

RESOLUTION 2014-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015, 2016, AND 2017; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, makes provisions whereby urban counties may enter into cooperation agreements with certain units of local governments to undertake or assist in undertaking essential activities pursuant to Community Development Block Grants; and

WHEREAS, the cooperation of the City of St. Pete Beach, Florida and Pinellas County, Florida is essential for the successful planning and implementation of local community development programs; and

WHEREAS, the assurances and the items of agreement contained in the Cooperation Agreement are realistic and consistent with guidelines stipulated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

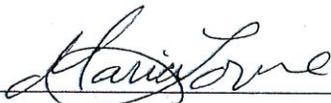
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. PETE BEACH, FLORIDA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

Section 1. To adopt the Cooperation Agreement with Pinellas County, Florida, to participate in the Community Development Block Grant Program for Fiscal Years 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Section 2. Elaine Edmunds, Interim City Manager, is authorized to execute the Cooperation Agreement and the City Clerk is authorized to attest same.

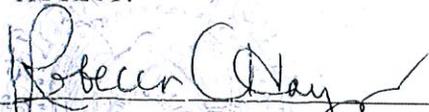
Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 31st day of July, 2014.



Maria Lowe, Mayor

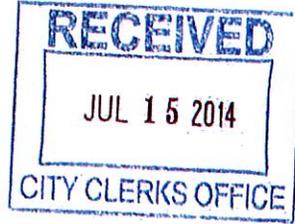
ATTEST:



Rebecca Haynes, City Clerk

**BOARD OF COUNTY
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**Cheryl Reed, Director
Community Revitalization Division**

July 11, 2014

The Honorable Maria Lowe, Mayor
City of St. Pete Beach
155 Corey Avenue
St. Pete Beach, Florida 33706

TIME SENSITIVE; YOUR RESPONSE NEEDED
RENEWAL OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Dear Mayor Lowe:

For nearly forty years, cities and towns in Pinellas County have been cooperating with the County to bring federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to our communities. During this period, the City of St. Pete Beach has been a participant in the program. Low- and moderate-income residents, including the elderly, the disabled, and families with special needs have been the principal beneficiaries of a multitude of programs and projects undertaken for nearly four decades. The CDBG Program continues to emphasize the improvement of housing through rehabilitation, the betterment of neighborhoods through upgrading infrastructure and community facilities, and undertaking special projects to meet the changing and diverse needs of the county.

Every three years, cooperating cities, towns, and the County must renew their Cooperation Agreement and requalify for participation in the CDBG Program. In order to meet new requirements of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2014, new Cooperation Agreements must be executed for fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Enclosed are three copies of the Cooperation Agreement and a Resolution which must be executed by your Commission and returned to the Community Revitalization Division no later than Friday, August 1, 2014. The County will take action to execute the Agreements for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by August 7, 2014.

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO:
Community Revitalization Division
Department of Health and Community Services
600 Cleveland Street, Suite 800
Clearwater, FL 33755
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Paragraph 13 of the Cooperation Agreement incorporates new language required by the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2014, prohibiting units of general local governments from negotiating arrangements to trade CDBG funds in exchange for unrestricted local funds. The Agreement continues to incorporate an automatic renewal clause for each three year qualification period unless the City elects not to participate. The Agreement also makes reference to HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) and Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) funding which the County receives for various housing and homeless activities as a result of being qualified as an Urban County under the CDBG Program.

It is important that the County receive all three copies of the executed Cooperation Agreement and the Resolution with a certified copy of the minutes of the meeting reflecting the actions of the Commission for submission to HUD by the August 1 deadline. A copy of the Cooperation Agreement executed by the Board of County Commissioners will be returned to you for your file after final approval by HUD.

The County, as well as participating cities and towns, have maximized the use of CDBG funds to enhance the lives of residents and to improve neighborhood conditions. We appreciate the support of those cities and towns which cannot always utilize the funding, but through their participation additional funds are provided to the County's CDBG Program. The entire community has benefited from their cooperation through the provision of innovative projects such as housing for the deaf, facilities to retrain disabled persons, transitional housing for person recovering from drug and alcohol addictions, for families working towards economic self-sufficiency, group homes for the mentally ill, day care for homeless children and a myriad of other projects to serve the Pinellas County community.

Thank you for your support over the years we have been partners in this program. Valuable projects, programs, and services have been delivered to the residents of your City and our County as a result of our cooperative efforts. Please feel free to contact me at 727-464-8234, or Brook Gajan at 727-464-8232, if you have any questions concerning the process.

We will be contacting you in the immediate future to discuss the approval process, including the date that you plan to schedule the Cooperation Agreement for consideration.

Sincerely,



Cheryl C. Reed

Enclosures

c: Ms. Elaine Edmunds, Interim City Manager
Ms. Debra Dye, U.S. Department of HUD