

**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY  
PINELLAS COUNTY CONSORTIUM  
CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION FOR 2015-2016  
FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

January 29, 2015

Pinellas County estimates receiving the following funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015.

\$ 2,422,408	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement (estimated)
<u>\$ 85,000</u>	Projected Program Income
\$ 2,507,408	Total

**Applications:** Pinellas County anticipates having approximately \$2,000,000 available for new projects. Of the estimated amount available for new projects, the County anticipates awarding up to \$300,000 to public infrastructure projects in the County's Cooperating Cities. Applications will be accepted for the following types of eligible activities which fall within the priority needs stated in the County's Consolidated Plan: (1) public facility and improvement projects in special districts or which serve low- to moderate-income or special needs populations, including the homeless; (2) service and operation activities which serve a low to moderate income population or special needs population, including the homeless; and (3) public infrastructure projects in special districts. Priority will be given to capital projects that serve youth aging out of foster care, homeless families, and housing for veterans.

Parties interested in more information on receiving funds for activities or for an application are invited to visit the web site at [www.pinellascounty.org/community/NOFA](http://www.pinellascounty.org/community/NOFA) or to contact the Community Development and Planning Unit, Planning Department at 727-464-8210. Applications are due to the Community Development and Planning Unit, Planning Department, 440 Court Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Clearwater, FL 33756 **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2015**. Selection of activities is based on availability of funds, consistency of the activity with the County's Five-Year Consolidated Plan and identified priorities, no duplication of an existing program, and approval of the local jurisdiction in which the activity is located.

Pinellas County anticipates receiving approximately \$204,549 through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015.

Pinellas County also anticipates receiving the following funds through the HOME Investments Partnership Program (HOME) for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014. The City of Largo receives HOME funds as part of the Consortium and allocates funds to housing programs.

\$ 1,072,975	HOME Investments Partnership Program (HOME) Entitlement (estimated)
<u>\$ 600,000</u>	Projected Program Income
\$ 1,672,975	Total

Pinellas County also anticipates the following program income will be available through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), Rounds 1, 2 and 3, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015.

\$ 550,000	NSP Round 1 Projected Program Income
\$ 50,000	NSP Round 2 Projected Program Income
<u>\$ 500,000</u>	NSP Round 3 Projected Program Income
\$ 1,100,000	Total

Pinellas County has not yet received confirmation of its 2015 Federal grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Funding levels are subject to change. The County expects final Federal funding levels to be released on or before October 1, 2015.

In addition to Federal Housing Funds, approximately \$725,000 in program income from the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program and approximately \$80,000 in program income from local Housing Trust Fund (HTF) funds will be available for affordable housing programs.

**Ongoing Programs and Activities:** Pinellas County funds housing programs on an ongoing basis. These programs include: housing development, down payment assistance, owner-occupied housing rehabilitation, and housing services such as homebuyer training, and foreclosure prevention counseling.

Applications for affordable housing development activities may be submitted at any time during the year. Housing Development activities include the preservation and/or production of affordable rental housing developments, mixed income rental developments and housing development for homebuyers.

Information about the County's housing and community development programs is available through the above website or telephone number.

**Jurisdiction:** CDBG funds must be used to benefit residents located in the Urban County (all unincorporated areas and all incorporated areas except St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Largo, and Belleair Shore). HOME funds must be used to benefit residents of the Pinellas County Consortium (Urban County and the City of Largo). ESG funds must benefit the homeless or those at risk of homelessness located outside the city limits of St. Petersburg. SHIP and local HTF funds must be used to benefit residents in the County (all unincorporated and all incorporated areas).