



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DATE: June 3, 2014
AGENDA ITEM NO. 18

Consent Agenda ☐

Regular Agenda ☒

Public Hearing ☐

 **County Administrator's Signature:**

Subject:

Authority to advertise a public hearing to be held June 24, 2014 for the Pinellas County Consortium's 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan for Federal funding.

Department:

Health and Community Services

Staff Member Responsible:

Cheryl Reed, Division Director,
Community Revitalization

Recommended Action:

I RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOARD) AUTHORIZE THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PINELLAS COUNTY CONSORTIUM'S FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2014-2015 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FUNDED WITH FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS.

Summary Explanation/Background:

The purpose of the publication of notice for public hearing before the Board is to receive comments, suggestions and views of citizens on the FY 2014-2015 Pinellas County Consortium's Consolidated Application (Action Plan) for Federal funding prior to approval by the Board. Public notices informing interested groups about the grants and proposed use of funds, a prior public hearing on needs and performance and a public comment period were also held to provide 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 Bluff, Belleair Beach, Dunedin, Gulfport, 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, Pinellas County is responsible for preparation and transmittal of the Consortium's Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Action Plan contains the application for the Consortium's HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds.

The deadline for submission of the FY 2014-2015 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is August 14, 2014. The recommended public hearing date of June 24, 2014 allows sufficient time to prepare the materials necessary for submission.

Fiscal Impact/Cost/Revenue Summary:

Revenue:	\$2,422,408	CDBG Entitlement
	\$ 85,000	CDBG Program Income
	\$1,072,975	HOME Entitlement
	\$ 600,000	HOME Program Income and Recapture
	\$ 204,549	ESG Entitlement
	\$4,384,932	Federal Funds Total
Cost:	\$4,384,932	Housing preservation and production, housing counseling and down payment assistance, public facilities and capital improvements, demolition and clearance, shelter operations, public services and administration.

All costs listed in the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan are offset by grant revenue.

Exhibits/Attachments Attached:

Notice of Public Hearing
2014-2015 Proposed Projects
Draft 2014-2015 Action Plan

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

A Public Hearing will be held by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners in the Board Assembly Room on the fifth floor of the Pinellas County Courthouse, 315 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, to obtain citizen views on the FY 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan Submission.

The anticipated allocation for Pinellas County's CDBG and ESG Programs and the Consortium's HOME Program for 2014-2015 is \$4,384,932, which includes grant funds to be received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as well as anticipated program income. The Consortium consists of Pinellas County, acting in its capacity as an Urban County, and the City of Largo.

Persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at this hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purposes, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this hearing, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Should you need assistance, please contact the Office of Human Rights, 400 S. Fort Harrison Avenue, 5th Floor, Clearwater, FL 33756 (727) 464-4062 (V/TDD).

2014-2015 Proposed Projects

Category/Activity	National Objective	Performance Objective/ Outcome	Funding Source	Beneficiaries	Funding Amount
Priority: Target Area Improvement Program					
Concentrated investments will be provided in designated areas of special interest that will impact neighborhood stabilization and revitalization in order to achieve local objectives and desired outcomes.					
Central Lealman Target Area Land Acquisition	Low/Mod Area	SL-3	CDBG	7,800 people	\$350,000
Acquire land and conduct engineering/design/space planning for potential recreational programming in conjunction with the proposed Joe's Creek Park activity.					
Central Lealman Land Acquisition and Infrastructure Improvements	Low/Mod Area	SL-3	CDBG	7,800 people	\$100,000
Engineering/design/construction of infrastructure improvements to 37 th Street from 46 th Avenue to 54 th Avenue.					
Central Lealman Joe's Creek Park	Low/Mod Area	SL-3	CDBG	7,800 people	\$150,000
Engineering/design/space planning/construction of potential recreation field in conjunction with the proposed Central Lealman Target Area Land Acquisition activity, including feasibility analysis of pedestrian/bicyclist access path.					
NRSA/Target Area Tree Planting Program	Low/Mod Area	SL-3	CDBG	7,800 people	\$18,000
Tree planting program in neighborhood revitalization strategy and target areas to improve the community environment and quality of life including improving air quality, reducing stormwater runoff/erosion, creating habitats for plants and animals, and promoting community to make an immediate and noticeable difference to the overall character of the neighborhoods.					
NRSA/Target Area Community Gardens	Low/Mod Area	SL-3	CDBG	7,800 people	\$18,235
Create, enhance or sustain the operation of community gardens in neighborhood revitalization strategy and target areas to improve the overall health of the community and quality of life by revitalizing neighborhoods, stimulating social interaction, conserving and recycling resources, reducing food budgets, and creating opportunities for improved community nutrition and recreation/physical activity.					
NRSA/Target Area Pre-Development	Low/Mod Area	SL-3	CDBG	3,155 people	\$100,000
Predevelopment activities of County-owned lots including, but not limited to, zoning approvals, platting, site work, legal, design, consulting, surveys, geotechnical studies and investigations, utility engineering and environmental assessments, other costs associated with property maintenance and site development; acquisition of signage easements and construction/installation of neighborhood signage.					
Police Athletic League Facility Rehabilitation	Low/Mod Area	SL-3	CDBG	42,000 people	\$188,750
Enhancements to facility grounds including conversion of old parking lot into AstroTurf field, resurfacing skateboard park, installing shade structure for skateboard park, and constructing a water barrier device and small drainage system to prevent flooding of partially covered basketball court.					
Omni Center Facility Rehabilitation	Low/Mod Area	SL-3	CDBG	7,264 households	\$110,050
Rehabilitation/enhancements to the gymnasium, playground and aquatic center to better accommodate activities and events and to enhance opportunities for programming and rentals on site at the County-owned Omni Center in the Greater Ridgecrest NRSA.					
Omni Center Operations	Low/Mod Area	SL-1	CDBG	7,264 households	\$235,000
Operating expenses including utilities, facility maintenance, janitorial supplies and service, aquatic chemicals, and base operational personnel costs at the County-owned Omni Center in the Greater Ridgecrest NRSA.					
Target Area Activity Delivery	Low/Mod Area	SL-3	CDBG	N/A	\$67,500
Target Area Improvement Program Total					\$1,337,535

Category/Activity	National Objective	Performance Objective/ Outcome	Funding Source	Beneficiaries	Funding Amount
Alternate Activities					
Greater Ridgecrest NRSA Sidewalks	Low/Mod Area	SL-3	CDBG	3,155 people	\$25,000
Pedestrian safety improvements including the construction of raised crosswalk, handicap ramps, and sidewalks.					
Priority: Public Facilities Program					
Funding of new or existing facilities that provide services to meet the needs of low- and moderate-income or special needs populations. Some activities may be phased over multiple fiscal years and will be considered continuation projects.					
Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services Facility Rehabilitation	Low/Mod Clientele	SL-1	CDBG	8,000 people	\$39,000
Hurricane mitigation improvements to facility including installing hurricane shutters and protective film to doors and windows.					
Girls, Incorporated Facility Improvements	Low/Mod Clientele	SL-1	CDBG	300 people	\$273,745
Architectural/engineering plans and improvements to the facility including renovating existing space to be used as a new design studio, upgrading kitchen, bathroom and lighting, installing permanent bookcases, smart boards, storage cubbies, and loft storage access, and replacing carpeting and room dividers.					
Local Community Housing Corporation Cops 'n Kids Facility Rehabilitation	Low/Mod Clientele	SL-1	CDBG	80 people	\$25,653
Rehabilitation to youth center property including land clearing and grading, installing shade structure over outdoor learning space, landscaping, and fencing safety measures.					
Local Community Housing Corporation Cops 'n Kids Facility Rehabilitation	Low/Mod Clientele	SL-1	CDBG	80 people	\$35,493
Rehabilitation to youth center property including soundproofing theater and gymnasium and installing an outdoor community engagement pavilion with shade structure.					
Public Facilities Activity Delivery	Low/Mod Clientele	SL-1	CDBG	N/A	\$30,000
Public Facilities Program Total					\$403,891
Alternate Activities					
WestCare Gulfcoast Florida Turning Point Facility Rehabilitation	Low/Mod Clientele	SL-1	CDBG	1,270 people	\$27,500
Construction of a new stand alone building to be used as a laundry facility at Turning Point emergency housing/inebriate receiving facility serving homeless clients.					
PEMHS Facility Rehabilitation	Low/Mod Clientele	SL-1	CDBG	1,500 people	\$41,500
Replace the roof of two buildings at PEMHS' Crisis Stabilization Unit, Building J, a Public Baker Act receiving facility.					
Directions for Living Facility Rehabilitation	Low/Mod Clientele	SL-1	CDBG	4,000 people	\$300,000
Architectural/engineering plans and improvements to the facility including renovating existing space at the multi-use facility to create a multi-functional center for trauma-focused treatment and recovery for families and children.					
CASA Site Improvements	Low/Mod Clientele	SL-1	CDBG	350 households	\$300,000
Site improvements including installing security fencing, gates, parking lot lighting, sidewalks, walkways and bike racks.					
PARC Curry Villa Rehabilitation	Low/Mod Clientele	SL-1	CDBG	15 people	\$35,390
Rehabilitation to facility including exterior painting, upgrading plumbing and installing new air conditioning, and property improvements including parking lot sealing and stripping, and sidewalk extensions.					
PARC Burkett Villa Rehabilitation	Low/Mod Clientele	SL-1	CDBG	15 people	\$20,447
Rehabilitation to facility including exterior painting and repairing end gables, and property improvements including parking lot sealing and stripping, and sidewalk extensions.					

