

RESOLUTION NO. 21- 24

APPROVAL OF A SECOND SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO PINELLAS COUNTY'S FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING A SECOND ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE FUNDS AND TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES TO BE CARRIED OUT; AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE SECOND 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 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO SERVE AS LOCAL ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE HUD ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW ONLINE SYSTEM; 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 SECOND 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) funding was made available for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, CARES Act the Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus Response funds (CDBG-CV) was allocated in three rounds, the first round (CDBG-CV) being allocated to CDBG entitlement grantees, with the County receiving \$1,481,969.00, the second round (CDBG-CV2) being allocated to states and insular areas, and the third round (CDBG-CV3) being allocated to states and local governments, with the County receiving an allocation; 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 CDBG-CV funding and fiscal years 2019 and 2020 CDBG as determined necessary for COVID-19 prevention, preparation, and response; and

WHEREAS, HUD has allocated \$2,401,815.00 in CDBG-CV3 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, Pinellas County desires to include CDBG-CV3 funds as part of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan (FY19 Action Plan) in order to carry out eligible activities; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires a second substantial amendment to the FY19 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 Thursday, March 18, 2021, 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 27th day of April, 2021, does hereby approve the Second Substantial Amendment to the Pinellas County Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan in the amount of \$2,401,815.00, 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 Second 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 Housing and Community Development Department 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 Housing and Community Development Department Director, or designee, be authorized to sign and file necessary reports, forms, certifications, and other documents related to the administration of CDBG-CV3 funds.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Peters.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Chelsea Hardy
Office of the County Attorney