

**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
PINELLAS COUNTY CONSORTIUM
CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION FOR 2016-2017
FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

January 8, 2016

Pinellas County estimates receiving the following funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016.

\$ 2,422,408	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement (estimated)
<u>\$ 75,000</u>	Projected Program Income
\$ 2,497,408	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 low- to moderate income or special needs populations, including the homeless and activities which affirmatively further fair housing; and (3) public infrastructure projects in special districts.

Additionally, applications will be accepted from agencies interested in creating and maintaining rental property listings and providing housing navigation for the homeless, those at risk of becoming homeless, and low- and moderate-income households seeking affordable housing.

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 or to contact Community Development and Planning at 727-464-8210.

Applications are due to Community Development and Planning, 440 Court Street, 2nd Floor, Clearwater, FL 33756 **no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 12, 2016**. 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 also anticipates receiving the following funds through the HOME Investments Partnership Program (HOME) for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016. 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 anticipates receiving approximately \$204,549 through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016.

Pinellas County also anticipates receiving approximately \$165,000 in program income through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016.

Pinellas County has not yet received confirmation of its 2016 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, 2016.

In addition to Federal Housing Funds, approximately \$3,000,000 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).