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Bureau of Community Planning and Growth
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FloridaCommerce
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Via Email: CPTAgrants@Commerce.fl.gov

Dear FloridaCommerce:

On behalf of Marion County, I am pleased to express our support for the East Central Florida Regional Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Project, proposed by the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC) for consideration by Florida Commerce.

The Community Planning Technical Assistance (CPTA) grant application includes at least three regional assistance initiatives: one regional research and policy project and two community-based technical assistance projects. The regional research and policy component will address priorities identified by regional planning directors and will produce coordinated research and actionable policy recommendations that promote consistency, implementation, and interjurisdictional collaboration.

In addition, the project will deliver direct implementation-focused planning and technical assistance to a minimum of two local governments within the East Central Florida region. Consistent with the East Central Florida Strategic Regional Policy Plan, the initiative emphasizes tangible deliverables—such as comprehensive plan evaluations, policy and code audits, community visioning and engagement, GIS mapping and analysis, housing and economic development studies, resilience planning, and hazard mitigation support. These efforts are intended to help communities advance priority projects, particularly in jurisdictions with limited staffing or technical capacity, while strengthening regional coordination.

This letter signifies Marion County's support for the ECFRPC's application to Florida Commerce and our commitment to regional collaboration. This support does not obligate the County to participate in a specific project; rather, it reflects our willingness to coordinate with the ECFRPC as opportunities arise.

Sincerely,

Mounir Bouyounes, PE
County Administrator
Marion County