

Executive Summary

ES-05 Executive Summary - 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

Amended June 16, 2026, to add ESG-RUSH funding to the FY2025-2026 Action Plan.

1. Introduction

This First Substantial Amendment to the approved Program Year 2025-2026 (PY2025) Annual Action Plan (First Amendment) was completed on June 16, 2026, in response to the second special allocation of “Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing” (RUSH) funding under the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program to address the needs of people who were unhoused or at risk of homelessness prior to the impacts of Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton.

On April 16, 2026, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) notified Pinellas County of a \$1,608,589 award in a special 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).

The allocation of RUSH funding under the ESG Program is in response to the President’s major disaster declarations dated September 28, 2024, 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.

This ~~first~~second amendment was completed utilizing RUSH Notice waivers related to consultation and citizen participation, as allowed by HUD.

Pinellas County receives annual federal grant allocations from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). Pinellas County is also the lead entity for the Pinellas County Consortium for HOME, of which the City of Largo is a participating jurisdiction. As the lead entity, Pinellas County assumes overall responsibility for HOME compliance and requirements. The Consolidated Plan is the five-year planning document required by HUD that identifies priority needs and establishes corresponding goals to address those needs. The Action Plan is the annual planning document that represents specific activities to be undertaken during HUD Program Year (PY) 2025-2026, or Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, using these federally funded grants. Additionally, the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan also consider other sources of state and local funding that can be used to support, match, or leverage federally funded grants. These sources include Florida’s State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program and local Penny for Pinellas and Housing Trust Fund (HTF) funding that is targeted to the preservation and production of affordable housing.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

For the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, Pinellas County has established 12 goals that will guide funding decisions through the course of the Consolidated Plan five-year term. These goals are:

1. **Public facility improvements** – Provide funding for the acquisition, design/engineering and/or construction/rehabilitation of facilities that benefit low- and moderate-income, homeless, and/or special needs populations. *Outcomes: Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 125,000 Persons Assisted; Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 10,000 Persons Assisted*

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2. **Public services** – Provide funding for operating expenses of public services that benefit low- and moderate-income, homeless, and/or special needs populations. *Outcomes: Public Service Activities other than Low/Moderate Housing Benefit: 37,500 Persons Assisted; Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 1,000 Persons Assisted*
3. **Elimination of slum and blight** – Provide funding to eliminate or prevent slum and blight to assist in restoring economic vitality in blighted areas or on a spot basis. *Outcomes: Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25,000 Persons Assisted; Buildings Demolished: 5 Buildings*
4. **Code enforcement** – Provide funding for the payment of salaries and overhead costs directly related to the enforcement of local codes in deteriorating or deteriorated areas in Target Areas. *Outcomes: Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 500 Households/Housing Units*
5. **Neighborhood improvements** – Provide funding for public facility improvements, physical improvements, and comprehensive neighborhood planning activities in Target Areas, and HUD designated Low-Mod Areas to improve the quality of life and health of neighborhood residents. *Outcomes: Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 75,000 Persons Assisted*
6. **Preservation of housing** – Provide funding for the acquisition and/or rehabilitation/preservation of housing affordable to low- and moderate-income residents. *Outcomes: Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 75 Households/Housing Units; Rental Units Rehabilitated: 125 Households/Housing Units*
7. **Production of housing** – Provide funding for the acquisition, development, and/or construction of new housing units affordable to low- and moderate-income residents. *Outcomes: Homeowner Housing Added: 25 Households/Housing Units; Rental Units Constructed: 125 Households/Housing Units*
8. **Homeownership opportunities** – Provide funding for direct assistance to prospective low- and moderate-income homebuyers, including down payment and closing cost assistance, credit counseling, and/or homeownership education/training. *Outcomes: Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 150 Households Assisted; Public Service Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 150 Households Assisted*
9. **Rental assistance** – Provide funding for rental assistance and security/utility deposits for income-eligible individuals/households or rapid rehousing for individuals/households at-risk of or already experiencing homelessness. *Outcomes: Tenant-Based Rental Assistance/Rapid Re-Housing: 50 Households Assisted; Homelessness Prevention: 125 Persons Assisted*
10. **Shelter and housing for the homeless** – Provide funding for the acquisition, construction, and/or rehabilitation of shelter facilities and housing for the homeless. *Outcomes: Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds Added: 10 Beds; Housing for Homeless Added: 10 Households/Housing Units*
11. **Emergency/disaster response** – Provide assistance prior to, during and after a community emergency and/or disaster event to prepare for and/or mitigate loss, protect during an event, and aid with recovery. *Outcomes: Other: Emergency/disaster responses as needed*
12. **Administration** – General planning and administration costs associated with administering Federal CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds; State SHIP funds; and other local funding sources, including but not limited to Housing Trust Funds (HTF). *Outcomes: Other: Administration as needed*

For each goal, the County has established strategies to address each goal and specific target outcomes to measure progress, as noted above. Such strategies address how the County will tackle issues related to affordable housing, public housing, homelessness, housing rehabilitation/lead-based paint mitigation, anti-poverty, and program monitoring.

Additionally, the County has identified eight (8) geographic areas for implementation. These areas include two (2) general areas, Partner Grantees and the Urban County, and six (6) specific target areas: Tarpon Springs, High Point, Greater Ridgecrest, West Lealman, Central Lealman, and East Lealman. These target areas have been identified by Pinellas County as at-risk communities, having higher concentrations of low- and moderate-income populations, poverty-level households, and minority racial and ethnic groups than other areas of Pinellas County. These areas also have more risk factors for Fair Housing issues.

3. Evaluation of past performance

Over the last five years, Pinellas County continued to work on meeting the goals identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Five-year program performance (2020-2024) is summarized below by project name. Of these accomplishments, the contribution of FY 2024 projects is estimated pending year-end reporting.

<u>Program Name</u>	<u># Served Unit of Measure</u>
Target Area Improvement Program (SL-3)	111,960 persons
Public Facilities Program (SL-1)	111,973 persons
Public Infrastructure Program (SL-3)	5 household/housing units
Public Services Program (SL-1)	221,498 persons
Homeless & Homelessness Prevention (ESG)	143 household/housing units
Housing Preservation Program (DH-1)	139 household/housing units
Housing Production Program (DH-1)	216 household/housing units
Homeownership Promotion Program (DH-2)	155 household/housing units

Generally, sufficient funding for affordable housing programs continues to be a barrier. For rental housing specifically, an overall lack of affordable housing units and lack of landlords willing to lease units to renters with histories of credit issues and evictions remains an issue. Although the County's HOME allocation remains a critical resource to address the lack of affordable housing in the Consortium, HOME regulations are too onerous to catalyze many projects. Insufficient federal, state, and local resources that support the development and financing of affordable housing continues to create a gap in the financing of projects and programs administered by the County.

In the previous Five-Year Consolidated Plan, covering PY 2020-2021 through 2024-2025, the County reevaluated and reduced the expected goals for the five-year cycle due to the continued reduction in resources for affordable housing. Affordable housing continues to be one of the high priority goals identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and will continue to be addressed in the Annual Action Plans and Pinellas County will continue to utilize federal CDBG, HOME and ESG funds, as well as State SHIP funds and local Penny for Pinellas and HTF funds, to meet the needs identified.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

[The County held a meeting with the Pinellas Continuum of Care to identify the needs and priorities to address the homeless and at-risk of homeless affected by the hurricanes on May 13, 2026. All information received was considered in the ESG-RUSH budget.](#)

[An in-person/virtual public hearing was held on May 26, 2026, to receive input on the needs of homeless individuals or families and/or individuals or families at risk of homelessness in areas affected by hurricanes Helene and Milton.](#)

[A public comment period was held from June 1, 2026, to June 5, 2026, soliciting input on the Amendment to the Annual Action Plan. Public notice of the comment period was advertised in the newspaper on May 31, 2026, and posted on the website.](#)

[The First Amendment went to the Board of County Commissioners for approval on June 16, 2026. Notice of the meeting was posted on the County's website.](#)

During the planning process, Pinellas County held three (3) Needs Assessment meetings, three (3) Fair Housing meetings, and one (1) Homeless Funders/Providers (i.e., Continuum of Care or CoC) focus group to determine the needs and priorities of the community. These meetings were held at the Tarpon Spring Public Library, Largo Public Library, Lealman Exchange, and City of Largo Emergency Operations Center (EOC), to provide opportunities for public input in north, mid, and south Pinellas County. The public meetings and focus group provided an opportunity for citizens and interested parties to become knowledgeable

about Pinellas County housing and community development programs and eligibility requirements. Participants were asked to provide input on how funds should be allocated to programs and projects related to housing, homelessness, special needs, and community development.

Pinellas County also conducted a Needs Assessment Survey and Fair Housing Survey. The survey process was overseen by the County and implemented through the internet. Hard copies of the surveys were also made available at the three (3) Needs Assessment meetings and three (3) Fair Housing meetings. These hard-copy surveys were then entered into the online system for inclusion in the results. In total, the County received 386 responses to the Needs Assessment Survey and 176 responses to the Fair Housing Survey. Participating cities, partner agencies, and community organizations were encouraged to engage and collect feedback from individuals receiving services during the Needs Assessment and Fair Housing campaign. The results of the surveys, compiled with public input received during the public meetings and focus group, identified the priority housing and community development needs for the next five years.

The citizen participation process also included consultation with housing providers, housing authorities, health and social services providers, and the CoC for the County's homeless population. The Consortium consulted these entities throughout the preceding year concerning ongoing topics of mutual interest and during the preparation of the Consolidated Plan. Consultation occurred via email invitation and correspondence, online surveys, public meetings, public hearings, and focus group consultation. In some cases, specific reports and plans of the agencies were referenced or utilized in the preparation of the Plan.

5. Summary of public comments

No public comments on the First Substantial Amendment to the 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan for ESG-RUSH funding were received during the public hearing and 5-day comment period.

As part of the planning process, Pinellas County conducted three (3) Needs Assessment meetings, three (3) Fair Housing meetings, one (1) Homeless Funders/Providers (i.e., CoC) focus group, and an online survey to assess housing and community development needs. The "Top 4" needs identified during the planning process were affordable housing; homeless shelters, facilities, and services; mental and behavioral health services; and public facilities and improvements (e.g., stormwater/drainage systems). From this outreach and the data herein, Pinellas County identified the following 10 priority needs for the 2025-2029 planning period:

1. Preservation/production of affordable housing
2. Housing assistance
3. Mental and behavioral health services
4. Homeless shelters, facilities, and services
5. Special needs housing, facilities, and services
6. Public facilities and improvements
7. Public Services
8. Code enforcement/blight removal
9. Economic development
10. Program Administration

These 10 priority needs will be addressed through the 12 goals and specific target outcomes identified in the Consolidated Plan.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

All comments received were considered in the development of the plan.

7. Summary

Through the establishment of specific goals, outcomes, and target areas, the Pinellas County Consortium strives to address the priority needs of low- and moderate-income persons in a coordinated and strategic manner. Pinellas County's anticipated federal funding allocations from CDBG, HOME, and ESG will help to address many of the County's goals related to housing, homeless, and special needs, and community development; however, due to the significant lack of affordable housing in particular, the County must also supplement these funds with other State and local sources, such as SHIP, Penny for Pinellas, and HTF to fill funding gaps, which continue to widen. To address needs related to homelessness, special needs, and community development, the County is fortunate to have a network of public and private partners and local governments/municipal departments to support these goals through financial leveraging, coordination, and collaboration.

PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

Partnering with local, public, and private entities is crucial for addressing affordable housing, homelessness, special needs, and community development. Pinellas County's Citizen Participation Plan outlines goals and strategies to ensure citizen involvement in developing the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). Citizen participation is essential for successful HUD programs, focusing on low- and moderate-income residents. The final decision-making authority rests with the Board of County Commissioners.

The Citizen Participation Plan, updated on May 19, 2020 (Resolution 20-45), requires public hearings and a minimum 30-day comment period. Notices for public meetings and draft plans were advertised in three (3) local newspapers [Tampa Bay Times (general circulation), La Gaceta (Spanish language), and TreMagazine (Vietnamese language)], on the County's Community Development Division website at pinellas.gov/department/community-development, and on the Pinellas County Government Calendar website at pinellas.gov/events. Three (3) Needs Assessment meetings, three (3) Fair Housing meetings, one (1) Homeless Funders/Providers (i.e., CoC) focus group, and an online (and hard copy) survey were conducted to determine community needs and priorities. These efforts provided opportunities for citizens to learn about housing and community development programs and offer input on funding allocations.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I)).

The public participation process involved consultation with housing providers, housing authorities, health and social services providers, and the CoC for the County's homeless population. The Consortium consulted these entities throughout the preceding year via email, online surveys, public meetings, public hearings, and focus groups. Advisory emails and invitations were sent to all participating jurisdictions and public service providers to advertise public meetings and request comments on the Consolidated Plan. Representatives of subrecipients attended public meetings to identify priority needs for housing, homeless, special needs, and community development.

Pinellas County regularly consults with three public housing authorities: Pinellas County Housing Authority, Tarpon Springs Housing Authority, and Dunedin Housing Authority, as well as other non-profit and for-profit housing providers. The County is a member of the Tampa Bay Healthcare Collaborative, which aims to improve healthcare delivery for uninsured and underinsured residents. The County participates in quarterly meetings and facilitates attendance of nonprofits and partners.

Pinellas County coordinates with local cities, the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County (DOH), Forward Pinellas, and the Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg to ensure all residents have an equal opportunity to live a healthy life. The Pinellas County Human Services Department helps residents access medical care, emergency financial assistance, judicial resources, veterans' benefits, consumer complaint investigations, and homelessness services. The department networks with over 105 partner agencies, manages contracts and grants, and publishes resource guides. The Human Services Department also oversees the Health Care for the Homeless Co-Applicant Board.

The Juvenile Welfare Board hosts an Annual Mental Health Awareness and Youth Empowerment Summit to identify community mental and behavioral health needs. The Pinellas Integrated Care Alliance (PICA) provided a strategic review of the behavioral health system with recommendations for improvement. The County has pursued grants for behavioral health services, drug court, and opioid impact mitigation.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The County held a meeting with the Pinellas Continuum of Care to identify the needs and priorities to address the homeless and at-risk of homeless affected by the hurricanes on May 13, 2026. All comments and information received werewas considered in the ESG-RUSH budget and First Amendment.

Pinellas County is a member of the Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas (HLA), which serves as the lead agency for the Continuum of Care (CoC). The County's Human Services Department is the primary interface between Pinellas County and HLA. Staff of the HLA, the County's Human Services Department, and the County's Community Development Division meet every other month to discuss the needs of the homeless population. Additionally, a representative of the HLA or a Homeless Services Manager from the County's Human Services Department is involved in the County's annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) application cycle and participates in the review, ranking, and selection of projects funded by the County's CDBG program.

Consortium members and non-profit agencies also work closely with the HLA, attend general meetings of the Board, and provide staff support for the Point-in-Time count. Every January, the CoC conducts annual Point-in-Time surveys to determine the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, unaccompanied youth, and persons at risk of homelessness.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS.

Consortium member agencies have consulted with the CoC on a regular basis to determine how to allocate ESG funds in accordance with the CoC and the Consolidated Plan and review of applications for funding requests. The 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Pinellas County provides a strategic, countywide system to prevent and end homelessness in Pinellas County. Pinellas County consults regularly with the CoC on homeless matters including allocation of funds and development of performance standards, outcomes, and HMIS. County staff serve on various committees of the CoC, including the Executive Committee and Funders Council. County staff hold monthly coordination meetings with the HLA.

ESG funds are awarded to agencies that provide case management, homeless prevention, rapid rehousing, and emergency shelter and services to homeless persons.

The CoC is responsible for the administration and operation of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Policies and procedures in place are consistently reviewed for necessary updates. ESG agencies awarded funds are required to enter client data into HMIS in accordance with HUD guidelines. Pinellas Homeless Management Information System (PHMIS) is the official HMIS system of record for Pinellas County. PHMIS is a locally administered, electronic case management system that stores longitudinal client-level data about the men, women, and children who have accessed homeless and other basic needs social service programs in Pinellas County. PHMIS is funded by the Human Services Department, HUD, the HLA of Pinellas, and the JWB, and is administered/operated by the HLA. The system is responsible for annual system-level accountability reports showing the progress to end homelessness such as the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (a report on the use of homeless housing), the Point-in-Time Count Report (a report on the one-day count of clients living in shelters and on the street) and the Housing Inventory Chart (a report on the availability of homeless dedicated housing beds and units).

Consortium member agencies are part of the development and implementation of the Pinellas Coordinated Assessment process; ESG subcontractors will use the process for selecting families to enroll in their programs.

All ESG participant data is entered in PHMIS, and the reports are used to track/report on ESG performance. Member agency staffs are part of the System Quality Improvement Committee working to set performance outcome goals and overseeing measurement and reports. The County can build upon the success of PHMIS to develop performance metrics and advanced reports that monitor and evaluate client-level and provider-level utilization and outcome.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

See **Table 2** as follows for a summary of stakeholder participation and consultation.

Sort Order	1
Agency/Group/Organization	Other (Low- and Moderate-Income Residents of Pinellas County and Participating Cities)
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other (Citizens)
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment; Homeless Needs (Chronically Homeless, Families with Children, Veterans, Unaccompanied Youth); Non-Homeless Special Needs; Other (Community Development Needs)
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Public Notices, Needs Assessment Survey, Public Meetings, Public Hearings, Public Comment Period; Outcome: Identification of Need
Sort Order	2
Agency/Group/Organization	Pinellas County
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leaders; Other (Government Officials)
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment; Homelessness Strategy; Non-Housing Community Development Strategy; Anti-Poverty Strategy; Lead-Based Paint Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Board of County Commissioners – Work Session, Public Hearings, Public Comment Period; Outcome: Department Coordination, Identification of Need, Development of Goals and Strategies; Confirmation of Goals and Strategies
Sort Order	3
Agency/Group/Organization	Pinellas County Housing and Community Development Department/Community Development Division
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Grantee Department
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment; Homelessness Strategy; Non-Housing Community Development Strategy; Anti-Poverty Strategy; Lead-Based Paint Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	County Departments and Staff – Regular Phone Calls and Meetings During the Process; Outcome: Department Coordination, Identification of Need, Development of Goals and Strategies
Sort Order	4
Agency/Group/Organization	Homeless Leadership Alliance of Pinellas
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Continuum of Care

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What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy; Homeless Needs (Chronically Homeless, Families with Children, Veterans, Unaccompanied Youth); Homelessness Strategy; Anti-Poverty Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Email Correspondence; Advisory Emails, Needs Assessment Survey, Research of Published Reports, Point-in-Time Count, 10-Year Plan to End Homeless in Pinellas County; Continuum of Care Focus Group (HLA Providers/Funders Councils); Outcome: Identification of Need, Development of Goals and Strategies
Sort Order	5
Agency/Group/Organization	Pinellas County Housing Authority
Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment; Public Housing Needs; Market Analysis
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Email Correspondence; Research of Annual Reports and Plans, Identification of Need and Strategies, Referrals; Outcome: Identification of Need, Development of Goals and Strategies
Sort Order	6
Agency/Group/Organization	Tarpon Springs Housing Authority
Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment; Public Housing Needs; Market Analysis
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Email Correspondence; Research of Annual Reports and Plans, Identification of Need and Strategies, Referrals; Outcome Identification of Need, Development of Goals and Strategies
Sort Order	7
Agency/Group/Organization	Dunedin Housing Authority
Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment; Public Housing Needs; Market Analysis
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Email Correspondence; Research of Annual Reports and Plans, Identification of Need and Strategies, Referrals; Outcomes: Identification of Need, Development of Goals and Strategies
Sort Order	8
Agency/Group/Organization	Clearwater Housing Authority
Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment; Public Housing Needs; Market Analysis
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: PHA participated in the October thru November 2024 public meetings and was invited to participate in the online Needs Assessment and Fair Housing surveys; Outcome: Identification of Need
Sort Order	9
Agency/Group/Organization	Lealman Exchange (St. Petersburg Foundation)

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Agency/Group/Organization Type	Publicly Funded; Foundation
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Other (Non-Housing Community Development Needs); Non-Housing Community Development Strategy; Anti-Poverty Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Foundation participated in the October thru November 2024 public meetings and was invited to participate in the online Needs Assessment and Fair Housing surveys; Outcome: Identification of Need
Sort Order	10
Agency/Group/Organization	Family Resources
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Strategy; Other (Non-Housing Community Development Needs)
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Service provider participated in the Continuum of Care Focus Group (HLA Providers/Funders Councils); Outcome: Identification of Need
Sort Order	11
Agency/Group/Organization	Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County (JWB)/North County Community Council (NCCC)
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children; Child Welfare Agency
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs (Families with Children, Unaccompanied Youth), Homelessness Strategy; Other (Non-Housing Community Development Needs); Non-Housing Community Development Strategy; Anti-Poverty Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: JWB participated in the October thru November 2024 public meetings and was invited to participate in the online Needs Assessment Survey; Outcome: Identification of Need
Sort Order	12
Agency/Group/Organization	YMCA – YMCA of the Suncoast, Inc.
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children; Services-Elderly Persons; Services-Health; Services-Education
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Other (Non-Housing Community Development Needs); Non-Housing Community Development Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: YMCA participated in the January 2025 public hearing; Outcome: Identification of Need
Sort Order	13
Agency/Group/Organization	Pinellas County Office of Human Rights
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing; Grantee Department
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment; Market Analysis
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Research of Services and Activities, Referrals; Outcome: Identification of Need, Development of Goals and Strategies
Sort Order	14
Agency/Group/Organization	Pinellas County Human Services
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing; Services (Children, Elderly Persons, Persons with Disabilities, Homeless, Health); Grantee Department

