

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DATE: June 24, 2014

AGENDA ITEM NO. 28

Consent Agenda ☐

Regular Agenda ☐

Public Hearing ☒

 **County Administrator's Signature:**

Subject:

Public hearing and adoption of a resolution approving the Pinellas County Consortium's Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015 Consolidated Annual Action Plan.

Department:

Health and Community Services

Staff Member Responsible:

Cheryl Reed, Division Director,
Community Revitalization

Recommended Action:

I RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOARD), FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING, APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY CONSORTIUM'S ACTION PLAN FOR FY 2014-2015 TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF FEDERAL APPLICATION FORMS AND CERTIFICATIONS, AND SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE, LAND USE RESTRICTION AND DEVELOPER AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO SERVE AS THE ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER FOR MULTIFAMILY PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE SECURITY INSTRUMENTS AND SIGN AND SUBMIT REPORTS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS AS NECESSARY; AND AUTHORIZING HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES TO HOLD A NEEDS ASSESSMENT/PERFORMANCE REVIEW PUBLIC HEARING IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2015 ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD.

Summary Explanation/Background:

Pinellas County has long been involved in community development, receiving such grants as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and the HOME Investment Partnership Program Grant (HOME). Since 1995, HUD has required the application for these funds to be combined into a single document. In order to receive the grants, the Consortium must prepare an Annual Action Plan and a three to five year strategic plan identifying needs and setting the priorities and objectives of the Consortium relating to housing, community revitalization, the homeless and special needs populations. Pinellas County's five-year plan was completed in 2010. The Annual Action Plan for FY 2014-2015 is a one-year plan describing the use to be made of the Federal grants in meeting stated objectives. This year's application is for \$4,384,932 in CDBG and ESG funds and the Consortium's HOME funds.

The Pinellas County Consortium includes both the Urban County and the City of Largo. The Urban County is comprised of all unincorporated areas and twenty cooperating municipalities as identified in the Plan. As the lead agency of the Consortium, the County submits the Consolidated Plan and includes all HOME funds in the County's Action Plan as well as the County's CDBG and ESG funds. The City of Largo prepares and approves its own Action Plan for CDBG funding.

Because many of Pinellas County's activities are specialized in nature, it is necessary to rely on other agencies to accomplish certain community development activities. Specific Performance Agreements, Developer Agreements and security instruments allow for those activities to be contractually delegated to qualified agencies, and specify the obligation of the agencies receiving funds in meeting Federal and County requirements. Land Use Restriction Agreements specify an agency's obligation to meet grant and County requirements for acquisition and construction activities over \$25,000. In addition, it is necessary to complete and file reports, forms and other administrative documents, including Requests for Release of Funds, related to the administration and operation of these Federal programs.

Attached for Board approval is the FY 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan. The Plan was made available for public comment from April 4, 2014 through May 3, 2014. No public comments were received. Approval of the resolution will allow the Health and Community Services Department to send the Plan to HUD by the August 14, 2014 deadline.

Authorization is also requested for Health and Community Services to hold the initial public hearing for the FY 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan. This hearing reviews the previous year's performance and assesses any changes in needs that could affect the coming year's activities. The hearing will be held in the first quarter of 2015.

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:

Resolution
FY 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan



Pinellas County, Florida Action Plan 2014-2015 FY



**PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA CONSOLIDATED PLAN
FY 2014-2015 ACTION PLAN**

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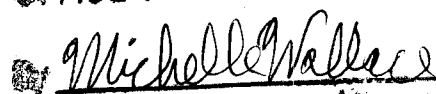
**APPLICATION FOR
FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**

OMB Approved No. 3076-0006

Version 7/03

1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION: Application <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction		2. DATE SUBMITTED August 1, 2014		Applicant Identifier B-14-UC-12-0005	
		3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE		State Application Identifier	
5. APPLICANT INFORMATION		4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY		Federal Identifier	
Legal Name: Pinellas County			Organizational Unit: Department: Health & Community Services		
Organizational DUNS: 055200216			Division: Community Revitalization Division		
Address: Street: 600 Cleveland Street, Suite 800			Name and telephone number of person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code)		
City: Clearwater			Prefix:		First Name: Cheryl
County: Pinellas			Middle Name C		Last Name Reed
State: Florida		Zip Code 33755	Suffix:		
Country: US			Email: creed@pinellascounty.org		
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN): <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">59-6000800</div>			Phone Number (give area code) 727-464-8210		Fax Number (give area code) 727-464-8254
8. TYPE OF APPLICATION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision If Revision, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es) (See back of form for description of letters.)			7. TYPE OF APPLICANT: (See back of form for Application Types) B. County Other (specify)		
Other (specify)			9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY: US Department of Housing and Urban Development		
10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">14-218</div>			11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT: CDBG: acquisition, public facilities and improvements, demolition and clearance, code enforcement, housing rehabilitation, home ownership assistance, and public services.		
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): Urban County, including 20 cooperating cities					
13. PROPOSED PROJECT Start Date: 10/1/2014			14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF: a. Applicant 9 & 10		
Ending Date: 9/30/2015			b. Project 9 & 10		
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:			16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?		
a. Federal	\$	2,422,408.00	a. Yes. <input type="checkbox"/> THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON		
b. Applicant	\$.00	DATE:		
c. State	\$.00	b. No. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E. O. 12372		
d. Local	\$.00	<input type="checkbox"/> OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED BY STATE FOR REVIEW		
e. Other	\$.00	17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?		
f. Program Income	\$	85,000.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes If "Yes" attach an explanation. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
g. TOTAL	\$	2,507,408.00			
18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT. THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWARDED.					
a. Authorized Representative					
Prefix		First Name Karen		Middle Name Williams	
Last Name Seel				Suffix	
b. Title Chairman, Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners				c. Telephone Number (give area code) 727-464-3377	
d. Signature of Authorized Representative				e. Date Signed	

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10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: TITLE (Name of Program): HOME Investment Partnership Program 14-239		9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY: US Department of Housing and Urban Development
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): Urban County and City of Largo		11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT: HOME: housing rehabilitation and construction, acquisition, and direct homeownership assistance.
13. PROPOSED PROJECT Start Date: 10/1/2014 Ending Date: 9/30/2015		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF: a. Applicant 9 & 10 b. Project 9 & 10
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e. Other	\$.00	
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g. TOTAL	\$ 1,672,975.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes If "Yes" attach an explanation. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: 14-231 TITLE (Name of Program): Emergency Solutions Grant			9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY: US Department of Housing and Urban Development	
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): Urban County, 20 cooperating cities, & cities of Clearwater/Largo/St. Petersburg			11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT: HESG: prevention of homelessness and rapid rehousing.	
13. PROPOSED PROJECT Start Date: 10/1/2014 Ending Date: 9/30/2015			14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF: a. Applicant 9 & 10 b. Project 9 & 10	
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

APPROVAL OF AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PINELLAS COUNTY'S 2014-2015 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN, OR DESIGNEE, TO SIGN AND THE CLERK TO ATTEST SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE, LAND USE RESTRICTION, AND DEVELOPER AGREEMENTS; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SERVE AS THE ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER FOR MULTIFAMILY PROJECTS; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS AND TO SIGN AND FILE A REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR MULTIFAMILY PROJECTS; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE SECURITY INSTRUMENTS AND SIGN AND FILE REPORTS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS; AUTHORIZATION FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2015 TO INITIATE THE 2015-2016 ACTION PLAN PROCESS.

