



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Resolution approving the FY 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan and authorizing actions related to the administration and operation of the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs.

### **Recommended Action:**

Following a public hearing, adopt the resolution approving Pinellas County's FY 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan for community planning and development and authorizing submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Authorize the Chairman, or designee, to sign and the Clerk to attest future applications, certifications, Grant Agreements, Specific Performance Agreements and Land Use Restriction Agreements; Authorize the Chairman, or designee, to sign Request for Release of Funds and Authority to Use Grant Funds; Authorize the Planning Director, or designee, to serve as local administrator for the HUD Environmental Online System; Authorize the Planning Department Director, or designee, to execute Security Instruments, Agency Agreements, and sign and file necessary forms, reports, and other administrative documents; and Authorize the Planning Department to hold a Needs Assessment/Performance Review Public Hearing in the first quarter of 2017 on behalf of the Board.

### **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 views on the FY 2016-2017 Pinellas County Consolidated Application (Annual Action Plan) for funding, prior to approval by the Board.

Public notices informing interested groups about the planning process, the grants and proposed use of funds, a prior public hearing on needs and performance, meetings with local agencies and stakeholders, and a public comment period were also held soliciting input on this annual update to the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

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, Pinellas Park, 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 2016-2017 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is August 14, 2016. The recommended public hearing date of June 21, 2016 allows sufficient time to prepare the materials necessary for submission.

**Background Information:**

Pinellas County has long been involved in community development, receiving such grants as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

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 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and further the identified priorities and strategies. The FY 2016-2017 Action Plan contains the application for the Consortium's HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds.

The Board of County Commissioners authorized the public hearing at its May 24, 2016 regular meeting.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The County receives an annual entitlement allocation of federal CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. In FY 2016-2017, the County will receive the following allocations:

\$2,475,418.00	CDBG Entitlement
\$ 700,000.00	CDBG Anticipated Program Income
\$1,045,688.00	HOME Entitlement
\$ 600,000.00	HOME Anticipated Program Income
<u>\$ 216,740.00</u>	<u>ESG Entitlement</u>
\$5,037,846.00	Total Federal Funds

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Renea Vincent, Director, Planning

**Partners:**

Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc.  
City of Gulfport  
City of Pinellas Park  
Clearwater Free Clinic, Inc.  
Community Service Foundation, 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  
Lighthouse of Pinellas, Inc.  
PARC, Inc.  
Pinellas Opportunity Council, Inc.  
Religious Community Services, Inc.  
The Local Community Housing Corporation  
WestCare GulfCoast-Florida, Inc.  
Young Men's Christian Association of Suncoast, Inc.  
City of Clearwater - May jointly fund Clearwater Free Clinic Project  
City of Largo - HOME Consortium Member and May jointly fund WestCare Project  
City of St. Petersburg - May jointly fund WestCare Project

**Attachments:**

Resolution  
FY 2016-2017 Action Plan  
FY 2016 -2017 Proposed Projects