



Best Practices – CARES Act

The Pasco County Response

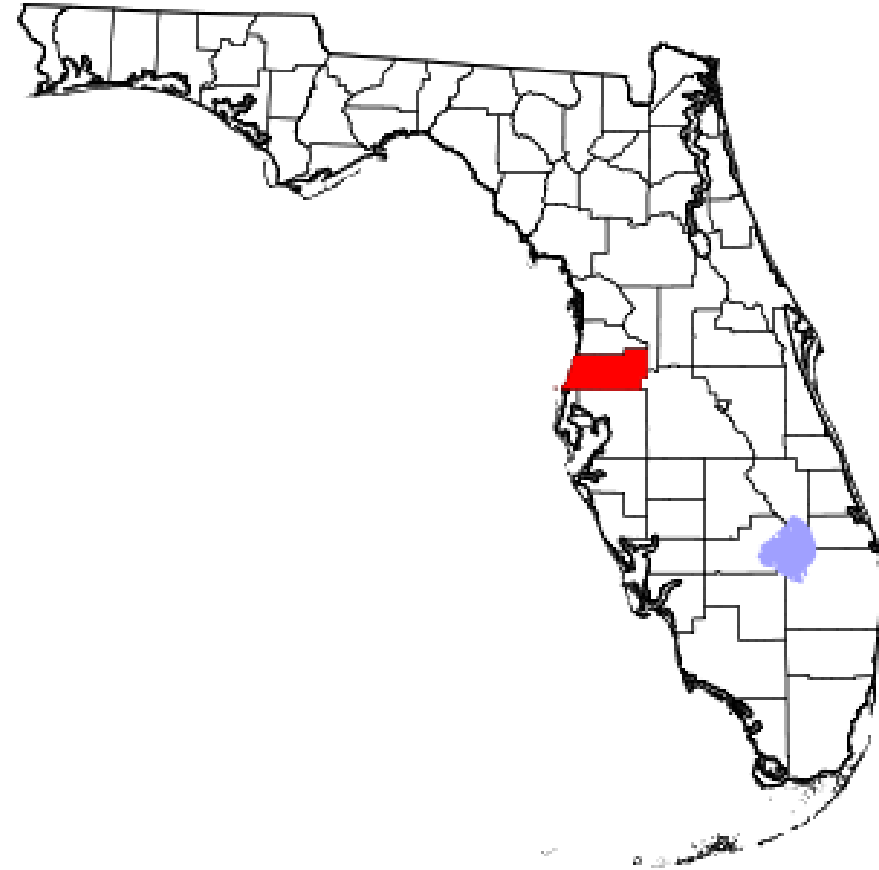
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About Pasco County, FL

- Population – 553,000 (just over 200,000 households)
- Location – north of Tampa, FL on the Gulf of Mexico
- Square Miles – 747
- Owner-occupied/rental housing – 72%/28%
- LMI – 40% LMI, 54% Cost Burdened
- CDBG - \$2.9 million
- HOME - \$1.2 million
- ESG - \$234,000
- CDBG-CV - \$1.7 million/\$1.99 million
- ESG-CV - \$834,000/\$3.8 million
- 2019 Point-in-Time Count – 894 homeless
 - 688 Unsheltered (609 single adults)
 - 206 Sheltered





Three Principles to Guide You in Times of Funding Overflow

- Know your community's needs
- Know your community's partners and stakeholders
- Know your processes and don't reinvent the wheel

You have all the tools in your toolbox to be successful!

Is there a better way?

With unprecedented funding amounts for our LMI households including those experiencing homelessness, how can we be more strategic in our planning to make a visible difference in our community?