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What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment; Homeless Needs (Chronically Homeless, Families with Children, Veterans); Homelessness Strategy; Non-Homeless Special Needs; Anti-Poverty Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Research of Services and Activities, Referrals; Outcome: Identification of Need, Development of Goals and Strategies
Sort Order	15
Agency/Group/Organization	City of Largo Housing Division
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government-Local
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment; Other (Non-Housing Community Development Needs); Non-Housing Community Development Strategy; Anti-Poverty Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Consortium member participated in the October thru November 2024 public meetings and Continuum of Care Focus Group (HLA Providers/Funders Councils), and was invited to participate in the online Needs Assessment and Fair Housing surveys; Outcome: Identification of Need
Sort Order	16
Agency/Group/Organization	City of Tarpon Springs
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government-Local
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment; Other (Non-Housing Community Development Needs); Non-Housing Community Development Strategy; Anti-Poverty Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Cooperating city participated in the January 2025 public hearing; Outcome: Identification of Need
Sort Order	17
Agency/Group/Organization	City of St. Petersburg
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government-Local
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment; Homeless Needs (Chronically Homeless, Families with Children, Veterans); Homelessness Strategy; Other (Non-Housing Community Development Needs); Non-Housing Community Development Strategy; Anti-Poverty Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: City of St. Petersburg participated in the Continuum of Care Focus Group (HLA Providers/Funders Councils); Outcome: Identification of Need
Sort Order	18
Agency/Group/Organization	Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA)
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment; Market Analysis; Homeless Needs-Families with Children; Non-Homeless Special Needs
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Service provider participated in the January 2025 public hearing; Outcome: Identification of Need
Sort Order	19
Agency/Group/Organization	Directions for Living

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Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Homeless
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment; Market Analysis; Homeless Needs (Chronically Homeless, Families with Children, Veterans, Unaccompanied Youth); Homelessness Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Service provider participated in the January 2025 public hearing; Outcome: Identification of Need
Sort Order	20
Agency/Group/Organization	St. Vincent de Paul CARES
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Homeless; Services-Fair Housing
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs (Chronically Homeless, Families with Children, Veterans, Unaccompanied Youth); Homelessness Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Service provider participated in the January 2025 public hearing; Outcome: Identification of Need
Sort Order	21
Agency/Group/Organization	Habitat for Humanity of Tampa Bay Gulfside
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment; Market Analysis
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Housing provider participated in the October thru November 2024 public meetings and January 2025 public hearing, and was invited to participate in the online Needs Assessment and Fair Housing surveys; Outcome: Identification of Need
Sort Order	22
Agency/Group/Organization	Vincent House
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health; Services-Persons with Disabilities
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs; Other (Non-Housing Community Development Needs); Non-Housing Community Development Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Service provider participated in the January 2025 public hearing; Outcome: Identification of Need
Sort Order	23
Agency/Group/Organization	Boley Centers
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities; Services-Homeless
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment; Market Analysis; Homeless Needs (Chronically Homeless); Homelessness Strategy; Non-Homeless Special Needs
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Service provider participated in the Continuum of Care Focus Group (HLA Providers/Funders Councils); Outcome: Identification of Need
Sort Order	24
Agency/Group/Organization	Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government-Local; Grantee Department
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy

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How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Law enforcement participated in the October thru November 2024 public meetings, and was invited to participate in the online Needs Assessment and Fair Housing surveys; Outcome: Identification of Need
Sort Order	25
Agency/Group/Organization	PCSB HEAT Team
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education; Other (School Board)
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs-Families with Children; Homelessness Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Pinellas County School Board HEAT Team participated in the Continuum of Care Focus Group (HLA Providers/Funders Councils); Outcome: Identification of Need
Sort Order	26
Agency/Group/Organization	City of St. Pete Beach
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government-Local
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment; Other (Non-Housing Community Development Needs); Non-Housing Community Development Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Cooperating city participated in the January 2025 public hearing; Outcome: Identification of Need
Sort Order	27
Agency/Group/Organization	FL Department of Health – Pinellas
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health; Services-Persons with Disabilities; Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS; Health Agency; Other government-State
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs; HOPWA Strategy; Lead-Based Paint Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Research of Annual Reports and Plans, Identification of Need and Strategies, Referrals; Outcome: Identification of Need, Development of Goals and Strategies
Sort Order	28
Agency/Group/Organization	Tampa Bay Healthcare Collaborative
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other (Health and Human Services Organization)
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs; Non-Housing Community Development Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Non-profit organization that holds regular committee/quarterly meetings, published resources related to patient advocacy and health equity, networking among health providers; Outcome: Identification of Need, Development of Goals and Strategies
Sort Order	29
Agency/Group/Organization	Federal Communications Commission/National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA)/Broadband USA
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other (Broadband)
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis

How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: National Broadband Availability Map (NTIA); Fixed Broadband Deployment Map (FCC)
Sort Order	30
Agency/Group/Organization	Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization (Regional Planning Council)
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation: Tampa Bay Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and sea level rise projections for the Tampa Bay region in conjunction with NOAA Office for Coastal Management.

Table 1 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting.

The City of Tampa administers HOPWA funding for local jurisdictions. Both Pinellas County and the City of Tampa coordinates with the local CoC. As part of the citizen participation process, the County strives to receive input and participation from all interested agencies, groups, and organizations. The business community has historically chosen not to participate or provide input into development of the Plan.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Pinellas County; Homeless Leadership Alliance	Incorporates by reference the goals of the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Pinellas County and other agency strategies.
Pinellas County Strategic Plan	Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners	Vision: To be the standard for public service in America. Mission: Meeting the needs and concerns of the community today and tomorrow. Key strategies: Resilient Infrastructure and Environment; Healthy and Safe Communities; Prosperity and Opportunity; and Smart Service Delivery.
Forward Pinellas	Countywide Plan; Advantage Pinellas; Housing Action Plan	Establishes short-term and long-term actions that Pinellas Housing Compact members can pursue together to link affordable housing with transportation, jobs, schools, workforce development, and other services.
Pinellas County SHIP LHAP & LHIS	Pinellas County Housing & Community Development Department/Community Development Division	The Community Development Division completed the FY 2024-27 LHAP for the County’s SHIP program. Affordable Housing Incentive Strategies: Expedited permitting; modification of impact fees; flexible densities; parking and setback requirements; affordable accessory residential units; flexible lot configurations, modification of street requirements, process of ongoing review/establishment of ongoing oversight, public land inventory, qualified buyers or renters; support of development near transportation hubs.

Table 2 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(l))

Pinellas County is currently coordinating with the cities of Clearwater, Largo and St. Petersburg in the preparation of a joint Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI). During the development of the Consolidated Plan, the County partnered with the cities of Clearwater, Largo and St. Petersburg to conduct public outreach and Fair Housing public meetings to obtain input on the priority housing needs within Pinellas County for incorporation into the Consolidated Plan. Representatives from each of the 18 municipalities located within the County, who also cooperate with the County in the CDBG program, were invited to participate in the public meetings and to provide input on the housing needs within each of their communities. Additionally, links to online Needs Assessment and Fair Housing surveys were sent to these representatives, allowing interested parties to provide input even if they were not able to attend a public meeting.

The cities of Clearwater, Largo, Pinellas Park, and St. Petersburg are entitlement jurisdictions located within Pinellas County. When funding requests are made to the County for projects physically located within the geographic limits of these entitlement jurisdictions, the County coordinates closely with the respective jurisdiction to jointly fund projects that serve both City and County residents.

Pinellas County also reviews and approves plans of the local housing authorities for consistency with the County's Consolidated Plan.

Narrative

Effective implementation of the Consolidated Plan involves a variety of agencies both in the community and in the County government. Coordination and collaboration between agencies are important to ensure that the needs in the community are addressed. The Pinellas County Consortium, including the City of Largo, maintains an ongoing relationship with local housing authorities, affordable housing providers, and agencies providing services to low- and moderate-income populations and the homeless. Not all agencies were able to attend the public hearings, but public meetings, focus groups, and surveys were held over the planning period to identify priority needs in the community and to determine the goals for the next five-year period.

The County is committed to continuing its participation and coordination with federal, state, municipal and local agencies, as well as with the private and non-profit sectors, to serve the needs of low- and moderate-income and special needs individuals and families in the community. In particular, the County will continue to work in close coordination with County departments regarding infrastructure improvements and the provision of public facilities and services.

PR-15 Citizen Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal setting.

The Consortium made every effort to broaden citizen participation. Public notices were advertised in three (3) local newspapers [Tampa Bay Times (general circulation), La Gaceta (Spanish language), and TreMagazine (Vietnamese language)], placed on Pinellas County's online Government Calendar, and on the County's Community Development Division webpage. In addition, advisory emails were sent to all participating jurisdictions; public service providers (e.g., housing, homeless, health, and social services); and other interested parties to advertise public meetings and public hearings, and to request comments on the Consolidated Plan.

Public participation efforts were designed to identify strengths and needs, increase the community's knowledge, establish partnerships and align resources, and allow for community buy-in and support of the Plan.

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Pinellas County's 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan is the result of an ongoing process of consultation and coordination to ensure that all residents have an opportunity to help shape a community vision for the County. Regularly, housing and community development needs are made known to County and City staff and housing and service providers through various means:

1. Administration of Pinellas County's Affordable Housing Programs;
2. Participation of County staff on committees of local agencies such as the JWB's Neighborhood Family Centers, and the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County;
3. Technical assistance to agencies and other entities for the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs;
4. Participation in public forums such as the Annual Mental Health Awareness and Youth Empowerment Summit, and neighborhood meetings with communities including Lealman and Ridgecrest;
5. Meetings with public housing authorities; and
6. Outreach to minorities, non-English speakers and persons with disabilities: public hearings and meetings are the primary means by which individual citizens can provide input into the Consolidated Plan. Open meetings are held at the town level, city level, and countywide level. All such meetings are scheduled in advance and posted in the community. All meetings are held in ADA accessible facilities with Spanish translation available if needed.

As part of the Citizen Participation process, Pinellas County conducted a Needs Assessment Survey and Fair Housing Survey from October 1, 2024, thru December 6, 2024. The survey process was overseen by the County and implemented through the internet. Hard copies of the surveys were also made available at three (3) Needs Assessment meetings and three (3) Fair Housing meetings. These hard-copy surveys were then entered into the online system for inclusion in the results. In total, the County received 386 responses to the Needs Assessment Survey and 176 responses to the Fair Housing Survey. Participating cities, partner agencies, and community organizations were encouraged to engage and collect feedback from individuals receiving services during the Needs Assessment and Fair Housing campaign.

The results of the surveys, compiled with public input received during the public meetings and focus group, identified the priority housing and community development needs for the next five years.

Citizen Participation Outreach

See **Table 4** as follows for a summary of citizen participation outreach.

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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/ Broad Community; Non-English Speaking (Spanish language)	Online Needs Assessment and Fair Housing surveys were conducted to receive input on priority housing, homeless, special populations, and community development needs. The survey was made available to the public for two consecutive months (October thru November 2024). Survey links were posted to the Community Development Division webpage and emailed to participating cities, partner agencies, and community organizations. In total, 386 Needs Assessment surveys, and 176 Fair Housing surveys, were completed and submitted online.	The survey was made available in English and Spanish languages. The survey questions and results are included in the Consolidated Plan Appendix.	All comments were considered during development of the Consolidated Plan.	pinellas.gov/department/community-development/
2	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/ Broad Community	Public meeting notices were posted on the Community Development Division webpage, and to the Pinellas County Government Online Calendar, between October 10, 2024, and October 13, 2024, for the meetings held in October thru November 2024.	Not applicable (no comments received on the webpage notices specifically). Notice to general public, participating cities, partner agencies, and community organizations.	Not applicable (no comments received on the webpage notices specifically).	pinellas.gov/events/
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/ Broad Community	Public meeting notices for the meetings held in October thru November 2024. Published in Tampa Bay Times (general circulation) on October 13, 2024. Published in La Gaceta (Spanish language newspaper) on October 11, 2024. Published in Tre Florida (Vietnamese language newspaper) on October 11, 2024.	Not applicable (no comments received on the newspaper ads specifically). Notice to general public, participating cities, partner agencies, and community organizations.	Not applicable (no comments received on the newspaper ads specifically).	