Category/Activity	National Objective	Performance Objective/ Outcome	Funding Source	Beneficiaries	Funding Amount
Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services Facility Rehabilitation	Low/Mod Clientele	SL-1	CDBG	40 people	\$19,000
Replace the roof at the Adele Gilbert Residential Treatment Facility.					
Priority: Public Infrastructure Program					
Funding for projects that address the prevention and elimination of slum and blight within officially designated areas of interest or areas within the County where land may be cleared for future development					
Clearance and Demolition	Slum/Blight Area	SL-3	CDBG	2 households	\$25,000
Demolition of deteriorated structures/improvements or clearance of land.					
Public Infrastructure Activity Delivery	Slum/Blight Area	SL-3	CDBG	N/A	\$2,500
Public Facilities Program Total					\$27,500
Alternate Activities					
City of St. Pete Beach Infrastructure Project	Slum/Blight Area	SL-3	CDBG	9,391 people	\$300,000
Infrastructure improvements to Blind Pass Road including roadway paving, drainage improvements and instillation of signage, pavement markings, sidewalks, ramps, signals and landscaping.					
Priority: Public Services Program					
Funds will be provided, with a maximum 15% limitation, to provide salaries and operational services to entities that provide services to meet the needs of low- and moderate income families.					
NRSA/Target Area Neighborhood Cleanups	Low/Mod Area	SL-1	CDBG	7,800 people	\$50,000
Cleanup campaigns in Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy and Target Areas to remove trash and debris.					
Pinellas Opportunity Council Chore Services Operations	Low/Mod Clientele	SL-1	CDBG	43 people	\$30,000
Fund operating expenses including utilities, rent and insurance for the Chore Services Program which provides heavy household cleaning, yard work and minor home repairs for the elderly.					
Police Athletic League Operations	Low/Mod Clientele	SL-1	CDBG	26,000 households	\$25,000
Fund operating expenses at PAL to provide recreational programming, youth development and social responsibility, health initiatives and family services.					
Girls, Incorporated Facility Operations	Low/Mod Clientele	SL-1	CDBG	N/A	\$7,000
Fund operating expenses to cover single audit requirements triggered by CDBG funded public facility improvement activity.					
Catholic Charities Diocese of St. Petersburg Pinellas Hope Operations	Low/Mod Clientele	SL-1	CDBG	100 people	\$40,000
Fund operating expenses including utilities and essential service salaries of case managers at Pinellas Hope emergency shelter.					
Public Services Program Total					\$152,000
Alternate Activities					
WestCare Gulfcoast Florida Turning Point Operations	Low/Mod Clientele	SL-1	CDBG	1,030 people	\$120,701
Fund operating expenses and essential service salaries at Turning Point, an emergency intervention shelter and inebriate receiving facility for the homeless.					
Local Community Housing Corporation Home Share Program Operations	Low/Mod Clientele	SL-1	CDBG	70 people	\$33,825
Fund operating expenses and essential service salaries for the Home Share Program matching affordable housing opportunities to home providers and home seekers.					

Category/Activity	National Objective	Performance Objective/ Outcome	Funding Source	Beneficiaries	Funding Amount
Religious Community Services Grace House Operations	Low/Mod Clientele	SL-1	CDBG	550 people	\$30,000

Fund operating expenses including essential service salaries for one (1) case manager position at Grace House emergency shelter for families.

Priority: Homeless and Homelessness Prevention Services Program

Program facilitates providing essential services to shelter residents; rapidly re-housing homeless individuals and families and preventing families and individuals from becoming homeless by funding eligible activities within the following Emergency Solutions Grant Program components: Emergency Shelter; Homelessness Prevention; Rapid Re-Housing and Data Collection.

Rental Assistance	Low/Mod Clientele	DH-2	ESG	26 households	\$78,208
Assist with stabilizing permanent housing by providing short-term financial assistance, including rent payments and security/utility deposits, to individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless.					
Homeless and Homelessness Prevention Data Collection (HMIS)	Low/Mod Clientele	DH-2	ESG	N/A	\$5,000
Staff costs related to the collection and entry of project-level beneficiary data into the Homeless Management Information System.					
Religious Community Services Facility Rehabilitation	Low/Mod Clientele	DH-1	ESG	550 people	\$90,000
Rehabilitation to Grace House, a 14-unit emergency shelter, including installing new roofs and replacing and windows, doors and air conditioners.					
Homeless and Homelessness Prevention Program Activity Delivery	Low/Mod Clientele	DH-1/DH-2	ESG	N/A	\$16,000
Homeless and Homelessness Prevention Services Program Total					\$189,208

Priority: Housing Preservation Program

Program facilitates the preservation of affordable homeowner and rental units through rehabilitation and/or acquisition. Applications are provided on a first come, first serve basis and funding selections are based on eligibility of households served and financial feasibility. Private funds available through local lending institutions may be leveraged by Federal funds.

City of Largo Single Family Rehabilitation Program	Low/Mod Housing	DH-1	HOME	2 households	\$123,823
Housing Preservation Program (Owner/Rental)	Low/Mod Housing	DH-1	HOME	23 households	\$720,908
Housing Preservation Activity Delivery	Low/Mod Housing	DH-1	HOME	N/A	N/A
HOME Housing Preservation Program Subtotal					\$844,731
Target Area Code Enforcement	Low/Mod Housing	SL-3	CDBG	1,500 households	\$85,000
CDBG Housing Preservation Program Subtotal					\$85,000
Housing Preservation Program (Owner/Rental)	Low/Mod Housing	DH-1	SHIP	10 households	\$263,750
SHIP Housing Preservation Program Subtotal					\$263,750
Housing Preservation Program Total					\$1,193,481

Priority: Housing Production Program

Program facilitates the construction of single-family and multifamily affordable housing units. Applications are provided on a first come, first serve basis and funding selections are based on eligibility of households served and financial feasibility. Private funds available through local lending institutions may be leveraged by Federal funds. Includes CHDO set-aside funding requirements.

Housing Production Program (Owner/Rental)	Low/Mod Housing	DH-1	HOME	20 housing units	\$560,946
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Category/Activity	National Objective	Performance Objective/ Outcome	Funding Source	Beneficiaries	Funding Amount
Housing Production Activity Delivery	Low/Mod Housing	DH-1	HOME	N/A	N/A
HOME Housing Production Program Subtotal					\$560,946
Housing Production Program (Owner/Rental)	Low/Mod Housing	DH-1	SHIP	2 housing units	\$200,000
SHIP Housing Production Program Subtotal					\$200,000
Housing Production Program Total					\$760,946

Priority: Homeownership Promotion Program

Program facilitates education of prospective and existing homeowners through counseling services and provides financial assistance to home buyers in the form of down payment and closing costs.

City of Largo Down Payment Assistance Program	Low/Mod Housing	DH-2	HOME	2 households	\$50,000
Down Payment Assistance Programs	Low/Mod Housing	DH-2	HOME	5 households	\$50,000
Homeownership Assistance Activity Delivery	Low/Mod Housing	DH-2	HOME	N/A	N/A
HOME Homeownership Promotion Program Subtotal					\$100,000
Down Payment Assistance Programs	Low/Mod Housing	DH-2	SHIP	5 households	\$50,000
Housing Services	Low/Mod Housing	DH-1	SHIP	500 people	\$175,000
SHIP Homeownership Promotion Program Subtotal					\$225,000
Homeownership Promotion Program Total					\$325,000

Priority: Administration

General program planning costs related to the administration of the CDBG, HOME and ESG Grants.

CDBG Administration	Admin	N/A	CDBG	N/A	\$484,482
CDBG Administration (from PI)	Admin	N/A	CDBG	N/A	\$17,000
HOME Administration	Admin	N/A	HOME	N/A	\$107,298
HOME Administration (from PI)	Admin	N/A	HOME	N/A	\$60,000
ESG Administration	Admin	N/A	ESG	N/A	\$15,341
SHIP Administration (from PI)	Admin	N/A	SHIP	N/A	\$36,250
Administration Total					\$684,121
CDBG Total					\$2,507,480
HOME Total					\$1,672,975
ESG Total					\$204,549
SHIP Total					\$725,000

DH-1: Availability/Accessibility of Decent Housing

DH-2: Affordability of Decent Housing

SL-1: Availability/Accessibility of Suitable Living Environment

SL-3: Sustainability of Suitable Living Environment

**Pinellas County, Florida
Action Plan
2014-2015 FY**



Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

In 2010, Pinellas County completed the 2011-2015 Consolidated Strategic Plan, a five-year strategic planning document developed with input from community residents, local governments, nonprofits and other interested groups, identifying the County's priority housing, homeless, special populations, and community development needs for the Pinellas County Consortium. Each year during the five-year planning period, an annual action plan details the County's specific goals and objectives for the upcoming fiscal year to further the five-year priorities and strategies.

