County I wish to express my full support for the City of Port St. Lucie's application for the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation's Love Your Block grant funding and support. Port St. Lucie seeks to reduce blight and build community connection in the disadvantaged Whispering Pines neighborhood with mini-grants to area non-profits and other stakeholders for neighborhood beautification projects. Quality of life in the Whispering Pines neighborhood is consistently rated lower by area residents participating in the City's annual National Community Survey™ compared to other areas of the city. The proposed project will engage community groups and resident volunteers in neighborhood revitalization efforts and boost civic engagement.

Pat Alley

Governor Appointed

Richard Del Toro

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Eric S. Finkel

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The Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County supports the Port St. Lucie's Whispering Pines neighborhood beautification project because we are committed to improving the lives for all children in our community. We work closely with the City of Port St. Lucie and the community to provide needed family resources such as quality childcare, after-school services and family strengthening programs. The Whispering Pines neighborhood beautification project will positively impact the neighborhood and have a lasting effect on its residents.

Carmine Izzo

Governor Appointed

Marilyn Lawless

Governor Appointed

Michael Linn

Circuit Judge

The Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County is prepared to serve as a project partner during implementation of the project. This participation will include help in recruiting volunteers, particularly among low-income and minority populations.

Johnathon Prince

Superintendent of Schools

Please give Port St. Lucie's grant application your full consideration.

Sincerely,

Sean Boyle

Chief Executive Officer



Sean Boyle, CEO

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Re: Support for Port St. Lucie's Love Your Block Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie, I wish to express support for the City of Port St. Lucie's application for the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation's "Love Your Block" grant. Port St. Lucie's commitment to strengthening neighborhoods and engaging residents is well evidenced through its Neighborhood Improvement and Community Engagement (NICE) program. With the support of this grant and community partners, the city will work with the Whispering Pines neighborhood to build community connections and engage volunteers in cleaning up and revitalizing the area.

The city will provide mini-grants to area nonprofits and other stakeholders for neighborhood beautification projects. Quality of life in the Whispering Pines neighborhood is consistently rated lower by area residents participating in the City's annual National Community Survey™ compared to other areas of the city. The proposed project will engage community groups and resident volunteers in neighborhood revitalization efforts and boost civic engagement.

Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie supports Port St. Lucie's Whispering Pines neighborhood beautification project. Programs such as these can have positive impacts on the health of residents by improving quality of life, enhancing economic development, increasing opportunities for safe physical activity, improving access to green spaces, and assisting residents in overcoming social and economic barriers.

Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie is prepared to serve as a project partner during the implementation of the project. This participation will include help in recruiting volunteers, particularly among low-income and minority populations.

Please give Port St. Lucie's grant application your full consideration.

Sincerely,

Clint Sperber, MPA
Administrator

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December 1, 2023

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DISTRICT 1
Vice-Chair

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Re: Support for Port St. Lucie's Love Your Block Grant Application

Larry Leet
DISTRICT 2

To Whom It May Concern:

Linda Bartz
DISTRICT 3

On behalf of the St. Lucie County, I wish to express my support for the City of Port St. Lucie's application for the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation's Love Your Block grant funding and support. Port St. Lucie seeks to reduce blight and build community connection in the disadvantaged Whispering Pines neighborhood with mini-grants to area non-profits and other stakeholders for neighborhood beautification projects. My understanding is the proposed project will engage community groups and resident volunteers in neighborhood revitalization efforts and boost civic engagement.

Jamie Fowler
DISTRICT 4

St. Lucie County is committed to fostering an environment of opportunity, positivity and collaboration and supports Port St. Lucie's Whispering Pines neighborhood beautification project. The project provides investments and upgrades that boost quality of life and economic resilience which strengthens the entire county.

Cathy Townsend
DISTRICT 5
Chair

Please give Port St. Lucie's grant application your full consideration.

Administration

I look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead. I know the County and City team is committed to the highest quality living environment possible.

George Landry
COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

Sincerely,


George Landry
County Administrator

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December 4, 2023

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Re: Support for Port St. Lucie's Love Your Block Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Windmill Point One POA, Inc. I wish to express my full support for the City of Port St. Lucie's application for the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation's Love Your Block grant funding and support. Port St. Lucie seeks to reduce blight and build community connection in the disadvantaged Whispering Pines neighborhood with mini-grants to area non-profits and other stakeholders for neighborhood beautification projects. Quality of life in the Whispering Pines neighborhood is consistently rated lower by area residents participating in the City's annual National Community Survey™ compared to other areas of the city. The proposed project will engage community groups and resident volunteers in neighborhood revitalization efforts and boost civic engagement.

Windmill Point One POA, Inc. supports Port St. Lucie's Whispering Pines neighborhood beautification project because we would like to make our common ground more appealing, but our funds have not allowed up to support our visions, we would definitely appreciate assistance in making this happen to help boost our communities image in hopes the residents will follow.

Windmill Point One POA, Inc. is prepared to serve as a project partner during implementation of the project. This participation will include help in recruiting volunteers, particularly among low-income and minority populations.

Please give Port St. Lucie's grant application your full consideration.

Sincerely,

Lisa Saffioti
President



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