Coordinated Investment Plan – TA from Florida Housing Coalition



Set local re-housing goals based on the **NEEDS** of people experiencing homelessness

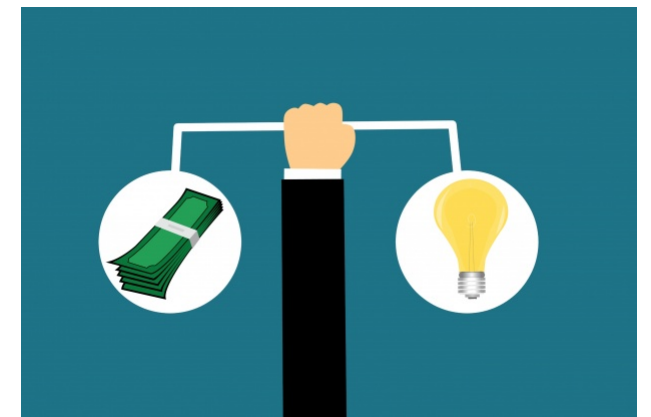
Permanent housing interventions (type and amounts of assistance) based on people's needs to exit or avoid homelessness.



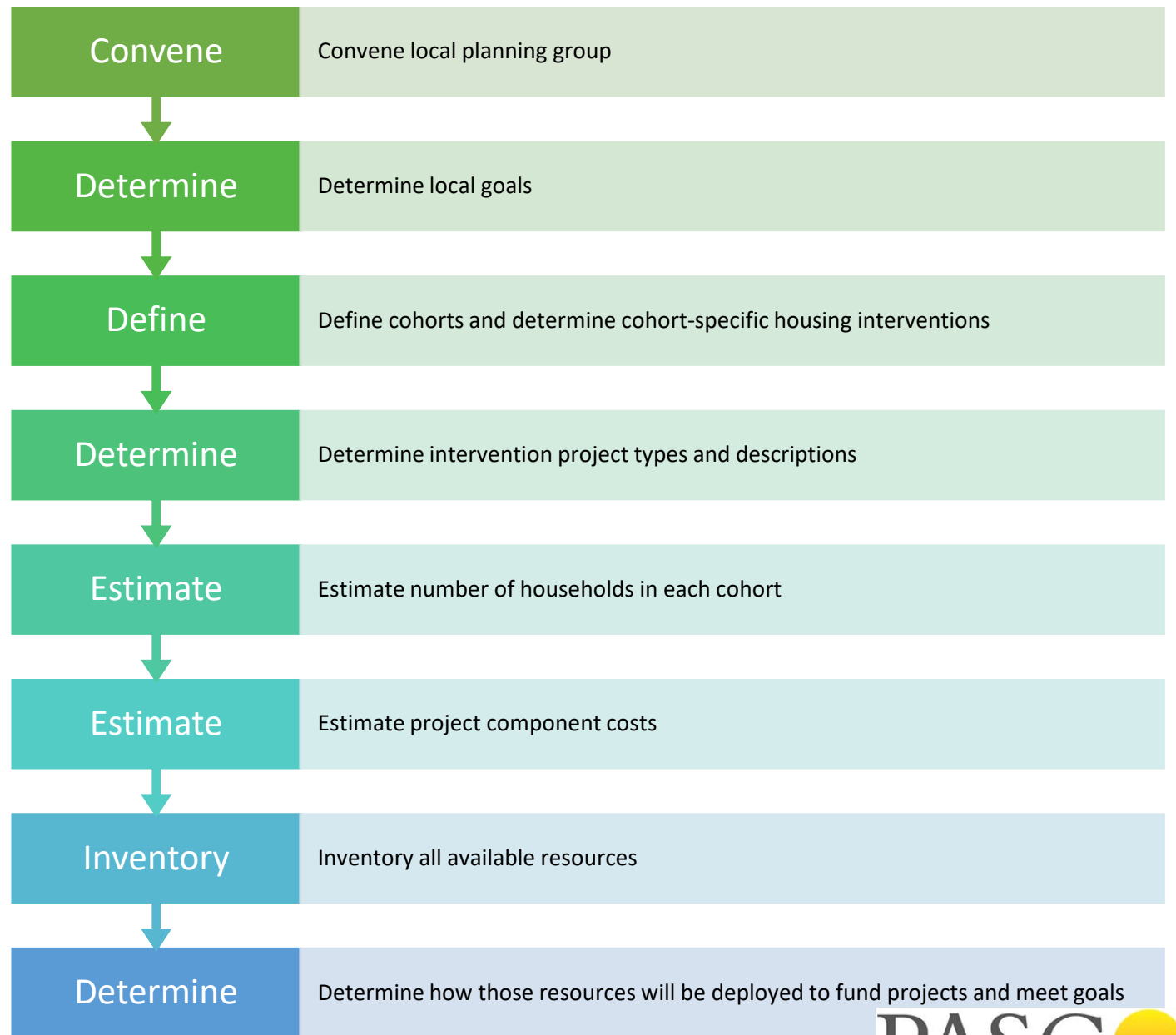
Use resources and goals to allocate across funding sources to safely re-house those experiencing homelessness during the pandemic.



