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May 19, 2026

Ms. Ashley Bernal
CLG Coordinator, Town of Belleair
901 Ponce de Leon Boulevard
Belleair, FL 33756

Re: Belleair FY2026 Certified Local Government Evaluation

Dear Ms. Bernal,

The Belleair Certified Local Government (CLG) program was recently evaluated by the Florida Division of Historical Resources. Florida is required to perform evaluations of its Certified Local Governments, per the requirements of the Federal *Historic Preservation Fund Grants Manual, Chapter 9- Certified Local Governments* and the *Florida Certified Local Government Guidelines*. Our review was based on the information contained in annual reports and meeting materials submitted by your local government during the period October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2025.

Based on our evaluation, your Certified Local Government is currently **Not in Good Standing** due to a lack of compliance with the Florida CLG guidelines. Our initial findings are enclosed with a deadline to correct any deficiencies by **November 15, 2026**. Until these items are addressed, your CLG will not be eligible to apply for the federal Historic Preservation Funds apportionment from the National Park Service and administered by the Division, nor will you be eligible for the CLG match waiver for small matching grants in the upcoming grant cycle.

The Certified Local Government program is a local commitment to historic preservation, and Belleair is required to establish a historic preservation review commission composed of professionals and lay members (per section B.2. of the *Florida Certified Local Government Guidelines*). In addition, our office is missing the annual report, agendas, meeting minutes, designation reports, and ordinance changes for the 2022-2023 reporting year (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023). This information is required per section C.2.e. of the *Florida Certified Local Government Guidelines*. Failure to resolve the deficiencies stated above will result in a continuance of Bad Standing until these are remedied. If these deficiencies are not corrected, Belleair faces possible decertification from the CLG program.

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Please feel free to contact Tyler Smith, Certified Local Government Coordinator, at 850-245-6341 or Tyler.Smith@dos.fl.gov if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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Director, Division of Historical Resources and
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures:
Belleair Evaluation Form
Belleair Certified Local Government Agreement
Florida Certified Local Government Guidelines