

**CHARLOTTE HARBOR NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM FUNDING  
AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2017  
BETWEEN MANATEE COUNTY AND  
THE CITY OF PUNTA GORDA  
On behalf of  
The Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program**

**THIS IS AN AGREEMENT** by and between Manatee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (hereinafter "County") whose mailing address is Post Office Box 1000, Bradenton, Florida 34206, and the CITY OF PUNTA GORDA, a municipal government of the State of Florida, (hereinafter "City") whose mailing address is 326 W. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, FL 33950, on behalf of the CHARLOTTE HARBOR NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM (hereinafter "CHNEP"), whose mailing address is 326 W. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, 33950.

**WHEREAS**, the National Estuary Program was established by 33 U.S.C.A., Section 1320, and Charlotte Harbor was subsequently added to the National Estuary Program in July 1995 by Carol Browner, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and

**WHEREAS**, the CHNEP is directed by a Policy Committee consisting of a Deputy Director, Water Protection Division of the U.S. EPA Region 4, the South District Director of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, a member of the Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District, a member of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District, a member of the Department of Community Affairs, a member of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, a member of the Central Florida Regional Planning Council, a member of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, a County representative from each of Lee, Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee, Manatee, Sarasota, and Polk Counties, and representatives of the Cities and Towns of Arcadia, Bartow, Bonita Springs, Cape Coral, Estero, Fort Myers, Fort Myers Beach, North Port, Punta Gorda, Sanibel, Venice, and Winter Have; and

**WHEREAS**, the CHNEP is a quasi-public entity, jointly funded through units of federal, regional, and local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 11, 2000, the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) for Charlotte Harbor was approved by the Policy Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2013, the CCMP Update for Charlotte Harbor was approved by the Policy Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the actions in the CCMP include environmental stewardship, wetlands restoration, community outreach and education activities to enhance fisheries and living resources, recreational management, tracking relevant legislation, letters of support as appropriate to legislators and policy makers, presenting the Legislative Agenda to State and

Federal Legislative Delegations throughout the CHNEP study area, public involvement activities, monitoring and research; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2017, the CHNEP Policy Committee approved the FY 2018 Annual Workplan to complete and implement elements of the CCMP;

**WHEREAS**, the Manatee County Board of County Commissioners has determined that the programs, goals and activities will create a public benefit for the citizens of Manatee County.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Payment:** The County agrees to pay the City \$5,000 for activities specified in the attached CHNEP FY18 Workplan that will benefit Manatee County, and that are performed solely for public purposes, as required by the County’s payment procedures, by July 31, 2018.
2. **Reports:** the Council, on behalf of the CHNEP, shall provide the County with an annual, written report and analysis of work accomplished pursuant to the FY18 Workplan, attached and incorporated herein.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

**ADOPTED IN OPEN SESSION WITH A QUORUM PRESENT AND VOTING THIS**  
**\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2018**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Clerk of the Circuit Court MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF PUNTA GORDA, administering agency for CHARLOTTE HARBOR NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Howard Kunick**, City Manager  
Printed Name

WITNESS:  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Printed Name