

**PINELLAS COUNTY CONSORTIUM  
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY  
CONSOLIDATED SUBMISSION FOR 2017-2018  
FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL  
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

January 20, 2017

Pinellas County is now accepting applications for the FY 2017-2018 housing and community development grant programs. Funding for these programs are provided through the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership and Emergency Solutions Grant programs.

Estimated FY 2017-2018 available funds are:

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| \$ 2,715,418 | Community Development Block Grant Entitlement and Program Income    |
| \$ 1,851,266 | HOME Investments Partnership Program Entitlement and Program Income |
| \$ 216,740   | Emergency Solutions Grant Program                                   |

Confirmation of 2017 federal grant funding levels has not yet been received. Funding levels identified above are subject to change. The County expects final Federal funding levels to be released on or before October 1, 2017.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG): The Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, provides Federal Community Development Block Grant funds for projects that promote the development of viable, urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate-income (LMI).

The County anticipates having approximately \$1,700,000 in CDBG funding available for new project proposals for the following types of eligible activities which fall within the priority needs identified in the County's Consolidated Plan: (1) public facility construction and improvement projects which serve low- to moderate-income areas and citizens or special needs populations, including the homeless within the County's jurisdiction; and (2) public infrastructure projects in special districts.

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME): Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, provides HOME funds for affordable housing activities including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership.

Pinellas County is in a consortium with the City of Largo and anticipates having approximately \$1,650,000 available for affordable housing activities. The City of Largo receives a portion of the HOME funds as part of the Consortium and allocates funds to housing activities.

Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG): The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act), amending the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, provides ESG funds for addressing the needs of homeless people in emergency or transitional shelters to assisting people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.

The County anticipates having approximately \$120,000 in ESG funds available for new project proposals for the following types of eligible emergency shelter component activities: (1) shelter operations; and (2) shelter renovations. The ESG emergency shelter component funding is intended to help improve the number and quality of emergency shelter for homeless individuals and families and to help operate the shelters.

Application Information: Applications will be available beginning Friday, January 20, 2017, on the County website at [www.pinellascounty.org/community/nofa/executive.htm](http://www.pinellascounty.org/community/nofa/executive.htm), by telephone (727) 464-8210, or by emailing [cdplanning@pinellascounty.org](mailto:cdplanning@pinellascounty.org).

**Application Due Date: 4:30 P.M., Friday, February 17, 2017**

Applications must be received by the Community Development Division, 440 Court Street, 2nd Floor, Clearwater, FL 33756, no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2017.

Selection of activities is based on a competitive process according to, but not limited to, the following criteria: conceptual soundness of the project; financial feasibility of the project; applicant's demonstrated ability to implement and administer the project; applicant's ability to meet and maintain compliance with applicable federal, state, and/or local regulations; community development value (cost versus community impact); demonstrable positive impact on the community made apparent through accountable performance metrics; engagement of residents or businesses meeting Section 3 requirements. Additionally, activities must be consistent with the County's Five-Year Consolidated Plan priorities and have approval of the local jurisdiction in which the activity is located.

Additional Federal, State and Local Funding: Pinellas County also anticipates receiving approximately \$250,000 in program income through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017.

In addition to Federal housing funds, approximately \$3,900,000 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.

Affordable Housing Programs and Activities: Pinellas County funds housing programs on an ongoing basis using available CDBG, HOME, NSP, SHIP and HTF funding. 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).