

**PINELLAS COUNTY CONSORTIUM AND URBAN COUNTY
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE FY2025-2026 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT-RAPID UNSHELTERED SURVIVOR HOUSING (ESG-RUSH)**

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 Emergency Solutions Grant (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 second allocation of ESG-RUSH 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 the second allocation of 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 substantial amendment proposes to amend the 2025/26 Action Plan to include the County's second allocation of ESG RUSH funding and activities to enable the County to receive and administer ESG RUSH funds.

In collaboration with the Pinellas Continuum of Care and citizen input, Pinellas County has identified the following proposed ESG RUSH activities:

Proposed Use of ESG-RUSH (2nd Allocation)

Proposed Activity	Proposed Funding Amount
Street Outreach	\$75,000.00
Emergency Shelter	\$966,353.40
Homelessness Prevention	\$243,617.80
Rapid Rehousing	\$243,617.80
Administration (7.5% max)	\$80,000.00
Total ESG RUSH	\$1,608,589.00

Availability for Viewing

A draft of the Substantial Amendment to the 2025/2026 Annual Action Plan is available for viewing and public comment from **June 1, 2026, to June 5, 2026**. The draft document will be available on the Community Development website at <https://pinellas.gov/department/community-development> and at the offices of the Housing and Community Development Department located at 310 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756.

Additionally, drafts of the plan are available in paper format, .pdf, or in formats which are accessible to persons with disabilities, by request by contacting the Pinellas County Community Development Division at 727-464-8210 or by email at cdplanning@pinellas.gov. Public comment on the Plan is invited and should be emailed to cdplanning@pinellas.gov or mailed to the Pinellas County Community Development Division at the address above.

Community development and housing programs are administered in a nondiscriminatory manner, consistent with equal employment opportunities, affirmative action, and fair housing requirements. Questions, concerns, complaints, or requests for information in alternative formats should be directed to Community Development staff at 727-464-8210.

Notice of Public Meeting

Following the comment period, the Substantial Amendment will go before the Board of County Commissioners for approval during its regularly scheduled public meeting on Tuesday, **June 16, 2026, at 9:30 A.M.** in the **Palm Room, 333 Chestnut Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756.**

Members of the public wishing address the Board to provide comment on the Substantial Amendment prior to approval by the Board, are encouraged to preregister at <https://comment.pinellas.gov>. Preregistration is encouraged but not required if individuals plan to attend the meeting at the Palm Room in person. Those who have not preregistered may register in person when they arrive.

Members of the public wishing to address the body virtually via Zoom or by phone are required to preregister by 5:00 P.M. the day before the meeting by visiting <https://comment.pinellas.gov>. Members of the public who cannot access the registration form via the internet may call (727) 464-3000 to request assistance preregistering. Only members of the public who have preregistered by 5:00 P.M. the day before the meeting will be recognized and unmuted to offer comments. If a member of the public does not log in with the same Zoom name or phone number provided in the registration form, they may not be recognized to speak. In person appearances for comment, or advance comments as noted below, are preferred. The County will use its best efforts to facilitate virtual comment, but citizens using technology to comment virtually are cautioned that this mechanism is being offered by the County as a courtesy and the County does not guarantee the proper functioning of technology involved.

Members of the public wishing to provide comments in advance may call the Agenda Comment Line at (727) 464-4400 or complete the online comment form <https://www.mypinellasclerk.gov/Home/Finance#127688-bcc-meetings>. Comments must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. the day before the meeting.

Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may provide public input on any agenda item through use of the State of Florida's relay service at 7-1-1 or for more information see <https://www.ftri.org/relay/faqs>.

All comments received by 5:00 P.M. the day before the meeting will be included as part of the official record for this meeting and will be available to be considered by the County Commission prior to any action taken.

The agenda for this meeting and information about participation options can be found at <https://pinellas.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Persons with disabilities who need reasonable accommodations to effectively participate in this proceeding are asked to contact Pinellas County's Office of Human Rights by e-mailing such requests to accommodations@pinellas.gov at least three (3) business days in advance of the need for reasonable accommodation. You may also call (727) 464-4882 (Voice) or (727) 464-4062 (TDD). More information about the ADA, and reasonable accommodation, may be found at <https://pinellas.gov/americans-with-disabilities-act-public-accommodations/>.