Each year Federal funds are allocated to entitlement communities through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to carry out housing and community development activities to benefit low- and moderate-income households. The Annual Action Plan is the Pinellas County Consortium's annual application for HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds and Pinellas County's application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. The Community Revitalization Division of the Health and Community Services Department implements the HOME, CDBG and ESG programs. The County anticipates receiving approximately \$4,384,932 in Federal formula grant funding, including program income. This Fifth Year Action Plan outlines how the County will target these Federal resources to address the County's housing and community development needs during the upcoming fiscal year from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

The Pinellas County Consortium, grantee of Federal HOME funding, consists of the jurisdictions of Pinellas County, acting in its capacity as an Urban County, and the City of Largo. The Urban County, grantee of Federal CDBG and ESG funding, consists of all unincorporated areas and the 20 municipalities participating in the County's program. The County is the lead entity for the Consortium. The City of Largo prepares and approves its own Action Plan for CDBG funding.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

For the 2014-2015 funding year, Pinellas County will continue to address the objectives of sustainability of a suitable living environment and increased accessibility to decent housing by funding projects to improve public infrastructure and facilities in low- to moderate-income neighborhoods and in blighted areas and to preserve or produce affordable housing.

The 5-Year Consolidated Plan submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) identifies four priority needs for the County: affordable housing; homeless; non-homeless special needs and urban county. As a result of these identified needs, Pinellas County identified the following priority programs: Target Area Improvement Program; Public Facilities Program; Public Infrastructure Program; Public Services Program; Homeless and Homelessness Prevention Services Program; Housing Preservation Program; Housing Production Program; and Homeownership Promotion Program.

The activities being recommended for each of the programs initial funding support the priority needs identified in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan. These activities support the following specific objectives and outcomes: availability/accessibility of decent housing; affordability of decent housing; availability/accessibility of a suitable living environment; and sustainability of a suitable living environment.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Pinellas County successfully completed the third year of the County's Five-Year Consolidated Plan period. Projects completed during the 2012-2013 fiscal year helped to meet the goals and objectives identified in the County's Annual Action Plan. During the 2012-2013 fiscal year, Federal resources were utilized throughout the community for a variety of housing and community development activities to address the following objectives of the 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan: sustainability of a suitable living

environment and increased accessibility to decent housing by improvement of public infrastructure and facilities in low- to moderate-income neighborhoods and in blighted areas.

Below are the objectives and outcomes addressed during the 2012-2013 Action Plan period:

Objective: Performance Measure One (SL-3: Sustainability of Suitable Living Environment): 27,661 people and 2 housing units will have a sustainable (more livable) environment through infrastructure construction and improvements and facility rehabilitation for the purpose of creating a suitable living environment. **Outcome:** 43,897 people; 334 households served.

Objective: Performance Measure Two (SL-1: Availability/Accessibility of Suitable Living Environment): 1,250 people will have access to recreational and social services for the purpose of creating a suitable living environment. (Please note this is a duplicated count as these people reside in areas served through Performance Measure One.) **Outcome:** 18,382 people served.

Objective: Performance Measure Three (DH-2: Affordability of Decent Housing): 90 households will have access to affordable housing through down payment, housing, and mortgage assistance for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing. **Outcome:** 10 households served.

Objective: Performance Measure Four (DH-1: Availability/Accessibility of Decent Housing): 25 households will have new access to housing through the creation or acquisition of additional units for the purpose of creating decent affordable housing. **Outcome:** 29 housing units served.

Objective: Performance Measure Four (DH-1: Availability/Accessibility of Decent Housing): 14 homeless or disabled people will have available improved access to affordable housing through rehabilitation and 300 persons will have available improved access to housing services for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing. **Outcome:** 2,091 persons and 63 households served.

Currently for the 2013-2014 program year, Pinellas County is utilizing 80% of CDBG funds for public infrastructure improvements, public facility improvements, public service activities, and housing preservation activities and 20% of CDBG funds for program administration. HOME funds are being utilized for homeowner and rental housing preservation and production and homebuyer activities. ESG

funds are being used to provide rental assistance in the form of homelessness prevention and re-housing through the Community Housing Assistance Program.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Community Revitalization Division of the Health and Community Services Department is responsible for the preparation and implementation of the Consortium's Consolidated Strategic Plan and specific goals identified in the Annual Action Plan. Community Revitalization developed the Plan in consultation with a wide range of public and private entities, including governmental and non-profit organizations that are knowledgeable regarding the needs of the low- and moderate-income residents of the Consortium and the County as a whole.

This process included holding public hearings early in the planning process to identify and prioritize the needs of Pinellas County over the next five years. In addition, a public hearing was conducted on January 6, 2014 to solicit input on the priorities and needs of Pinellas County to include in the Annual Action Plan. It also provided an opportunity to present participants with a summary of the County's accomplishments completed over the previous completed fiscal year and an overview of existing fiscal year programs.

The following outreach was completed throughout the County to solicit input and included:

- **Solicitation** of input through direct mailings to existing partners and organizations in the community to encourage participation in identifying housing needs and needs of the homeless and special populations and in the development of the Plan. A public notice was published in *The Tampa Bay Times* prior to the public hearing. Additionally, the notice was published on the Pinellas County Community Revitalization Division website, released as a County press release, and ran on the electronic bulletin board on the County's local government television station.
- **Neighborhood-based Citizen Committees** in areas targeted for comprehensive revitalization activities under Federal grant programs. These committees advise on needs and activities relative to their community. Additionally, Community Revitalization Division is represented on the Low Income Housing Network and its Committees that has representation from a variety of housing advocates and local nonprofits.

- **Coordination** with the local Housing Authorities within the jurisdiction to solicit information related to the Authorities' developments and surrounding communities, as well as the Authorities' future development plans.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

On January 6, 2014, the County held a public meeting to report on the past performance of Community Revitalization Division programs and to seek input on the future focus priority needs over the next year. Comments received during the public hearing are identified in the Citizen Participation Outreach section of this Action Plan.

The draft Annual Action Plan was made available for viewing and public comment on April 4, 2014 and ended May 3, 2014. The notice of availability for viewing was advertised in the *Tampa Bay Times* on April 4, 2014. The draft Action Plan was distributed to the City of Largo's Community Development Department and made available for download on the Pinellas County Community Revitalization Division website. Additionally, the notice was released as a County press release, and ran on the electronic bulletin board on the County's local government television station.

No comments were received during the public comment period.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

No comments were received during the public comment period.

7. Summary

The Action Plan that follows outlines the variety of tools and strategies Pinellas County will utilize during the one-year period beginning October 1, 2014, to effectively and efficiently execute the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioner's strategic direction to create a sustainable community and improve the quality of life for Pinellas County residents.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	Pinellas County	Community Revitalization Division
CDBG Administrator	Pinellas County	Community Revitalization Division
HOME Administrator	Pinellas County	Community Revitalization Division
ESG Administrator	Pinellas County	Community Revitalization Division
HOPWA Administrator	City of Tampa	

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

Pinellas County is the lead entity for the Pinellas County Consortium, consisting of Pinellas County and the City of Largo. The Community Revitalization Division of the Health and Community Services Department is the entity responsible for the preparation of the Pinellas County Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan and for the administration of the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs for Pinellas County.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

The Action Plan 30-day comment period begins on Friday, April 4, 2014. Interested parties are encouraged to submit comments in writing, via mail, or email to:

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600 Cleveland Street, Suite 800
Clearwater, FL 33755
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Annual Action Plan
2014

AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

Pinellas County's 2014-2015 Action Plan was prepared with participation by nonprofit organizations and community residents. A public hearing was held on January 6, 2014 and on June 24, 2014 with interested parties invited to comment at both hearings. During the thirty (30) day comment period, residents were invited to submit written comments to the Community Revitalization Division.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))

Partnering with other local public and private entities that focus on affordable housing, homelessness, health care, and related services is vital to addressing community needs and neighborhood revitalization within the community. Prior to advertising the notice of funding availability and application availability for the annual funding cycle, a public hearing is held to receive input on community needs. Notification of the public hearing is mailed to nonprofits, housing providers, and cooperating local governments. Notice is also posted on the County's website. Attendees at the meeting have the opportunity to identify housing, special needs population, community development, and homeless needs in the community. Participants are given the opportunity to discuss potential projects to bring forth for funding during the annual cycle to address their needs.

The Pinellas County Health Department is the local lead agency for addressing lead poisoning in the community and works to identify lead-based paint hazards. The Pinellas County Health Department works closely with the state to collect data and also relies on grant funding to develop strategies to provide targeted blood lead screenings to high risk children. The expiration of the grant funding and current budgetary constraints has limited the Department's lead screening and case management activities, but the agency continues to respond to all confirmed cases of lead poisoning as determined by local pediatricians and health care facilities throughout Pinellas County. A team of specialists perform inspections and risk assessments at no charge for families with children having elevated blood levels and family day care homes.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The CoC has conducted homeless surveys to determine the needs of homeless person, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth, and person at risk of homelessness. Pinellas County works closely with the Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Board, Inc., attending general meetings of the Board, participating on the Coordinated Intake, Assessment and Referral Planning Committee; and providing staff support for the Point in Time Count. Additionally, Pinellas County coordinates with the Continuum of Care each year to identify service agencies to receive funding for operational support as a match for the CoC's Super NOFA application.

Pinellas County, as required by the Emergency Solutions Grant Program, consulted with members of the Continuum of Care for the area. Pinellas County's Health and Community Services Department is currently updating its program that provides local financial resources to families at risk of homelessness. The program is a replication of the HPRP program; however, the program has the flexibility to serve families at 50% of Area Median Income (AMI).