WHEREAS, housing and other related community development activities are an area of need in Pinellas County and are established program objectives of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County's long term community development goal is to develop livable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income, and to aid in the prevention and elimination of slum and blight; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program, and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program provide local governments with flexible financial assistance to meet the needs of low- and moderate-income people and aid in the elimination of slum and blight; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County and the City of Largo have formed a partnership under the HOME Program to address affordable housing issues for low- and moderate-income households, with Pinellas County as the lead agency for the Consortium; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Consortium's FY 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan identifies objectives and priorities for housing, community revitalization, homeless, and persons with special needs to be addressed over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County's 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan is a One-Year Plan specifying how Pinellas County will utilize CDBG and ESG funds and how Pinellas County and the City of

Largo will utilize HOME funds in the fifth year to address priorities identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Action Plan was developed through a process which included input from citizens and agencies through community meetings, public hearings, and through a competitive application process; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Pinellas County to contract through Specific Performance Agreements to carry out the projects and activities identified for funding in Pinellas County's Annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into Land Use Restriction Agreements and Developer Agreements to specify grant recipient's financial and regulatory obligations; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Health and Community Services Department to execute all security instruments consistent with Housing Program policies to protect the County's interest in assisted properties; and

WHEREAS, HUD regulations require a site specific environmental review be performed and a site specific Request for Release of Funds be executed for every multifamily project in excess of two units; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to hold a public hearing in the first quarter of 2015 at the beginning of the FY 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan process for identifying needs and reviewing past performance; and

WHEREAS, this public hearing can be held by the Health and Community Services Department on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, in its regular session duly assembled this 24th day of June, 2014, does hereby approve the Pinellas County Annual Action Plan for FY 2014-2015 in the amount of \$4,384,932, including program income, and authorizes submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman or designee be authorized to sign the Action Plan applications and certifications and the Clerk to attest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that either the Chairman or, pursuant to Section 2-62, Pinellas County Code, the County Administrator or their designee is authorized to sign

and the Clerk to attest Specific Performance Agreements, Land Use Restriction Agreements and Developer Agreements pursuant to these grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorized to serve as the environmental officer for multifamily projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorized to request release of funds and to sign and file a Request for Release of Funds for multifamily projects with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Health and Community Services Department Executive Director, or designee, be authorized to execute necessary security instruments and sign and file necessary reports, forms, and other documents related to the administration and operation of the CDBG, ESG, and HOME Programs, including the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Health and Community Services Department be authorized to hold a public hearing in the first quarter of 2015 on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners to review community development and housing programs performance and assess needs.

Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing resolution and hereby moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:

**APPROVED AS TO FORM
OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY**
By Michelle Wallace
Attorney

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. 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 Five-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 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 and emergency shelter renovations.

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.

A draft of the Annual Action Plan was made available for viewing and public comment on April 4, 2014 through 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	Housing and Community Development

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 began on Friday, April 4, 2014. Interested parties were encouraged to submit comments in writing, via mail, or email to:

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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 Florida Department of Health (DoH) is the local lead agency for addressing lead poisoning in the community and works to identify lead-based paint and environmental hazards. The DoH 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 Continuum of Care (CoC) has conducted homeless surveys to determine the needs of homeless persons, 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 CoC each year; in the past, the County provided 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 designed to assist working families with intensive case management services, rental support, job training, educational improvements and other wrap-around services for an extended period of time. Applicants must be employed at least twenty-five (25) hours per week and must have incomes at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

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 consults 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 project 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 will be used to provide essential service, operation or renovation assistance to emergency shelters, provide homeless prevention and rapid re-housing services, and to participate in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data collection.

The CoC is responsible for the administration and operation of the Homeless Management Information System. 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 are part of the System Quality Improvement Committee work setting performance outcome goals and overseeing measurements 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

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.
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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 include 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 most at risk of decline.
Justice and Consumer Services Strategic Plan	Pinellas County Justice & Consumer Services	Pinellas County's identified specific community development objectives overlap with the Healthy Communities Initiative. Overlapping goals include mental health, substance abuse, reducing victimization 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 <i>Tampa Bay Times</i> , 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 are 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 <i>Tampa Bay Times</i> 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.	No comments were received.

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 6:00 pm 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 voted to authorize permission to advertise to hold the public hearing. A notice announcing the public hearing was advertised in the <i>Tampa Bay Times</i> 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-income 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	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

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: \$		
		Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services						priority programs: Target Area 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	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

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: \$		
		Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing						Prevention Services, for emergency shelter 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	0	725,000	0	725,000	725,000	Pinellas County anticipates receiving approximately \$725,000 in program income.

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: \$		
		Homeowner rehab Housing Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership Services						SHIP funds will be used to support the 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 acquisition and 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 Solutions 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 Ridgecrest 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 Ridgecrest Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA), which houses the Greater Ridgecrest 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 Target Areas Tarpon Springs Target Area High Point Target Area	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 Target Areas	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 Target Areas Tarpon Springs Target Area High Point Target Area	Urban County	CDBG: \$176,076	Other: 7800 Other
4	Specific Community Development Objective #4	2010	2014		Dansville Redevelopment Area Greater Ridgecrest Area Lealman Target Areas Tarpon Springs Target Area High Point Target Area	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$465,384	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10955 Persons Assisted
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

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
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
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

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
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
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 Five-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 has 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

#	Project Name
6	Housing Preservation Program
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 reductions in spending due to loss of property tax revenues 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-, 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's 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 Central Lealman Target Area East 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: \$1,337,535
	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	Activities planned under the Target Area Improvement Program include the following:

	<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. • <u>Central Lealman Land Acquisition and Infrastructure Improvements</u> - engineering/design/construction of infrastructure improvements to 37th Street from 46th Avenue to 54th Avenue. • <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
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		<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Target Area Activity Delivery</u> - staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities under the Target Area Improvement Program. <p>Alternate activities have been selected, subject to funding availability and project readiness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Greater Ridgecrest NRSA Sidewalks</u> - pedestrian safety improvements including the construction of raised crosswalk, handicap ramps, and sidewalks.
2	Project Name	Public Facilities Program
	Target Area	Tarpon Springs Target Area
	Goals Supported	Specific Community Development Objective #6
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$403,891
	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 'n Kids Rehabilitation - 560 E Harrison Street, Tarpon Springs • Local Community Housing Corporation Cops 'n 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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. • <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. <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 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> -
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		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: \$27,500
	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.
4	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.
	Project Name	Public Services Program
	Target Area	<p>Dansville Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area</p> <p>Greater Ridgecrest Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area</p> <p>Central Lealman Target Area</p> <p>East 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>

	Specific Community Development Objective #3 Specific Special Needs Objective #3
Needs Addressed	
Funding	CDBG: \$152,000
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 Share Program matching affordable housing opportunities to home providers and home seekers. • <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: \$189,208
	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

		<p>deposits, to individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Religious Community Services Facility Rehabilitation</u> - rehabilitation to Grace House, a 14-unit emergency shelter, including installing new roofs and replacing and 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: \$844,731 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	Activities planned under the Housing Preservation Program include the following:

		<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. • <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: \$560,946 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
	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.
8	Project Name	Homeownership Promotion Program

	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Specific Housing Objective #5 Specific Housing Objective #7
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	HOME: \$100,000 SHIP: \$225,000
	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
9	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.
	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	
Central Lealman Target Area	
East Lealman Target Area	
Highpoint Target Area	
Tarpon Springs Target Area	

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 slum and blight definition of a locally 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*, highlights 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 County 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 mortgage financing 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, and 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 chronically 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 consistently fund 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 and 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 for homeless and at-risk families to go for help. Homeless and at-risk families call 2-1-1 and are directed to specific triage staff for short assessment. Outreach is done by 3 full-time and 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 and 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 and referral to services, etc. Unaccompanied youth are 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 homeless 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

From FY2011 through FY2013, Emergency Solutions Grant funds were primarily used for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing activities. Pinellas County will spend a minimum of 40% of ESG funds on prevention or re-housing activities, serving individuals and families through the Community Housing Assistance Program. 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 and case management to remain in/get new housing). The County funds 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares operators to connect at-risk families/persons with prevention resources including Emergency Food and 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. The Pinellas County Health and Community Services Department Family Housing Assistance Program will address the housing needs of homeless individuals and families with children.