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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Other (Advisory Emails)	Other (Stakeholders)	Emails were sent to officials of participating cities, public service providers (housing, homeless, health, and social services), and affordable housing providers, notifying these stakeholders of the Consolidated Plan and AI process, availability of the online Needs Assessment Survey, and the public meetings held in October thru November 2024. Officials of participating cities, representatives of public service providers, and affordable housing providers were noticed by email.	Not applicable (no comments received on the advisory emails specifically). Notice to stakeholders, including government officials, public service providers, and affordable housing providers. Some email recipients attended the public meetings, and it is assumed that some recipients completed the online surveys.	Not applicable (no comments received on the advisory emails specifically).	
5	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ Broad Community	A North County Needs Assessment public meeting was held on October 29, 2024, at the Tarpon Springs Library. Four (4) persons attended.	Affordable housing with access to transportation (potentially through infill development or adaptive reuse); legal services/eviction prevention; a walkable grocery or food co-op to address food deserts; public swimming pool and child safety swim classes; mental and behavioral health programs for children and youth; support for nontraditional families (e.g., grandparents raising grandchildren); and community centers that reduce social isolation and improve intergenerational connection (e.g., volunteer service programs).	All comments were considered during development of the Consolidated Plan.	

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6	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ Broad Community	A Mid County Needs Assessment public meeting was held on November 6, 2024, at the Largo Library. Five (5) persons attended.	Down payment assistance for homeowner affordable housing; infrastructure improvements for resiliency (e.g., flood/hurricane); programs for victims of domestic violence such as rapid rehousing and longer-term shelters; and family services programs. Pedestrian improvements and transit-related development, housing rehabilitation, and education and employment opportunities are also needed.	All comments were considered during development of the Consolidated Plan.	
7	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ Broad Community	A South County Needs Assessment public meeting was held on November 13, 2024, at the Lealman Exchange. Three (3) persons attended.	Affordable housing through infill development (e.g., accessory dwelling units) and adaptive reuse; larger units for multi-generational families; coordination with the CoC for homeless street outreach and health services navigation; public services for special needs, such as neurodivergent populations; food assistance; affordable childcare; and capital improvements for public facilities.	All comments were considered during development of the Consolidated Plan.	

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8	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ Broad Community	Three (3) Fair Housing public meetings were held in October thru November 2024 (Tarpon Springs, Largo, and Lealman). In total, approximately eight (8) persons attended these meetings.	Disability status as barrier, affordable housing crisis, need to benchmark best practices across region (St. Petersburg, etc.), explore adaptive reuse and accessory dwelling units (ADUs) as affordable housing solutions, provide Fair Housing training as part of permitting process (e.g., ADUs).	All comments were considered during development of the Consolidated Plan.	
9	Other (Focus Group)	Other (Homeless Funders and Providers Councils)	A Focus Group with the Homeless Leadership Alliance (HLA) Funders and Providers Councils (i.e., Continuum of Care or CoC) was held on January 24, 2025, at the City of Largo EOC. Thirty-three (33) persons attended.	Lack of available ESG funding to address homeless needs, human services, including but not limited to mental and behavioral health services and substance abuse treatment, homeless prevention through emergency payments, up-front move-in assistance (e.g., rental deposits for 2-3 months), affordable housing for the “working poor” in low-paying jobs, affordable housing with supportive services (e.g., permanent supportive housing), and hurricane hardening of housing and homeless facilities, including energy efficiency improvements.	All comments were considered during development of the Consolidated Plan.	

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10	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/ Broad Community	Notice was posted on the Community Development Division webpage for the Joint Performance Review and Needs Assessment Public Hearing held by the City of Largo and Pinellas County on January 13, 2025.	Not applicable (no comments received on the webpage notices specifically). Notice to general public, participating cities, partner agencies, and community organizations.	Not applicable (no comments received on the webpage notices specifically).	pinellas.gov/events/
11	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/ Broad Community	Newspaper ad was published in the Tampa Bay Times (general circulation) on December 29, 2024, and in the La Gaceta (Spanish language newspaper) and TreMagazine (Vietnamese language newspaper) on December 27, 2024, for the Joint Performance Review and Needs Assessment Public Hearing held by the City of Largo and Pinellas County on January 13, 2025.	Not applicable (no comments received on the newspaper ad specifically). Notice to general public, participating cities, partner agencies, and community organizations.	Not applicable (no comments received on the newspaper ad specifically).	
12	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/ Broad Community	A Joint Performance Review and Needs Assessment Public Hearing was held by the City of Largo and Pinellas County on January 13, 2025, at the Pinellas County Housing and Community Development Department's Conference Room, 1st Floor, 310 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756. Fourteen (14) persons attended.	Public Hearing presented a review of program performance over the previous PY 2023/2024, introduced the NOFA for the 2025/2026 Action Plan, and solicited citizen's views regarding housing and community development needs for the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan.	All comments were considered during development of the Consolidated Plan.	
13	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/ Broad Community	Comment period notice was placed on the Community Development Division webpage on April 4, 2025, in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese languages.	Not applicable (no comments received on the web notice specifically). Notice to general public, participating cities, partner agencies, and community organizations.	Not applicable (no comments received on the web notice specifically).	pinellas.gov/department/community-development/

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14	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/ Broad Community	Notice of comment period newspaper ad was published in the Tampa Bay Times (general circulation) on April 6, 2025, and in La Gaceta (Spanish language newspaper) and TreMagazine (Vietnamese language newspaper) on April 4, 2025.	Not applicable (no comments received on the newspaper ads specifically). Notice to general public, participating cities, partner agencies, and community organizations.	Not applicable (no comments received on the newspaper notice specifically).	
15	Other (Comment Period)	Non-targeted/broad community	30-day public comment period held April 7, 2025, thru May 6, 2025.	No comments received during 30-day comment period.	Not applicable (no comments received during 30-day comment period).	
16	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Notice of June 17, 2025, public hearing newspaper ad was published in the Tampa Bay Times (general circulation) on June 1, 2025, and in La Gaceta (Spanish language newspaper) and TreMagazine (Vietnamese language newspaper) on May 30, 2025.	TBD.	TBD.	
17	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Public Hearing by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners on June 17, 2025, to receive comments prior to approval of the 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and 2025/2026 Annual Action Plan.	TBD. The meeting agenda/minutes will be included in the appendix attachments.	TBD.	
<u>18</u>	<u>Newspaper Ad</u>	<u>Non-targeted/broad community</u>	<u>Notice of May 26, 2026, public hearing newspaper ad was published in the Tampa Bay Times (general circulation) on May 17, 2026.</u>	<u>Not applicable (no comments received on the newspaper ads specifically).</u>	<u>Not applicable (no comments received on the newspaper ads specifically).</u>	
<u>19</u>	<u>Internet Outreach</u>	<u>Non-targeted/ Broad Community</u>	<u>Notice was posted on the Community Development Division webpage for the Public Hearing by Pinellas on May 26, 2026.</u>	<u>Not applicable (no comments received on the webpage notices specifically)..</u>	<u>Not applicable (no comments received on the webpage notices specifically).</u>	<u>pinellas.gov/department/community-development/</u>

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<u>20</u>	<u>Public Hearing</u>	<u>Non-targeted/broad community</u>	<u>Public Hearing by Pinellas on May 26, 2026, to receive to input on the needs of the homeless and/or at-risk of homelessness.</u>	<u>All comments received were considered in preparation of the First Amendment. No comments were received during the public hearing.</u>	<u>All comments received were considered in preparation of the First Amendment. No comments were received during the public hearing.</u>	
<u>21</u>	<u>Newspaper Ad</u>	<u>Non-targeted/ Broad Community</u>	<u>Notice of comment period newspaper ad was published in the Tampa Bay Times (general circulation) on May 31, 2026.</u>	<u>Not applicable (no comments received on the newspaper ads specifically). r</u>	<u>Not applicable (no comments received on the newspaper notice specifically).</u>	
<u>22</u>	<u>Other (Comment Period)</u>	<u>Non-targeted/broad community</u>	<u>5-day public comment period held June 1, 2026, thru June 5, 2026.</u>	<u>No comments received during 5-day comment period.</u>	<u>No comments received during 5-day comment period).</u>	
<u>23</u>	<u>Internet Outreach</u>	<u>Non-targeted/ Broad Community</u>	<u>Comment period notice was placed on the Community Development Division webpage on May 31, 2026.</u>	<u>Not applicable (no comments received on the web notice specifically).</u>	<u>Not applicable (no comments received on the web notice specifically).</u>	<u>pinellas.gov/department/community-development/</u>
<u>24</u>	<u>Public Meeting</u>	<u>Non-targeted/ broad community Partners and organizations in the community</u>	<u>First Amendment approved at 6/16/2026 BCC Meeting. A notice announcing the meeting was posted on the County's website.</u>	<u>TBD. The meeting agenda/minutes will be included in the appendix attachments</u>	<u>TBD</u>	

Table 3 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Action Plan Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

In April 2026, HUD notified Pinellas County that it would receive a **second special ESG-RUSH allocation in the amount of \$1,608,589 to be used to address the needs of people who were unhoused or at risk of homelessness before hurricanes Helene and Milton.**

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan identifies the federal, state, local and private resources expected to be available to the Pinellas County Consortium to address priority needs and specific objectives identified in the Strategic Plan. These resources are summarized in SP-35 and AP-15.

The Pinellas County Consortium anticipates an annual allocation of \$2,339,516 in CDBG, \$1,074,297.76 in HOME, and \$205,566 in ESG funding for PY 2025/2026.* Also anticipated are \$30,000 in CDBG, \$825,000 in HOME, and \$0 in ESG program income for PY 2025/2026, and no prior-year resources. These programs will be matched and leveraged by state and local resources, including SHIP and HTF funds. The total amount available for PY 2025/2026, including program income, is \$9,991,109.76. These funds will be used for housing and community development activities such as public facility and neighborhood improvements, public services, code enforcement and blight elimination, preservation and production of affordable housing, housing assistance, homeless shelter and housing, and administration of the County's CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs.

Other resources, such as private and non-Federal public sources may become available to the County during the program year. For CDBG, HOME, and ESG leveraging, these include funding from State and local grant sources, County and municipal departments, public or social service providers, or other sources. The County will also look to leverage funds, if available, from other agencies and programs against CDBG, HOME, and ESG dollars when applicable.

The Annual Action Plan must summarize the County's priorities and the specific goals it intends to initiate and/or complete within the first year of the Strategic Plan. These goals must be described in quantitative terms. The County has selected goal outcome indicators and quantities based on the anticipated performance measures of the 2025/2026 Annual Action Plan and five-year Strategic Plan. See AP-20.

*Based on HUD PY 2025 Formula Allocation

Anticipated Resources

See **Table 52** and **Table 56** (SP-35 and AP-15) as follows for a summary of anticipated resources (*HUD PY 2024 Formula Allocation).

