



MEMORANDUM

Date: July 12, 2023
To: Board of Commissioners
From: Robin I. Gomez, City Manager
Subject: RATIFY CITY'S OPTION TO REMAIN IN PINELLAS COUNTY CDBG

Background

The City has been a partner with Pinellas County Housing & Community Development in the current Pinellas County CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Urban County program through an existing cooperation agreement. The program is undergoing its requalification with the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and the County and the County has requested the City of Madeira Beach to either remain or withdraw from the agreement.

Discussion:

As a non-entitlement City within Pinellas County, the City has two (2) options for applying for CDBG funds: (1) form an inter-local or cooperation agreement with the Urban (Pinellas) County (must receive HUD approval), or (2) the City itself applies through the State Small Cities program. Under option (1) the City applies for CDBG funds for any eligible project through the County, but relinquishes its ability to apply for Small Cities CDBG funds. Additionally, by participating with the County the City is also eligible for participation in the County's HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and the County's Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs.

The City has been utilizing option 1 and desires to continue with the same.

We have not in the past few years submitting any CDBG funding requests, but will explore any possible programs and/or projects.

Fiscal Impact

None

Recommendation

Approve City's election of Option 1, to remain in the Pinellas County Urban County cooperative agreement for the use of any future CDBG funds in FY 24, 25, and 26.