Environmental Review Community Development Block Grant Office of Long-Term Resiliency Sally Hometown Revitalization Program



TO: Wesley Moreno, County Administrator

Escambia County Board of County Commissioners

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Florida Department of Commerce Office of Long-Term Resiliency

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RE: Escambia County BOCC

Resilient Streetscape Improvements Project

Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program

Federal Grant Number: B-21-DZ-12-0001 FloridaCommerce Agreement Number: HS018

On September 6, 2023, Escambia County submitted the Exemption Certification and associated documentation related to the Resilient Streetscape Improvements project. Additional information was requested on September 18, 2023 and received on September 28, 2023.

After reviewing the information, FloridaCommerce confirms compliance requirements of 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 58.34(a) have been met and funding specific to the <u>exempt activities</u> indicated in the Exemption Certification may be expended.

However, the Escambia County's Resilient Streetscape Improvements <u>project</u> does not meet the exemption requirements of 24 CFR 58.34(a) and therefore a higher level of environmental review will be required based on the project's activities or scope of work. Refer to <u>24 CFR 58.35(a)</u> and <u>24 CFR 58.36</u> to determine the level of environmental review necessary for the remaining activities associated with this project.

Note: The environmental review must be submitted to and approved by FloridaCommerce before funds may be committed or expended for the project activities not covered by the Exemption Certification.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Matt Pegram, Environmental Specialist at (850) 921-3280 (<u>Matthew.Pegram@commerce.fl.gov</u>) or Geoff Amison, Environmental Program Manager, at (850) 717-8422 (<u>James.Amison@commerce.fl.gov</u>).