The Continuum of Care will begin using HMIS to formally monitor returns to homelessness from permanent housing programs (Rapid Re-Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, PH). This process will be the monitoring base of the System Quality Improvement Committee performance outcome monitoring/evaluation system used to set goals and measure performance for the Continuum. HLB and HMIS staff meet monthly to review performance and identify a baseline for returns to homelessness from permanent housing. Continual monitoring/tracking of families/individuals who return to

homelessness will evaluate the measures taken to reduce the chance of return. The most critical steps now for the Continuum to assist families/individuals are enrollment in cash/non-cash mainstream resources prior to exit and ongoing case management/contact with the person/family; this is in place for many PH/PSH programs but not for family rapid re-housing. Another step being explored is improved employment/job readiness skills training for all exiters.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

Homeless prevention activities planned for 2014-2015 include information outreach (affordable housing and rights), pre-purchase and post-purchase counseling, housing services, and eviction/foreclosure prevention. The County will continue to use forty percent (40%) of its ESG allocation for providing short term rental assistance for families that are at risk of becoming homeless or to house families that are currently homeless.

The Health and Community Services Department will continue to monitor the availability of additional Federal funds that may become available to address homeless and homeless prevention activities. Pinellas County will coordinate these activities with other jurisdictions within the County to ensure that eligible recipients are not moving needlessly in order to access the funding.

Discussion

The Consortium is a member of the Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Board, formerly the Pinellas County Coalition for the Homeless, through the County's Health and Community Services Department. In order to better serve the homeless and at risk populations in Pinellas County, the Pinellas County Coalition for the Homeless merged with the Homeless Leadership Network. The Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Board prepared the County's Continuum of Care. The Homeless Leadership Network, now a part of the Homeless Leadership Board, made up of elected officials and community

leaders, drafted *Opening Doors of Opportunity: A 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Pinellas County*, to establish the groundwork for guiding Pinellas County in their efforts to end homelessness.

The Consortium supports the Homeless Leadership Board and the priorities established in this plan match those of the Continuum of Care and the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.

The Continuum of Care Strategic Planning objectives include:

- Creation of new permanent housing beds for chronically homeless through conversion of transitional housing beds to permanent supportive housing.
- Increase the percentage of homeless persons that are successful in staying in permanent housing over six months.
- Increase the percentage of persons employed at program exit to a success rate of 20 percent.
- Decrease the number of homeless households with children.
- Facilitate access to essential services needed to obtain mainstream services.

The County also provides funding through its Homeless Initiatives Funding, for operating expenses and services for homeless shelters.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction

Pinellas County continues to work to eliminate barriers that limit the production or preservation of affordable ownership and rental housing for residents in the community. Based on 2010 Census data, Pinellas County has a significant shortage of both affordable ownership and rental housing. Although the current purchase prices of homes in the County remain low and interest rates are low, larger down payment requirements and tighter credit standards keeps homeownership from being affordable. The average rental apartment housing in Pinellas County is not affordable to very-low, or low-income households. Data from the National Low Income Housing Coalition indicates that it takes a household income of \$37,340 to afford a two-bedroom rental unit at Fair Market Value. According to the American Community Survey, over thirty-eight (38) percent of Pinellas households have annual household incomes of less than \$35,000. Countywide, forty-eight (48) percent of owner households and fifty-six

(56) percent of rental households have monthly mortgage or rent payments that exceed HUD's affordability standards.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

Several factors exist that impede the development of affordable housing in Pinellas County. In past years, government review processes have prolonged development timelines resulting in increased per unit housing development costs. Over the next year, Pinellas County will continue to focus on the preservation of existing housing. Acquisition and rehabilitation of existing affordable units that are in the foreclosure process or in jeopardy of losing affordability subsidies will continue.

Pinellas County continues to implement its established Affordable Housing Incentive Program to provide private sector builders and developers with regulatory and financial incentives to produce affordable housing. These Incentives are periodically reviewed in conjunction with the State of Florida statutory requirements, Pinellas County and the City of Largo (as recipients of the State's SHIP Affordable Housing funds). The Community Housing Workgroup 2.0 is the committee that is involved in the planning and implementation of affordable housing. The Committee has completed the review of established policies and procedures, ordinances, land development regulations, and the adopted comprehensive plan and submitted their report to the State in May, 2012. The Workgroup meets regularly as needed.

Discussion

The most significant barrier continues to be the lack of financial resources to address affordable housing. 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 for affordable housing. With continued reductions in Federal funds, there will be additional impact to the number of households that can be served.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

Listed below are the actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of poverty-level families, develop institutional structure, and enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The largest obstacle that Pinellas County faces is the reduction of State and local funding for affordable housing. The County continues to lose affordable housing units as affordability requirements expire; however, the limited funding that is available restricts the ability to respond to preserving the units. There continues to be a need for affordable housing within the Consortium. The County will continue to work with non-profits to identify additional funding for purchase and purchase/rehabilitation of existing affordable units.

Pinellas County also has limited land available to create additional affordable units within the Consortium. In 2007, the County authorized the Housing Finance Authority to utilize land trusts to help facilitate the ownership and development of affordable housing projects in Pinellas County. The HFA established the Bright Community Trust (formerly known as the Pinellas Community Housing Foundation) as trustee for the land trusts. The Bright Community Trust currently has twenty distinct land trusts located throughout the County that include 544 permanently affordable housing units. This diverse portfolio represents 480 rental units and 64 ownership units that consist of 49 single-family and 15 townhome units that will be permanently affordable for low-income households in Pinellas County.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Fostering and maintaining affordable housing is a high priority for the County. The County has established three priority programs that will address affordable housing needs in FY2014-2015, the

Housing Preservation Program, the Housing Production Program, and the Homeownership Promotion Program. Specifically, the County will use HOME and SHIP funding to:

- Provide down payment/closing cost assistance and low-rate mortgages to 12 low- and moderate-income homebuyers using HOME and SHIP funds.
- Preserve 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.
- Acquire and/or construct 22 units of owner or renter housing for low- and moderate-income households using HOME and SHIP funds.

The County will also use State SHIP Program funds to provide housing services to low- and moderate-income households. Services include homebuyer education counseling, budgeting and mortgage classes, and foreclosure prevention services.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The Florida Department of Health (DoH) is the primary agency for addressing lead poisoning in Pinellas County. Current budgetary constraints have limited lead screening and case management activities; however, the agency still responds to reported cases of lead poisoning as determined by local pediatricians and health care providers throughout the County.

The DoH performs epidemiological investigations to assure appropriate follow-up care is initiated, to prevent occurrence of new cases, and to gather data on lead poisoning cases to target future interventions. For children identified with high blood lead levels, a lead assessment of their home is recommended. A specialist performs inspections and risk assessments at no charge for families with children having elevated Blood Lead Levels (BLL), family day care homes, and day care centers. DoH also works to identify lead-based paint hazards in the environment.

The DoH, using revenue from Lead Poisoning Prevention Screening and Education Act provided physicians with information on how to report lead poisoning cases to the Health Department, including reporting forms, and educational materials for their patients; visited seventeen locations performing

blood lead screenings; provided lead poisoning information and educational materials to parents and children during outreach events and community health fairs; provided lead poisoning information and educational materials to the parents of children with an elevated blood lead levels and offered these parents an environmental health investigation; provided information and educational literature to Healthy Start staff, their community partners, and members of the general public; and made media appearances on both English and Spanish language local news channels.

