

Bussey, Bruce

From: EmergencyRentalAssistance@treasury.gov
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2026 12:03 PM
To: Bussey, Bruce
Cc: Mims, Gregg; Riddle, Joe; Harris, Sherilyn K
Subject: RE: ACTION REQUIRED: Outstanding Emergency Rental Assistance 2 (ERA2) Award Balance Due to the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) Notification

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Good morning,

Thank you for providing us a timeline. At this time, we can provide Pinellas County a 55-day extension from the date when the original notice was sent, which was April 2nd. This extension provides Pinellas County until **May 27th** to return the disallowed costs.

Please return the amount of **\$238,140** before the extended date of May 27th to avoid Treasury establishing the amount as a debt owed to Treasury and sending a Demand Letter for repayment of the debt.

Return instructions can be found here: [Treasury's Repayment Instructions | U.S. Department of the Treasury](#)

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you
Emergency Rental Assistance Program

----- Original Message -----

From: Bussey, Bruce [bbussey@pinellas.gov]
Sent: 4/6/2026 9:04 AM
To: emergencyrentalassistance@treasury.gov
Cc: jriddle@pinellas.gov; sharris@pinellas.gov; gmims@pinellas.gov
Subject: RE: ACTION REQUIRED: Outstanding Emergency Rental Assistance 2 (ERA2) Award Balance Due to the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) Notification

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Good morning.

We anticipate Board approval of a budget amendment at the May 19th meeting.

Thanks

Bruce Bussey

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From: EmergencyRentalAssistance@treasury.gov <emergencyrentalassistance@treasury.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2026 2:00 PM
To: Bussey, Bruce <bbussey@pinellas.gov>
Cc: Mims, Gregg <gmims@pinellas.gov>; Riddle, Joe <jriddle@pinellas.gov>; Harris, Sherilyn K <sharris@pinellas.gov>
Subject: RE: ACTION REQUIRED: Outstanding Emergency Rental Assistance 2 (ERA2) Award Balance Due to the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) Notification

Good afternoon,

Thank you for letting us know of your office's situation. Are you able to provide a timeframe of when you anticipate receiving approval from your board?

Thank you
Emergency Rental Assistance Program

----- Original Message -----

From: Bussey, Bruce [bbussey@pinellas.gov]
Sent: 4/2/2026 2:06 PM
To: emergencyrentalassistance@treasury.gov
Cc: jriddle@pinellas.gov; sharris@pinellas.gov; gmims@pinellas.gov
Subject: RE: ACTION REQUIRED: Outstanding Emergency Rental Assistance 2 (ERA2) Award Balance Due to the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) Notification

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Good afternoon.

Pinellas County has received the message below regarding the required repayment and requests an extension of the deadline from 30 to 90 days to provide for Board of County Commissioners approval and local government payment processing.

Please add my contact information below to the Point of Contact section for future correspondence.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bruce Bussey

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From: EmergencyRentalAssistance@treasury.gov <emergencyrentalassistance@treasury.gov>

Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2026 12:49 PM

To: Bussey, Bruce <bbussey@pinellas.gov>

Subject: ACTION REQUIRED: Outstanding Emergency Rental Assistance 2 (ERA2) Award Balance Due to the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) Notification

April 2, 2026

Dear Pinellas County,

The U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) is following up on the Desk Response issued to Pinellas County on March 13, 2026. The Office of Capital Access' Compliance Monitoring Team conducted a desk review of Pinellas County's Emergency Rental Assistance 2 (ERA2) award activities. This review identified a total of \$238,140 in disallowed costs. As such, the disallowed costs must be returned to Treasury by 30 calendar days from the date of this notice to avoid Treasury establishing the **\$238,140** as a debt owed to Treasury and sending a Demand Letter for repayment of the debt. If any of the information in this letter needs to be corrected, please reply to this email by **April 16, 2026**.

Actions Required:

1. Review the point of contact information below and verify that the appropriate person is listed to receive future communications regarding the disallowed costs related to the ERA2 award which must be repaid to Treasury.
2. Reply to this email if any information in this letter needs to be corrected within 14 calendar days from the date of this notice.
3. Return **\$238,140** to Treasury by 30 calendar days from the date of this notice by following the instructions in the link to Treasury's [repayment instructions](#) to avoid Treasury establishing the disallowed costs as a debt owed to Treasury and sending a Demand Letter for repayment of the debt.

Point of Contact Information:

Please review and verify whether the information listed below is appropriate for future communications regarding the disallowed costs that must be repaid to Treasury, including verification of payment or for the purpose of Treasury sending a Demand Letter to the recipient. If this information needs to be corrected, please reply to this email within **14** calendar days of the date of this notice.

Joe Riddle
727-464-8234
jriddle@co.pinellas.fl.us
440 Court St., 2nd Floor
Clearwater, FL 33756

Returning Disallowed Costs Related to the Award:

Please return the **\$238,140** by following the instructions in the link to Treasury's [repayment instructions](#) within 30 calendar days of the date of this notice. The disallowed costs related to the ERA award in the amount of **\$238,140** that must be repaid to Treasury includes the following amounts:

1. Funds used for an ineligible purpose or otherwise misused: **\$238,140**

2. Funds not obligated by deadline: \$0.00
3. Failure to comply with program requirements: \$0
4. Funds not repaid pursuant to reallocation: \$0

If Pinellas County does not return the disallowed costs identified above to Treasury by 30 calendar days from the date of this notice, Treasury will establish the \$238,140 as a debt owed to Treasury and Pinellas County will receive a formal demand letter from Treasury for repayment of the debt. The demand letter will be addressed to the point of contact listed above unless Treasury is notified otherwise.

The demand letter is the first formal step in the process by which the federal government collects a debt. Treasury is utilizing the Bureau of Fiscal Service (BFS) to issue the demand letters and collect debts owed to Treasury. Then going forward, BFS will communicate with the recipient's point of contact about the demand letter and debt collection process. Once the demand letter is issued, Pinellas County needs to take action to address the debt within the timeline specified in the demand letter, because interest, penalties, and administrative costs will accrue when the debt becomes past due.

To correct any information in this notice, please reply to this email within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice.

If you have other questions, please send us an e-mail at emergencyrentalassistance@treasury.gov.

Sincerely,
Emergency Rental Assistance Program
Office of Capital Access
U.S. Department of the Treasury

