

# Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency



**Housing Beautification Program Update**  
**July 11, 2018**

# Neighborhood Investment Tools

---



## The Tools:

- First Time Homebuyer/Workforce Program
- Workforce Rent to Own
- **Single Family Housing Beautification Program**
- Renaissance
- House X House

## What's Next:

- Mixed Use Development

# STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DELIVERY



# Single Family Housing Beautification Program

- The Single-Family Housing Beautification Program will provide funding through the Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (RBCRA) to eligible single family (one unit) homeowners to make exterior improvements to their property.
- Eligible improvements include fence replacement, painting, irrigation, landscaping, weatherization (windows and doors), roof repair/replacement, driveway repair and other minor exterior repairs to improve RBCRA identified key homes within the Community Redevelopment Area.
- Priority will be given to improvements that are necessary to correct health, safety, and code violations.
- For the past several years, the City has dedicated fewer resources to neighborhood services. The CRA Commissioners endeavored to try and fill some of the gap.
- **General Contractors and registered sub-contractors participating - 15**



# HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION

- Budget Allocation for Fiscal Year 2017-18:
  - **Housing Beautification - \$400,000**
  - **Maximum Award - \$20,000**
- Last Program Round – 13 Approved and closed
- 12 Residents assisted through partnership with PBC DHES in 2016-17
- **Applications completed – 28**
  - **Approved – 9**
  - **Not approved – 6**
  - **Incomplete - 13**
- Closings – 4
  - Under Construction - 2
  - Rebids - 5



HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE  
IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE – HOUSING BEAUTIFICATION  
PROGRAM

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Timetable</b>
<b>Program Guidelines Updated</b>	October 2017
<b>Marketing Materials Distributed</b>	Oct-Ongoing
<b>Notice of Funds Availability</b>	Feb 2018
<b>Application Intake</b>	Feb – March 2018
<b>Outreach for Potential Owners</b>	Oct 2017 - Ongoing
<b>Construction Bids</b>	Apr 2018 - Ongoing
<b>Construction Starts</b>	June 2018 - Ongoing
<b>Closings</b>	May 2018 - Ongoing
<b>Evaluations</b>	Quarterly

# Demand for Services

- CRA Office receives numerous calls for assistance for Beautification Program Services outside of the CRA boundaries
- 88 Requests for Service
- Most include requests for landscaping – sod and sprinklers
- Some minor requests accommodated through RBCDC grant funds and strategic partnerships
- Huge demand for roof repair – at least 40 homes
- Additional requests for bathroom and kitchen repairs for health and safety

# Request

- CRA request and recommendation: to create a similar Housing Beautification Program for residents outside of the CRA
- Maximum benefit \$20,000 with leave for Executive Director to award up to \$30,000 per residence with extraordinary circumstance, i.e., impact on life, health and safety, extraordinary repairs needed
- Modification to guidelines to include interior repairs – e.g., HVAC where air quality affects health; bathrooms, especially for retrofits; damage to interior walls from leaking roofs; kitchens; impact resistant windows and doors
- Request initial amount of \$300,000 from City of Riviera Beach
- Goal 12-20 homes
- Goal to maximize partnerships like Rebuilding Together, Paint Your Heart Out, RBCDC, where possible.
- Goal- to maximize participation by local contractors
- Goal – First Come, First Ready, Most Needy.





Florida's Dynamic  
Waterfront Community