Pinellas County Community Revitalization follows procedures as specified in applicable regulations and, specifically, those detailed in Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992. The Division and its representatives provide all required notifications to owners and occupants and inspect for defective paint surfaces of pre-1978 properties. Any defective paint conditions found are included in the scope of work and treatment provided to the defective areas. All Department policies and procedures meet the concepts and requirements of Title X. A department staff member, certified as a Risk Assessor, orders and reviews paint inspections, risk assessments and clearance testing of suspect properties done by licensed testing professionals. Utilization of trained and certified lead professionals assure that lead hazard control work is done safely and effectively.

In every program where Federal funds are expended on a housing unit, Consortium members incorporate the current procedures for hazard reduction or LBP abatement guidelines as defined in 24 CFR Part 35. The purpose of the regulation is to protect young children from lead-based paint hazards in housing that is receiving assistance from the Federal government or is being acquired or disposed of by the government. All houses built prior to 1978 and purchased by the County for housing rehabilitation and stabilization are subject to the Lead-Safe Housing Rule Checklist and associated guidance to assure compliance with the Lead-Safe Housing Rule.

Recent budget difficulties have eliminated and limited some of the efforts to expand screening programs and environmental investigations. Early identification through blood lead screening, testing and case follow up of lead poisoning reduces the risk that children will suffer permanent damage. Going forward, more public and private funding efforts will be necessary to expand lead based programs and initiatives and reduce the burden of lead poisoning in Pinellas County.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The County, to the extent allowed by the level of funding and economic conditions (housing market, job opportunity rate, health care systems, the willingness of the target populations to utilize the preferred assistance, etc.) acts to reduce the housing costs and fund services that could assist individuals to stabilize their lives and increase their job skills and marketability. By funding the maximum number of programs possible with the available resources, the County assists many agency programs that contribute to the reduction of the number of persons living below the poverty level.

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.

The **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. 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. The County will prioritize funding and services for the three target at-risk areas.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Non-profit agencies receiving CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding will primarily carry out the activities established in the Consolidated Plan in conjunction with the Community Revitalization Division. A host of other public and private organizations contribute to this effort through the provision of financial and organizational resources that are coordinated with the CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding for projects.

These include neighborhood associations, the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas, the Bright Community Trust (formerly known as the Pinellas Community Housing Foundation), the Homeless Leadership Board, the Pinellas Planning Council, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, Pinellas County

Health Department, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, the Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing, University of South Florida, the Pinellas County Departments Strategic Planning and Initiatives, Justice and Consumer Services, Building, Development and Review Services, Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure (formerly known as Public Works), and various other non-profit, faith-based and community-based service providers and advocates.

Community Revitalization is charged with executing the County's housing and community development programs. The County's housing and community development programs are with the Pinellas County Consolidated Plan.

The Pinellas County Housing Authority (PCHA) and the Tarpon Springs Housing Authority develop and maintain public housing within the Consortium with a five-member board of commissioners governing each Authority. The County has no direct ability to exercise any oversight responsibility. Pinellas County and the Housing Authorities do work closely to address the housing needs of the community, such as providing financing for preservation of existing affordable housing units.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

Key agencies that are involved in the implementation of the Plan as well as additional resources that may be available are described below.

The HLB, the Administrative Forum, and the Low Income Housing Committee works with funding agencies and community providers to develop a human service system that provides seamless, high-quality care based on the best use of available resources.

Public Sector

Community Revitalization Division of Health and Community Services administers community development and affordable housing programs, including programs that assist target income residents and serves as lead agency for CDBG and ESG funds for Pinellas County and for HOME funds for Pinellas County and the Urban County.

Community Connection Division of Health and Community Services operate the welfare programs for the County.

Pinellas County Health Department offers a variety of services and programs to residents such as child care licensing, childhood lead poisoning, family planning, Florida KidCare, Healthy Start, HIV/AIDs programs, WIC and women's health, among others.

Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County assists families and individuals with homeownership opportunities and increasing the number of affordable rental units available to residents.

Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization's Long Range Transportation Plan serves as a guide for making decisions regarding the future of Pinellas County's transportation system through the year 2035.

Pinellas County and Tarpon Springs Housing Authorities administer Housing Choice (Section 8) Voucher Programs and Family Self-Sufficiency Programs.

Supportive services in Pinellas County are provided by the Department of Family and Children's Services, the Health Department, Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Department of Elder Affairs, Department of Veterans' Affairs, Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Agency for Workforce Innovation. Funding for these agencies is inadequate for the needs they are expected to meet.

There are a host of non-profit agencies that service target income households within the Consortium as well as the County as a whole. A coordinated effort is necessary to facilitate service provisions to varying groups throughout the County especially in light of the current economic challenges. As members of the Consortium, Cooperating Cities will be instrumental in accomplishing identified goals and activities.

Private Sector

The private sector is an important collaborator in the services and programs associated with the Consolidated Plan bringing additional resources and expertise that can be used to supplement existing services or fill gaps in the system. Lenders, affordable housing developers, business and economic

development organizations, and private service providers offer a variety of assistance to residents such as health care, small business assistance, home loan programs, and assisted housing, among others.

Discussion

The County is committed to continuing its participation and coordination with Federal, State, municipal and local agencies, as well as with the private and non-profit sector, to serve the needs of target income individuals and families in the community. In particular, the County will continue to work in close coordination with County departments regarding infrastructure improvements and the provision of services.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction

Pinellas County plans to use twenty percent (20%) of the total available CDBG funds for planning and administrative costs. The County plans to use one-hundred percent (100%) of the remaining CDBG funds on activities that will assist low- and moderate-income families either individually or on an area basis. The County will calculate the overall low and moderate benefit on a one-year timeframe.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities 0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. 80.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

No other forms of investment are anticipated during the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

Pinellas County applies a resale requirement when HOME funds are used to provide a development subsidy for homeownership housing new construction projects. Pinellas County requires assisted units to be subject to resale provisions that limit subsequent purchase of the property to income-eligible buyers, provide the owner with a fair return on investment, including any improvements, and ensure that the housing will remain affordable to income qualified homebuyers for the minimum affordability requirements as described in 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4).

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The jurisdiction has elected to utilize the recapture provision versus the resale provision for all HOME-assisted activities except as described in item 2. above. Pinellas County is responsible for administering recapture provisions for all HOME-funded activities.

Pinellas County utilizes HOME funds in support of affordable rental and homeowner housing. For rental activities consisting of acquisition, major rehabilitation or new construction, Pinellas County requires an affordability period of thirty (30) years. HOME-assisted rental and homeownership housing must meet affordability requirements for not less than the specified periods, after project completion. For homeowner rehabilitation and homebuyer payment assistance activities, Pinellas County requires an affordability period consistent with the minimum affordability requirements as described in 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4). HOME-assisted homebuyer housing must meet the affordability requirements for not less than the applicable period specified by HOME regulations, after project completion.

In accordance with 24 CFR Part 92.254, HOME-assisted activities that are determined to be out of compliance with set affordability requirements, the jurisdiction will recapture the entire amount of the direct HOME subsidy. If the assisted homeowner unit does not continue to be the principal residence of the homebuyer for the duration of the period of affordability, in accordance with 24 CFR Part 92.254, the jurisdiction will recapture the entire amount of the direct HOME subsidy to the homebuyer. In order to facilitate the recapture of HOME funds, the HOME recipient will be required to execute a mortgage that will be recorded as a lien against the property. In instances where net proceeds are not sufficient to recapture the entire direct HOME subsidy, recapture of all available proceeds shall be deemed to satisfy the recapture requirements of 24 CFR Part 92.254.

All recaptured funds will be used to carry out HOME-eligible activities in accordance with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 92. If funds are recaptured during the period of affordability, the recaptured funds will be used for other eligible projects in accordance with the HOME regulations.

CHDO Set Aside: Pinellas County exceeds the CHDO funding requirement that a minimum of 15% of HOME funds be committed to CHDO projects. CHDO's and sub-recipients do not administer the provisions and this is the responsibility of the jurisdiction.

