Nonprofit funds for COVID needs

Apply online by May 22

Nonprofits and community organizations that have seen a major increase in service needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic may be eligible to apply for funding through Pinellas County’s portion of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Organizations that serve low to moderate income residents can apply for funds to support public health and testing, feeding operations, emergency sheltering, housing and other services.

Available funds include $1,481,969 in the Community Development Block Grant Program – Coronavirus Response (CDBG-CV) and $739,117 in Emergency Solution Grant – Coronavirus Response (ESG-CV) funds.

Applicants must show a direct link between the COVID-19 crisis and their increase in services and demonstrate their ability to meet specific public health objectives defined in the CARES Act.

Applications must be submitted online no later than 5 p.m., on Friday, May 22 through the County’s website at: www.pinellascounty.org/community/long-range-planning.

These CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funds are separate from the $170 million the County has already received as part of the federal CARES Act stimulus, which is supporting some small businesses and qualifying individuals struggling to pay rent, utilities and other expenses from lost income due to COVID-19.

For more information, visit us online at https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/where-to-get-help