

APPROVAL OF PINELLAS COUNTY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR) ACTION PLAN; AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THE CDBG-DR ACTION PLAN 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 AND THE CLERK TO ATTEST LAND USE RESTRICTION AND SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING AMENDMENTS; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE HOUSING PROGRAM SECURITY INSTRUMENTS, AGENCY AGREEMENTS AND LAND USE RESTRICTION AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING AMENDMENTS; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TO SERVE AS CERTIFYING OFFICER FOR HUD ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO SIGN AND FILE NECESSARY FORMS, REPORTS, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CDBG-DR ACTION PLAN; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE ANY NON-SUBSTANTIAL CDBG-DR ACTION PLAN EDITS RESULTING FROM THE 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

**WHEREAS**, the CDBG-DR funding allocation was made available through the American Relief Act of 2025 (Public Law 118-158); and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocation to Pinellas County was pursuant to publication of Federal Register Notice 90 FR 4759; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDBG-DR Action Plan is the key mechanism to inform the public and HUD of the intended use of the funds within their community and how this plan connects the community's remaining unmet needs and mitigation needs associated with Hurricanes Idalia, Helene and Milton; and

**WHEREAS**, Pinellas County's CDBG-DR Action Plan identifies the proposed Housing, Economic Recovery and Planning and Infrastructure Programs to rebuild disaster-impacted areas and provide crucial funding to start the long-term recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, the Action Plan was developed through a process which included input from citizens, local governments, nongovernmental organizations, the private sector, stakeholders, affected parties and agencies through community meetings, surveys, social media and public hearings throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for Pinellas County to execute Land Use Restriction and Subrecipient Agreements with grant recipients to carry out disaster recovery projects and activities identified for funding in Pinellas County's CDBG-DR Action Plan and to specify grant recipient's financial and regulatory obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary, at times, for Pinellas County to amend Land Use Restriction and Subrecipient Agreements resulting from project cost increases, changes in project scopes, project delays, availability of unanticipated funds, and/or other causes; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for Pinellas County to execute Agency Agreements, Land Use Restriction Agreements, and other security instruments consistent with CDBG-DR program procedures to produce and preserve affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary, at times, for Pinellas County to amend Agency Agreements, Land Use Restriction Agreements, and other security instruments resulting from project cost increases, changes in project scopes, project delays, availability of unanticipated funds, and/or other causes; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary, at times, for Pinellas County to amend Land Use Restriction and Subrecipient 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 that site specific environmental reviews be performed for each project prior to submitting a Request for Release of Funds; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 30-day comment period, it may be necessary to make changes to the CDBG-DR Action Plan based on feedback and comments from citizens and stakeholders.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA**, in its regular session duly assembled this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, does hereby approve the Pinellas County CDBG-DR Action Plan in the amount of \$813,783,000.00 to be allocated to Pinellas County and authorizes submittal to HUD.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman, or designee, be authorized to sign the CDBG-DR Action Plan applications, certifications, grant agreements and the Clerk to attest.

**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 Land Use Restriction and Subrecipient Agreements, and amendments thereto, pursuant to these grants.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that notwithstanding Section 2-62, Pinellas County Code, the Chairman or the County Administrator, or their designee, be authorized to sign and the Clerk to attest amendments to Land Use Restriction and Subrecipient Agreements, increasing the amount of the grant award to subrecipients, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 or fifty percent (50%) of the grant award, whichever is greater.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Administrator, or designee, be authorized to execute Housing Program Security Instruments, Agency Agreements, and Land Use Restriction Agreements, and amendments thereto, pursuant to CDBG-DR grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Housing and Community Development Department Director be authorized to carry out the responsibilities of certifying officer as provided in 24 C.F.R. Part 58, its related Federal authorities listed in Sections 58.5 and 58.6, as well as Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and its related provisions in 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Administrator, or designee, be authorized to sign and file necessary reports, forms, and other documents related to the administration and operation of the CDBG-DR Program. The Housing and Community Development Department Director or designee shall also have authority to authorize actions and execute documentation necessary in administering mortgage and mortgage notes associated with CDBG-DR funding referenced herein, including but not limited to authorizing and executing mortgage modifications, accelerations, reinstatements, and assignments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Administrator be authorized to approve any non-substantial edits needed to the CDBG-DR Action Plan during the 30-day comment period, April 23 – May 23, 2025.

Commissioner Eggers offered the foregoing resolution and hereby moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Flowers and upon roll

call, the vote was:

AYES: Scott, Eggers, Flowers, Latvala, Nowicki, and Peters.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Scherer.

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
By: Derrill McAttee  
Office of the County Attorney