

RESOLUTION NO. 20- 68

APPROVAL OF A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO PINELLAS COUNTY'S 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE FUNDS AND TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES TO BE CARRIED OUT; AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT 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 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO IMPLEMENT CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE PROGRAMS; 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 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 SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN.

WHEREAS, through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Public Law 116-136), approved March 27, 2020, \$5 billion in supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and \$4 billion in supplemental Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding was made available for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act provides CDBG grantees with flexibilities and authorizes HUD to grant waivers and alternative requirements from any provision of any statute or regulation that HUD administers in connection with the Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus Response funds (CDBG-CV), Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus Response Round 2 funds (ESG-CV2) and fiscal years 2019 CDBG and ESG grant funds as determined necessary for COVID-19 prevention, preparation, and response; and

WHEREAS, HUD has allocated \$1,481,969.00 in CDBG-CV funds to Pinellas County to be used to fund activities that mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on low- and moderate-income residents; and

WHEREAS, HUD has allocated \$3,997,774.00 in ESG-CV2 funds to Pinellas County to be used to fund activities that mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance and to support additional homeless assistance and homelessness prevention activities; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County desires to include CDBG-CV and ESG-CV2 funds as part of the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan in order to carry out eligible activities; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires a substantial amendment to the FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan to allow eligible activities to be carried out with the funding; and

WHEREAS, a notice was placed on the Pinellas County website on Monday, June 22, 2020, notifying the public of the proposed amendment and providing a five-day comment period, in accordance with HUD's requirements for CDBG-CV; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Pinellas County to execute Specific Performance, Land Use Restriction, and other appropriate agreements with grant recipients to carry out the activities that will result from adoption of the proposed amendment and to specify grant recipient's financial and regulatory obligations; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary, at times, for Pinellas County to amend Specific Performance 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, HUD regulations require environmental reviews be performed for each project prior to submitting a Request for Release of Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, in its regular session duly assembled this 21st day of July, 2020, does hereby approve the Substantial Amendment to the Pinellas County FY 2019-2020 Action Plan in the amount of in the amount of \$5,479,743.00, to be allocated to Pinellas County by HUD in the manner set forth above and authorizes submittal of the amendment 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 Substantial Amendment application, certifications, and 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 designee, be authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest Specific Performance, Land Use Restriction Agreements, and other agreements pursuant to these grants, including amendments thereto.

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, certifications, and other documents related to the administration of CDBG-CV and ESG-CV2 funds associated herewith.

Commissioner _____ Peters _____ offered the foregoing resolution and hereby moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner _____ Welch _____, and the vote was:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Chelsa Hardy
Office of the County Attorney