The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires each jurisdiction receiving federal funding for CDBG and HOME funds to submit a Strategic Plan every five years and an Action Plan each year. The FY 2018-2019 Action Plan identifies activities to be funded, and the proposed funding sources for those activities, for the fourth year of the five-year plan. The Action plan was developed to support the five-year priorities to create and maintain affordable housing, address homelessness, and assist non-homeless persons with special needs. Staff is requesting approval by the City Commission of the FY 2018-2019 Action Plan. Upon approval, the Action Plan will be remitted to HUD for review and approval.

The FY 2018-2019 CDBG Action Plan identifies activities to be funded, and the proposed funding sources for those activities. The Action Plan not only contains CDBG-funded activities, but all activities funded by Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Pinellas County Housing Trust Fund (HTF), and the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program. Resolution No. 2217 also includes endorsement of Pinellas County’s FY 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan to include $290,421 in HOME funding that is granted to the City of Largo from Pinellas County.

The Community Development Advisory Board recommended approval of the Action Plan at its April 30, 2018 meeting. The Action Plan was presented at the City Commission Work Session on June 12, 2018. A notice of the public hearing was published on May 18, 2018, to allow at least 30 days for citizen comment prior to adoption of the Plan. To date, no public comments have been received prior to the public hearing.

A copy of the FY 2018-2019 CDBG Action Plan will be sent to the City Commission electronically and posted on the City website. Hard copies of the Action Plan will be made available upon request.

I MOVE TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2217.
RESOLUTION NO. 2217

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE 2018-2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF LARGO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF $533,382; AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF LARGO'S ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD); ENDORSING THE "PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA FY 2018-2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN" TO INCLUDE $290,421 IN HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) FUNDS FOR HOME BUYER ASSISTANCE, OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION, AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT SAID GRANT UPON APPROVAL BY HUD; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Largo's "CDBG Consolidated 2015-2019 Five-Year Strategic Plan" document, which sets forth the five-year housing, homeless, and community development planning issues and strategies was approved on August 4, 2015 by the City Commission by Resolution No. 2141; and

WHEREAS, the "FY 2018-2019 CDBG Action Plan" listing the proposed activities to be enacted during the fourth year of the Five-Year Strategic Plan from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019, has been considered by the City Commission at a legally advertised public hearing; and

WHEREAS, a Citizen Participation Plan has been adopted allowing for public involvement and technical support throughout the development of the Consolidated Plan, which provided: 1) a legally advertised formal public hearing to identify housing and community development needs; 2) a continuous public outreach program using neighborhood associations as an informal review forum; 3) a formal public hearing before the Community Development Advisory Board to review the proposed Consolidated Plan and CDBG activities listed in the Action Plan; and 4) a thirty-day public comment period; and

WHEREAS, the citizen feedback received through this participation process has been presented to, and considered by, the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission also desires to endorse the “Pinellas County, Florida FY 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan” for Community Planning and Development, operated under the jurisdictional responsibility of Pinellas County, which proposes the expenditure of $290,421 toward home buyer assistance, owner-occupied housing rehabilitation, and administrative activities using HOME Investment Partnership Act funds, to be enacted from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019, which will be administered by the City of Largo through its Community Development Department.
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF LARGO CITY COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. That the 2018-2019 Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, as developed through the Community Development Department in the amount of Five Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Two and 00/100 Dollars ($533,382), is hereby approved for submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Section 2. That the City of Largo endorses the "Pinellas County, Florida 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan" for Community Planning and Development, which includes Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-One and 00/100 Dollars ($290,421) in HOME Investment Partnership program funds for home buyer assistance and housing rehabilitation in Largo.

Section 3. That the City Manager or his designee is authorized to apply to HUD for Community Development Block Grant funding and to carry out the tasks necessary for completion of the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

Section 4. That the City Manager or his designee is authorized to assume the status of a responsible federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, insofar as such Act applies to the activities of the City of Largo's utilization of Community Development Block Grant funds. The City Manager is further authorized and directed on behalf of the City and himself to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts for the purpose of enforcement of his responsibility as such official.

Section 5. That the City Manager or his designee and the City Attorney are authorized and directed to execute all documents in order to effectuate the intent and purpose of this resolution upon approval of the grant by HUD.

Section 6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS _____ DAY OF __________, 2018.

CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA

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Mayor

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REVIEWED AND APPROVED:  ATTEST:

Alan S. Zimmet, City Attorney  Diane Bruner, City Clerk