- 4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:**

Pinellas County does not use HOME funds to refinance existing debt.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Reference 91.220(l)(4)

- 1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)**

Pinellas County will use Emergency Solutions Grant funding to address the following ESG eligible components: emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, homelessness prevention, and HMIS. The County will administer a Community Housing Assistance Program (CHAP) to provide homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing activities; contribute data into HMIS; and fund essential services, renovation/rehabilitation and operations of emergency shelters. Coordination among emergency shelter providers, essential services providers, homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing assistance providers, and other homeless assistance providers will maximize the use of the ESG funding and ensure that there is a centralized effort to reach families in need. The Written Standards for Providing ESG Assistance are included as an attachment.

- 2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.**

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).

Health and Community Services staff are part of the development and implementation of the Pinellas Coordinated Assessment process. ESG subcontractors will use the process for selecting families to enroll in their programs. All ESG participant data is entered in HMIS and the reports are used to track/report on ESG performance. Member agency staff is part of the System Quality Improvement Committee work setting performance outcome goals and overseeing measurement and reports.

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.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

Applications from homeless service providers were sought during the County's annual competitive application cycle in February 2014. Applications received were reviewed by staff and ESG-eligible activities were selected for funding based on the County's identified needs and Continuum of Care's homeless delivery system. Up to sixty percent (60%) of the available ESG funds were used to fund the highest scoring ESG-eligible activities. The remaining ESG funds, a minimum of forty percent (40%) of the total ESG allocation, were committed to funding the Community Housing Assistance Program. In 2012, Pinellas County issued a Request for Qualifications from nonprofit service providers to administer the

Community Housing Assistance Program (CHAP). Three nonprofit agencies responded to the RFQ and were selected to administer the program. Pinellas County provided the necessary training to the selected providers to insure requirements of the ESG program are met. ESG funding is available in a first-come, first-served pool to the selected agencies and for in-house administration of the CHAP Program by the County. For files processed by the selected agencies, completed files are submitted to the Community Revitalization Division for final approval and reimbursement to the agency.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

The Community Revitalization Division of Pinellas County is unable to meet the requirement of 576.405 (a) as the Board is made up of elected officials. However, through coordination efforts with the local Continuum of Care provider, the Homeless Leadership Board, we will receive input from homeless or previously homeless individuals, as they are part of the Continuum process. Throughout the development of the homeless and homelessness prevention program, input was provided by the Continuum in the establishment of the policies.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The agencies selected to administer the CHAP program are monitored annually to insure that CHAP program and ESG guidelines are being followed. In addition, before reimbursement can be made verification will be required including certification of homelessness, lease documents, and income calculations, as well as cancelled checks and invoices. Specific performance agreements are executed each fiscal year with the selected agencies that require quarterly reimbursement requests and timely expenditure of funds. Agencies receiving funding under all components of the ESG program are contractually obligated to either provide the County with or enter into the HMIS system data on all people served and all assistance provided with ESG funding.

Discussion

The Continuum of Care is exploring strategies to shorten the period of time families are experiencing homelessness. According to the 'Strategic Homelessness Action Plan for the Pinellas County Area' there is a critical lack of units and services for families with children. This is at crisis levels. Every family service provider interviewed indicated approximately 10-20 families were being turned away on a daily basis.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: CERTIFICATIONS

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan --It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 --It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

Signature/Authorized Official

Date

Karen Williams Seel, Chair

Title

APPROVED AS TO FORM
OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY
By Michele Wallace
Attorney

Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation --It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan --Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan --It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds --It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);
2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2014, _____, (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force --It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws --The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint --Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R;

Compliance with Laws --It will comply with applicable laws.

Signature/Authorized Official

Date

Karen Williams Seel, Chair

Title

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By Michelle Wallace
Attorney

Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance --If the participating jurisdiction intends to provide tenant-based rental assistance:

The use of HOME funds for tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of the participating jurisdiction's consolidated plan for expanding the supply, affordability, and availability of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.

Eligible Activities and Costs --it is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR § 92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in § 92.214.

Appropriate Financial Assistance --before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing.

Signature/Authorized Official

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ESG Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program Recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation. If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion. In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the jurisdiction will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the jurisdiction serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The jurisdiction will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal State, local, and private assistance available for such individuals.

Matching Funds – The jurisdiction will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The jurisdiction has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the jurisdiction will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the jurisdiction undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The jurisdiction will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

Signature/Authorized Official

Date

Karen Williams Seel, Chair

Title

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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS:

A. Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

APPENDIX B: AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. _____

APPROVAL OF AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PINELLAS COUNTY'S 2014-2015 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN, OR DESIGNEE, TO SIGN AND THE CLERK TO ATTEST SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE, LAND USE RESTRICTION, AND DEVELOPER AGREEMENTS; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SERVE AS THE ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER FOR MULTIFAMILY PROJECTS; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS AND TO SIGN AND FILE A REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR MULTIFAMILY PROJECTS; AUTHORIZATION FOR THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE SECURITY INSTRUMENTS AND SIGN AND FILE REPORTS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS; AUTHORIZATION FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2015 TO INITIATE THE 2015-2016 ACTION PLAN PROCESS.

WHEREAS, housing and other related community development activities are an area of need in Pinellas County and are established program objectives of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County's long term community development goal is to develop livable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income, and to aid in the prevention and elimination of slum and blight; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program, and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program provide local governments with flexible financial assistance to meet the needs of low- and moderate-income people and aid in the elimination of slum and blight; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County and the City of Largo have formed a partnership under the HOME Program to address affordable housing issues for low- and moderate-income households, with Pinellas County as the lead agency for the Consortium; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Consortium's FY 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan identifies objectives and priorities for housing, community revitalization, homeless, and persons with special needs to be addressed over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County's 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan is a One-Year Plan specifying how Pinellas County will utilize CDBG and ESG funds and how Pinellas County and the City of

Largo will utilize HOME funds in the fifth year to address priorities identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Action Plan was developed through a process which included input from citizens and agencies through community meetings, public hearings, and through a competitive application process; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Pinellas County to contract through Specific Performance Agreements to carry out the projects and activities identified for funding in Pinellas County's Annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into Land Use Restriction Agreements and Developer Agreements to specify grant recipient's financial and regulatory obligations; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Health and Community Services Department to execute all security instruments consistent with Housing Program policies to protect the County's interest in assisted properties; and

WHEREAS, HUD regulations require a site specific environmental review be performed and a site specific Request for Release of Funds be executed for every multifamily project in excess of two units; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to hold a public hearing in the first quarter of 2015 at the beginning of the FY 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan process for identifying needs and reviewing past performance; and

WHEREAS, this public hearing can be held by the Health and Community Services Department on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, in its regular session duly assembled this 24th day of June, 2014, does hereby approve the Pinellas County Annual Action Plan for FY 2014-2015 in the amount of \$4,384,932, including program income, and authorizes submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman or designee be authorized to sign the Action Plan applications and certifications and the Clerk to attest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that either the Chairman or, pursuant to Section 2-62, Pinellas County Code, the County Administrator or their designee is authorized to sign

and the Clerk to attest Specific Performance Agreements, Land Use Restriction Agreements and Developer Agreements pursuant to these grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorized to serve as the environmental officer for multifamily projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorized to request release of funds and to sign and file a Request for Release of Funds for multifamily projects with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Health and Community Services Department Executive Director, or designee, be authorized to execute necessary security instruments and sign and file necessary reports, forms, and other documents related to the administration and operation of the CDBG, ESG, and HOME Programs, including the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Health and Community Services Department be authorized to hold a public hearing in the first quarter of 2015 on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners to review community development and housing programs performance and assess needs.

Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing resolution and hereby moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:

APPENDIX C: PROPOSED PROJECTS TABLE

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.					
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
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Demolition of deteriorated structures/improvements or clearance of land.

