



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Community Development Block Grant Specific Performance and Land Use Restriction Agreement with WestCare GulfCoast - Florida, Inc. for community involvement center facility improvements.

### **Recommended Action:**

Approval and execution by the County Administrator of the Specific Performance and Land Use Restriction Agreement (Agreement) with WestCare GulfCoast - Florida, Inc. (WestCare) for community involvement center facility improvements.

- Pinellas County received \$2,519,210.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to improve neighborhoods, provide decent housing, and create new economic opportunities, with a special focus on serving low- and moderate-income persons.
- This Agreement provides CDBG funding for costs associated with facility improvements including the installation of an emergency generator and ADA upgrades including the modification and installation of hand rails and room signage with braille at WestCare's Davis Bradley Community Involvement Center which serves homeless persons.
- WestCare serves as an emergency shelter and inebriate receiving facility providing temporary emergency and cold night shelter services; case management to provide linkage to substance use and/or co-occurring mental health disorder treatment, including residential treatment, housing assistance, assistance in obtaining benefits, and life-skills training; and first-aid services, health education, and healthcare screenings to homeless persons.
- The Agreement is effective for one (1) year, from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 and is not to exceed \$55,043.00 in CDBG funds.
- The use of the property is restricted to serving the specified population type until October 1, 2027.

### **Strategic Plan:**

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

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

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.2 Invest in communities that need the most

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

**Summary:**

One of the projects to be carried out under the County's Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 (FY21) is the funding of WestCare for facility improvements. This Agreement will provide funding for facility improvements at the Davis Bradley Community Involvement Center located at 1735 Dr. Martin Luther King Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33705.

The Agreement is effective for one (1) year, from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021. Use of the property is restricted to serving homeless persons through October 1, 2027.

**Background/Explanation:**

In accordance with the adopted Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan, it is necessary to enter into a Specific Performance and Land Use Restriction Agreement with qualified agencies to allow for certain activities stated in the Annual Action Plan to be contractually delegated and specify the obligation of the agencies receiving funds in meeting Federal, State and County requirements.

Pinellas County received \$2,519,210.00 in CDBG funding for FY21. Funding is to be used to improve neighborhoods, provide decent housing, and create new economic opportunities, with a special focus on serving low- and moderate-income persons.

The CDBG Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and application cycle was advertised in the Tampa Bay Times, The Weekly Challenger, La Gaceta and Tre Magazine, posted on the Community Development website, and emailed to nonprofit agencies and local municipalities.

The competitive application process began on January 13, 2020, with applications being due February 14, 2020. Applications were reviewed for funding eligibility and scored by Community Development Division staff. Funding recommendations are based on staff ranking of eligible activities and eligible expenses.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The total amount of funding for this agreement is not to exceed \$55,043.00 during the term of the Agreement. Funding for this Agreement is included in the County's FY21 Adopted Budget for CDBG funds.

**Delegated Authority:**

Authority for the County Administrator to sign this Agreement is granted under Code Section 2-62 (a) (1).

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Brian Lowack, Interim Director, Housing and Community Development

**Partners:**

WestCare GulfCoast - Florida, Inc.  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

**Attachments:**

Specific Performance and Land Use Restriction Agreement  
Project Location Map  
2020-2021 CDBG and ESG Funding Recommendations

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