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

Pinellas County has consulted with the CoC on a regular basis to determine how to allocate ESG funds in accordance with the CoC and the Consolidated Plan and review of applications for funding requests. Performance standards are currently being developed to evaluate the outcome of projects goals and objectives of the program. This allows better coordination with other service providers and provides integration with other programs targeted to homeless people in the area covered by the CoC. The 10-Year Plan to end Homelessness provides a strategic, communitywide system to prevent and end homelessness in Pinellas County.

ESG funds are awarded to agencies that provide street outreach to the chronic homeless, case management services, homeless prevention services, assistance with shelter operations, and rapidly re-housing homeless persons. Funds are provided for short-term rental and utility assistance.

The CoC is responsible for the administration and operation of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Policies and procedures in place are consistently reviewed for necessary updates. ESG agencies awarded funds are required to enter client data into HMIS in accordance with HUD guidelines. The Tampa Bay Information Network (TBIN) is the official HMIS system of record for Pinellas County. TBIN is a locally administered, electronic case management system that stores longitudinal client-level data about the men, women, and children who have accessed homeless and other basic needs social service programs in Pinellas County. TBIN is jointly funded by the Department of Health and Community Services and the Juvenile Welfare Board and is operated by 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares, Inc (2-1-1). The system is responsible for annual system-level accountability reports showing the progress to end homelessness such as the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (a report on the use of homeless housing), the Point in Time Count Report (a report on the one-day count of clients living in shelters and on the street) and the Housing Inventory Chart (a report on the availability of homeless dedicated housing beds and units).

The County can build upon the success of 2-1-1 and TBIN to develop performance metrics and advanced reports that monitors and evaluates client-level and provider-level utilization and outcomes data. The Department of Health and Community Services is working with the Juvenile Welfare Board and 2-1-1 to enhance the reporting and monitoring capabilities of TBIN in order to provide the data necessary to make system-level improvements to the homeless continuum of care in Pinellas County. Pinellas County Health and Community Services staff is part of the development and implementation of the Pinellas Coordinated Assessment process. Member agency staff is part of the System Quality Improvement Committee work setting performance outcome goals and overseeing measurement and reports.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Agency/Group/Organization	Religious Community Services, Inc.
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input at the needs assessment public hearing.
Agency/Group/Organization	YMCA of the Suncoast, Inc.
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Neighborhood Organization
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Development Needs
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input at the needs assessment public hearing.
Agency/Group/Organization	Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services, Inc.
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Community Development Needs

Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input at the needs assessment public hearing.
Agency/Group/Organization	Pinellas Opportunity Council, Inc.
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input at the needs assessment public hearing.
Agency/Group/Organization	Homeless Emergency Project, Inc.
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-homeless
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input at the needs assessment public hearing.
Agency/Group/Organization	Directions for Living, Inc.
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs

Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input at the needs assessment public hearing.
Agency/Group/Organization	CASA, Inc.
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input at the needs assessment public hearing.
Agency/Group/Organization	Community Service Foundation
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input at the needs assessment public hearing.
Agency/Group/Organization	United Methodist Cooperative Ministries
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Health Services-Education
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy Community Development Needs
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Organization provided input at the needs assessment public hearing.
Agency/Group/Organization	Police Athletic League
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Development Needs

<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Agency provided input at the needs assessment public hearing.</p>
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Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

All agencies were provided notice and the opportunity to provide input on community needs and comment on the Annual Action Plan draft.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Homeless Leadership Board	Pinellas County's identified specific homeless objectives overlap with the Continuum of Care's plan to address homeless needs. Supporting the construction/acquisition/preservation of permanent supportive housing for individuals and families with children transitioning out of homelessness; establishing beds to provide outreach, assessment, and short-term emergency or transitional housing for the chemically dependent, mentally ill, or dually diagnosed chronic homeless; providing funding for operations of existing facilities; preserving emergency or transitional housing facilities to ensure continued operations of facilities providing services to homeless are priorities for both the County and the CoC.
Healthy Communities Initiative	Pinellas County	Pinellas County's identified specific housing and community development objectives overlap with the Healthy Communities Initiative. Five at-risk communities were identified in Pinellas County. Each of the communities has at least 16% of its residents living in poverty. Three of the five communities include areas that are Community Revitalization targeted areas: Tarpon Springs, Highpoint, and the Lealman Corridor. Overlapping goals consist of Preserving and maintaining safe, stable and attractive neighborhoods and places that preserve and reinforce the livability, character and history of Pinellas County; and stabilizing targeted neighborhoods that have been hit hard by foreclosures and abandoned properties including neighborhoods at most risk of decline.
Justice and Consumer Services Strategic P	Pinellas County Justice & Consumer Services	Pinellas County's identified specific community development objectives overlap with the Healthy Communities Initiative. Overlapping goals include mental health and youth population support.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

Community Revitalization developed the Consortium's Consolidated Strategic Plan and specific goals identified in the Annual Action Plan in consultation with a wide range of public and private entities, including governmental and non-profit organizations that are knowledgeable regarding the needs of the low- and moderate-income residents of the Consortium and the County as a whole. This process included holding public hearings early in the planning process to identify and prioritize the needs of Pinellas County over the next five years. In addition, a public hearing was conducted on January 6, 2014 to solicit input from interested parties of the priorities and needs of Pinellas County to include in the Annual Action Plan.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons
Public Meeting	partners and organizations in the community	A public hearing was held on January 6, 2014. The public hearing notice was advertised in the Tampa Bay Times, mailed to participating partners and nonprofit organizations within the community, and posted on the Community Revitalization Division website. Fourteen representatives from thirteen organizations attended the public hearing to provide input on the needs to be addressed in the upcoming 2014-2015 fiscal year and to obtain information on the County's performance during the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 fiscal years.	Minutes from the January 6, 2014 public hearing as included as an attachment to the 2014-2015 Action Plan.	All comments were considered during the preparation of the Action Plan.
Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community partners and organizations in the community	Pinellas County published a notice in the Tampa Bay Times on Friday, April 4, 2014 advertising the availability of the draft of the Fifth Year Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Years 2014-2015. The notice provided the start and end of the 30-day comment period, available resources, proposed activities to receive funding, and the process by which to provide comments on the Plan.	All comments received during the 30-day comment period will be incorporated into this Plan.	All comments will be accepted.

Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons
Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community partners and organizations in the community	Pinellas County will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 6:00pm in the BCC Assembly Room, 315 Court Street, Clearwater for interested parties to provide comments on the 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan. Following the public hearing, the Board of County Commissioners will vote on approval of the Action Plan. On Tuesday, June 3, 2014, the BCC will vote to authorize/advertise permission to hold the public hearing. A notice announcing the public hearing will be advertised in the Tampa Bay Times and posted on the Community Revitalization Division website.	All comments received during the public hearing will be incorporated into this Plan.	All comments will be accepted.

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c) (1, 2)

Introduction

Pinellas County anticipates receiving a total of \$3,699,932 in funding from HUD and anticipates generating an additional \$685,000 in program income. Over the five-year period covered by the Consolidated Strategic Plan, Pinellas County has recognized a twenty-five percent (25%) reduction in CDBG funding and a forty percent (40%) reduction in HOME funding. In addition to Federal entitlement grant funding, Pinellas County also receives State funding. The County received \$716,111 in SHIP funding in 2013, an eighty-two percent (82%) reduction from a SHIP allocation that was approximately \$4 million dollars annually. Reduced funding under these programs has impacted the County's ability to fund eligible housing and community development activities in low- and moderate and slum and blighted areas, and to fund local agencies that provide services that assist low- and moderate-income residents throughout the County.

Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 5				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development	2,422,408	85,000	0	2,507,408	2,507,408	Pinellas County proposes to use FY14-15 CDBG funding to support the following priority programs: Target Area

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 5				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
		Housing Public Improvements Public Services						Improvements, Public Facility Improvements, Public Services, Public Infrastructure, and for program administration.
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,072,975	600,000	0	1,672,975	1,672,975	Pinellas County proposes to use FY14-15 HOME funding to support the following priority programs: Housing Preservation, Housing Production, Homeownership Promotion and for program administration.
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter	204,549	0	0	204,549	204,549	Pinellas County proposes to use FY14-15 ESG funding to support the following priority program: Homeless and Homelessness Prevention Services, for emergency shelter

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 5				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
		Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing						renovations and essential services and operations, and for program administration.
Housing Trust Fund	public - local	Acquisition Admin and Planning Homeowner rehab Housing Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership	0	80,000	0	80,000	80,000	Pinellas County anticipates receiving approximately \$80,000 in program income generated from the original allocations of HTF. Funds will be used to support the following priority programs: Housing Preservation, Housing Production, Homeownership Promotion and for program administration.
Other	public - state	Admin and Planning Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab	0	725,000	0	725,000	725,000	Pinellas County anticipates receiving approximately \$725,000 in program income. SHIP funds will be used to support the

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 5				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
		Housing Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership Services						following priority programs: Housing Preservation, Housing Production, Homeownership Promotion and for program administration.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The State of Florida State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program provides local entitlement jurisdictions with funds for housing activities and can be used to satisfy Federal HOME match requirements. The State requires that 65% of the allocation be expended on homeownership activities and 75% be expended on rehabilitation or construction activities. Program income generated from past allocations will continue to be utilized for addressing the affordable housing needs of Pinellas County. The projected program income from SHIP for FY 2014-2015 is \$725,000. These funds will be used for homeowner or rental rehabilitation activities, down payment assistance, and housing services.

