

PINELLAS COUNTY CONSORTIUM AND URBAN COUNTY

2017-2018 ACTION PLAN

Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, and HOME Investment Partnership Programs

The Pinellas County Consortium has in place a Five-Year (FY2015-FY2019) Consolidated Plan that identifies housing and community development needs, priorities, objectives, and strategies. A one-year Action Plan (FY2017-2018) has been prepared to address needs identified in the Five-Year Plan. This notice provides a summary of proposed Action Plan projects and funding, and gives locations for reviewing and providing comment on the Action Plan. The Action Plan is subject to final approval by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Pinellas County Consortium consists of the Urban County and the City of Largo, with Pinellas County serving as administrator of the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) program. Currently the Urban County includes all of the unincorporated areas and twenty cities cooperating in Pinellas County's CDBG program. Funding sources of proposed projects are the Pinellas County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs, and the Consortium's HOME program.

Funds expected to be available are as follows (City of Largo CDBG funding and proposed projects are advertised separately):

\$ 2,475,418	CDBG Entitlement
\$ 240,000	CDBG Program Income
\$ 1,051,266	HOME Entitlement
\$ 800,000	HOME Program Income
<u>\$ 216,740</u>	ESG Entitlement
<u>\$ 4,783,424</u>	Subtotal

Annual funding amounts identified above are estimated amounts based on current year funding levels and projected program income. At the time of this notice, HUD has not announced Fiscal Year 2017 allocation amounts.

In addition, an estimated \$250,000 in program income from Neighborhood Stabilization Programs, approximately \$3,900,000 in allocation and program income from the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program and approximately \$80,000 in program income from the Pinellas County Housing Trust Fund program are included below to indicate how housing goals will be met.

2017-2018 funds are proposed to be allocated as follows:

Target Area, Public Facility and Public Infrastructure Improvement Programs

- Directions for Living - Facility Rehabilitation (\$150,000 CDBG)
- Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority - PSTA Bus Shelters in Target Areas (\$30,660 CDBG)
- Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority - PSTA Bus Shelters in CRAs (\$37,650 CDBG)
- City of Gulfport - Tangerine Greenway Infrastructure Improvements (\$300,000 CDBG)
- Starting Right, Now - Facility Rehabilitation (\$163,000 CDBG)
- Police Athletic League - Facility Rehabilitation (\$18,000 CDBG)
- WestCare GulfCoast-Florida - Facility Rehabilitation (\$90,000 CDBG)
- Pinellas Ex-Offender Re-Entry Coalition – Facility Design/Soft Costs/Rehabilitation (\$50,000 CDBG)
- City of Pinellas Park - Orchid Lake Infrastructure Project (\$100,000 CDBG)
- Lighthouse of Pinellas - Facility Rehabilitation (\$40,000 CDBG)
- Dansville NRSA - Pine Street Design/Construction (\$517,072 CDBG)
- Friends of Ridgecrest - Facility Rehabilitation (\$25,000 CDBG)

The proposed projects and award amounts listed above are based on an estimated FY 17-18 CDBG allocation that is equal to the current FY 16-17 CDBG allocation. The proposed projects are listed in priority order based on application review scores. Should the actual CDBG allocation decrease, funding will be provided to the projects in the above order, until funds are fully allocated. Should the actual CDBG allocation amount increase, alternate projects identified below may be funded.¹

Additionally, the following proposed project types will be funded using funds available from prior fiscal years:

- Demolition and/or clearance of deteriorated structures/vacant developable land (Prior Years Funding)
- Relocation assistance resulting from current or prior year funded activities (Prior Years Funding)
- Public Facility and Public Infrastructure Activity Delivery (Prior Years Funding)
- Dansville, Phase 3 – Undergrounding of Utilities (Prior Years Funding)

Public Services Program (capped at 15% of total allocation, per CDBG program regulations)

- YMCA of the Suncoast - Omni Center Operations (\$235,000 CDBG).
- Police Athletic League - Operations (\$30,000 CDBG)
- Directions for Living - Homeless Services Operations (\$48,400 CDBG)
- Pinellas Opportunity Council - Chore Services Operations (\$30,000 CDBG)
- Gulfcoast Legal Services - Fair Housing Program Operations (\$35,552 CDBG)