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Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1, Annual Allocation: \$	Expected Amount Available Year 1, Program Income: \$	Expected Amount Available Year 1, Prior Year Resources: \$	Expected Amount Available Year 1, Total: \$	Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
CDBG	Public-Federal	Acquisition; Admin and Planning; Economic Development; Housing; Public Improvements; Public Services	2,339,516	30,000	0	2,369,516	10,238,865.10	CDBG funds are used to support housing, homeless, non-homeless special needs, and non-housing community development activities, as well as program administration.
HOME	Public-Federal	Acquisition; Homebuyer Assistance; Homeowner Rehab; Multifamily Rental New Construction; Multifamily Rental Rehab; New Construction for Ownership; TBRA	1,074,297.76	825,000	0	1,899,297.76	8,780,702.24	HOME funds are used to support housing activities, as well as program administration.
ESG	Public-Federal	Conversion and Rehab for Transitional Housing; Financial Assistance; Overnight Shelter; Rapid Re-Housing (Rental Assistance); Rental Assistance; Services; Transitional Housing	205,566	0	0	205,566	871,977	ESG funds are used to support homeless activities, as well as program administration.

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Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1, Annual Allocation: \$	Expected Amount Available Year 1, Program Income: \$	Expected Amount Available Year 1, Prior Year Resources: \$	Expected Amount Available Year 1, Total: \$	Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
Other (SHIP)	Public-State	Acquisition; Admin and Planning; Homebuyer assistance; Homeowner rehab; Housing; Multifamily rental new construction; Multifamily rental rehab; New construction for ownership; Rental assistance; Services	5,191,730	0	0	5,191,730	19,838,270	State SHIP funds are used to meet the local 25% match requirement for the HOME program and to support housing activities, as well as program administration.
Other (Housing Trust Fund)	Public-Local	Acquisition; Admin and Planning; Homeowner rehab; Housing; Multifamily rental new construction; Multifamily rental rehab; New construction for ownership	325,000	0	0	325,000	1,300,000	Local Housing Trust Fund (HTF) funds are used to meet the local 25% match requirement for the HOME program and to support housing activities, as well as program administration.
<u>Other (ESG RUSH)</u>	<u>Public-Federal</u>	<u>Conversion and rehab for transitional housing; Financial Assistance; Overnight shelter; Rapid re-housing (rental assistance); Rental Assistance; Services; Transitional housing</u>	<u>\$1,608,589</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,608,589</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>ESG-RUSH funds to be used to support homeless activities that address the needs of homeless persons and persons at risk of homelessness, in response to major disaster declarations following hurricanes Helene and Milton, well as program administration.</u>

Table 56 – Expected Resources

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

Match requirements for ESG-RUSH funds are waived through RUSH Notice dated 7/18/2024.

Pinellas County will look to leverage funds, if available, from other state and federal grants, county and municipal departments, non-profit housing and public service providers, third-party developers, public housing authorities, and other agencies and programs against CDBG, HOME, and ESG dollars. Applicants for federal funding must identify non-federal matches from other sources as part of the competitive application process. As part of the selection process, activities that leverage other funding sources receive additional points based on the amount of non-federal funding contributed.

The County also uses SHIP and HTF dollars for matching. The 25% match requirement for the HOME Program comes principally from SHIP dollars. These are local funds disbursed by the State of Florida from a state tax. The State's SHIP program requires that the SHIP allocation be expended on homeownership opportunities and affordable housing construction activities. SHIP activities that are identified as HOME "look-alike" activities are tracked as HOME Match activities. Program income or recaptured funds from these match activities are designated as HOME funds and used for future HOME eligible activities.

The County will assure that the requirements related to non-federal share will be utilized as referenced in 24 CFR 570.201 (3) (g), for any project in which this funding is used as the non-federal match. In the future, the County will continue to aggressively pursue funding from private, public, state, and federal sources to address economic and community development needs.

If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

The County's Real Estate Management Department distributes a list of properties available for tax deed sale and properties escheating to the County government after seven (7) years of non-payment of taxes. The County's Community Development Division staff regularly reviews the list of properties for suitability as affordable housing if sufficient funding exists for acquisition and/or maintenance/holding costs until the property is developed/rehabilitated.

Discussion

Pinellas County's anticipated funding allocations from CDBG, HOME, and ESG will address many of the County's goals. The County is fortunate to have a network of public or social service providers and municipal departments to help address these goals through financial leveraging, coordination, and collaboration.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Outcome	Objective	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Facility Improvements	2025	2029	Homeless; Non-Homeless Special Needs; Non-Housing Community Development	Availability/Accessibility	Create suitable living environments	Partner Grantees; Urban County	Public facilities and improvements; Special needs housing, facilities, and services; Homeless shelters, facilities, and services	CDBG: \$1,133,747.79	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 30,016 Persons Assisted; Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 123,605 Persons Assisted
2	Public Services	2025	2029	Homeless; Non-Homeless Special Needs; Non-Housing Community Development	Availability/Accessibility	Create suitable living environments	Urban County; Greater Ridgecrest Target Area	Public services; Homeless shelters, facilities, and services	CDBG: \$383,765.01; ESG: \$105,922.15; ESG-RUSH - \$966,353.40	Public Service Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 24,810 Persons Assisted
3	Elimination of Slum and Blight	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Sustainability	Create suitable living environments	Urban County; Greater Ridgecrest Target Area; West Lealman Target Area; Central Lealman Target Area; East Lealman Target Area; High Point Target Area; Tarpon Springs Target Area	Code enforcement/blight removal	CDBG: \$25,000	Buildings Demolished: 1 Buildings
4	Code Enforcement	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Sustainability	Create suitable living environments	Central Lealman Target Area; East Lealman Target Area	Code enforcement/blight removal	CDBG: \$70,000	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 100 Household/Housing Units
5	Neighborhood Improvements	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Sustainability	Create suitable living environments	Greater Ridgecrest Target Area; Central Lealman Target Area; East Lealman Target Area; Tarpon Springs Target Area	Public facilities and improvements; Code enforcement/blight removal	CDBG: \$283,100	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 19,291 Persons Assisted
6	Preservation of Housing	2025	2029	Affordable Housing; Public Housing	Availability/ Accessibility	Provide decent affordable housing	Partner Grantees; Urban County; Greater Ridgecrest Target Area; West Lealman Target Area; Central Lealman Target Area; East Lealman Target Area; High Point Target Area; Tarpon Springs Target Area	Preservation/production of affordable housing; Special needs housing, facilities, and services	HOME: \$832,238.37; SHIP: \$1,427,500; HTF: \$146,250	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 15 Household/Housing Unit; Rental Units Rehabilitated: 25 Household/Housing Unit
7	Production of Housing	2025	2029	Affordable Housing; Public Housing	Availability/ Accessibility	Provide decent affordable housing	Partner Grantees; Urban County; Greater Ridgecrest Target Area; West Lealman Target Area; Central Lealman Target Area; East Lealman Target Area; High Point Target Area; Tarpon Springs Target Area	Preservation/production of affordable housing; Special needs housing, facilities, and services	HOME: \$832,238.38; SHIP: \$1,699,057; HTF: \$146,250	Homeowner Housing Added: 5 Household/Housing Unit; Rental Units Constructed: 25 Household/Housing Unit
8	Homeownership Opportunities	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	Affordability	Provide decent affordable housing	Urban County; Greater Ridgecrest Target Area; West Lealman Target Area; Central Lealman Target Area; East Lealman Target Area; High Point Target Area; Tarpon Springs Target Area	Housing assistance	HOME: \$44,891.24; SHIP: \$1,613,500	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 30 Households Assisted; Public Service Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 30 Households Assisted
9	Rental Assistance	2025	2029	Affordable Housing; Homeless	Affordability	Provide decent affordable housing	Urban County	Housing assistance	ESG: \$84,226.40 ESG-RUSH - \$562,235.60	Homelessness Prevention: 25 Persons Assisted; Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 15 Households Assisted

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Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Outcome	Objective	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
11	Emergency/Disaster Response	2025	2029	Other: Emergency/Disaster Response	Sustainability	Create suitable living environments	Partner Grantees; Urban County; Greater Ridgecrest Target Area; West Lealman Target Area; Central Lealman Target Area; East Lealman Target Area; High Point Target Area; Tarpon Springs Target Area	Preservation/production of affordable housing; Housing assistance; Mental and behavioral health services; Homeless shelters, facilities, and services; Special needs housing, facilities, and services; Public facilities and improvements; Public services; Code enforcement/blight removal; Economic development	CDBG: \$0	Other: Other
12	Administration	2025	2029	Other: Administration	Sustainability	Create suitable living environments	Partner Grantees; Urban County; Greater Ridgecrest Target Area; West Lealman Target Area; Central Lealman Target Area; East Lealman Target Area; High Point Target Area; Tarpon Springs Target Area	Program administration	CDBG: \$473,903.20; HOME: \$189,929.77; ESG: \$15,417.45; SHIP: \$451,673; HTF: \$32,500; ESG-RUSH - \$80,000	Other: Other

Table 57 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

Sort Order	1
Goal Name	Public Facility Improvements
Goal Description	Provide funding for the acquisition, design/engineering and/or construction/rehabilitation of facilities that benefit low- to moderate-income, homeless, and/or special needs populations.
Sort Order	2
Goal Name	Public Service
Goal Description	Provide funding for operating expenses of public services that benefit low- and moderate-income, homeless, and/or special needs populations.
Sort Order	3
Goal Name	Elimination of Slum and Blight
Goal Description	Provide funding to eliminate or prevent slum and blight to assist in restoring economic vitality in blighted areas or on a spot basis.
Sort Order	4
Goal Name	Code Enforcement
Goal Description	Provide funding for the payment of salaries and overhead costs directly related to the enforcement of local codes in deteriorating or deteriorated areas in Target Areas.
Sort Order	5
Goal Name	Neighborhood Improvements
Goal Description	Provide funding for public facility improvements, physical improvements, and comprehensive neighborhood planning activities in Target Areas and HUD designated Low-Mod Areas to improve the quality of life and health of neighborhood residents.
Sort Order	6
Goal Name	Preservation of Housing
Goal Description	Provide funding for the acquisition and/or rehabilitation/preservation of housing affordable to low- and moderate-income residents.
Sort Order	7
Goal Name	Production of Housing
Goal Description	Provide funding for the acquisition, development, and/or construction of new housing units affordable to low- and moderate-income residents.
Sort Order	8
Goal Name	Homeownership Opportunities
Goal Description	Provide funding for direct assistance to prospective low- and moderate-income homebuyers, including down payment and closing cost assistance, credit counseling, and/or homeownership education/training.
Sort Order	9
Goal Name	Rental Assistance
Goal Description	Provide funding for rental assistance and security/utility deposits for income-eligible individuals/households or rapid rehousing for individuals/households at-risk of or already experiencing homelessness.
Sort Order	11
Goal Name	Emergency/Disaster Response
Goal Description	Provide assistance prior to, during and after a community emergency and/or disaster event to prepare for and/or mitigate loss, protect during an event, and aid with recovery.
Sort Order	12
Goal Name	Administration
Goal Description	General planning and administration costs associated with administering Federal CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds; State SHIP funds; and other local funding sources, including but not limited to Housing Trust Funds (HTF). For ESG-RUSH, the County commits to staying within the 7.5% admin cap and will use no more than 7.5% of the special allocation for administrative expenses.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

Pinellas County received a second special allocation of \$1,608,589 in ESG-RUSH funds to address the needs of homeless individuals or families or individuals or families at risk of homelessness affected by hurricanes Helene and Milton. These funds are anticipated to be utilized to fund ESG-RUSH eligible activities including emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, homelessness prevention, short/medium-term rental assistance, housing relocation and stabilization services, financial assistance for move-in costs, supportive services for people currently experiencing homelessness, street outreach services, Homeless Management Information System, and administration.

