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TO: City of Stuart RE: NPS Fall 2020 Grant Proposals Status

Greetings:

Thank you for submitting your grant proposal entitled "Seminole Street Alley Way Improvements" for funding consideration from the FY2022 Section 319(h) grant administered by the Nonpoint Source Management Program. There are two steps in the selection process, selection by the Department and approval by EPA.

It is with pleasure that I write to inform you that your proposal made it through the first step of the approval process. Your project will be submitted to EPA in September 2021 as part of the Department's Federal FY 2022 Section 319(h) Grant Work Plan. We expect to receive EPA's response and notification of the federal funds by September 2022.

If your project is approved by EPA and the federal funds are received by the state, we will begin the process of executing a cost-reimbursement grant agreement between the Department and your organization (expected to start between September 2022 to January 2023). Please note that grant-funded work cannot begin until the agreement is fully executed, but any eligible non-federal expenditures made for the project can be counted towards the required minimum 40% match starting October 1, 2021.

The 319(h) 2022 grant period will end on **September 30th**, **2026.** All grant funded and match funded work must be completed by that date and invoice sent for cost-reimbursement shortly thereafter.

We encourage you to continue your pursuit of water quality restoration projects and hope that you will consider applying for Federal 319(h) Grant funding and/or State Water-Quality Assistance Grant funding for your future projects. More information on that grant may be found at our website.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (850) 245-2952/ <u>Amanda.Peck@floridadep.gov</u> or Emily Forinash at (850) 245-2944/ <u>Emily.Forinash@floridadep.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Amanda Peck, Administrator Nonpoint Source Management Program