



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Resolution approving a second substantial amendment to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan for the purpose of receiving a second allocation of Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus response funds.

Recommended Action:

Adopt a resolution approving a second substantial amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan (Second Amendment) for the purpose of receiving a second allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coronavirus response funds and authorize submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

- The Second Amendment to the FY19 Annual Action Plan contains the application for CDBG Coronavirus Response - Round 3 funds (CDBG-CV3).
- The County will receive \$2,401,815.00 in CDBG-CV3 funds to be used to fund activities that mitigate the impacts of the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) on low- and moderate-income residents.
- The Second Amendment to the FY19 Annual Action Plan allows the County to receive CDBG-CV3 and identifies the types of activities the County will undertake to respond to COVID-19.
- Eligible CDBG-CV3 activities include, but are not limited to:
 - a.) Job training to expand the pool of health care workers and technicians that are available to treat disease within a community.
 - b.) Provide testing, diagnosis or other services at a fixed or mobile location.
 - c.) Increase the capacity and availability of targeted health services for infectious disease response within existing health facilities.
 - d.) Provide equipment, supplies, and materials necessary to carry-out a public service.
 - e.) Deliver meals on wheels to quarantined individuals or individuals that need to maintain social distancing due to medical vulnerabilities.
 - f.) Provide another public service that assists persons directly affected by COVID-19.
 - g.) The County may use up to 20% of the CDBG-CV3 allocation for planning and administration costs.

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 Housing and Community Development Department Director to serve as local administrator for the HUD Environmental Review Online System; and Authorize the Housing and Community Development Department Director to sign and file necessary forms, reports, and other administrative documents.

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
- 4.4 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 Second Amendment to the FY19 Annual Action Plan is to fulfill the application requirements for CDBG-CV3 funding. The County will receive CDBG-CV3 funding to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on low- and moderate-income residents.

Public notice of the proposed Second Amendment was posted on the Community Development Division website on March 18, 2021. A five-day public comment period was held from March 18, 2021 to March 22, 2021, soliciting citizen comment on the amendment.

On September 11, 2020, HUD notified the County of the second special allocation of CDBG Coronavirus Response (CDBG-CV) funding.

On July 21, 2020, the Board re-approved a Substantial Amendment to the FY19 Annual Action Plan for the first special allocation of CDBG-CV funding.

On May 19, 2020, the Board approved a Substantial Amendment to the FY19 Annual Action Plan for CARES Act CDBG and ESG funding.

Background Information:

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Public Law 116-136), approved \$5 billion in supplemental CDBG funding for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. The funds were disbursed in multiple allocations. The first round of CDBG-CV funding was allocated to CDBG entitlements, with Pinellas County receiving \$1,481,969.00. The second round of funding, CDBG-CV2, was allocated to States and insular areas. The third round of funding, CDBG-CV3, was allocated to states and local governments, with Pinellas County receiving an allocation.

Fiscal Impact:

Pinellas County will receive CDBG-CV3 funds totaling \$2,401,815.00 of in Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21). A budget resolution may be brought forward for consideration to add this funding to the FY21 Budget.

Staff Member Responsible:

Carol Stricklin, Director, Housing and Community Development

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

Resolution

FY 2019-2020 Action Plan Second Substantial Amendment Strikethrough Version

FY 2019-2020 Action Plan Second Substantial Amendment Clean Version

FY 2019-2020 Action Plan Substantial Amendment - July 21, 2020

FY 2019-2020 Action Plan Substantial Amendment - May 19, 2020

Public Hearing Notice