Private funds available through local lending institutions will be leveraged by Federal funds in the rehabilitation and homebuyers assistance programs. The Homebuyers Club will leverage private funds from individuals and families saving for down payment and closing costs, and will also leverage private lender funds for the purchase of homes. Investor and private lending institution funds will be used to leverage Federal funds to accomplish both new construction and preservation of existing units. Match requirements for the Emergency Shelter Grant will be satisfied with County general funds budgeted to programs and activities that benefit homeless individuals and families.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

Pinellas County owns sixty-three (63) properties in the Dansville and Greater Ridgcrest Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas. The housing redevelopment plan is to transform these lots and the surrounding low- and moderate-income neighborhoods into a vibrant, sustainable mixed-income community with well-designed affordable housing that links to quality public schools, comprehensive support services, and accessible transportation. Development of these sixty-three (63) properties will address housing and community development needs by producing new affordable housing, promoting home ownership, and supporting community sustainability.

Pinellas County also owns property in the Greater Ridgcrest Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA), which houses the Greater Ridgcrest Branch YMCA. The Y administers a comprehensive

recreation program for residents of the Greater Ridgecrest Area and surrounding low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. The Y serves three crucial areas of focus to help residents with youth development; healthy living; and social responsibility. The Y also serves other Y school age programs, Ridgecrest Elementary School, and Indian Rocks Christian School, by providing access to the pool and gym. For community residents, the Y serves as an affordable rental venue for private community events. The Greater Ridgecrest Branch of the YMCA of the Suncoast is guided by an advisory board with 100% of its membership being residents of the community or persons whose principal place of business is in the community.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

No Goals Found

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Specific Community Development Objective #1	2010	2014		DANSVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AREA GREATER RIDGECREST AREA Lealman Tarpon Springs Target Area High Point	Urban County	CDBG: \$592,419	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 42000 Persons Assisted Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 7264 Persons Assisted
2	Specific Community Development Objective #2	2010	2014		Lealman	Urban County	CDBG: \$265,388	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 15600 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Specific Community Development Objective #3	2010	2014		DANSVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AREA GREATER RIDGECREST AREA Lealman Tarpon Springs Target Area High Point	Urban County	CDBG: \$176,076	Other: 7800 Other
4	Specific Community Development Objective #4	2010	2014		DANSVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AREA GREATER RIDGECREST AREA Lealman Tarpon Springs Target Area High Point	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$465,384	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 7800 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Specific Community Development Objective #5	2010	2014				CDBG: \$25,000	Buildings Demolished: 2 Buildings
6	Specific Community Development Objective #6	2010	2014		Tarpon Springs Target Area	Urban County	CDBG: \$411,659	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 8460 Persons Assisted
7	Specific Special Needs Objective #3	2010	2014				CDBG: \$30,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 43 Persons Assisted
8	Specific Housing Objective #1	2010	2014			Affordable Housing	HOME: \$460,946	Rental units constructed: 19 Household Housing Unit
9	Specific Housing Objective #2	2010	2014			Affordable Housing	HOME: \$400,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 8 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
10	Specific Housing Objective #3	2010	2014			Affordable Housing	HOME: \$444,731 Housing Trust Fund: \$72,000 SHIP: \$263,750	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 27 Household Housing Unit
11	Specific Housing Objective #4	2010	2014				HOME: \$100,000 SHIP: \$200,000	Homeowner Housing Added: 3 Household Housing Unit
12	Specific Housing Objective #5	2010	2014			Affordable Housing	HOME: \$100,000 SHIP: \$50,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 12 Households Assisted
13	Specific Housing Objective #7	2010	2014			Affordable Housing	SHIP: \$175,000	Other: 500 Other
14	Specific Homeless Objective #4	2010	2014			Homeless	CDBG: \$40,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
15	Specific Homeless Objective #5	2010	2014				ESG: \$96,000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 550 Persons Assisted
16	Specific Homeless Objective #6	2010	2014			Homeless	ESG: \$93,208	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 13 Households Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 13 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Specific Community Development Objective #1
	Goal Description	Public facilities in revitalization areas. Provide convenient public spaces and community facilities in Neighborhood Revitalization Areas and Target Areas to give residents access to services vital to maintaining a safe and sustainable community. Provide funding for design/engineering and/or construction of 3 public facilities and providing operation funding to serve 5 public facilities.
2	Goal Name	Specific Community Development Objective #2
	Goal Description	Physical improvements in Neighborhood Revitalization Areas and Target Areas: Design and/or construct infrastructure, streetscape improvements, and land for publicly-owned improvements that will serve people in target areas.
3	Goal Name	Specific Community Development Objective #3
	Goal Description	Neighborhood improvements. Enhance the safety and sustainability of NRAs and Target Areas by improving their visual attractiveness. Provide funding for cleanup campaigns, beautification incentive programs, construction costs associated with street lighting districts, litter control campaigns, neighborhood signage and landscaping.
4	Goal Name	Specific Community Development Objective #4
	Goal Description	Acquire property for future development of housing, mixed use commercial projects, infrastructure improvements or neighborhood facilities in NRAs and Target Areas.
5	Goal Name	Specific Community Development Objective #5
	Goal Description	Slum & Blight: Provide funding to eliminate or prevent slum and blight to assist in restoring economic vitality in blighted special districts. Includes façade improvements and physical improvements in special districts, and demolition of residential, commercial, or publicly owned substandard structures.
6	Goal Name	Specific Community Development Objective #6
	Goal Description	Provide funding to cooperating cities or agencies for the design/engineering and/or construction/rehabilitation of facilities for lower income residents, including special needs populations.

7	Goal Name	Specific Special Needs Objective #3
	Goal Description	Service for the elderly: Through a nonprofit, provide services to ensure frail elderly individuals can continue to live independently.
8	Goal Name	Specific Housing Objective #1
	Goal Description	Build new mixed income rental units in conjunction with Consortium mixed-use redevelopment/revitalization projects. Prioritize locations in the mid- and other areas of the Consortium.
9	Goal Name	Specific Housing Objective #2
	Goal Description	Acquire and/or rehabilitate units in rental complexes throughout the Consortium for mixed-income affordable rental housing.
10	Goal Name	Specific Housing Objective #3
	Goal Description	Preserve the existing housing stock by rehabilitating/modernizing/replacing units owned by low/mod owner households.
11	Goal Name	Specific Housing Objective #4
	Goal Description	Preserve the existing housing stock by funding the acquisition and rehabilitation/expansion of existing units for new low/mod income households.
12	Goal Name	Specific Housing Objective #5
	Goal Description	Provide down payment/closing cost assistance and low-rate mortgages to low/mod homebuyers.
13	Goal Name	Specific Housing Objective #7
	Goal Description	Provide credit counseling and homeownership training assistance to prospective low-income homebuyers.
14	Goal Name	Specific Homeless Objective #4
	Goal Description	Providing funding for operating expenses to ensure the continued operation of existing homeless facilities.
15	Goal Name	Specific Homeless Objective #5
	Goal Description	Support the rehabilitation of emergency or transitional housing facilities to ensure the continued operation of facilities that provide services to homeless individuals.

16	Goal Name	Specific Homeless Objective #6
	Goal Description	Support activities to fill gaps in the Pinellas Continuum of Care for the homeless and to respond to urgent community needs identified by specialized service agencies.

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b):

It is estimated that the County will provide HOME and CDBG funding to provide affordable housing 69 low- and moderate income households by providing down payment/closing cost assistance, preserving the existing housing stock by acquiring/rehabilitation/modernizing/replacing owner or renter housing, and acquiring and/or constructing owner or renter housing.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Pinellas County has identified the following Programs as a result of the needs identified in the 5-Year Strategic Plan. The activities being recommended in each of the programs for initial funding have been evaluated for eligibility, readiness to proceed, leveraged funds, and capacity of the entity carrying out the activity. Additionally, should funds become available from unanticipated program income or activities coming in under budget, the County had identified alternate activities or may add additional activities to the identified priority Programs.

#	Project Name
1	Target Area Improvement Program
2	Public Facilities Program
3	Public Infrastructure Program
4	Public Services Program
5	Homeless and Homelessness Prevention Services Program
6	Housing Preservation Program

#	Project Name
7	Housing Production Program
8	Homeownership Promotion Program
9	Administration

Table 7 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

In making allocation recommendations, several factors were considered: activities must comply with CDBG national objectives; must address a priority identified in the Consolidated Strategic Plan; and must provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, or expand economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income persons. Pinellas County allocates investments geographically within its jurisdiction by utilizing a target area concept. Redevelopment and revitalization funds continue to be directed to the County's targeted areas and provide support for redevelopment activities in cooperating cities. All areas are either principally low- and moderate-income as determined through HUD generated Low and Moderate Income Summary Data or slum/blight areas as designated by the local government. This target area concept does not preclude the possibility that there will be projects selected that may operate county-wide, or otherwise outside of one of the identified target areas.

Housing programs are available throughout the Urban County, with a focus on areas with a concentration of older housing, as well as on special targeted areas. The Department encourages mixed-income developments.

The primary obstacle to meeting needs of the underserved is the limited resources available to address the identified priorities. The County is not able to fund all activity proposals received during the application cycle. In addition, some of the obstacles to meeting underserved needs are as follows:

1. The overall economic climate of the country and local government tax cuts mandated by the State of Florida and additional reductions of Federal funding, continue to constrain local government finances. These reductions also impact the ability of non-profit agencies to meet underserved needs of the population.