Pinellas County has identified the following programs based on the priority needs identified in the Strategic Plan of the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. The activities recommended for initial funding under each program have been evaluated for eligibility, readiness to proceed, leveraged funds, and capacity of the entity carrying out the activity. Additionally, should funds become available from unanticipated program income or other activities completed under budget, the County has identified alternate activities or may add additional activities to the identified priority programs.

#	Project Name
1	Target Area Improvement Program (SL-3)
2	Public Facilities Program (SL-1)
3	Public Infrastructure Program (SL-3)
4	Public Services Program (SL-1)
5	ESG25 Pinellas County
6	Housing Preservation Program (DH-1)
7	Housing Production Program (DH-1)
8	Homeownership Promotion Program (DH-2)
9	Disaster Response Recovery Program (SL-1; SL-3; DH-1)
10	Administration

Table 58 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

In making allocation recommendations, several factors were considered: activities must comply with CDBG national objectives; must address a priority identified in the Strategic Plan; and must provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, or expand economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income persons. Pinellas County allocates investments geographically within its jurisdiction based on HUD’s Local Target Area approach. Funds continue to be directed to the County’s target areas and provide support for activities in cooperating cities. All target areas are either low- and moderate-income areas, as determined by current HUD LMISD, or slum/blight areas designated by local governments. The target area approach does not preclude the possibility that selected projects may operate elsewhere in the County’s jurisdiction (i.e., outside a designated target area) if the project meets other eligibility criteria under the CDBG, HOME, or ESG programs.

Housing programs are available throughout the County, focusing on areas with a concentration of older housing stock. For production of new units, the Housing and Community Development Department encourages mixed-income developments.

The primary obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the limited resources available to address the identified priorities. The County is not able to fund all project proposals received during the application cycle. In addition, some of the obstacles to meeting underserved needs are as follows:

1. Lack of supply of affordable housing for extremely low-, low-, moderate- and middle-income families. Housing costs continue to rise. Pinellas County continues to experience increased rents and purchase prices. The median home value

in Pinellas County is \$319,000 (2019-2023 ACS), which is unaffordable considering median household income (\$70,293). Average rents are also unaffordable, making it difficult to afford other necessities such as food, clothing, medical care, or transportation. According to Florida Commerce, Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research, 2023 Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics for the Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater MSA, for all occupations, at the median hourly wage of \$22.32, or \$46,424 annually, the maximum affordable rent is \$1,160, approximately \$500 less than the 2023 HUD Fair Market Rent of \$1,659.

2. Local governmental policies, such as building codes, subdivision standards, and impact fees, are enacted to protect and further the general welfare of the public. However, a complex regulatory environment can have the unintended effect of creating barriers to housing affordability by increasing per unit costs associated with housing development. Compounding these obstacles are third-party factors such as a homeowner’s insurance, condominium assessments, interest rates, and hurricane-related damages.

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Sort Order	1
Project Name	Target Area Improvement Program (SL-3)
Target Area	Greater Ridgecrest Target Area; Central Lealman Target Area; East Lealman Target Area; Tarpon Springs Target Area; West Lealman Target Area; High Point Target Area
Goals Supported	Neighborhood Improvements; Code Enforcement
Needs Addressed	Public facilities and improvements; Code enforcement/blight removal
Funding	CDBG: \$353,100
Description	Concentrated investment for public facility improvements, physical improvements and comprehensive planning activities in locally designated target areas and HUD designated Low/Mod Areas that will impact neighborhood stabilization, revitalization and improve the quality of life and health in order to achieve local objectives and desired outcomes. Some activities may be phased over multiple fiscal years and will be considered continuation projects. National Objective: LMA/LMC; Eligibility Citation(s): 570.201(a)(c)(d)(i) Objective: Suitable Living Environment; Outcome: Sustainability; National Objective, Objective, and Outcome are the same for all activities funded through the Target Area Improvement Program. All activities funded through this program will fall under one of the above-identified Eligibility Citations.
Target Date	9/30/2026
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	19,291 low- to moderate-income persons and 100 household/housing units will benefit from activities proposed under the Target Area Improvement Program (Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 19,291 Persons Assisted; Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 100 Household/Housing Units).

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Location Description	Activities funded are located in County designated Local Target Areas or HUD designated Low/Mod Areas. Activities at these specific locations will be funded: 400 South Walton Ave., Tarpon Springs; 1801 119th Street N., Largo; Greater Ridgecrest Target Area; East Lealman and Central Lealman Target Areas.
Planned Activities	In addition to FY 2025 funding, projects may receive additional funds available from uncommitted prior year funding or unanticipated program income. Planned activities include the following: <u>Tarpon Springs Community Center Rehabilitation</u> - Replace community center gym floor; <u>YMCA of the Suncoast Greater Ridgecrest Branch Rehabilitation</u> - Replace gym divider and wall mats, install gym divider switches, paint gym, install artificial turf in outdoor areas; <u>Target Area Code Enforcement</u> - Code enforcement activities in designated LMI Areas and Target Areas; <u>Target Area Community Enhancement Program</u> - Community activities that enhance community appearance, neighborhood health/safety, address neighborhood deficiencies, promote a social interaction and a greater sense of community, including, but not limited to, community cleanups, community outreach, community events, community services and community facility improvements; <u>Target Area Land Acquisition/Site Development</u> – Acquisition/site development activities including, but not limited to, zoning approvals, platting, site work, legal, design, consulting, surveys, geotechnical studies and investigations, utility engineering and environmental assessments, utility/ infrastructure installation, street lighting, other costs associated with property maintenance and site development; acquisition of signage easements and construction/installation of neighborhood signage; <u>Target Area Improvement Program Activity Delivery</u> - Staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities. Alternate activities have been selected, subject to funding availability and project readiness: <u>Pinellas County Sheriff’s Police Athletic League Facility Rehabilitation</u> - Construct separate bathrooms for students and staff to meet state requirements.
Sort Order	2
Project Name	Public Facilities Program (SL-1)
Target Area	Partner Grantees; Urban County; East Lealman Target Area
Goals Supported	Public Facility Improvements
Needs Addressed	Special needs housing, facilities, and services; Public facilities and improvements; Homeless shelters, facilities, and services
Funding	CDBG: \$1,133,747.79
Description	Funding new or existing facilities that provide services to low- and moderate-income or special needs populations, including homeless. Some activities may be phased over multiple fiscal years and will be considered continuation projects. National Objective: LMC; Eligibility Citation(s): 570.201(a)(c)(d)(i) Objective: Suitable Living Environment; Outcome: Availability/ Accessibility; National Objective, Objective, and Outcome are the same for all activities funded through the Public Facility Improvement Program. All activities funded through this program will fall under one of the above-identified Eligibility Citations.
Target Date	9/30/2026

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<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</p>	<p>153,621 low- to moderate-income persons, including the homeless and those with special needs, will benefit from activities funded under the Public Facility Improvement Program (Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 30,016 Persons Assisted; Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 123,605 Persons Assisted).</p>
<p>Location Description</p>	<p>Activities funded are located and serve residents countywide. These specific activity locations will be funded: 5353 31st St. N., St. Petersburg; 1003 Dr. MLK Jr. St. N., Safety Harbor; 5726 126th Ave. N., Clearwater; 401 15th St. N., St. Petersburg; Confidential. Alternate project addresses: 3115 44th Ave. N., St. Petersburg; 509 Engman St./1260 Engman St./1357 Park St., Clearwater; 1113 Fairburn Ave./1119 Fairburn Ave.; 1051 Holt Ave./1200 N Betty Ln/1260 Engman St, Clearwater; 1437 S. Belcher Rd., Clearwater; 1113 Fairburn Ave., Clearwater; 901 7th Ave. S., St. Petersburg; 1735 Dr. MLK Jr. St., St. Petersburg; 3755 46th Ave. N., St. Petersburg; 600 Engman St., Clearwater.</p>
<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>In addition to FY 2025 funding, projects may receive additional funds available from uncommitted prior year funding or unanticipated program income. Activities planned include the following: <u>PARC Burkett Villa Expansion</u> - Construct 450 sf combined dining/living room addition and demolition of existing screened patio enclosure; <u>Safety Harbor Neighborhood Family Center Rehabilitation</u> - Design and renovate office areas and bathroom, and install food pantry walkway canopy, fire alarm, and whole building generator; <u>Pinellas Hope Rehabilitation</u> - Replace roof of homeless residential buildings and install generator for community center, offices and kitchen; <u>St. Vincent de Paul CARE Center and Center of Hope Rehabilitation</u> - Design and renovate bathrooms, including mold remediation, ventilation improvements, waterproofing, flooring in bathrooms and hallways, and painting; <u>CASA Rehabilitation</u> - Replace playground equipment and install new rubber mulch; <u>Public Facility Program Activity Delivery</u> - Staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities under the Public Facility Improvement Program. Alternate activities have been selected, subject to funding availability and project readiness: <u>St. Petersburg Free Clinic/Food Bank Rehabilitation</u> - Renovate building including site preparation and demolition, concrete and structural work, masonry and metal fabrication, carpentry and thermal/moisture protection, roofing and openings, interior finishes including walls, flooring, painting, toilet accessories, parking lot paint/stripping, mechanical/electrical/plumbing systems, and fire suppression; <u>Homeless Empowerment Program Campus Roof Replacements</u> - Replace roofs at multiple facilities; <u>Homeless Empowerment Program Campus ADA Doors</u> - Install ADA doors at multiple facilities with push button activation; <u>Directions for Living Facility Rehabilitation</u> - Replace doors and install hardware including door handles with a digital access control system; <u>Homeless Empowerment Program Service Center Parking Lot</u> - Replace paver parking lot with concrete parking lot; <u>Directions for Living Facility Rehabilitation</u> - Replace electrical panel including replacing necessary wiring, switchgears, branch breakers, and surge suppression units; <u>Brookwood Florida Facility Rehabilitation</u> - Convert existing metal building into administrative offices, including structural and exterior enhancements, interior partitions, doors, restrooms, lighting, security and community systems, HVAC and electrical connections to existing panel, and concrete walkways; <u>WestCare GulfCoast-Florida Davis Bradley Center Rehabilitation</u> - Replace kitchen drainage system, renovate men’s showers, and replace exterior fencing.</p>
<p>Sort Order</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>Project Name</p>	<p>Public Infrastructure Program (SL-3)</p>

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Target Area	Urban County; Greater Ridgecrest Target Area; West Lealman Target Area; Central Lealman Target Area; East Lealman Target Area; High Point Target Area; Tarpon Springs Target Area
Goals Supported	Elimination of Slum and Blight
Needs Addressed	Code enforcement/blight removal
Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
Description	Funding projects that address the prevention and elimination of slum and blight within the urban county, target areas, or areas in Partner Grantees where land may be cleared for future development. In addition to FY 2025 funding identified below, any project may receive additional funds available from uncommitted prior year funding or unanticipated program income. National Objective: SBA/SBS; Eligibility Citation: 570.201(c)(d) Objective: Suitable Living Environment; Outcome: Sustainability; National Objective, Eligibility Citation, Objective, and Outcome are the same for all activities funded through the Public Infrastructure Program.
Target Date	9/30/2026
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1 slum/blight housing units will be demolished, and/or lots will be cleared (Buildings Demolished: 1 Buildings).
Location Description	Demolition/Clearance locations to be determined when slum/blight specific project is identified.
Planned Activities	<u>Demolition and Clearance</u> - Demolition of deteriorated structures/improvements or clearance of land; <u>Public Infrastructure Activity Delivery</u> - Staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities under the Public Infrastructure Improvement Program.
Sort Order	4
Project Name	Public Services Program (SL-1)
Target Area	Urban County; Greater Ridgecrest Target Area
Goals Supported	Public Services
Needs Addressed	Public Services; Homeless shelters, facilities, and services
Funding	CDBG: \$383,765.01
Description	CDBG, with a maximum 15% limitation, and ESG funds will be provided for salaries and operational services to entities that provide services to meet the needs of low- and moderate-income families. In addition to FY 2025 funding identified below, any project may receive additional funds available from unanticipated program income. National Objective(s): LMC/LMA; Eligibility Citation: 570.201(e); Objective: Suitable Living Environment; Outcome: Availability/Accessibility; Eligibility Citation, Objective, and Outcome are the same for all activities funded through the Public Services Program. All activities funded through this program will fall under one of the above identified National Objectives.

