NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
FOR TIERED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

Date of Notice: November 13, 2026

Pinellas Recovers – People First Housing Recovery CDBG-DR Programs
400 S Fort Harrison Avenue, Suite 349
Clearwater, FL 33756
(727) 464-7757

This combined notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural notification requirements for activities to be undertaken by Pinellas County's Pinellas Recovers: People First Housing Recovery CDBG-DR Program. The activity will assist Pinellas County homeowners, excluding St. Petersburg (they received their own disaster allocation), affected by the impacts of the 2023 and 2024 Florida severe storms and flooding that included Hurricanes Idalia, Helene and Milton that made landfall in or near Pinellas County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 1, 2026, Pinellas County will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds under the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2025, as outlined in the Federal Register, 90 FR 4759 (January 21, 2025), as amended, to undertake the following project:

Pinellas Recovers: People First Hurricane Recovery is a suite of residential housing programs for eligible County residents whose homes sustained damage from the 2023 and 2024 disasters. This notice covers the Homeowner Reimbursement Program (RMB) and will provide direct reimbursement assistance to homeowners affected by the above-mentioned disasters for incurred eligible expenses for repairs of owner-occupied single-family units located within multifamily structures with 5 or more units.

Program Allocation is as follows:

Homeowner Reimbursement Program (RMB)	$20,787,758
Total HUD Disaster Assistance Allocated:	**$20,787,758**

To facilitate environmental review of the proposed activities, Pinellas County is implementing a tiered environmental review approach in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 58.15. The Environmental Review will be tiered at an Environmental Assessment (24 CFR 58.36) level of review and is subject to the laws and authorities at 24 CFR 58.5, 58.6, and NEPA analysis. The Tier 1, or Broad Level of Review, of this process has concluded. A Tier 2, or Site-Specific Review template will be created based on the Reimbursement activity only.

Once home sites are identified for assistance, the Tier 2 (site-specific) review will take place, and the following elements and their laws and authorities will be reviewed:
Flood Insurance, Contamination and Toxic Substances, Floodplain Management, and Historic Preservation.

Detailed information on these reviews and any mitigation measures implemented are available at Pinellas County.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Pinellas County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Pinellas County, 400 S Fort Harrison Avenue, Suite 349, Clearwater, FL 33756, Pinellas, FL 33756 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 4 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

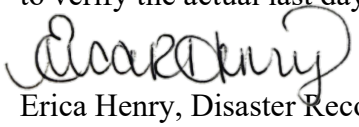
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Pinellas County at the above address or to recover@pinellas.gov. All comments received by November 30, 2026, will be considered by Pinellas County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Pinellas County certifies to HUD that Erica Henry, in her capacity as Disaster Recovery Program Manager of Pinellas County consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Pinellas County to use HUD Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Pinellas County's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Pinellas County; (b) Pinellas County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the HUD Office of Disaster Recovery, at 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410. Potential objectors should contact this HUD office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



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Erica Henry, Disaster Recovery Program Manager - Certifying Officer
Pinellas County