2. Local governmental policies, such as building codes, subdivision standards, and impact fees, are enacted to protect and further the general welfare of the public. However, a complex regulatory environment can have the unintended effect of creating barriers to housing affordability by increasing per unit costs associated with housing development.
3. The supply of housing in the Consortium, affordable to extremely low-, low- and moderate- and middle-income families. Based on 2010 Census data, Pinellas County has a significant housing affordability issue with both ownership and rental housing. Countywide 49% of owner households exceed HUD affordability threshold. Fifty-six percent of countywide rents exceed HUD's affordability threshold. Families transitioning to rental as a result of foreclosure are finding it difficult to secure housing. One of the barriers for these families is the inability to qualify for the housing due to credit issues and unemployment.
4. The supply of rental housing in the Consortium, affordable to extremely low-, low-, moderate-, and middle-income families, has not kept pace with the increased demand for rental housing. Average rents are not affordable and households are barely able to afford rent making it difficult to afford necessities such as food, clothing, medical care or transportation. Pinellas County is built out and lacks developable land for construction of new affordable rental housing.

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Target Area Improvement Program
	Target Area	Dansville Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Greater Ridgecrest Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Lealman Target Area Tarpon Springs Target Area High Point Target Area
	Goals Supported	Specific Community Development Objective #1 Specific Community Development Objective #2 Specific Community Development Objective #3

	Specific Community Development Objective #4
Needs Addressed	
Funding	CDBG: \$1,207,035
Description	Concentrated investments will be provided in designated areas of special interest that will impact neighborhood stabilization and revitalization in order to achieve local objectives and desired outcomes.
Target Date	9/30/2015
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	57,064 low- to moderate-income people will benefit from activities proposed under the Target Area Improvement Program.
Location Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities funded under the Target Area Improvement Program are located in County NRSAs and Local Target Areas. <p>Additionally, the specific activities located in NRSAs or Target Areas will be funded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Omni Center Facility Rehabilitation and Operation activities - 1801 119th Street, Largo Police Athletic League Facility Rehabilitation and Operation activities - 3755 46th Avenue N, St. Petersburg.
Planned Activities	<p>Activities planned under the Target Area Improvement Program include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Omni Center Facility Rehabilitation</u> - rehabilitation/enhancements to the gymnasium, playground and aquatic center to better accommodate activities and events and to enhance opportunities for programming and rentals on site at the County-owned Omni Center in the Greater Ridgecrest NRSA. <u>Omni Center Operations</u> - operating expenses including utilities, facility maintenance, janitorial supplies and service, aquatic chemicals, and base operational personnel costs at the County-owned Omni Center in the Greater Ridgecrest NRSA. <u>Central Lealman Target Area Land Acquisition</u> - acquire land and conduct engineering/design/space planning for potential recreational programming in conjunction with the proposed Joe's Creek park activity. <u>Central Lealman Land Acquisition and Infrastructure Improvements</u> - engineering/design/construction of infrastructure improvements to 37th

	<p>Street from 46th Avenue to 54th Avenue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Police Athletic League Facility Rehabilitation</u> - enhancements to facility grounds including conversion of old parking lot into Astroturf field, resurfacing skateboard park, installing shade structure for skateboard park, and constructing a water barrier device and small drainage system to prevent flooding of partially covered basketball court. • <u>NRSA/Target Area Pre-Development</u> - predevelopment activities of County-owned lots including, but not limited to, zoning approvals, platting, site work, legal, design, consulting, surveys, geotechnical studies and investigations, utility engineering and environmental assessments, other costs associated with property maintenance and site development; acquisition of signage easements and construction/ installation of neighborhood signage. • <u>Central Lealman Joe's Creek Park</u> - engineering/design/space planning/construction of potential recreation field in conjunction with the proposed Central Lealman Target Area Land Acquisition activity, including feasibility analysis of pedestrian/bicyclist access path. • <u>NSRA/Target Area Tree Planting Program</u> - tree planting program in neighborhood revitalization strategy and target areas to improve the community environment and quality of life including improving air quality, reducing stormwater runoff/erosion, creating habitats for plants and animals, and promoting community to make an immediate and noticeable difference to the overall character of the neighborhoods. • <u>NSRA/Target Area Community Gardens</u> - create, enhance or sustain the operation of community gardens in neighborhood revitalization strategy and target areas to improve the overall health of the community and quality of life by revitalizing neighborhoods, stimulating social interaction, conserving and recycling resources, reducing food budgets, and creating opportunities for improved community nutrition and recreation/physical activity. • <u>Target Area Activity Delivery</u> - staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities under the Target Area Improvement Program. Alternate activities have been selected, subject to funding availability and project readiness: • <u>Greater Ridgecrest NRSA Sidewalks</u> – pedestrian safety improvements including the construction of raised crosswalk, handicap ramps, and
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		sidewalks.
2	Project Name	Public Facilities Program
	Target Area	Tarpon Springs Target Area
	Goals Supported	Specific Community Development Objective #6
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$380,891
	Description	Funding of new or existing facilities that provide services to meet the needs of low- and moderate-income or special needs populations. Some activities may be phased over multiple fiscal years and will be considered continuation projects.
	Target Date	9/30/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8,460 low- to moderate-income people will benefit from activities funded under the Public Facility Improvement Program.
	Location Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services Facility Rehabilitation - 14041 Icot Boulevard, Clearwater • Girls Incorporated Facility Rehabilitation - 7686 61st Street, Pinellas Park • Local Community Housing Corporation Cops & Kids Rehabilitation - 560 E Harrison Street, Tarpon Springs • Local Community Housing Corporation Cops & Kids Rehabilitation - 555 E Harrison Street, Tarpon Springs
	Planned Activities	<p>Activities planned under the Public Facilities Program include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services Facility Rehabilitation</u> - hurricane mitigation improvements to include installation of hurricane shutters and protective film to doors and windows. • <u>Girls Incorporated Facility Improvements</u> - architectural/engineering plans and improvements to the facility including renovating existing space to be used as a new design studio, upgrading kitchen, bathroom and lighting, installing permanent bookcases, smart boards, storage cubbies, and loft storage access, and replacing carpeting and room dividers. • <u>Local Community Housing Corporation Cops 'n Kids Facility Rehabilitation</u> - rehabilitation to youth center property including land clearing and grading, installing shade structure over outdoor learning space, landscaping, and fencing safety measures.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Local Community Housing Corporation Cops 'n Kids Facility Rehabilitation</u> - rehabilitation to youth center property including soundproofing theater and gymnasium and installing an outdoor community engagement pavilion with shade structure. • <u>Public Facilities Activity Delivery</u> - staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities under the Public Facilities Program. Alternate activities have been selected, subject to funding availability and project readiness: • <u>WestCare Gulfcoast Florida Turning Point Facility Rehabilitation</u> - construction of a new stand alone building to be used as a laundry facility at Turning Point emergency housing/inebriate receiving facility serving homeless clients. • <u>PEMHS Facility Rehabilitation</u> – replace the roof of two buildings at PEMHS' Crisis Stabilization Unit, Building J, a Public Baker Act receiving facility. • <u>Directions for Living Facility Rehabilitation</u> - architectural/engineering plans and improvements to the facility including renovating existing space at the multi-use facility to create a multi-functional center for trauma-focused treatment and recovery for families and children. • <u>CASA Site Improvements</u> - site improvements including installing security fencing, gates, parking lot lighting, sidewalks, walkways and bike racks. • <u>PARC Curry Villa Rehabilitation</u> - rehabilitation to facility including exterior painting, upgrading plumbing and installing new air conditioning, and property improvements including parking lot sealing and stripping, and sidewalk extensions. • <u>PARC Burkett Villa Rehabilitation</u> - rehabilitation to facility including exterior painting and repairing end gables, and property improvements including parking lot sealing and stripping, and sidewalk extensions. • <u>Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services Facility Rehabilitation</u> - replace the roof at the Adele Gilbert Residential Treatment Facility.
3	Project Name	Public Infrastructure Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Specific Community Development Objective #3
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	Funding for projects that address the prevention and elimination of slum

		and blight within officially designated areas of interest or areas within the County where land may be cleared for future development.
	Target Date	9/30/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2 slum/blight housing units will be demolished or lots will be cleared.
	Location Description	Location to be determined when slum/blight housing unit is identified.
	Planned Activities	<p>Activities planned under the Public Infrastructure Program include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Clearance and Demolition</u> - demolition of deteriorated structures/ improvements or clearance of land. • <u>Public Infrastructure Activity Delivery</u> - staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities under the Public Infrastructure Improvement Program. <p>Alternate activities have been selected, subject to funding availability and project readiness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>City of St. Pete Beach Infrastructure Project</u> - Infrastructure improvements to Blind Pass Road including roadway paving, drainage improvements and instillation of signage, pavement markings, sidewalks, ramps, signals and landscaping.
4	Project Name	Public Services Program
	Target Area	<p>Dansville Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area</p> <p>Greater Ridgecrest Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area</p> <p>Lealman Target Area</p> <p>Tarpon Springs Target Area</p> <p>High Point Target Area</p>
	Goals Supported	<p>Specific Homeless Objective #4</p> <p>Specific Community Development Objective #1</p> <p>Specific Community Development Objective #3</p> <p>Specific Special Needs Objective #3</p>
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$145,000
	Description	Funds will be provided, with a maximum 15% limitation, to provide salaries and operational services to entities that provide services to meet the needs of low- and moderate income families.

