

**AMENDMENT ONE
TO THE FEDERALLY FUNDED
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
MITIGATION PROGRAM (CDBG-MIT)
SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT**

On October 05, 2021, the State of Florida, Department of Economic Opportunity (“DEO”), and Pinellas County dba Board of County Commissioners (“Grantee”) entered into agreement MT028 (“Agreement”). DEO and the Subrecipient may individually be referred to herein as a “Party” or collectively as the “Parties”.

WHEREAS, Section 5, Modification of Agreement, of the Agreement provides that any amendment to the Agreement shall be in writing executed by the Parties thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement as set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and obligations set forth herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree to the following:

1. Section 15, Citizen Complaints, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

(15) Citizen Complaints. The goal of DEO is to provide an opportunity to resolve citizen complaints in a timely manner, usually within fifteen (15) business days of the receipt of the complaint as expected by HUD, if practicable, and to provide the right to participate in the process and appeal a decision when there is reason for an applicant to believe its application was not handled according to program policies. All applications, guidelines and websites will include details on the right to file a complaint or appeal and the process for filing a complaint or beginning an appeal.

The Subrecipient will handle citizen complaints by:

- (a) Conducting investigations, as necessary;
- (b) Finding a resolution; or
- (c) Conducting follow-up actions.

Program Appeals

Applicants may appeal program decisions related to one of the following activities:

- (a) A program eligibility determination;
- (b) A program assistance award calculation; or
- (c) A program decision concerning housing unit damage and the resulting program outcome.

Citizens may file a written complaint or appeal with the Office of Long-Term Resiliency by email at CDBG-DR@deo.myflorida.com or by mail to the following address:

Attention: Office of Long-Term Resiliency
Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
107 East Madison Street
The Caldwell Building, MSC 420
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

HUD Complaints

If the complainant is not satisfied by the Subrecipient's determination or DEO's response, then the complainant may file a written appeal by following the instructions issued in the letter of response. If the complainant has not been satisfied with the response at the conclusion of the complaint or appeals process, a formal complaint may then be addressed directly to the regional Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at:

Department of Housing & Urban Development
Charles E. Bennet Federal Building
400 West Bay Street, Suite 1015
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Fair Housing Complaints

The Florida Office of Long-Term Resiliency operates in Accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Law (The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988). Anyone who feels he or she has been discriminated against may file a complaint of housing discrimination: 1-800-669-9777 (Toll Free), 1-800-927-9275 (TTY) or www.hud.gov/fairhousing.

2. All other terms and conditions remain in effect.

~ Remainder Left Intentionally Blank ~

IN WITNESS HEREOF, by signature below, the Parties agree to abide by the terms, conditions, and provisions of DEO Agreement Number MT028, as amended. This Amendment is effective on the date the last Party signs this Amendment.

PINELLAS COUNTY DBA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
SIGNED:	SIGNED:
CHARLIE JUSTICE	MEREDITH IVEY
CHAIRMAN	CHIEF OF STAFF
DATE:	DATE:

APPROVED AS TO FORM
 By: Brendan Mackesey
 Office of the County Attorney

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency, subject only to full and proper execution by the Parties.

**OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

By: _____

Approved Date: _____