

**PINELLAS COUNTY CONSORTIUM
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
RAPID UNSHELTERED SURVIVOR HOUSING
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM**

February 10, 2025

Pinellas County is accepting applications for Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH) program projects. Project funding assistance is available through a special allocation of a federal grant program as outlined below.

Estimated available federal funds are:

\$ 512,336 ESG-RUSH Entitlement

Emergency Solutions Grant Program – Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (ESG-RUSH) - RUSH grants, awarded under the ESG program, are made to states or local governments to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness who have been residing in a “declared disaster area” and have needs that are not otherwise served or fully met by existing federal disaster relief programs.

The County anticipates having approximately \$451,000 in ESG-RUSH funds available for new project proposals for the following types of eligible activities: (1) homelessness prevention/rapid rehousing; (2) shelter operations; and (3) shelter repairs due to the hurricanes. The ESG emergency shelter operations component funding includes hotel/motel vouchers and to help operate emergency shelters.

Application Information: Applications will be available beginning at on **Monday, February 10, 2025**.

Applications will be accepted through the County’s online application. The link to the online application portal is available on the County’s website at <https://pinellas.gov/pinellas-county-housing-development-funding/>.

Application Due Date: 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 21, 2025

Please indicate the application is for RUSH funding by adding “**RUSH-Agency-Name-Name of Project**” in the name of the application. Applications must be submitted through the online application portal and in “*Application Submitted*” status, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 21, 2025.

Selection of activities is based on a competitive process according to, but not limited to, the following criteria: 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; 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, if applicable.