Target Date	9/30/2015
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	43 elderly people, 100 homeless people and 42,000 low- to moderate-income people will benefit from activities funded under the Public Services Program.
Location Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood Cleanup activities will be located in County NRSAs and Local Target Areas. • Pinellas Opportunity Council Chore Service Operations - households of elderly residents located in the urban county • Police Athletic League Operations - 6835 54th Avenue N, St. Petersburg • Catholic Charities Pinellas Hope Operations - 5726 126th Avenue N, Clearwater
Planned Activities	<p>Activities planned under the Public Services Program include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>NRSA/Target Area Neighborhood Cleanups</u> - cleanup campaigns in Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy and Target Areas to remove trash and debris. • <u>Pinellas Opportunity Council Chore Services Operations</u> - fund operating expenses including utilities, rent and insurance for the Chore Services Program which provides heavy household cleaning, yard work and minor home repairs for the elderly. • <u>Police Athletic League Operations</u> - fund operating expenses at PAL to provide recreational programming, youth development and social responsibility, health initiatives and family services. • <u>Girls Incorporated Operations</u> - fund operating expenses to cover single audit requirements triggered by CDBG funded public facility improvement activity. • <u>Catholic Charities Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc. - Pinellas Hope Operations</u> - fund operating expenses including utilities and essential service salaries of case managers at Pinellas Hope emergency shelter. <p>Alternate activities have been selected, subject to funding availability and project readiness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>WestCare Gulfcoast Florida Turning Point Operations</u> - fund operating expenses and essential service salaries at Turning Point, an emergency intervention shelter and inebriate receiving facility for the homeless. • <u>Local Community Housing Corporation Home Share Program Operations</u> - fund operating expenses and essential service salaries for the Home

		<p>Share Program matching affordable housing opportunities to home providers and home seekers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Religious Community Services Grace House Operations</u> - fund operating expenses including essential service salaries for one (1) case manager position at Grace House emergency shelter for families.
5	Project Name	Homeless and Homelessness Prevention Services Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Specific Homeless Objective #5 Specific Homeless Objective #6
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	ESG: \$174,337
	Description	Program facilitates providing essential services to shelter residents; rapidly re-housing homeless individuals and families and preventing families and individuals from becoming homeless by funding eligible activities within the following Emergency Solutions Grant Program components: Emergency Shelter; Homelessness Prevention; Rapid Re-Housing and Data Collection.
	Target Date	9/30/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	550 homeless people and 26 homeless or at-risk households will benefit from activities funded under the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program.
	Location Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeless person or at-risk households located in the urban county will receive funding through Community Housing Assistance Program. • Religious Community Services Grace House Rehabilitation - 1552 S Myrtle Avenue, Clearwater
	Planned Activities	<p>Activities planned under the Homeless and Homelessness Prevention Services Program include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Rental Assistance</u> - assist with stabilizing permanent housing by providing short-term financial assistance, including rent payments and security/utility deposits, to individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. • <u>Religious Community Services Facility Rehabilitation</u> - rehabilitation to Grace House, a 14-unit emergency shelter, including installing new roofs and replacing windows, doors and air conditioners. • <u>Homeless and Homelessness Prevention Activity Delivery</u> - staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities under the

		Homeless and Homelessness Prevention Services Program.
6	Project Name	Housing Preservation Program
	Target Area	Lealman Target Area
	Goals Supported	Specific Housing Objective #2 Specific Housing Objective #3 Specific Community Development Objective #3
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$85,000 HOME: \$287,540 Housing Trust Fund: \$72,000 SHIP: \$263,750
	Description	Program facilitates the preservation of affordable homeowner and rental units through rehabilitation and/or acquisition. Applications are provided on a first come, first serve basis and funding selections are based on eligibility of households served and financial feasibility. Private funds available through local lending institutions may be leveraged by Federal funds. If insufficient applications are received during FY14-15, committed funds may be reprogrammed to other projects without amending this Action Plan.
	Target Date	9/30/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	7,800 low- to moderate-income people and 35 low- to moderate-income households will benefit from activities funded under the Housing Preservation Program.
	Location Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code enforcement activities will be focused in County NRSAs and Target Areas • Preservation of owner and renter households located in the jurisdiction of Pinellas County and the City of Largo
	Planned Activities	<p>Activities planned under the Housing Preservation Program include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>City of Largo Single Family Rehabilitation Program</u> - homeowner housing preservation through low-interest home improvement loans. • <u>Housing Preservation Programs</u> - preservation of homeowner housing and/or rental units through rehabilitation and/or acquisition. • <u>NSRA/Target Area Code Enforcement</u> - code enforcement activities in designated Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy and Target Areas.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Housing Preservation Activity Delivery</u> - staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities under the Housing Preservation Program.
7	Project Name	Housing Production Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Specific Housing Objective #1 Specific Housing Objective #4
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	HOME: \$1,004,440 SHIP: \$200,000
	Description	Program facilitates the construction of single-family and multifamily affordable housing units. Applications are provided on a first come, first serve basis and funding selections are based on eligibility of households served and financial feasibility. Private funds available through local lending institutions may be leveraged by Federal funds. Includes CHDO set-aside funding requirements. If insufficient applications are received during FY14-15, committed funds may be reprogrammed to other projects without amending this Action Plan.
	Target Date	9/30/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	22 low- to moderate-income owner and renter households will benefit from activities funded under the Housing Production Program.
	Location Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Production of owner and renter households located in the jurisdiction of Pinellas County and the City of Largo
8	Planned Activities	<p>Activities planned under the Housing Production Program include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Housing Production Program</u> - production of new affordable owner or rental housing through acquisition or construction financing. <u>Housing Production Activity Delivery</u> - staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities under the Housing Production Program.
	Project Name	Homeownership Promotion Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Specific Housing Objective #5 Specific Housing Objective #7
	Needs Addressed	

	Funding	HOME: \$200,000 SHIP: \$50,000
	Description	Program facilitates education of prospective and existing homeowners through counseling services and provides financial assistance to home buyers in the form of down payment and closing costs. If insufficient applications are received during FY14-15, committed funds may be reprogrammed to other projects without amending this Action Plan.
	Target Date	9/30/2015
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	12 low- to moderate-income homebuyers will benefit from activities funded under the Homeownership Promotion Program.
	Location Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homebuyers of housing located in the jurisdiction of Pinellas County and the City of Largo
	Planned Activities	<p>Activities planned under the Homeownership Promotion Program include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>City of Largo Down Payment Assistance Program</u> - provide interest free down payment/closing cost assistance second mortgage to first-time homebuyers. <u>Down Payment Assistance Programs</u> - provide deferred payment, interest free second mortgages to first-time homebuyers. <u>Housing Services</u> - provide credit counseling, homeownership training, housing education and maintenance through counseling services to prospective low- and moderate-income homebuyers. <u>Homeownership Assistance Activity Delivery</u> - staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities under the Homeownership Assistance Program.
9	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$501,482 HOME: \$165,776
	Description	General planning and administration costs for CDBG, and HOME.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number	

and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
Location Description	
Planned Activities	General planning and administration costs for CDBG, and HOME Programs.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Redevelopment and revitalization funds will continue to be directed to County targeted areas, including two HUD approved Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSA), and provide support for redevelopment activities in cooperating cities. All areas are either principally low- and moderate-income determined through HUD generated Low and Moderate Income Summary Data or are slum/blight areas as designated by the local government.

Housing programs are available throughout the Urban County, with a focus on areas with a concentration of older housing, as well as on special targeted areas. The Department encourages mixed-income developments. For activities involving homeless or special needs, the emphasis continues to be cooperation with other entitlement communities in the County to ensure that those in need within all areas of the County are served (while ensuring that the project sponsor or sub-grantee is serving Urban County residents).

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Dansville Neighborhood Redevelopment Strategy Area	Approximately 81% of CDBG project funding will fund activities located within these five NSRA/Target Areas.
Greater Ridgecrest Neighborhood Redevelopment Strategy Area	
Lealman Target Area (Healthy Community)	
Highpoint Target Area (Healthy Community)	
Tarpon Springs Target Area (Healthy Community)	

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Pinellas County allocates investments geographically within its jurisdiction by utilizing a target area concept. Target areas are established by meeting at least one of the following criteria:

1. At least 51% of the households in the area must have incomes at 80% or less of the HUD Median Family Income (MFI) for the Tampa-St. Petersburg MSA, adjusted by household size, or
2. There must be a substantial number of deteriorating or dilapidated buildings or infrastructure needs throughout the area, or
3. Generally, the current conditions of a target area meet the slums and blight definition of a State of Florida designated Community Redevelopment Area (CRA), as defined in the Florida Statutes, Chapter 163, Part III, the "Act".

The list of Pinellas County CRAs within the Consortium includes the Dunedin, Gulfport, Indian Shores, Oldsmar, Pinellas Park, Safety Harbor and Tarpon Springs CRAs. Each CRA was established pursuant to the criteria established in F.S.; Chapter 163 with extensive analysis of existing conditions, studies completed utilizing census data, along with local databases such as comprehensive plans, redevelopment implementation plans, capital improvement plans, and consultations with City and County personnel. The Consortium will continue to allocate its housing funds throughout the Consortium. ESG funding will be allocated to projects located outside the City of St. Petersburg. Both the City of Largo and Pinellas County (Urban County) will allocate their Community Development Block

Grant (CDBG) funds within their respective low-income/redevelopment areas. They may also contribute a proportionate share to homeless and special needs projects outside the municipality boundaries.

