



July 16, 2026

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Subject: Funding Opportunity: DHS-26-MT-143-00-01 - Funding Commitment for the Lealman Gymnasium Hardening funding application with Department of Homeland Security Through the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Fiscal Year 2026 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Congressionally Directed Spending Grant Program

To Ms. Dhuwe:

Pinellas County is submitting an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for funding through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program for the FY26 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Program grant funding application with Department of Homeland Security (DHS) through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Lealman Community Hurricane Shelter Hardening.

The total estimated cost of the project more than \$5.395 million. Pinellas County is requesting \$2.606 million in federal funding and will provide the required non-federal share of \$2.789 million, representing approximately 52 percent of the total project cost.

As Acting County Administrator, I confirm Pinellas County's commitment to provide the required non-federal funding necessary to complete this project. Pinellas County understands that it is responsible for any project costs that are determined to be ineligible for federal reimbursement, as well as any costs exceeding the approved grant amount unless additional funding is authorized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The County also understands that federal grant funds will be used only for eligible project activities and in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements.

This project supports Pinellas County's continuing efforts to reduce risks to residents, public facilities, infrastructure, and property before a disaster occurs. The proposed project is consistent with the County's adopted hazard mitigation priorities and will strengthen the County's long-term resilience.

Upon approval of the grant application, Pinellas County will make the required matching funds available in accordance with the approved project schedule and grant agreement. The County is committed to administering and completing the project in compliance with all applicable grant conditions.

Please accept this letter as formal confirmation of Pinellas County's funding commitment for the Lealman Community Hurricane Shelter Hardening.

Sincerely,

Jill Silverboard,
Acting County Administrator
Pinellas County, Florida