



Overview

The purpose of the Residential Improvement & Demolition Program is to provide grants to eligible applicants on a **first come, first served** basis with the intent to reduce or eliminate the costs associated with improving and enhancing the **exterior** appearance of the applicant's home and property, or to assist in the removal of substandard residential structures when the cost to rehabilitate is not feasible. Properties must be located within the boundaries of the Lealman CRA to be eligible for grant funds. Grant awards amounts will be provided as follows:

Grant Type	Eligible Amount
Residential Improvements	\$1,000 - \$10,000
Demolition	\$1,000 - \$7,500

Eligibility Guidelines

PROPERTY ELIGIBILITY

Residential Improvement Program - Eligible properties include single-family detached houses, townhomes, villas, cooperatives, condominiums and manufactured housing. The property must be structurally sound, meet Florida building codes, and local housing codes.

Demolition Program - Any residential site within the Lealman CRA where there is substandard or deteriorated structure or part thereof. The structure must be functionally obsolete or economically unfeasible to repair, as determined by Pinellas County. Residential structures must have been abandoned or vacant for at least a year before they can be demolished under this program. Cost of asbestos survey, if applicable, shall be considered the applicant's sole responsibility.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

A property owner or leasehold tenant are eligible to apply. Leasehold applicants are required to obtain written and notarized approval from the property owner prior to submission of an application.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate (with assistance provided by County staff):

- Ownership of the property
- The property is located in Lealman CRA.
- The applicant(s) must be current on all property taxes.
- The property must not have any outstanding liens or Code Enforcement violations.¹
- Verify the property is not in foreclosure.
- Review of proposed activities to determine eligibility.
- Property owners are eligible for Residential Improvement grants once every five years.

¹ Properties with limited Code Enforcement/Utility liens made be considered on a case-by-case basis.



ELIGIBLE & INELIGIBLE GRANT ACTIVITIES

Residential Improvement Program – Eligible Improvements

- ADA Improvements (exterior only)
- Driveway and pedestrian walkway repair or replacement (pavers are eligible)
- Exterior porch lighting fixture installation/replacement
- Exterior painting
- Front door replacement
- Fencing (front yard only; side yard eligible for corner lots; chain link fencing is ineligible)
- Garage door, carport (repair or replacement)
- Landscaping (must be “Native” or “Florida-Friendly” plants and pre-approved by Pinellas County)
- Mailbox and house number replacement
- Rain gutters (repair or replacement)
- Property clean-up (removal of hazardous debris, etc.)
- Stucco/masonry/siding (repairs only; full home replacement ineligible)
- Permitting/Architect/Engineering fees (not to exceed 10% of grant award)
- Window awnings and shutters (including hurricane shutters; replacement or repair)

Ineligible Improvements

- Work performed by an unlicensed contractor
- Improvements performed prior to approval of the TIF application
- New building construction
- Improvements to residences constructed within the last 5 years
- Roof repairs or replacement
- Exterior security systems (including metal roll down gates, window bars, cameras)
- Improvements in progress or completed prior to preliminary approval
- Routine maintenance
- Improvements to non-residential structures

Application Process

Applicants should complete the application provided on the following pages. Applications can be submitted electronically by emailing LealmanCRA@pinellascounty.org or via hand delivery at the Lealman Exchange, located at 5175 45th St. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33714. Pinellas County staff will review the information provided and contact the applicant to inform them of their eligibility status or to request any additional information as may be needed to determine eligibility. If approved for funding Pinellas County will assist the applicant with developing a scope of work and obtaining bids from licensed contractors.



Eligible Grant Activities (Check all that apply to your application.)

Activity	Checkbox
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Applicant Certification and Signatures

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my ability and no false or misleading statements have been made in order to secure approval of this application. You are authorized to make all the inquiries you deem necessary to verify the accuracy of the information contained herein.

Applicant Signature

Print Name

Date



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Owner Authorization

As owner of the property/properties located below, I hereby authorize the Applicant as identified above to undertake the activities specified in this application.

Property Address

Property Identification Number

Owner Signature

Date

Print Name