



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 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:

Hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan for community planning and development and authorize submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

- The FY24 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 FY24 Annual Action Plan identifies the projects and activities the County will undertake in FY24 to address the housing and community development needs identified in the Fiscal Years 2020-2024 five-year consolidated plan.
- The County will receive \$2,475,188.00 in CDBG, \$1,408,919.00 in HOME and \$214,487.00 in ESG funding and estimates receiving \$45,000.00 in CDBG and \$875,000.00 in HOME program income in FY24.
- FY24 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 were conducted to obtain input from participating cities, partnering agencies, community organizations and the public on community needs.
- This request is consistent with the FY24 Proposed Budget for Housing and Community Development Department within Community Development Grant Fund. The revenues and expenses associated with this Annual Action Plan are included in the Preliminary FY24 Budget. Expenses are managed within the available grant funding as the year progresses.

Authorize the Chairman, or designee, to sign and the Clerk of the Circuit Court to attest applications, certifications, and HUD Grant Agreements, Specific Performance Agreements and Land Use Restriction Agreements, including Amendments; Authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to execute Housing Program Security Instruments, Agency Agreements, and Land Use Restriction Agreements, including Amendments; Authorize the Housing and Community Development Department Director to serve as certifying officer for HUD environmental responsibilities, to sign and file necessary forms, reports, and other administrative documents related to administration of the Action Plan, and to hold a public hearing on needs and performance in the first quarter of 2024 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 FY24 County Consolidated Application (Annual Action Plan) for project and activity funding, prior to approval by the Board.

A public notice informing interested groups about the planning process, the grants and proposed use of funds were distributed on January 27, 2023. A public hearing on community needs and annual grant program performance was held on January 30, 2023. A public comment period was also held from May 14 to June 12, 2023, soliciting input on this annual update to the 2020-2024 Five (5)-Year Consolidated Plan.

The County Consortium consists of the 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 HUD.

The deadline for submission of the FY24 Annual Action Plan to HUD is August 16, 2023. The public hearing date of July 18, 2023, allows sufficient time to prepare the materials necessary for submission.

Background Information:

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

In accordance with 24 CFR 91, the County must submit an Annual Action Plan which identifies specific projects and activities to be undertaken each year to address the needs identified in the 2020-2024 Five (5)-Year Consolidated Plan and further the identified priorities and strategies. The FY24 Annual Action Plan contains the application for the Consortium's HOME and the County's CDBG and ESG funds.

Fiscal Impact:

The County receives an annual entitlement allocation of federal CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. The County will receive the following allocations in FY24. These allocations are consistent with the FY24 Proposed Budget for Housing and Community Development Department within Community Development Grant Fund.

\$2,475,188.00	CDBG Entitlement
\$ 45,000.00	CDBG Anticipated Program Income
\$1,408,919.00	HOME Entitlement
\$ 875,000.00	HOME Anticipated Program Income
\$ 214,487.00	ESG Entitlement
\$5,018,594.00	Total Federal Funds

Staff Member Responsible:

Carol Stricklin, Director, Housing and Community Development

Partners:

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Suncoast, Inc.
Community Action Stops Abuse, Inc.
Community Law Program, Inc.
Directions for Mental Health, Inc. d/b/a Directions for Living
Florida Dream Center, Inc.
Gulfcoast Legal Services, Inc.
Homeless Emergency Project, Inc. d/b/a Homeless Empowerment Program
Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas, Inc.
PARC, Inc.
Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services, Inc.
Van Gogh's Palette, Inc. d/b/a Vincent House
WestCare GulfCoast-Florida, Inc.
Young Men's Christian Association of the Suncoast, Inc.
City of Largo - HOME Consortium Member
City of St. Petersburg - May jointly fund PARC and WestCare Projects

Attachments:

Resolution
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Funding Recommendations
Public Hearing Notice