


Memorandum

To: Kevin Knutson, Assistant County Administrator, Pinellas County
Chris Rose, Director, Office of Management and Budget, Pinellas County
Auria Oliver, Grants Administrator, Office of Management and Budget, Pinellas County

From: Duggan Cooley, Pinellas Community Foundation 

Date: March 9, 2023

RE: ARPA Nonprofit Capital Project Fund – Round 1 Large Projects Committee Recommendations

The Pinellas ARPA Nonprofit Capital Project Fund Large Projects Committee met on March 7 to review applications and make recommendations for funding. The meeting minutes and a recording of the meeting will be available shortly at <https://pinellascf.org/grants/arpa/arpa-nonprofit-capital-project-fund/docs/>.

PCF is aware that members of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners may begin receiving phone calls or inquiries about funding. **For quick reference, we've attached the funding recommendations.**

In addition, here are key points about this funding:

1. Round 1, Large Capital Projects began with a letter of intent process in which 78 organizations submitted projects for consideration.
2. Based on the strength of the letters of intent, 23 organizations were invited to submit a full application for funding consideration.
3. 19 organizations ultimately submitted a full application. The project requests totaled \$22,517,891.00. In this round, \$10.5 million is available for awarding to projects.
4. Full project applications are available to review at the link at the beginning of this memo.
5. 87% of the project recommendations are from organizations providing services in priority funding areas as discussed with commissioners: individuals with disabilities, food security, specialized healthcare (mental health, dental care, substance use), and housing.

During their deliberations, committee members prioritized projects that would reach the most people in Pinellas County. The committee prioritized projects that will have a tremendous impact on residents by expanding access to food, housing, education, and healthcare.

Soon, one-on-one meetings will be scheduled with each commissioner. Additionally, PCF will attend the April 6 Commission work session and the April 11 Commission meeting. We will be prepared to answer any questions that may arise as you consider these recommendations.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to: Duggan Cooley, CEO, 727-306-3124 or David Bender, Director of Grants and Operations, 727-306-3888.

Attachment



**Large Capital Projects
Committee Rank and Review/Award Recommendations**

| Rank | Organization | Amount Requested | Amount Recommended | Purpose |
|------|--|------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| | TOTAL: | \$22,517,891.00 | \$ 10,500,000.00 | |
| 1 | St. Petersburg Free Clinic | \$3,000,000.00 | \$ 3,000,000.00 | Expansion and renovation of food bank to triple capacity and increase access to fresh, perishable food. |
| 2 | Pinellas Ex Offender Re Entry Coalition Inc. (PERC) | \$2,461,492.00 | \$ 2,461,492.00 | Renovation of affordable housing units, commercial kitchen, new roofs for community centers, and 32 new affordable housing units |
| 3 | The Shirley Proctor Puller Foundation | \$37,768.00 | \$ 37,768.00 | Carpet replacements to ensure safety of children in classrooms used for after-school literacy programing. |
| 4 | African People's Education and Defense Fund Inc. | \$67,327.00 | \$ 67,327.00 | Backup generator to keep community kitchen storage and food production active during power outages/disasters. |
| 5 | Brookwood Florida Inc. | \$55,000.00 | \$ 55,000.00 | Fire escape stairs renovation to ensure safety of teenage residents of group home. |
| 6 | Daystar Life Center Inc | \$100,000.00 | \$ 100,000.00 | Awnings to improve food pantry operations and safety of both volunteers and clients |
| 7 | Florida Dream Center | \$1,825,998.00 | \$ 1,825,998.00 | Purchase and renovations of organization's Lealman headquarters where food and case management services are provided. |

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| 8 | YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg Inc. | \$5,000,000.00 | \$ 1,352,078.00 | Support for construction of new YMCA facility to expand youth and family services to underserved communities |
| 9 | Hope Villages of America Inc. | \$248,259.00 | \$ 248,259.00 | New HVAC systems for affordable housing units and food bank |
| 10 | Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Inc. DBA Evara Health | \$3,197,200.00 | \$ 1,352,078.00 | Expansion of health center to provide medical and behavioral health services |
| 11 | Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services | \$2,400,000.00 | \$ 0.00 | Renovation of headquarters where services from employment behavioral health, youth/family, to refugee services are provided (systems, HVAC, plumbing, and IT wiring) |
| 12 | Homeless Empowerment Program / HEP | \$423,600.00 | \$ 0.00 | Replacement of HVAC systems in housing units for people experiencing homelessness |
| 13 | Unitarian Universalist Church of St Petersburg Florida | \$72,000.00 | \$ 0.00 | Building improvements for outreach ministry for those experiencing homelessness (new windows, drainage, HVAC, kitchen equipment, and restrooms) |
| 14 | WestCare GulfCoast-Florida Inc. | \$1,533,551.00 | \$ 0.00 | Renovation of homeless inebriate emergency shelter facility |
| 15 | The ARC Tampa Bay Inc. | \$330,796.00 | \$ 0.00 | Renovations of Adult Day Training site to create new classrooms and bathroom |
| 16 | The Studio@620 | \$184,600.00 | \$ 0.00 | Renovations and facility upgrade of an arts and culture gallery/ community event space (drywall replacement, roof resurfacing, door/windows, new HVAC units, etc.) |

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| 17 | Volunteers of America of Florida Inc. | \$748,300.00 | \$ 0.00 | Renovation of modernization of affordable housing units |
| 18 | Clearwater Neighborhood Housing Services Inc. | \$82,000.00 | \$ 0.00 | Renovations of organization headquarters to continue education on Home Ownership and Economic Development |
| 19 | Neighborly Care Network | \$750,000.00 | \$ 0.00 | Purchase of new space or renovations of current space for admin operations, dining site, and transportation services for the elderly |