# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

**File #:** 19-958A, **Version:** 1

**Subject:**
Resolution approving the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 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 Pinellas County's FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan for community planning and development and authorize submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

- The FY 2019-2020 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 $3,912,907 in CDBG, HOME and ESG funding and estimates receiving $850,000 in HOME and CDBG program income in FY20.
- The Annual Action Plan identifies the projects and activities the County will undertake in FY20 to address the housing and community development needs identified in the five-year Consolidated Plan.

Authorize the Chairman to sign and the Clerk of the Court to attest applications, certifications, and HUD Grant Agreements, Specific Performance Agreements 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 Planning Director to serve as local administrator for the HUD Environmental Review Online System; Authorize the Planning Department Director to 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 2020 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 2019-2020 Pinellas County Consolidated Application (Annual Action Plan) for project and activity funding, prior to approval by the Board.

A public hearing on community needs and annual grant program performance was held on January 10, 2019. Public notices informing interested groups about the planning process, the grants and proposed use of funds were distributed on December 21, 2018 and March 22, 2019. A public comment period was also held from March 22 to April 22, 2019, 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, 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 2019-2020 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is August 17, 2019. The public hearing date of July 23, 2019 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 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 2019-2020 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 Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20). These allocations are consistent with the FY20 budget request.

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| $2,439,396.00 | CDBG Entitlement |
| $ 50,000.00 | CDBG Anticipated Program Income |
| $1,267,227.00 | HOME Entitlement |
| $ 800,000.00 | HOME Anticipated Program Income |
| $ 206,284.00 | ESG Entitlement |

$4,762,907.00 Total Federal Funds

**Staff Member Responsible:**
Renea Vincent, Director, Planning

**Partners:**
ALPHA House of Pinellas County, Inc.
Community Action Stops Abuse, Inc.
Directions for Mental Health, Inc. d/b/a Directions for Living, Inc.
Homeless Emergency Project, Inc. d/b/a Homeless Empowerment Program
PARC, Inc.
Pinellas Ex-Offender Re-Entry Coalition, Inc.
Pinellas Opportunity Council, Inc.
Religious Community Services, Inc.
Sunrise Community, Inc.
Young Men's Christian Association of the Suncoast, Inc.
City of Largo - HOME Consortium Member

**Attachments:**
Resolution
FY 2019-2020 Action Plan
FY 2019-2020 Proposed Projects
Public Hearing Notice