

RESOLUTION NO. 22- 77

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR REALLOCATED EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDS UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE REQUIRED ACTION FOR PINELLAS COUNTY TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL ERA2 FUNDS FROM ANY REALLOCATED EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING AWARDS; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN, OR DESIGNEE, TO SIGN AND THE CLERK TO ATTEST APPLICATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, FUNDING ACCEPTANCE AWARDS AND/OR GRANT AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING ADMENDMENTS; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN, OR DESIGNEE, TO SIGN AND THE CLERK TO ATTEST AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING AMENDMENTS, FOR EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION; AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO SIGN AND FILE NECESSARY FORMS, REPORTS, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Congress appropriated \$21,550,000,000 for the delivery of emergency rental assistance, utility assistance, and housing stability services to eligible households experiencing financial hardship during the novel coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Section 3201(a) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2 (March 11, 2021), authorized the U.S. Department of the Treasury (US Treasury) to make payments to certain eligible grantees to be used to provide emergency rental assistance.

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2021, the County Administrator agreed to the US Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA2) Award Terms and Conditions and accepted ERA2 funds totaling \$24,395,835.40; and

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2022, the US Treasury issued reallocation guidance for ERA2 funds not expended by grantees and the intent to reallocate unexpended funds to grantees that met and exceeded the 50% expenditure ratio requirement; and

WHEREAS, in order to be considered for award of reallocated ERA2 funds, the was required to submit a Request for Reallocated Funds to the US Treasury by July 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, given the timeframe required by the US Treasury for submission of the Request for Reallocated Funds, the County Administrator, as Chief Executive Office of the County, approved the submittal of the Request for Reallocated Funds in the amount of \$2,100,000.00 to the US Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the timeframe to provide past acceptance of award terms and conditions and submittal of Request for Reallocated Funds have been short and timeliness of the Chairman or County Administrator's authority to act in this regard is important; and

WHEREAS, the County has an existing contracted vendor for administration of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and it is in the interest of the County to amend the existing agreement or execute a new agreement with the existing vendor for administration of any awarded reallocated ERA2 funding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, in its regular session duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2022, does hereby ratify the County Administrator's approval to submit a request to the US Treasury for Reallocated ERA2 funds under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator may take required action for Pinellas County to receive ERA2 funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman, or designee, be authorized to sign and submit required applications, certifications, funding acceptance awards, or grant agreements, and amendments thereto, pursuant to this grant, for an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that either the Chairman or, pursuant to Section 2-62, Pinellas County Code, the County Administrator, or their designee, be authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest Agreements for administration of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, and amendments thereto, pursuant to these grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Housing and Community Development Department Director, or designee, be authorized to sign and file necessary reports, forms, and other administrative documents related to the administration and operation of the

Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

Commissioner Long offered the foregoing resolution and hereby moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Flowers and upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: Justice, Long, Eggers, Flowers, Gerard, Peters, and Seel.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Michael A. Zas
Office of the County Attorney