

PUBLIC NOTICE
FINAL STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES & PROJECTED USES OF FUNDS

The purpose of this notice is to provide a summary of the City of St. Petersburg's proposed FY 2014/15 Consolidated Plan programs and to inform all interested parties about opportunities to review and comment on the proposed plan.

The City of St. Petersburg anticipates receiving federal funding in FY 2014/15 under the Community Development Block Grant (\$1,590,819), Emergency Solutions Grant (\$131,063), and Home Investment Partnership (\$707,675) grant programs. It is estimated that \$275,000 in program income will be generated. In addition, the City expects to receive an estimated \$1,143,819 in State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funds, and will allocate \$375,000 from the City's Housing Capital Project Fund (HCIP) balance and \$405,852 from the General Fund (GF). It is also estimated that \$275,000 in SHIP program income will be generated. The priority needs to be addressed and the projects to be funded from the above resources are as follows.

PRIORITY NEED: PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR HOMELESS AND SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATIONS.

- - Boley Centers Safe Haven: CDBG \$53,000
Match for operating expenses of a safe haven for 25 homeless persons located at 555 31st Street South.
 - Boley Centers Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA): HOME \$230,480
Provide housing vouchers for a minimum of 30 individuals who are homeless. This project will assist individuals with incomes at or below 50% of the median family income (MFI).
 - Brookwood: CDBG \$37,910
Provide funding to upgrade security lighting inside and outside of facility at 901 7th Avenue South; where agency will provide assistance to 100 persons during the fiscal year.
 - Catholic Charities: CDBG \$25,000
Operating support for Pinellas HOPE; where agency will provide assistance to 483 persons during the fiscal year.
 - Catholic Charities: ESG \$30,676
Provide rental assistance (up to 3 months) to an estimated 14 households at-risk of becoming homeless and help re-house the homeless.
 - CASA: CDBG \$15,000 / ESG \$29,867.25
Operating support for emergency shelter; providing services to 253 households during the fiscal year.
 - Pinellas Opportunity Council: CDBG \$20,000
Provide funding to assist 29 elderly persons with house cleaning and yard work.
 - St. Vincent DePaul: CDBG \$63,261 / ESG \$11,739
Provide funds for night shelter staff salary and benefits at 401 15th Street North.
 - 211 Tampa Bay Cares TBIN: CDBG \$6,000 / ESG \$21,750
Operating support for the TBIN Information Network.
 - 211 Tampa Bay Cares Referral Service: CDBG \$5,000
Reimburse referral service per call for assistance provided to 625 homeless persons.
 - Westcare – Turning Point: CDBG \$27,500
Provide funds for construction of free standing building to house washer/dryers at 1801 5th Avenue North; providing services to 363 persons during the fiscal year.
 - YWCA of Tampa Bay: CDBG \$16,261 / ESG \$27,201.75
Operating support for the shelter at 429 Sixth Avenue South, which includes eight units for emergency shelter and eight units for transitional housing; providing services to 121 households during the fiscal year.

PRIORITY NEED: PROVIDE AND SUSTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS AND HOUSEHOLDS AT OR BELOW 120% OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME.

●Habitat for Humanity: CDBG \$50,000

Provide homeowner assistance in the form of loans to residents on and around the 22nd Street South corridor with home repairs ranging from painting and landscaping to more extensive repairs such as roof replacement, HVAC/insulation replacement, structural repairs and electrical/plumbing repairs. This program is expected to assist an estimated 7 homeowners.

●Habitat for Humanity: HOME \$45,000

Acquire three abandoned, blighting, dilapidated houses or vacant land and replace them with attractive, energy efficient, sustainable homes to be sold to low income persons/households.

●Neighborhood Home Solutions: CDBG \$7,500

Provide counseling and education to 38 households in financial fitness, homebuyer education, foreclosure prevention/intervention and fraud/identity theft.

●Homeownership Counseling/Foreclosure Prevention Counseling: SHIP \$20,000

Provide educational services to persons/households looking to purchase homes and with foreclosure prevention.

●Affordable Multi-Family Rental Housing Development Program: HOME \$200,000 / SHIP \$250,000

Funding for rehabilitation and/or new construction of affordable multi-family rental projects.

●Purchase Assistance: HOME \$100,000 / SHIP \$500,000

Promote increased home ownership by providing loans for down payment and closing costs to assist eligible home buyers under 120% of median income to purchase newly constructed housing, rehabilitated housing or housing which will need repairs completed. This program is expected to assist an estimated 40 homebuyers city-wide.

●Emergency Repair Program: SHIP \$239,939

Provide loans to assist an estimated 24 homeowners to remove a health or life safety risk to owner-occupied housing in the following categories: roof replacement, electrical system, potable water/sewer/plumbing, air conditioning/heating systems, water heater, interior ceilings from water damage, flooring from water damage.

●Barrier Free Program: SHIP \$29,000

Modify four (4) owner-occupied or rental housing units to allow physically disabled household members (including those with mobility, hearing, and visual impairments) to remain in residence by providing access to, and use of all required spaces in their homes.

●Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RAP): HOME \$203,546 / SHIP \$167,999

Provide loans for rehabilitation to an estimated 14 homeowners to carry out substantial renovations to correct code violations and provide general renovation of the housing stock.

●Rental Rehabilitation Program: CDBG \$260,000

Provide assistance to multi-family rental developments (minimum 3 unit development) with the rehabilitation of properties; Owner/Investor to contribute 75% match toward improvements. 51% of the units from each development must be rented to households at or below 80% MFI.

●Investment in the Improvement in Housing in the Proposed Southside CRA: HCIP \$350,000

Rental Rehabilitation; expediting the process of accepting property and clearing property titles offered by banks, non-profits, and individuals; owner occupied rehabilitation assistance; rehabilitation of vacant and boarded properties offered to the City; and homebuyer assistance for police and teachers.

PRIORITY NEED: PROVIDE AND ENHANCE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

●Arts Conservatory for Teens: CDBG \$100,000

Provide funds to rehabilitate the facility at 642 22nd Street South to house an after-school arts, education and technology program helping at-risk youth and teens.

●Deuces Live: CDBG \$87,000

Provide funds to improve the landscaping and lighting on the 22nd Street South Corridor.

●Louise Graham Regeneration Center: CDBG \$13,196

Provide funds to rehabilitate the facility at 2301 3rd Avenue South.

●New Frontiers: CDBG \$8,000

Operating funds for the facility at 440 Tenth Avenue South, which provides aftercare and support services for 114 persons recovering from drug addiction and alcoholism.

●Police Athletic League: CDBG \$25,000

Provide additional funding to replace windows instead of removing and enclosing per requirements by the State of Florida – Historic Division at 1450 16th Street North, which provides afterschool and summer programs for 100 at-risk youth.

●Police Athletic League: CDBG \$25,000

Provide funding to engage an architect to design plans for new gym lighting, replace gym floor, remodel restrooms, replace basketball goals, replace entry/exist doors, replace score boards and re-paint the gym at 1450 16th Street North, which provides afterschool and summer programs for 100 at-risk youth.

●Police Athletic League: CDBG \$79,300

Provide funds to rehabilitate the 20th Street Church of Christ gymnasium (825 20th Street South) to house after school programs for youth to help reduce criminal activity among youth and keep youth off the streets.

●R'Club Child Care: CDBG \$23,030

Provide funds to rehabilitate the facility at 2355 28th Street South, which provides child care to 49 persons during the fiscal year.

●Tampa Bay Black Business Investment Corporation: CDBG \$59,550

Provide funds to rehabilitate the facility at 1123 22nd Street South to provide a business incubator to administer micro-loan financing options to small business owners.

●YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg: CDBG \$33,000

Provide funding for Program Leaders and Specialist for educational programs in tutorial to 37 youth after school and summer time at 691 43rd Street South.

Program Support Activities

●CHDO Operations: HOME \$35,382

Provide operating support to Pinellas Affordable Living, Inc.

●TBRA Voucher Program Administration: HOME \$10,000

Admin fee of \$400 per voucher for each of the 30 TBRA vouchers administered by Boley Centers.

●Legal Administration: HCIP \$25,000

Administrative funding of a legal staff person to resolve departmental legal action cases.

●Program Delivery Costs: CDBG \$310,122.99 / HOME \$25,000 / SHIP \$25,000

Operating expenses to implement the City's housing programs.

●Administration: CDBG \$328,163; HOME \$83,267; ESG \$9,829; SHIP \$141,881;

Gen Fund \$405,852

Administrative and planning expenses for the oversight, administration, and monitoring of the programs.

●Section 108 Loan Repayment: CDBG \$303,025.01

Payment on a bond obligation that repaid the City's \$4 million Section 108 loan received for the redevelopment of the Dome Industrial Park Pilot Project.

A copy of the proposed Annual Action Plan will be available for review at the following locations:

- City Hall Action Center: 175 Fifth Street North
- Main Library: 3745 Ninth Avenue North
- Westside Branch: 6700 8th Avenue North
- Johnson Branch: 1059 18th Avenue South
- Mirror Lake Branch: 280 Fifth Street North
- North Branch: 861 70th Avenue North
- South Branch: 2300 Roy Hanna Drive South
- City's Website: <http://www.stpete.org/house.htm>

Comments on the draft plan may be submitted in writing to the City's Housing and Community Development Department, P.O. Box 2842, St. Petersburg, Florida 33731 until July 21, 2014. On July 24, 2014 beginning on or about 6:00 PM, City Council will hold a public hearing at City Hall (175 Fifth Street North) to receive comments on the plan. Interested parties are invited to attend.

For any non-English speaking citizen who may require interpretation, an interpreter may be provided upon request. Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, please contact the City Clerk, (727) 893-7202, or call our TDD number (727) 892-5259, at least 24 hours prior to the proceedings.