Public Infrastructure Activity Delivery	Slum/Blight Area	SL-3	CDBG	N/A	\$2,500
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Public Infrastructure Program Total **\$27,500**

Alternate Activities

City of St. Pete Beach Infrastructure Project	Slum/Blight Area	SL-3	CDBG	9,391 people	\$300,000
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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
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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

APPENDIX D: NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY AND LOCAL TARGET AREAS

Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas		
	Census Tract	Block Group
Dansville Neighborhood Revitalization Area	00252.07	2 and 3
Greater Ridgecrest Neighborhood Revitalization Area	00252.07	2
	00253.01	1 and 2
Local Target Areas		
Central Lealman Target Area	00247.00	All
East Lealman Target Area	00246.02	All
Highpoint Target Area	00245.03	All
Tarpon Springs Target Area	00274.02	All

APPENDIX E: PUBLIC NOTICE AFFIDAVITS



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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 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs and the Consortium's HOME Investments Partnership Program (HOME) 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 proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice, please contact the Office of Human Rights, 400 South Fort Harrison Avenue, Suite 500, Clearwater, Florida 33756, (727) 464-4880 (VOICE), (727) 464-4062 (TDD).

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LEGAL NOTICE

PINELLAS COUNTY CONSORTIUM AND URBAN COUNTY

2014-2015 ACTION PLAN

Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, and HOME Investment Partnership Programs

The Pinellas County Consortium has in place a Five-Year (FY2011-FY2015) Consolidated Plan that identifies housing and community development needs, priorities, objectives, and strategies. A one-year Action Plan (FY2014-2015) has now been prepared to address needs identified in the Five-Year Plan. This notice provides a summary of proposed FY2014-2015 projects and funding, and gives locations for reviewing the Action Plan.

The Pinellas County Consortium consists of the Urban County and the City of Largo, with Pinellas County serving as administrator of the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) program. Currently, the Urban County includes all of the unincorporated areas and twenty cities cooperating in Pinellas County's CDBG program. Funding sources of proposed projects are the Pinellas County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs, and the Consortium's HOME program.

Funds expected to be available are as follows (the City of Largo is advertising their CDBG funding and proposed projects separately):

The following projections include:	
\$ 2,422,408	CDBG Entitlement
\$ 85,000	CDBG Program Income
\$ 1,072,975	HOME Entitlement
\$ 600,000	HOME Program Income
\$ 204,549	ESG Entitlement
\$ 4,384,932	Subtotal

In addition, program income, estimated at \$725,000, from the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program and approximately \$30,000, from the Housing Trust Fund program are included below to indicate how housing goals will be met.

2014-15 funds are proposed to be allocated as follows:

Target Area Improvement Program

Central Lealman Infrastructure Improvements (\$100,000 CDBG)
Central Lealman Joe's Creek Park Design (\$150,000 CDBG)
Central Lealman Land Acquisition for General Recreation (\$350,000 CDBG)
NRSA/Target Area Land Acquisition/Site Development (\$100,000 CDBG)
NRSA/Target Area Tree Planting (\$18,000 CDBG)
NRSA/Target Area Community Gardens (\$18,235 CDBG)
Police Athletic League - Facility Rehabilitation (\$189,739 CDBG)
YMCA of the Suncoast - Omni Center Facility Rehabilitation (\$110,050 CDBG)
YMCA of the Suncoast - Omni Center Operations (\$235,000 CDBG)
Target Area Activity Delivery

Public Facilities Program and Activity Delivery

Girls Incorporated of Pinellas - Facility Rehabilitation (\$280,745 CDBG)
Gulfcoast Jewish Family & Community Services - Facility Rehabilitation (\$39,000 CDBG)
Local Community Housing Corporation Cops 'n Kids - Facility Rehabilitation (\$25,653 CDBG)
Local Community Housing Corporation Cops 'n Kids - Facility Rehabilitation (\$35,493 CDBG)
Public Facilities Activity Delivery

Public Infrastructure Program

Demolition and clearance of deteriorated structures and vacant developable land (\$25,000 CDBG)

Public Services Program and Activity Delivery

Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg - Pinellas Hope Salaries (\$40,000 CDBG)
NRSA/Target Area Neighborhood Cleanups (\$50,000 CDBG)
Pinellas Opportunity Council - Chore Services Operations (\$30,000 CDBG)
Police Athletic League - PAL Operations (\$25,000 CDBG)

Homeless and Homelessness Prevention Services Program

Rental Assistance (\$78,208 ESG)
Data Collection (HHS) (\$5,000 ESG)
Religious Community Services - Grace House Rehabilitation (\$90,000 ESG)
Homeless and Homelessness Prevention Activity Delivery

Housing Preservation Program

Housing Preservation City of Largo (\$118,994 HOME)
Housing Preservation (\$725,737 HOME, \$263,750 SHIP, \$72,000 HTF)
Code Enforcement (\$85,000 CDBG)
Housing Preservation Activity Delivery

Housing Production Program

Housing Production (\$560,946 HOME, \$200,000 SHIP)
Housing Production Activity Delivery

Homeownership Promotion Program

Housing Opportunities Largo Down Payment Assistance (\$50,000 HOME)
Housing Opportunities (Ownership) (\$50,000 HOME, \$50,000 SHIP)
Housing Counseling and Self-Sufficiency Services (\$175,000 SHIP)
Homeownership Promotion Activity Delivery

Activity Delivery

Staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities (\$100,000 CDBG, \$16,000 ESG)

Administration

\$684,120 Federal Grants

Alternates: If additional funding becomes available, alternate projects are proposed based on the amount of additional funds received and readiness of projects to proceed: Alternates: Greater Ridgewood NRSA Sidewalk Improvements (\$25,000); Westcare Gulfcoast Florida Facility Rehabilitation (\$27,500); CASA Facility Rehabilitation (\$300,000); PEMHS Facility Rehabilitation (\$41,500); Directions for Living Facility Rehabilitation (\$300,000); PAFIC Curry Villa Rehabilitation (\$35,390); PAFIC Burnett Villa Rehabilitation (\$20,447); Gulfcoast Jewish Family and Community Services Azalia Gilbert Facility Rehabilitation and Building Repair Assessment (\$40,000); City of St. Pete Beach Infrastructure Improvements (\$300,000); Westcare Gulfcoast Florida Operations (\$120,701); Local Community Housing Corporation Home Share Program Operations (\$33,825); Religious Community Services Grace House Operations (\$33,000).

Approximately 100% of Pinellas County CDBG funds are allocated to activities which principally benefit low- and moderate-income households.

No displacement is anticipated at this time. However, the Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan required under the CDBG program is available for viewing at the Pinellas County Community Revitalization Division of the Health and Community Services Department at the address listed below.

Availability for Viewing

A draft of the Pinellas County Consortium 2014-2015 Action Plan is available for viewing on the Community Revitalization website at www.pinellascounty.org/community and at the following locations April 4, 2014 to May 3, 2014. Public comments on the Plan are invited during this period and should be sent to the Pinellas County Community Revitalization Division at the address below.

- Pinellas County Community Revitalization Division, Health and Community Services Department, 600 Cleveland Street, Suite 800, Clearwater, FL 33755
- City of Largo Community Development Department, 201 Highland Avenue, Largo, FL 33779

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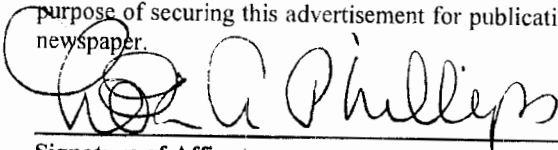
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT

January 6, 2014

Pinellas County is in the process of developing its Annual Action Plan for FY 2014-2015 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs.

