

RESOLUTION NO. 15-61

APPROVAL OF AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PINELLAS COUNTY'S 2015-2019 FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN, INCLUDING PINELLAS COUNTY'S 2015-2016 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN, OR DESIGNEE, TO SIGN AND THE CLERK TO ATTEST APPLICATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN, OR DESIGNEE, TO SIGN AND THE CLERK TO ATTEST SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE AND LAND USE RESTRICTION AGREEMENTS; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SERVE AS THE ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER FOR MULTIFAMILY PROJECTS; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS AND TO SIGN AND FILE A REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR MULTIFAMILY PROJECTS; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE SECURITY INSTRUMENTS, AGENCY AGREEMENTS, AND SIGN AND FILE NECESSARY FORMS, REPORTS, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON NEEDS AND PERFORMANCE IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2016 TO INITIATE THE 2016-2017 ACTION PLAN PROCESS.

WHEREAS, housing and other related community development activities are an area of need in Pinellas County and are established program objectives of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County's long term community development goal is to develop livable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income, and to aid in the prevention and elimination of slum and blight; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program, and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program provide local governments with flexible financial assistance to meet the needs of low- and moderate-income people and aid in the elimination of slum and blight; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County and the City of Largo have formed a partnership under the HOME Program to address affordable housing issues for low- and moderate-income households, with Pinellas County as the lead agency for the Consortium; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Consortium's FY 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan identifies objectives and priorities for housing, community revitalization, homeless, and persons with special needs to be addressed over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County's 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan is a One-Year Plan specifying how Pinellas County will utilize CDBG and ESG funds and how Pinellas County and the City of Largo will utilize HOME funds in the first year to address priorities identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Plan including the Annual Action Plan was developed through a process which included input from citizens and agencies through community meetings, public hearings, and through a competitive application process; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Pinellas County to contract through Specific Performance Agreements to carry out the projects and activities identified for funding in Pinellas County's Annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into Land Use Restriction Agreements and Agency Agreements to specify grant recipient's financial and regulatory obligations; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to execute all security instruments consistent with Housing Program policies to protect the County's interest in assisted properties; and

WHEREAS, HUD regulations require a site specific environmental review be performed and a site specific Request for Release of Funds be executed for every multifamily project in excess of two units; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to hold a public hearing in the first quarter of 2016 at the beginning of the FY 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan process for identifying needs and reviewing past performance; and

WHEREAS, this public hearing can be held by the Planning Department on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, in its regular session duly assembled this 23rd day of June, 2015, does hereby approve the Pinellas County 2015-2019 Five-Year Consolidated Plan including the 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan in the amount of \$4,484,323, including program income, and authorizes submittal 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 Action Plan applications and certifications 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 their designee, is authorized to sign

and the Clerk to attest Specific Performance Agreements and Land Use Restriction Agreements pursuant to these grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorized to serve as the environmental officer for multifamily projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorized to request release of funds and to sign and file a Request for Release of Funds for multifamily projects with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Department Director, or designee, be authorized to execute necessary security instruments, Agency Agreements, and sign and file necessary reports, forms, and other documents related to the administration and operation of the CDBG, ESG, and HOME Programs, including the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Department be authorized to hold a public hearing in the first quarter of 2016 on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners to review community development and housing program performance and assess community needs.

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

AYES: Morroni, Long, Welch, Eggers and Seel.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Gerard.

ABSTAINING FROM VOTING: Justice.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

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Attorney