

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WITH VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION OPTION
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) - RAPID UNSHELTERED SURVIVOR HOUSING (RUSH)
NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

On April 16, 2026, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) awarded Pinellas County **\$1,608,589** in a special second allocation of ESG funding to address the needs of homeless individuals or families or individuals or families at risk of homelessness in areas affected by a major disaster declared pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.). The ESG funds shall benefit people whose needs are not otherwise served or fully met by existing Federal disaster relief programs, including the Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) program under such Act (42 U.S.C. 5170b).

This allocation of RUSH funding under the ESG Program is in response to the President's major disaster declarations dated September 28, 2004, DR-4828-FL, for Hurricane Helene, October 11, 2024, DR-4834-FL, for Hurricane Milton, and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) determination that these disasters were severe enough to activate its TSA program.

For Pinellas County to receive ESG-RUSH funds, the County must submit for HUD's approval, a substantial amendment to the County's FY 2025/2026 Annual Action Plan. This public hearing is being held to obtain input on the needs of individuals or families experiencing homelessness, or at risk of homelessness in areas affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

The public hearing will be held on **May 26, 2026**, at **6:00 PM** with both in-person and online/virtual options available for participation:

- **In Person:** Pinellas County Housing & Community Development Conference Room
440 Court Street, 1st Floor Conference Room, Clearwater, FL

- **Online/Virtual Option:**

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/263160006740441?p=g90xyH9pDX7Dp1e52a>

Meeting ID: 263 160 006 740 441

Passcode: Ks9XK9jJ

Dial in By Phone: [+1 813-644-3116](tel:+18136443116), [553014142#](tel:+1553014142) United States, Tampa or [Find a local number](#)

Phone conference ID: 553 014 142#

In the event the public hearing is rescheduled or moved to virtual digital media only, notice will be posted online at the Community Development Division's website (www.pinellascounty.org/community).

Persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at these hearings, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

PINELLAS COUNTY COMPLIES WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. TO OBTAIN ACCESSIBLE FORMATS OF THIS DOCUMENT OR FOR ANY ACCOMMODATION, PLEASE CALL (727) 464-4062 (V/TDD). IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING OR EVENT, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE EVENT, CONTACT THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, 400 S. FORT HARRISON AVE., SUITE 500, CLEARWATER, FL 33756 OR WWW.PINELLAS.GOV/AMERICANS-WITH-DISABILITIES-ACT-PUBLIC-ACCOMMODATIONS/.