What are the resources available to fund the re-housing strategy?



Steps in Process



Know Your Needs

- Con Plan
- Action Plan
- Census – American Community Survey
- Point in Time Count – By Name List
- Additional Unbiased Data Sets

You are the expert on the needs of your community. Remember to plan to meet those needs when additional funds 'drop' into your lap.

Pasco's Needs for Unsheltered Homeless

Determinations influenced by:

- Significant unsheltered population due to minimal emergency shelter beds + high barrier shelters
 - Significant single adult male unsheltered population
 - Review of the numbers of our last Point-in-Time Count
 - On-going issues with unsheltered homeless at certain hotspots, with law enforcement, concerns of elected officials in the County
- **80** Unsheltered who are elderly, disabled, or long-term homeless but not chronically homeless according to HUD definition:
 - Interventions: Outreach + motel shelter + RRH
 - **80** Unsheltered who are not elderly, disabled, or long-term homeless:
 - Interventions: Outreach + RRH
 - **30** Unsheltered who are chronically homeless according to HUD definition
 - Interventions: Outreach + motel shelter + PSH
 - **35** Homeless families:
 - Interventions: Shelter + RRH

Cohorts - Prevention

Determination influenced by:

- Current diversion rate
- Current needs of families experiencing economic hardship due to COVID-19



- **40** Homeless families with minimal needs and/or natural supports:
 - Intervention: Diversion
- **60** Homeless families with higher needs:
 - Intervention: Prevention

Know Your Partners

- Local governments (recipients of Federal and State funds) must work hand in hand with the CoC and help your CoC build their capacity to utilize these funds and administer a coordinated plan
- Non-profits and homeless providers need to see themselves as part of the Continuum of Care and bigger picture
- Housing partners (public housing, developers, affordable housing providers) are key players to assist in re-housing our homeless neighbors
- Non-profits are key partners to deliver public services and community development partners
- Other partners include other municipalities, federal/state/local government agencies

Making a Difference with Increased Funding

- Identify all funding sources – both specific to homelessness, COVID, Community Development and Affordable Housing – total > \$7.3 million for homelessness
- Understand the importance of budgeting and targeting the increased funding rather than spending haphazardly
- Funding should not be considered agency funding but part of the Coordinated Investment Plan



Overview of Anticipated Costs



Anticipated costs to provide housing to 225 households and prevent 100 households from becoming Homeless - \$3.8 million



Includes cost of outreach, case management and housing



Utilizing CRF for motels and move-in expenses, ESG-CV, HOME TBRA, State ESG-CV, regular ESG, CoC grants for rental assistance

Know Your Process

Use and reuse your standard processes and procedures for new grant funds and initiatives

Do you use a standard Request for Proposals? We reworked an RFP for both ESG-CV and CDBG-CV?

Do you have an application for housing/TBRA/rental assistance? We reworked ours for our direct assistance programs.

Do you have a standard monitoring plan for subrecipients? We reworked ours for these new initiatives.

Homeless Initiative with CDBG-CV

Community Need - Permanent Supportive Housing for those experiencing homelessness

Partner – St. Vincent de Paul experienced in PSH and property management

Process – CDBG-CV Requests for Proposals

\$525,200 – Awarded to Nonprofit agency

- Purchase of 8-unit complex for quarantine/isolation for unsheltered homeless
- Utilize as Permanent Supportive Housing after pandemic



Questions?

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