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Target Date	9/30/2026
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4,470 low- to moderate-income persons, including the homeless and those with special needs, will benefit from activities funded under the Public Services Program. *Included in this number are 180 homeless persons also benefitting from public service activities co-funded with ESG. (Public Service Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4,470 Persons Assisted).
Location Description	Activities funded under the Public Services Program are located countywide and serve residents of the Urban County. These specific activity locations will be funded: 401 15th Street N., St. Petersburg; 1801 119th Street N, Largo (Greater Ridgecrest Area); Scattered sites in the Urban County.
Planned Activities	Activities planned under the Public Services Program include the following. The following projects may receive additional funds available from unanticipated program income: <u>Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay Operations</u> - Fund operating expenses including salaries and fringe benefits for the Senior Companion Services Program; <u>Metropolitan Ministries Operations</u> - Fund operating expenses including salaries, fringe benefits and program materials for Pinellas Brigade street outreach services; <u>YMCA of the Suncoast Omni Center Operations</u> - Fund operating expenses including salaries, fringe benefits, utilities, program materials, janitorial supplies and service, and aquatic chemicals at the County-owned Omni Center in the Greater Ridgecrest Target Area; <u>St. Vincent de Paul CARES Operations</u> - Fund operating expenses including salaries, fringe benefits, food, and administrative costs for the Bridging Families Program shelter (joint ESG funded). As of May 14, 2025, the County has received \$234,973.99 in program income for FY 2024. Based on prior-year program income and allocation, the County will be able to fund up to \$386,173.50 in public service activities and remain in compliance with the 15% public services cap. (Allocation \$2,339,516 + PY24-25 Program Income \$234,973.99 = Total amount available to calculate public service cap \$2,574,489.99, 15% of which is \$386,173.50.).
Sort Order	5
Project Name	ESG25 Pinellas County
Target Area	Partner Grantees; Urban County; Greater Ridgecrest Target Area; West Lealman Target Area; Central Lealman Target Area; East Lealman Target Area; High Point Target Area; Tarpon Springs Target Area
Goals Supported	Rental Assistance; Public Services; Administration
Needs Addressed	Housing assistance; Homeless shelters, facilities, and services; Program administration
Funding	ESG: \$205,566; ESG-RUSH \$1,608,589

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<p>Description</p>	<p>Program facilitates providing essential services to shelter residents; rapidly rehousing homeless individuals and families and preventing families and individuals from becoming homeless by funding eligible activities within the following ESG Program components: Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter; Homelessness Prevention; Rapid Re-Housing and Data Collection. National Objective: LMC Eligibility Citation(s): 576.102, 576.103, 576.105, 576.106, 576.107, 576.108, 576.109Objective: Decent Housing; Outcome: Affordability; National Objective, Objective, and Outcome are the same for all activities funded through the Homeless and Homelessness Prevention Services Program. All activities funded through this program will fall under one of the above-identified Eligibility Citations.</p>
<p>Target Date</p>	<p>9/30/2026</p>
<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</p>	<p>4025 persons will benefit from homeless prevention activities, such as rental assistance and rapid re-housing and 20,340 persons will benefit from HMIS entry. *Additional to this number are 180 homeless persons also benefitting from public service activities co-funded with CDBG. (Homelessness Prevention: 25 Persons Assisted; Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 15 Households Assisted; Public Service Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 20,340 Persons Assisted)</p>
<p>Location Description</p>	<p>Scattered sites in the Urban County</p>
<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>Activities planned under the Homeless and Homelessness Prevention Services Program include the following: <u>Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Components</u> - Funding of ESG program homelessness prevention/rapid re-housing component including rental assistance to assist with provision of stabilizing permanent housing by providing short/medium-term financial assistance, including rent payments and security/utility deposits, to homeless individuals and families and those at-risk of becoming homeless; <u>Homeless and Homelessness Prevention Data Collection (HMIS)</u> - Staff costs related to the collection and entry of project-level beneficiary data into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). <u>Homeless Leadership Alliance Operations</u> - Fund operating expenses for the Pinellas HMIS including salaries, fringe benefits, and administrative costs; <u>St. Vincent de Paul CARES Operations</u> - Fund operating expenses including salaries, fringe benefits, food, and administrative costs for the Bridging Families Program shelter (joint CDBG funded). Project includes 7.5%, or \$15,417.45, for general planning and administration of ESG funds. The County will use no more than 7.5% of the annual allocation for planning and administrative expenses.</p> <p><u>ESG-RUSH funds are anticipated to be utilized to fund ESG-RUSH eligible activities including emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, homelessness prevention, short/medium-term rental assistance, housing relocation and stabilization services, financial assistance for move-in costs, supportive services for people currently experiencing homelessness, street outreach services, Homeless Management Information System, and \$80,000, for general planning and administration of ESG-RUSH funds.</u></p>
<p>Sort Order</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>Project Name</p>	<p>Housing Preservation Program (DH-1)</p>
<p>Target Area</p>	<p>Partner Grantees; Urban County; Greater Ridgecrest Target Area; West Lealman Target Area; Central Lealman Target Area; East Lealman Target Area; High Point Target Area; Tarpon Springs Target Area</p>

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Goals Supported	Preservation of Housing
Needs Addressed	Preservation/production of affordable housing; Special needs housing, facilities, and services
Funding	HOME: \$832,238.37; SHIP: \$1,427,500; HTF: \$146,250
Description	Program facilitates the preservation of affordable homeowner and rental units through rehabilitation and/or acquisition. Applications are provided on a first-come, first-qualified, first-served basis and funding selections are based on eligibility of households served and financial feasibility. Private funds available through local lending institutions may be leveraged by Federal funds. If insufficient applications are received during FY 2025, funds may be reprogrammed to other housing projects without amending this Action Plan. In addition to FY 2025 funding identified below, any project may receive additional funds available from uncommitted prior year funding or unanticipated program income. HOME Eligibility Citation(s): 92.206(a)(c)(d) &(f)HOME Objective: Decent Housing HOME Outcome: Availability/Accessibility. All activities funded through this program will fall under one of the above identified National Objectives, Eligibility Citations, Objectives, and Outcomes.
Target Date	9/30/2026
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 15 Household/Housing Unit; Rental Units Rehabilitated: 25 Household/Housing Unit
Location Description	Homeowner housing preservation in the Urban County; Rental housing preservation countywide.
Planned Activities	Activities planned under the Housing Preservation Program include the following: <u>City of Largo Housing Preservation Programs</u> - Preservation of homeowner and/or rental housing, including permanent supportive housing for special needs populations, through acquisition and/or rehabilitation in the City of Largo; <u>Housing Preservation Programs</u> - Preservation of homeowner and/or rental housing, including permanent supportive housing for special needs populations, through acquisition and/or rehabilitation; <u>Housing Preservation Activity Delivery</u> - Staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities under the Housing Preservation Program. Pinellas County commits to meeting the required 15% HOME CHDO set-aside requirement. A minimum of 15% of HOME funds will be used for CHDO eligible activities. The minimum expenditure requirement will be met through funding activities through under Preservation of Housing and/or Production of Housing programs.
Sort Order	7
Project Name	Housing Production Program (DH-1)
Target Area	Partner Grantees; Urban County; Greater Ridgecrest Target Area; West Lealman Target Area; Central Lealman Target Area; East Lealman Target Area; High Point Target Area; Tarpon Springs Target Area
Goals Supported	Production of Housing
Needs Addressed	Preservation/production of affordable housing; Special needs housing, facilities, and services

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Funding	HOME: \$832,238.38; SHIP: \$1,699,057; HTF: \$146,250
Description	Program facilitates the construction of single-family and multifamily affordable housing units. Applications are provided on a first-come, first-qualified, first-serve basis and funding selections are based on eligibility of households served and financial feasibility. Private funds available through local lending institutions may be leveraged by Federal funds. Includes CHDO set-aside funding requirements. If insufficient applications are received during FY 2025, funds may be reprogrammed to other housing projects without amending this Action Plan. In addition to FY 2025 funding identified below, any project may receive additional funds available from uncommitted prior year funding or unanticipated program income. HOME Eligibility Citation(s): 92.206(a)(c)(d) &(f); HOME Objective: Decent Housing; HOME Outcome: Availability/Accessibility. All activities funded through this program will fall under one of the above identified National Objectives, Eligibility Citations, Objectives, and Outcomes.
Target Date	9/30/2026
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Homeowner Housing Added: 5 Household/Housing Unit; Rental Units Constructed: 25 Household/Housing Unit
Location Description	Homeowner housing production in the Urban County; Rental housing production located countywide.
Planned Activities	Activities planned under the Housing Production Program include the following: <u>City of Largo Housing Production Program</u> - Production of new affordable owner and/or rental housing, including permanent supportive housing for special needs populations, through acquisition and/or new construction in the City of Largo; <u>Housing Production Program</u> - Production of new affordable owner and/or rental housing, including permanent supportive housing for special needs populations, through acquisition and/or new construction; <u>Housing Production Activity Delivery</u> - Staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities under the Housing Production Program. Pinellas County commits to meeting the required 15% HOME CHDO set-aside requirement. A minimum of 15% of HOME funds will be used for CHDO eligible activities. The minimum expenditure requirement will be met through funding activities through under Preservation of Housing and/or Production of Housing programs.
Sort Order	8
Project Name	Homeownership Promotion Program (DH-2)
Target Area	Urban County; Greater Ridgcrest Target Area; West Lealman Target Area; Central Lealman Target Area; East Lealman Target Area; High Point Target Area; Tarpon Springs Target Area
Goals Supported	Homeownership Opportunities
Needs Addressed	Housing assistance
Funding	HOME: \$44,891.24; SHIP: \$1,613,500

