



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, including the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan, and authorizing actions related to the administration and operation of the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant programs.

Recommended Action:

Adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, including the FY 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan for community planning and development and authorize submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

- The FY 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan identifies the needs and sets the priorities and objectives related to housing, community development, economic development and job creation/retention, homeless, and special needs populations.
- The FY 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan identifies the projects and activities the County will undertake in FY 2020-2021 (FY21) to address the housing and community development needs identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
- The FY 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan contains the application for the Consortium's HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds.
- The County will receive \$2,519,210.00 in CDBG, \$1,327,770.00 in HOME and \$214,314.00 in ESG funding and estimates receiving \$225,000.00 in CDBG and \$800,000.00 in HOME program income in FY21.
- FY21 funding will be used for target area, public facility, public infrastructure, public service, homeless, homelessness prevention, affordable housing and planning and administration activities.
- Two public hearings, two public meetings, one affordable housing focus group, four Fair Housing forums, an online needs assessment survey and an online Fair Housing survey were conducted to obtain input from participating cities, partnering agencies, community organizations and the public on community needs.

Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest applications, certifications, and HUD Grant Agreements, Specific Performance and Land Use Restriction Agreements, and Amendments; Authorize the Chairman to sign the Request for Release of Funds and Authority to Use Grant Funds; Authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to execute Housing Program Security Instruments, Agency Agreements, and Land Use Restriction Agreements; Authorize the Housing and Community Development Department Director to serve as local administrator for the HUD Environmental Review Online System; Authorize the Housing and Community Development

Department Director to sign and file necessary forms, reports, and other administrative documents; and Authorize the Housing and Community Development Department to hold a Needs Assessment/Performance Review Public Hearing in the first quarter of 2021 on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community

2.2 Be a facilitator, convener, and purchaser of services for those in need

2.4 Support programs that seek to prevent and remedy the causes of homelessness and move individuals and families from homelessness to permanent housing

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.2 Invest in communities that need the most

4.3 Catalyze redevelopment through planning and regulatory programs

4.4 Invest in infrastructure to meet current and future needs

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

Summary:

The purpose of the public hearing before the Board is to receive comments, suggestions, and input on the FY 2020-2024 Pinellas County Five-Year Consolidated Plan, including the FY 2020-2021 Pinellas County Consolidated Application (Annual Action Plan) for project and activity funding, prior to approval by the Board.

As part of the planning process to obtain public and stakeholder input on housing and community development needs, two community needs assessment meetings were held on October 29 and November 12, 2019; an affordable housing focus group was held on November 4, 2019; four Fair Housing forums were held on October 29, November 4, November 12, and March 3, 2020; and an online survey was made available during October and November 2019. Public notices informing interested groups about the opportunities to provide input was provided through email and newspaper advertisements. A public hearing on community needs and annual grant program performance was held on January 8, 2020. Public notices informing interested groups about the planning process, the grants and proposed use of funds were distributed on December 20, 2019 through email and newspaper advertisement. A public comment period was held from April 24 to May 23, 2020, soliciting input on the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. Public notice for this public hearing will be distributed on June 5, 2020.

The Pinellas County Consortium consists of Pinellas County in its capacity as the Urban County, joined by the City of Largo. The Urban County is defined as unincorporated Pinellas along with the following municipalities: Belleair, Belleair Bluffs, Belleair Beach, Dunedin, Indian Shores, Indian Rocks Beach, Kenneth City, Madeira Beach, North Redington Beach, Oldsmar, Redington Shores, Safety Harbor, St. Pete Beach, Seminole, South Pasadena, Tarpon Springs, and Treasure Island. As lead agency for the Consortium, the County is responsible for preparation and transmittal of the

Consortium’s Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The deadline for submission of the FY 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, including the FY 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan, to HUD is August 17, 2020. The public hearing date of June 23, 2020 allows sufficient time to prepare the materials necessary for submission.

Background Information:

Pinellas County is eligible to receive CDBG, HOME and ESG entitlement grants from HUD.

In accordance with 24 CFR 91, the County must submit a Five-Year Consolidated Plan which identifies priorities and multiyear goals based on an assessment of housing and community development needs, an analysis of housing and economic market conditions and available resources. The County must also submit an Annual Action Plan which identifies specific projects and activities to be undertaken each year to address the needs identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and further the identified priorities and strategies. The FY 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan contains the application for the Consortium’s HOME and the County’s CDBG and ESG funds.

Fiscal Impact:

Pinellas County receives an annual entitlement allocation of federal CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. The County will receive the following allocations in FY 2020-2021 (FY21). These allocations are consistent with the FY21 budget request.

\$2,519,210.00	CDBG Entitlement
\$ 225,000.00	CDBG Anticipated Program Income
\$1,327,770.00	HOME Entitlement
\$ 800,000.00	HOME Anticipated Program Income
\$ 214,344.00	ESG Entitlement
\$5,086,324.00	Total Federal Funds

Staff Member Responsible:

Brian Lowack, Interim Director, Housing and Community Development

Partners:

- Directions for Mental Health, Inc. d/b/a Directions for Living, Inc.
- Florida Dream Center, Inc.
- Gulfcoast Legal Services Inc.
- Homeless Emergency Project, Inc. d/b/a Homeless Empowerment Program
- Lealman and Asian Neighborhood Family Center, Inc.
- Lighthouse of Pinellas, Inc.
- PARC, Inc.
- Pinellas County Housing Authority
- Pinellas Opportunity Council, Inc.
- Safety Harbor Neighborhood Family Center, Inc. d/b/a Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center
- WestCare Gulfcoast - Florida, Inc.
- Young Men’s Christian Association of the Suncoast, Inc.
- City of Largo - HOME Consortium Member

Attachments:

Resolution

FY 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, including FY 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan

FY 2020-2021 Proposed Projects

Public Hearing Notice