Discussion

The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners' strategic vision is to improve the quality of life for Pinellas County residents and aims to have local municipalities, engaged citizens, and the County working together to better align resources, to revitalize and redevelop communities, and protect our natural resources.

In order to achieve this vision, the County analyzed the factors that contribute to systemic poverty in an effort to determine the needs of the community. This analysis, titled **Economic Impact of Poverty Report**, highlighted seven factors that contribute to the cycle of poverty and drive the costs for combating poverty. The data identified five at-risk communities within the County. The five communities include East Tarpon Springs, North Greenwood, Highpoint, Lealman Corridor, and South St. Petersburg. Three of the five communities include areas that are County targeted areas: Tarpon Springs, Highpoint, and the Lealman Corridor. All five communities suffer from the same 7 factors: insufficient transportation, access to food, access to health care, poorer health, lower educational attainment, increased crime rates, higher unemployment, and inadequate and insufficient housing. In May 2012, the Board unanimously adopted the findings in the **Economic Impact of Poverty Report**, prioritized funding and services for the five At-Risk Zones, and instructed the Departments to begin to work with community partners to implement the Healthy Communities Initiative.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Providing access to affordable housing for all residents continues to be a high priority for Pinellas County. Affordable housing will be provided through the use of Federal CDBG, HOME, ESG and NSP funds, State SHIP funds, and local Housing Trust Funds. Priorities include the acquisition, construction and/or rehabilitation of new and/or existing owner, rental, homeless and special needs housing, providing short-term rental assistance to homeless or at-risk individuals and households, and providing down payment and closing cost assistance for low- and moderate-income households.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	26
Non-Homeless	69
Special-Needs	0
Total	95

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	26
The Production of New Units	22
Rehab of Existing Units	35
Acquisition of Existing Units	12
Total	95

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

In 2014-2015, providing affordable housing will specifically be addressed by:

- Providing down payment/closing cost assistance and low-rate mortgages to 12 low- and moderate-income homebuyers using HOME and SHIP funds.
- Preserving the existing housing stock by acquiring/rehabilitation/modernizing/replacing 35 units of owner or renter housing for low- and moderate-income households using HOME, SHIP and HTF funds.
- Acquiring and/or constructing 22 units of owner or renter housing for low- and moderate-income households using HOME and SHIP funds.
- Providing short-term rental assistance to 26 low-income individuals or households using ESG funds.

Approximately \$1.5 million of HOME funds will be used for single-family and multi-family residential rehabilitation and construction, down-payment assistance, and purchase and rehabilitation for home buyers. In addition, program income generated by Neighborhood Stabilization Programs (NSP) will target the acquisition and reconstruction of foreclosed or abandoned properties within the County. The State of Florida provides local entitlement jurisdictions with funds for housing under the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program. The State requires that 65% of the allocation be expended on homeownership activities and 75% be expended on rehabilitation or construction activities. The anticipated SHIP funds available for fiscal year 2014-2015 is approximately \$725,000 of projected in program income. These funds will be used for homeowner rehabilitation activities, down payment assistance, and housing services. Private funds available through local lending institutions will be leveraged by Federal funds in the rehabilitation and homebuyers assistance programs. The Homebuyers Club will leverage private money from individuals and families saving for down payments and closing costs, and will also leverage private lender's money in the purchase of homes. In new construction projects, investor and private lending institutions' funds will be leveraged by Federal funds. Federal funds will also leverage the use of private homeowner and investor-owner funds to accomplish rehabilitation. Federal housing funds leverage local resources such as donated homes and land, relief from certain impact fees and regulations, as well as encourage private investment from developers and

lending institutions.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Public Housing Authorities in Florida are created as independent organizations under Florida Statutes. Thus, the County interfaces with the local housing authorities on activities as requested by them, and the County has contributed toward safe and sound public housing, as well as the provision of recreational and other social accommodations. The County's policy, however, is not to substitute CDBG funds for funds that are available to the Housing Authority through other Federal programs.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

No activities planned for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

No activities planned for the 2014-2015 fiscal year

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

Not applicable.

Discussion

Although no activities are planned for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, funds may be utilized to provide additional resources for preservation of existing units or acquisition of new units through the on-going housing application process and funding will be based on financial feasibility. Ongoing communication

with the Pinellas County Housing Authority and the Tarpon Springs Housing Authority will continue in order to identify opportunities to further address preservation of existing affordable housing units.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

In February 2012, the Pinellas County Coalition for the Homeless, Inc. and the Homeless Leadership Network merged into the Homeless Leadership Board. The mission of the Homeless Leadership Board is to prevent, reduce, and end homelessness in Pinellas County. The new Homeless Leadership Board was created by an Interlocal Agreement between Pinellas County; the Cities of Clearwater, Largo, Pinellas Park, St. Petersburg, and Tarpon Springs; the School Board of Pinellas County; the Pinellas-Pasco Public Defender's Office; and the Juvenile Welfare Board/Children's Services Board. The Board is responsible for setting and implementing policies for the homeless services system; planning, implementing, and advocating for design and critical activities of the Pinellas system of services; monitoring and reporting on system and provider performance towards adopted goals/outcomes (including the Tampa Bay Information Network, the County's Homeless Management Information System); designing, tracking and reporting outcomes to ensure effective use of resources to ensure homeless persons gain stable housing; performing lead agency responsibilities for Federal and State homeless funding; administering Federal, State and local public and private funding for homeless services, providing strategic alignment of funding to best meet the needs; coordinating between Interlocal Agreement entities; and advocating for effective homeless/at-risk services at the Federal, State and local levels.

The Homeless Leadership Board identified families/children and chronic homeless (individuals, families) as the top priorities for housing in the strategic plan, & is redirecting resources to them. Major cities, Pinellas County, the Juvenile Welfare Board, and others are setting the same priorities and are working together to create more housing. New 'Going Home Project-Pinellas' includes a public/private-funded apartment specialist to find very low income apartments that will accept persons with poor credit or rental records, then match the housing with specific clients, for scattered-site permanent supportive housing. The Homeless Leadership Board also adopted strategies to stop individuals and families from becoming chronic homeless by getting them into permanent housing more quickly. The Homeless

Leadership Board continues to work with other Florida CoCs to get the Florida Legislature to again put money into the State Sadowski Housing Trust Fund for very low-income housing.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The Homeless Leadership Board (HLB) partners with the Juvenile Welfare Board's Children's Services Council & 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares on the Family Services Initiative (FSI) that works with families with needs. The goal of the Family Services Initiative is to prevent homelessness while working on longer-term issues and to have one place for families to make initial contact for help. FSI is publicized widely as the place to go for help for the homeless and at-risk families. Homeless/at risk families call 2-1-1 & are directed to specific triage staff for short assessment. Outreach is done by 3 full-time/2 half-time Street Outreach Teams who cover major parts of the county five days a week.

The Street Outreach Teams are the center of the Continuum of Care's efforts to find & engage street homeless, in place since late 2006. Each Street Outreach Team is composed of one law enforcement officer and one case manager. Additionally, Street Outreach Individuals focus on finding unaccompanied youth. The Veterans Administration funds Veterans Outreach persons.

All the outreach personnel meet bi-monthly to discuss problems, identify increases/decreases in specific populations, problem-solve, and meet with providers of emergency mats and beds. Law enforcement staff members train their police departments on working with street homeless persons. Once a street homeless individual or couple seeks assistance, they are encouraged to go to Safe Harbor, the County's major intake/emergency shelter and are assigned to a case manager for assessment & referral to services, etc. Unaccompanied youth are 'friended' and referred to Family Resources and other youth programs to get them off the street. Street Outreach Teams also process individuals for entrance to Pinellas Hope, another major emergency shelter.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Pinellas County will support emergency and transitional housing needs by providing CDBG funding for the operation of an emergency shelter and ESG funds to for the rehabilitation of an emergency shelter. In FY 2014-2015, the County is will provide \$40,000 in CDBG funding to Catholic Charities for essential service salaries at Pinellas Hope. The County is providing \$90,000 in ESG funding to Religious Community Services for rehabilitation of Grace House Emergency Shelter. Additionally, several activities that serve homeless persons have been selected as alternate activities should additional funding become available.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

Emergency Solutions Grant funds will primarily be used to prevent homelessness and rapid re-house those that have become homeless. Pinellas County spends approximately 40% of ESG funds on prevention or Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) activities, all for families with children who meet requirements for prevention/RRH services. Pinellas County coordinates with the Juvenile Welfare Board (JWB) Family Service Initiative, which provides a range of prevention assistance to families/children (may include very-short term shelter & case management to remain in/get new housing). The County funds 211 Tampa Bay Cares operators to connect at-risk families/persons with prevention resources including Emergency Food & Shelter projects. Additionally, Pinellas County is providing partial funding for the Homeless Leadership Board's Director position over the next year.

The Continuum of Care is exploring strategies and potential initiatives to shorten the period of time families are experiencing homelessness. Two Pinellas County Health and Community Services Department initiatives will address the housing needs of homeless individuals and families with children: The Family Housing Assistance Program and a partnership agreement with Boley Centers and the Homeless Emergency Project (HEP) to offer transitional housing for homeless individuals and families with children at the Bayside Health Campus. In addition to housing services, Boley Centers and HEP will