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Description	Program facilitates education of prospective and existing homeowners through counseling services and provides financial assistance to home buyers in the form of down payment and closing costs. If insufficient applications are received during FY 2025, funds may be reprogrammed to other projects without amending this Action Plan. In addition to FY 2025 funding identified below, any project may receive additional funds available from uncommitted prior year funding or unanticipated program income. HOME Eligibility Citation: 92.206(c); HOME Objective: Decent Housing; HOME Outcome: Affordability. National Objective, Eligibility Citation, Objective, and Outcome are the same for all activities funded through the Public Infrastructure Program.
Target Date	9/30/2026
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60 low- to moderate-income households will benefit from activities funded under the Homeownership Promotion Program (Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 30 Households Assisted; Public Service Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 30 Households Assisted).
Location Description	Homebuyers of housing located in the Urban County.
Planned Activities	Activities planned under the Homeownership Promotion Program include the following: <u>City of Largo Homeownership Promotion Program</u> - Provide down payment/closing cost assistance to qualified homebuyers in the City of Largo. Homeownership Promotion Programs - Provide down payment/closing cost assistance to qualified homebuyers; <u>Homeownership Promotion Services</u> - Provide credit counseling, homeownership training, housing education and maintenance through counseling services to prospective low- and moderate-income homebuyers; <u>Homeownership Assistance Activity Delivery</u> - Staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities under the Homeownership Assistance Program.
Sort Order	9
Project Name	Disaster Response Recovery (SL-1; SL-3; DH-1)
Target Area	Partner Grantees; Urban County; Greater Ridgecrest Target Area; West Lealman Target Area; Central Lealman Target Area; East Lealman Target Area; High Point Target Area; Tarpon Springs Target Area
Goals Supported	Emergency/Disaster Response
Needs Addressed	Preservation/production of affordable housing; Housing assistance; Mental and behavioral health services; Homeless shelters, facilities, and services; Special needs housing, facilities, and services; Public facilities and improvements; Public services; Code enforcement/blight removal; Economic development
Funding	CDBG: \$0

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Description	Program facilitates disaster response and recovery activities following major disasters and emergencies. Funding may be used to cover a broad range of recovery activities to help the County recover from natural disasters and emergencies. Funding may be used for activities necessary for disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, and economic revitalization in impacted and distressed areas. Activities will benefit eligible families with housing needs, agencies providing public services, businesses with economic development or revitalization needs and local planning and infrastructure needs. Uncommitted current or prior year funds or unanticipated program income may be used to fund disaster response activities.
Target Date	9/30/2026
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Uncommitted current or prior year funds or unanticipated program income may be used to fund disaster response activities (Other: 0 Other).
Location Description	N/A
Planned Activities	Should the County experience a disaster, the County may reallocate funding to address disaster related activities. CDBG, HOME, ESG, or other disaster/emergency funding provided by HUD would be used to address the disaster/emergency through a broad range of disaster recovery activities. Funding may be used for activities to address disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, and economic revitalization in impacted and distressed areas. Activities will benefit eligible families with housing needs, nonprofit agencies providing public services with operating assistance or capital improvements, businesses with economic development or revitalization needs and local planning and infrastructure needs.
Sort Order	10
Project Name	Administration
Target Area	Partner Grantees; Urban County; Greater Ridgecrest Target Area; West Lealman Target Area; Central Lealman Target Area; East Lealman Target Area; High Point Target Area; Tarpon Springs Target Area
Goals Supported	Administration
Needs Addressed	Program administration
Funding	CDBG: \$473,903.20; HOME: \$189,929.77; SHIP: \$451,673; HTF: \$32,500
Description	General planning and administration costs for Federal CDBG and HOME programs, State SHIP programs and Local HTF programs. Due to system limitations, ESG administration is identified under the Homeless and Homelessness Prevention Services Program.
Target Date	9/30/2026

<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</p>	<p>N/A (Other: 0 Other)</p>
<p>Location Description</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>General planning and administration costs for Federal CDBG and HOME programs, State SHIP programs, and Local HTF programs. Pinellas County commits to staying within the admin caps for each grant. For CDBG the County commits to staying within the 20% admin cap. The County will use no more than 20% of the annual allocation, plus up to 20% of program income for administrative expenses. For HOME, the County commits to staying within the 10% admin cap. The County will also use no more than 10% of the annual allocation, plus up to 10% of program income for administrative expenses. For ESG, the County commits to staying within the 7.5% admin cap. The County will use no more than 7.5% of the annual allocation for administrative expenses. <u>For ESG-RUSH, the County commits to staying within the 7.5% admin cap and will use no more than 7.5% of the special allocation for administrative expenses.</u></p>

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The extent of assistance needed to homeless people and those at-risk of homelessness continues to be evaluated. Pinellas County intends to utilize ESG-RUSH funds to address the need.

Pinellas County has identified eight (8) geographic areas for implementation. These target areas have been identified by Pinellas County as at-risk communities, having higher concentrations of low- and moderate-income populations and poverty-level households than other areas of Pinellas County. Target areas may also coincide with slum/blight areas designated by local governments. Low- and moderate-income populations were verified using HUD LMISD. The County’s target areas include two (2) general areas, Partner Grantees and the Urban County, and six (6) specific target areas: Tarpon Springs (72.93% Low/Mod), High Point (59.47% Low/Mod), Greater Ridgecrest (59.40% Low/Mod), West Lealman (54.42% Low/Mod), Central Lealman (66.36% Low/Mod), and East Lealman (68.27% Low/Mod).

These target areas are also characterized by concentrations of poverty and/or minority racial or ethnic groups:

Tarpon Springs - The poverty rate in the Tarpon Springs Target Area is 28% of individuals and 31% of households. The Tarpon Springs Target Area also has significant concentrations of African American and Hispanic populations (23% and 13%, respectively). These populations are most concentrated in Block Group 4 (35% African American) and Block Group 5 (44% Hispanic) based on 2019-2023 ACS data.

High Point - The poverty rate in the High Point Target Area is 15% of individuals and 18% of households. According to 2019-2023 ACS data, the area is also relatively diverse, with higher concentrations of African American, Asian, and Hispanic populations (14%, 8%, and 31%, respectively), when compared to Pinellas County overall.

Greater Ridgecrest - The poverty rate in the CDP is 22% of individuals and 11% of households. According to 2019-2023 ACS data, the CDP has a higher concentration of African American population (59%), when compared to Pinellas County overall.

West Lealman - The poverty rate in the West Lealman Target Area is 16% of individuals and 16% of households. The overall racial minority population of West Lealman is 26%. According to 2019-2023 ACS data, the area has higher concentrations of Asian and Hispanic populations (5% and 13%, respectively), when compared to the Consortium overall.

Central Lealman - The poverty rate in the Central Lealman Target Area is 13% of individuals and 16% of households. The overall racial minority population of Central Lealman is 35%. According to 2019-2023 ACS data, the area is relatively diverse, with higher concentrations of African American, Asian, and Hispanic populations (11%, 7%, and 12%, respectively), when compared to the Consortium overall.

East Lealman - The poverty rate in the East Lealman Target Area is 18% of individuals and 22% of households. The overall racial minority population of East Lealman is 45%. According to 2019-2023 ACS data, the area is relatively diverse, with higher concentrations of African American, Asian, and Hispanic populations (16%, 7%, and 20% respectively), when compared to the Consortium overall.

By planned FY 2025 funding allocations, geographic distribution of resulting percentage will be as follows: 46.5% in Partner Grantees; 44.1% in Urban County; 1.6% in Tarpon Springs; 3.5% in Greater Ridgecrest; 0.8% in Central Lealman; and 3.5% in East Lealman. No funding is specifically allocated to High Point and West Lealman; however, projects may be funded in these areas if part of a larger countywide program (e.g., housing rehabilitation, etc.).

Housing programs are available throughout the County, focusing on areas with a concentration of older housing stock, with homeownership opportunities programs available in the Urban County. For production of new units, the Housing and Community Development Department encourages mixed-income developments.

For activities involving homeless or special needs, the emphasis continues to be cooperation with Partner Grantees (i.e., other entitlement communities in the County) to ensure that priority needs are addressed while ensuring the project sponsor or subrecipient is serving eligible Urban County residents.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Partner Grantees	46.5%
Urban County	44.1%
Tarpon Springs	1.6%
West Lealman	0%
Central Lealman	0.8%
East Lealman	3.5%
High Point	0%
Greater Ridgecrest	3.5%

Table 59 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

CDBG-funded activities, such as public facilities or infrastructure projects, or neighborhood improvements, serve a defined geographic area. Examples of these types of projects are parks, community centers, or sidewalks. The eligibility of these types of activities is determined by service area, where 51% or more of the service area is low- and moderate-income. Pinellas County allocates investments geographically within its jurisdiction based on HUD’s Local Target Area approach. All target areas are either low- and moderate-income areas, as determined by current HUD LMISD, or slum/blight areas designated by local governments. The target area approach does not preclude the possibility that selected projects may operate elsewhere in the

County's jurisdiction (i.e., outside a designated target area) if the project meets other eligibility criteria under the CDBG, HOME, or ESG programs.

In Pinellas County, designated target areas must meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. At least 51% of the population must be low- or moderate-income, defined as 80% Median Family income for the Tampa-St. Petersburg MSA, adjusted by household size, or by HUD Low- and Moderate-Income Summary Data (LMISD),
2. There must be a substantial number of deteriorating or dilapidated buildings or infrastructure needs throughout the area, or
3. Generally, the current conditions of a target area meet the slum and blight definition of a locally designated Community Redevelopment Area (CRA), as defined in the Florida Statutes, Chapter 163, Part III, the "Act".

The list of Pinellas County CRAs within the Consortium includes those in Lealman, Tarpon Springs, Oldsmar, Dunedin, Safety Harbor, Largo, and Gulfport. Each CRA was established pursuant to the criteria established in Chapter 163, F.S., with extensive analysis of existing conditions, studies completed utilizing census data, along with local databases such as comprehensive plans, redevelopment implementation plans, capital improvement plans, and consultations with City and County personnel.

The County will continue to allocate HOME funding throughout the Consortium in coordination with the City of Largo. ESG funding will be allocated to projects based on eligibility, which may be located in Partner Grantee jurisdictions or cooperating cities.

Discussion

The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners' Strategic Plan (2025) vision is to be the standard for public service in America, with a mission to meet the needs and concerns of the community today and tomorrow. Key results of that mission are resilient infrastructure and environment, healthy and safe communities, prosperity and opportunity, and smart service delivery.

To achieve this vision and carry out its mission, the County previously analyzed the factors that contribute to systemic poverty to determine the needs of the community. That analysis, titled, "The Economic Impact of Poverty Report" (2013), highlighted seven factors that contribute to the cycle of poverty and drive the costs for combating poverty: insufficient transportation, limited access to food, lower educational attainment, limited access to health care, increased crime rates, high unemployment, and inadequate and insufficient housing. The data identified five (5) at-risk communities within the County. Those five communities include East Tarpon Springs, North Greenwood, High Point, Lealman Corridor, and South St. Petersburg. Three (3) of those communities are County-designated target areas under the County's federally funded CDBG program: Tarpon Springs, Highpoint, and the Lealman Corridor. In May 2012, the Board unanimously adopted the findings in The Economic Impact of Poverty Report, prioritized funding and services for the five (5) at-risk zones, and instructed County Departments to begin to work with community partners to implement the Healthy Communities Initiative.