A public hearing to obtain citizens' views on housing and community development needs, and on the review of 2012-2013 program performance for the CDBG, ESG, and HOME Programs will be held on Monday, January 6, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Health and Community Services Department, Community Revitalization Division Conference Room, 8th floor, Bank of America Building, 600 Cleveland Street, Suite 800, Clearwater.

The County CDBG Program Area includes all unincorporated areas and the municipalities of Belleair, Belleair Beach, Belleair Bluffs, Dunedin, Gulfport, Indian Rocks Beach, Indian Shores, Kenneth City, Madeira Beach, North Redington Beach, Oldsmar, Pinellas Park, Redington Beach, Redington Shores, Safety Harbor, St. Pete Beach, Seminole, South Pasadena, Tarpon Springs and Treasure Island. The HOME Investment Partnership Program Area includes the above plus, the City of Largo. The ESG Program Area is all of Pinellas County except the City of St. Petersburg (which also receives ESG funds).

Persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at these hearings, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, 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 proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you to the provision of certain assistance. If you need assistance, please contact the Office of Human Rights, 400 South Ft. Harrison Avenue, #500, Clearwater FL 33756, 727-464-4062 (V/TDD).

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APPENDIX F: WRITTEN STANDARDS FOR PROVISION OF ESG ASSISTANCE

Written Standards for Provision of ESG Assistance

In accordance with the requirements of 24 CFR 91.220(l)(4)(i) and 576.400(e)(1) and (e)(3), Pinellas County has developed the following written standards for the provision of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding.

Pinellas County is awarded ESG funds annually from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as a part of the Annual Action Plan Process. ESG funds are designed to identify sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons, as well as those at risk of homelessness, and provide the services necessary to help those persons quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.

For 2014-2015, Pinellas County will focus on the following eligible components of the ESG Program: Emergency Shelter, Rapid Re-Housing, Homelessness Prevention, and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

The program will be designed to decrease the number of homeless and at-risk households who need emergency assistance. The goals are to: 1) help households that are at-risk of homelessness remain in their housing; 2) help households living in emergency shelters or in uninhabitable places move into stable housing; 3) provide case management to increase the likelihood of housing stability (participants of the program are provided one-on-one counseling to ensure housing stability); and 4) support emergency shelters who serve individuals and families meeting the definition of homeless. The program will service eligible participants to avoid homelessness by providing short-term rental assistance and security and/or utility deposits and eligible emergency shelters by providing funding for essential services, shelter operations or shelter renovations.

For rapid re-housing, homelessness prevention, and HMIS components of the ESG Program, staff will outreach to various non-profit agencies to provide an awareness of the available funding and an RFQ will be issued to select agencies to administer the program. Proposals received in response to the RFQ will be reviewed and scored by County staff based on 1) capacity and related experience to perform the technical functions identified in the RFQ Scope of Services, including methods of complying the Federal requirements pertaining to income requirements, property inspections, and rent reasonableness; 2) ability to provide comprehensive case management services and thoroughly analyze the situation of the applicant and their compatibility with the structure of the program; 3) past experience and current capacity of lead agency (if applicable) and/or collaborating agencies to coordinate service delivery, collect and use client data, and knowledge and compliance with Federal regulations; and 4) comprehensiveness of the ancillary support services and referral resources that include broad participation of service providers. Selected agencies will enter into Specific Performance Agreements with the County for funding. The agencies will provide the counseling and processing of applications to determine participant eligibility for the program. Agencies providing funding will determine the type and amount of assistance being provided as determined by participant needs assessment. All documentation will be submitted to the Community Revitalization Division of the Health and Community Services Department for final approval and disbursement of funds. Additionally, in order to ensure timely expenditure of funds, County may choose at any time to administer the rapid re-housing, homelessness prevention and HMIS components of the ESG Program using County staff.

For the emergency shelter component of the ESG Program, staff will seek applications from homeless service providers through the annual competitive application cycle. Applications received from eligible homeless service providers will be reviewed and ESG-eligible activities will be selected for funding based

on the County's identified needs and Continuum of Care's homeless delivery system. Selected agencies will enter into Specific Performance Agreements with the County for funding. Funding for activities under the emergency shelter component will not exceed sixty percent (60%) of the total annual ESG allocation.

There will be coordination among emergency shelter providers, essential services providers, homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing assistance providers, and other homeless assistance providers to maximize the use of the ESG funding and ensure that there is a centralized effort to reach families in need.

The following eligibility requirements have been established for the rapid re-housing and/or prevention components of the program.

- The program participant must meet the criteria under paragraph (1) the "at risk of homelessness" definition or who meet the criteria in paragraph (2), (3), or (4) of the homeless definition in 576.2 for homeless prevention assistance. A homeless certification form will be required.
- The household income must be less than 30% AMI. Annual income will be calculated using the standards for calculating income under the HOME Investment Partnership Program (24 CFR 92.508) and other HUD regulations.
- The program participant lacks sufficient resources and support networks necessary to retain housing without ESG assistance (but for this assistance they would be homeless).
- Complete a one-on-one assessment for sustainability with staff
- Ensure that the rent for a subsidized unit does not exceed the established fair market rent for the area and that the unit meets the rent reasonableness test.

The maximum amount that can be provided by the program is \$3,000 per individual/family within a 24-month period. The actual amount provided will be based on the individual/family need and not a set amount. In the Re-housing program clients are encouraged to pay deposits if they have the ability to pay; however, participants may receive assistance with utility and/or security deposits based on specific need. In addition, Pinellas County providers are required to utilize the Tampa Bay Information Network (TBIN) the County's community-wide HMIS, to comply with the HUD's data collection, management, and reporting standards and used to collect client level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at-risk of homelessness and to ensure that there are no duplicated services being provided.

HUD defines homelessness using the following definition: A homeless person is someone who is living on the street or in an emergency shelter, or who would be living on the street or in an emergency shelter without HUD's homelessness assistance. A person is considered homeless only when he/she resides in one of the places described below:

- In places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings, on the street; In an emergency shelter;

- In transitional or supportive housing for homeless persons who originally came from the streets or emergency shelters;
- In any of the above places but is spending a short time (up to 30 consecutive days) in a hospital or other institution;
- Is being evicted within a week from a private dwelling unit and no subsequent residence has been identified and the person lacks the resources and support networks needed to obtain housing or their housing has been condemned by housing officials and is no longer considered meant for human habitation;
- Is being discharged within a week from an institution in which the person has been a resident for more than 30 consecutive days and no subsequent residence has been identified and the person lacks the resources and support networks needed to obtain housing; or
- Is fleeing a domestic violence housing situation and no subsequent residence has been identified and the person lacks the resources and support networks needed to obtain housing.

Continuum of Care

Pinellas County consults with members of the Continuum of Care for the area and is a member of the Homeless Leadership Board through the Pinellas County Health and Community Services Department. The Homeless Leadership Board, made up of elected officials and community leaders, drafted *Opening Doors of Opportunity: A 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Pinellas County*, to establish the groundwork for guiding Pinellas County in their efforts to end homelessness.

The Consortium supports the Homeless Leadership Board and the priorities of Pinellas County match those of the Continuum of Care and the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.

The Continuum of Care Strategic Planning objectives include:

- Creation of new permanent housing beds for chronically homeless through conversion of transitional housing beds to permanent supportive housing.
- Increase the percentage of homeless persons that are successful in staying in permanent housing over six months.
- Increase the percentage of persons employed at program exit to a success rate of 20 percent.
- Decrease the number of homeless households with children.
- Facilitate access to essential services needed to obtain mainstream services.

The Homeless Leadership Board convenes meetings with representatives from the City of St. Petersburg, Pinellas County Health and Community Services Department, the City of Clearwater and homeless service providers in an effort to enhance opportunities to collaborate to better serve the homeless and at risk populations in Pinellas County.

