



WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER FUTURE

What is Pinellas County doing?

- **\$6.2 million** in housing assistance for low-income households since 2003
- **\$5 million** in housing assistance for low-income households currently underway
- **\$9.3 million** in emergency rent payments, mortgage payments and board/care expenses to low-income residents since 2002
- **\$2 million** invested for housing facilities serving low-income and/or special needs residents
- The Board of County Commissioners has an affordable housing plan that is a model for our community:
 - *Community Housing Trust Fund*: Provides a “bank” of funds to help develop and maintain affordable housing including rental units
 - *Community Land Trust*: Secures land and works with private entities to ensure affordable housing is built on the land and remains there long term
 - *Inclusionary Housing*: Requires new development to set aside affordable housing units within the project or elsewhere in the community
 - *Mobile Home Transition Program*: Offers critical rental assistance to help ensure that a government-approved change in a mobile home park’s zoning will not leave residents homeless. This program is the first of its kind in the state.

What can you do?

Congregations have the power to help people who need affordable housing. How can your congregation work together with Pinellas County and the greater community to find workable solutions?

- Congregations provide a strong foundation in our community. You can foster ideas and solutions, creating a think tank that educates and informs others about the benefits of affordable housing. It’s not just a solution for those who need it—it is a necessity for a community to thrive.
- Suggest that your congregation hold a special collection for local not-for-profits that provide housing for low-income residents. These include Habitat for Humanity, Religious Community Services (RCS), Pinellas Village, Pinellas Affordable Living Centers and the Diocese of St. Petersburg. Pinellas County Community Development can help you identify other groups in the community.
- Help us identify members in your congregation and within our community who have the resources to contribute to the Housing Trust Fund or who can donate land to the Community Land Trust.
- Call on your state and federal legislators to support affordable housing initiatives.

Useful Links

Housing & Human Services

Community Development: www.pinellascounty.org/community/default.htm

HFA: www.pinellascounty.org/community/hfa/

Home Ownership: www.pinellascounty.org/Community/HomeOwnership.htm

Housing Programs: www.pinellascounty.org/Community/HousingPrograms.htm

Human Services: www.pinellascounty.org/SocialServices/default.htm

Funding Resources

CDBG: www.pinellascounty.org/Community/CDBG.htm

HOME: www.pinellascounty.org/Community/HOME.htm

SHIP: www.pinellascounty.org/Community/SHIPPLAN.htm

More Information

(727) 464-3000 www.pinellascounty.org

County Connection Centers: www.pinellascounty.org/Community/CCC/default.htm

My County Neighborhood: www.pinellascounty.org/resident/default.htm



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