The proposed Public Services Program projects and award amounts listed above are based on an estimated FY 17-18 CDBG allocation that is equal or less than the current FY 16-17 CDBG allocation. The proposed projects are listed in priority order. Should the actual CDBG allocation decrease, funding will be provided to the projects in the above order, until funds are fully allocated. Should the actual CDBG allocation amount increase, alternate projects identified below may be funded.¹

CDBG Housing Preservation/Production

- Code Enforcement (\$40,000 CDBG)
- Housing Preservation (\$37,449 CDBG)
- Housing Production (\$37,449 CDBG)

The proposed Housing projects and award amounts listed above are based on an estimated FY 17-18 CDBG allocation that is equal to the current FY 16-17 CDBG allocation and on projected program income. The proposed Code Enforcement project funding will remain at the stated funding level regardless of final the CDBG allocation. The Housing Preservation and Housing Production activities are proposed to be funded with anticipated program income and may increase or decrease based on actual program income received in the fiscal year.

Homeless and Homelessness Prevention Services Program

- Directions for Living – Street Outreach – Essential Services (\$82,987 ESG)
- Emergency Solutions Grant Program Components: Emergency Shelter; Homelessness Prevention; Rapid Re-Housing and HMIS/Data Collection (\$117,497 ESG)

The proposed Homeless Services projects and award amounts listed above are based on an estimated FY 17-18 ESG allocation that is equal to the current FY 16-17 ESG allocation. Should the actual ESG allocation increase or decrease, the ESG Program Components project will increase or decrease proportionally or as required by program regulations.

Housing Preservation Program

- Housing Preservation City of Largo (\$134,498 HOME)
- Housing Preservation (\$731,079 HOME, \$2,122,279 SHIP, \$36,000 HTF)
- Housing Preservation Activity Delivery

Housing Production Program

Housing Production (\$750,062 HOME, \$990,966 SHIP, \$36,000 HTF)
Housing Production Activity Delivery

Homeownership Promotion Program

Housing Opportunities Largo Down Payment Assistance (\$50,000 HOME)
Housing Opportunities (Ownership) (\$300,000 SHIP)
Housing Counseling and Self Sufficiency Services (\$175,000 SHIP)
Homeownership Promotion Activity Delivery

Should the actual HOME allocation decrease, proposed HOME funding amounts will decrease proportionally, or as required by program regulations. Should the actual HOME allocation increase, proposed HOME funding amounts will increase proportionally or as required by program regulations.

Administration

\$744,465 Federal Grants
\$354,249 State SHIP Fund
\$8,000 Local Housing Trust Fund

¹**Alternates:** If additional funding becomes available, alternate projects are proposed based on the amount of additional funds received, application ranking score, and readiness of projects to proceed: Target Area/Public Facility/Public Infrastructure Alternates: Pinellas Ex-Offender Re-Entry Coalition Facility Rehabilitation-1st Floor (\$192,010); Pinellas Ex-Offender Re-Entry Coalition Facility Rehabilitation-2nd Floor (\$289,890); Lealman NRSA/Target Area Land Acquisition - (\$368,300); PARC Burkett Villa Facility Rehabilitation (\$94,485); PARC Curry Villa Facility Rehabilitation (\$36,564); Bright Community Trust - Community Redevelopment Area Design/Soft Costs (\$50,000). Public Service Alternates: Tarpon Springs Housing Authority/Local Community Housing Corporation HomeShare Operations (\$31,541); Community Service Foundation Operations (\$48,100); The Florida Dream Center Operations (\$47,321).

Approximately 75% of Pinellas County CDBG funds are allocated to activities which principally benefit low- and moderate-income households.

Availability for Viewing

A draft of the Pinellas County Consortium 2017-2018 Action Plan is available for viewing on the Community Development website at www.pinellascounty.org/community and at the following locations March 31, 2017 to April 29, 2017. Public comments on the Plan are invited during this period and should be sent to the Community Development Division, Pinellas County Planning Department, at the address below.

- Pinellas County Community Development Division, 440 Court Street, 2nd Floor, Clearwater, FL 33756
- City of Largo Community Development Department, 201 Highland Avenue, Largo, FL 33779