APPENDIX G: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION COMMENTS

Clearwater, Florida
January 6, 2014

PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Pinellas County Health and Community Services Department, Community Revitalization Division conducted a public hearing in the Community Revitalization Conference Room, 8th Floor, 600 Cleveland Street, Suite 800, Clearwater at 6:00 p.m., on this date. In attendance were:

- Mike Pino, UMCM/Suncoast
- Neil Brickfield, Police Athletic League
- Tom Moore, City of Largo
- Adelle Bradley, Citizen
- George Bolden, Celebrate Outreach
- C. Thomas Snapp, Celebrate Outreach
- Caitlin Higgins Joy, Religious Community Services
- Marcus Harrison, Citizen
- Paula Rodes, Norstar Development
- Vernon Bryant, YMCA Ridgecrest Branch
- Kathleen Russell, Pinellas Opportunity Council
- Terrance McAbee, Homeless Emergency Project
- Doug Craddock, Directions for Living
- Sue Nichols, Community Against Spouse Abuse
- Elizabeth Shaw, Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services
- Jerry Spilatro, Community Service Foundation
- Graham Munce, G.L. Hill
- Matt Frank, Frank Homes
- Carol Hewett, Citizen/OVIS Member

The following County staff members were present:

- Jane Muhrlin, Section Manager
- Tim Burns, Section Manager
- Brook Gajan, Grant Compliance Specialist II, facilitator
- Tammy Allen, Grant Compliance Specialist II
- Maggie Miles, Grant Compliance Analyst

The hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Brook Gajan opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introductions were made. The purpose of the hearing was to obtain public comment on housing and community development needs for fiscal year 2014/2015 and the County's performance in meeting its goals and objectives during the 2012/2013 fiscal year.

Handouts giving an overview of the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs were shared with attendees. The hearing was then opened for questions and comments concerning performance and needs.

Jerry Spilatro, Community Housing Services

Mr. Spilatro inquired about the status of County down payment assistance programs. Ms. Gajan stated that funding decisions for the upcoming year had not yet been determined. Mrs. Muhrlin

reminded participants that the Housing Finance Authority was continuing to provide down payment assistance.

Carol Hewett, Citizen

Ms. Hewett inquired if CDBG funding could be used for street improvements and if it could be used to match Federal Coastal Management Program funding for street improvements in Community Redevelopment Areas/Business Districts such as Ozona's Bayshore Drive. Ms. Gajan informed Ms. Hewett that street improvements in slum/blight designated areas was possible but that she was unsure if the funding could be used to match Federal Coastal Management funding.

Neil Brickfield, Pinellas Athletic League

Mr. Brickfield stated the need for recreation in Lealman. Lealman currently has no pools available to residents and unincorporated residents, mostly low-income have to pay a fee to use city pools. Mr. Brickfield also stated that third graders in Lealman read at a level 64% below their grade level and that the nearest library was 2.4 miles away.

Kathleen Russell, Pinellas Opportunity Council

Ms. Russell requested that the County consider reopening the public service application for non-homeless service providers and also reconsider doing away with Social Action Funding. CHORE Services provides elderly services and operation funding is needed. 22% of the County population is elderly/over 65.

Caitlin Higgins Joy, Religious Community Services

Ms. Higgins Joy thanked the County for their support and asked for continued support for Grace House which serves homeless families and is in one of the targeted Healthy Community Zones. 90% of participants at Grace House continue to be self sufficient. Grace House will be applying for funding for rehabilitation.

Paula Rhodes, Norstar Development

Ms. Rhodes identified Norstar as a partner with Pinellas County Housing Authority and identified a need for funding for redevelopment of Rainbow Village. Ms. Gajan stated that housing development applications/funding is an open cycle and applications can be submitted at any time.

Ms. Gajan informed attendees that the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) would be published on January 10 and that applications would be available at that time on the County website. Ms. Gajan thanked the attendees for their input and ideas and asked if they had any other concerns to please write them down on the comment sheets or comments could be submitted by email.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PINELLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS
SUBMITTED BY GULF COAST LEGAL SERVICES AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

Gulfcoast Legal Services ("GLS") is a non profit legal services law firm which assists low income individuals and families in Pinellas County at no charge with issues pertaining to housing (foreclosure, landlord/tenant, and homelessness) consumer, immigration, public benefits, family law, and other legal issues. By the time these individuals and families enter our doors for assistance, they are in crisis. Many of their problems can be traced to a lack of safe, decent, and affordable housing. Since 2009, the Florida Bar Foundation has funded a staff attorney at GLS to work on issues related to the preservation and creation of affordable housing for the lowest income and most vulnerable Floridians. Here in Pinellas County, this population includes seniors subsisting on a minimal social security check and food stamps; working poor families in low wage jobs; immigrants; single parent families; the disabled; and the chronically and situationally homeless. While Pinellas County and municipalities within have formed partnerships with Housing Authorities, local social service agencies and affordable housing developers to create and preserve housing to serve the needs of this population, many more units of affordable housing have been lost than have been created and preserved since the early 2000s. At the same time, the need for such housing is growing, as evidenced by a recent study completed at the University of Florida's Shimberg Center:

- The Shimberg Center's 2013 Rental Market Study, found that over 737,000 low income Florida renters, with incomes of no more than 60% of Area Median Income (AMI), pay more than 40% of their income towards rent, up from 553,000 in 2005. The authors also found that an increasing number of Florida households are renting, despite the fact that rents have continued to rise.
- Florida had a high homeownership rate in the early 2000s (71%); however, this has changed. The number of renter households grew by 10% between 2005 and 2011. Conversely, the number of homeowners fell by 3% over the same time period. Renting is

becoming increasingly commonplace, especially among younger households and families with children. Among households headed by someone aged 34 or under, the homeownership rate fell from 42% in 2005 to just 35% in 2011.

- Of the renter households growth in Florida over the past decade, the total number of extremely low income (ELI) renter households (those with incomes at or below 30% of AMI) grew most rapidly, by more than 100,000 between 2000 and 2011. For ELI households, the incidence of cost burden rose from 65% to 72% between 2000 and 2011. These households paid at least 40% of their income for gross rent and utilities.
- The increase in the number of cost burdened renters in Florida is attributed to both rising rents and falling incomes. Between 2000 and 2011, median rents in Florida rose from \$816 to \$950, while state median renter income fell from \$34,000 to \$30,343.

(The full study can be viewed at www.shimberg.ufl.edu/publications/Full_RMS_Needs.pdf.)

The statistical findings are summarized in the following chart:

Proportion of Cost Burdened Florida Renters Rising Since 2000

Percentage of Renters Cost Burdened* by Income Group, in Florida

	0-30% of AMI	31%-50% of AMI	51%-60% of AMI
2000	65%	55%	27%
2005	71%	71%	45%
2011	72%	77%	55%

How can CDBG, HOME, and ESG dollars be used to reduce this enormous housing cost burden on Pinellas County families, so that our residents have more disposable income to meet other needs and to put into the local economy? We believe that, to the extent possible, CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds should be used to create and preserve multifamily rental housing at rents well below market. To the

extent possible, community development investments should be targeted toward tax credit properties, rehab and preservation of federally subsidized public housing and/or project based section 8 communities, as well as tenant based rental assistance. Mobile home parks should also be targeted for preservation as it is the only housing stock available and affordable to many low income renters. Some of the tenant based rental assistance needs to be long-term as opposed to being used for rapid re-housing only: In a tourist economy, there will ALWAYS be a surplus of low wage jobs and a PERMANENT need to house the workforce. In a community which attracts many seniors, disabled, veterans, and retirees on fixed incomes, there will ALWAYS be a need for permanent supportive housing where the rent remains stable because incomes will fail to rise. Thank you for your work in providing housing and services to Pinellas County's most vulnerable residents and for the opportunity to submit comments.

January 7, 2014

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