

**Notice of Funding Availability
Affordable Housing Development
Pinellas County 2025 Local Contribution Match Application**

Pinellas County announces the availability of local government support funding for eligible affordable housing development projects to meet the criteria of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) Competitive Application Process RFA #2025-202 Housing Credit Financing.

Applications are available requesting a minimum \$75,000 local contribution or the Local Government Area of Opportunity funding large contribution of \$610,000 and must be submitted electronically through the Neighborly Software Application portal at <https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/pinellascountyfl/Participant>.

The application submittal deadline is 4:00 p.m. August 1, 2025.

Project funding commitments may be made for projects meeting the Pinellas County Affordable Housing Development Program requirements. Eligible projects must be located in the unincorporated area or a municipality of Pinellas County with the exception of St. Petersburg, Clearwater and Largo.

All project applications will be evaluated to receive Local Government Areas of Opportunity funding support by Pinellas County based on the criteria outlined below. If an eligible project is selected, funding will be in the form of a grant equal to the minimum value amount as required by FHFC. Funding will be provided through the Pinellas Affordable Housing Development Program. The County reserves the right to provide the LGAO Funding to one applicant or no applicants at all.

The source of funding for the LGAO is State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP). Pinellas County reserves the right to substitute local Housing Trust Fund, CDBG, NSP or HOME funds as the funding source for any awards via this request; therefore, applicants are advised that applicable grant regulations may be imposed on any award.

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Local Government Area of Opportunity Scoring Criteria

<u>Housing Development</u>	<u>Points Available</u>
Overall Housing Development and Property Management Experience	0-10
Housing Credit Development Experience in Florida	0-5
Affordable Housing Compliance Record for Existing Pinellas Portfolio	0-5
Meets Goals of Pinellas County Strategic Plan	5
Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Location	3
Number of Affordable Units: 25-40 Units	3
41-80 Units	5
81 or More Units	9
Investor Financing Commitment Documented	10
Located within a Premium, Primary, or Secondary Corridor as defined in the Countywide Plan Strategies by Forward Pinellas	10
Development located within a HUD Difficult Development Area	5
<u>Infrastructure</u>	<u>Points Available</u>
Sidewalks/Pedestrian Safety	0-5
<u>Redevelopment</u>	<u>Points Available</u>
Redevelopment as Defined in Rule Chapter 64-48.002, F.A.C.	5
<u>Environmental</u>	<u>Points Available</u>
Site Remediation Included in Project	5
Will Achieve Green Building Certification (LEED, FGBC, or NGBS)	5
<u>Evacuation Zones</u>	<u>Points Available</u>
Non-Evacuation Zone	10
Zone E	6
Zone D	3
Zone C	2
Zone B	0
Zone A	0