

RESOLUTION NO. 19- 48

APPROVAL OF PINELLAS COUNTY'S 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD); AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN, OR DESIGNEE, TO SIGN AND THE CLERK TO ATTEST APPLICATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND HUD GRANT AGREEMENTS; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN, OR DESIGNEE, TO SIGN REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS AND AUTHORITY TO USE GRANT FUNDS; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN, OR DESIGNEE, TO SIGN AND THE CLERK TO ATTEST SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE AND LAND USE RESTRICTION AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING AMENDMENTS; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE HOUSING PROGRAM SECURITY INSTRUMENTS, AGENCY AGREEMENTS AND LAND USE RESTRICTION AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING AMENDMENTS; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PLANNING DIRECTOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO SERVE AS LOCAL ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE HUD ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW ONLINE SYSTEM; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO SIGN AND FILE NECESSARY FORMS, REPORTS, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON NEEDS AND PERFORMANCE IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2020 TO INITIATE THE 2020-2021 ACTION PLAN PROCESS.

WHEREAS, affordable housing and community development activities are an area of need in Pinellas County and are established program objectives of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County's long term community development goal is to develop livable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income, and to aid in the prevention and elimination of slum and blight; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program, and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program provide local governments with flexible financial assistance to meet the needs of low- and moderate-income people and aid in the elimination of slum and blight; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County and the City of Largo have formed a partnership (the “Consortium”) under the HOME Program to address affordable housing issues for low- and moderate-income households, with Pinellas County as the lead agency for the Consortium; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Consortium’s FY 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan identifies objectives and priorities for housing, community revitalization, homeless, and persons with special needs to be addressed over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County’s 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan is a One-Year Plan specifying how Pinellas County will utilize CDBG and ESG funds and how the Consortium will utilize HOME funds in the fifth year to address priorities identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Action Plan was developed through a process which included input from citizens and agencies through community meetings, public hearings, and a competitive application process; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Pinellas County to execute Specific Performance Agreements and Land Use Restriction Agreements with grant recipients to carry out community development projects and activities identified for funding in Pinellas County’s Annual Action Plan and to specify grant recipient’s financial and regulatory obligations; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary, at times, for Pinellas County to amend Specific Performance Agreements and Land Use Restriction Agreements resulting from project cost increases, changes in project scopes, project delays, availability of unanticipated funds, and/or other causes; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Pinellas County to execute Agency Agreements, Land Use Restriction Agreements and other security instruments consistent with affordable housing program procedures to produce and preserve affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, HUD regulations require that site specific environmental reviews be performed for each project prior to submitting a Request for Release of Funds; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to hold a public hearing in the first quarter of 2019 at the beginning of the FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan process for identifying needs and reviewing past performance; and

WHEREAS, this public hearing is for information-gathering purposes only and can be held by the Planning Department on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, in its regular session duly assembled this 23rd day of July, 2019, does hereby approve the Pinellas County Annual Action Plan for FY 2019-2020 in the approximate amount anticipated to be allocated to Pinellas County by HUD of \$4,762,907.00, including anticipated program income, and authorizes submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman, or designee, be authorized to sign the Action Plan applications, certifications, grant agreements and the Clerk to attest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman, or designee, be authorized to sign Request for Release of Funds and Authority to Use Grant Funds forms pursuant to these grants.

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 Specific Performance Agreements and Land Use Restriction Agreements, and amendments thereto, pursuant to these grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator, or their designee, be authorized to execute Housing Program Security Instruments, Agency Agreements, and Land Use Restriction Agreements, and amendments thereto, pursuant to these grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Director, or designee, be authorized to serve as local administrator for the HUD Environmental Review Online System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Department Director, or designee, be authorized to sign and file necessary reports, forms, and other documents related to the administration and operation of the CDBG, ESG, and HOME Programs, including the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. The Planning Department Director or designee shall also have authority to authorize actions and execute documentation necessary in administering mortgage and mortgage notes associated with any of the federal grants referenced herein, including but not limited to authorizing and executing mortgage accelerations, reinstatements, and assignments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Department be authorized to hold a public hearing in the first quarter of 2020 on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners to review community development and housing program performance and assess community needs.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Chelsea Wazdy
Office of the County Attorney