

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Strategic Initiatives, Projects and Partnerships

Riviera Beach CRA will continue its programs for neighborhood revitalization and development by focusing on the following strategic priorities:

- Marketing of existing neighborhood services, recruitment and utilization of volunteers, and identification of resources
- Strategies to address code-challenged and vacant properties
- Neighborhood beautification programs and identification of resources
- Community support and capacity building for neighborhood revitalization
- Comprehensive neighborhood stabilization strategies, including affordable and workforce housing

Under the umbrella of Riviera Beach Renaissance, Riviera Beach CDC currently has an active infill housing program completing construction on five new homes in Park Manor and has a mid-size residential project of 28 homes in predevelopment. In FY 2017, the CDC will work with the CRA on property acquisitions for affordable housing in Riviera Beach Heights and also seek to acquire properties in other neighborhoods of the City. We expect to acquire and rehabilitate an additional five homes, utilizing local builders, to be sold to low-to-moderate income buyers. The CDC will access Palm Beach County's SHIP and HOME programs. The properties will be brought up to current codes and include energy efficient improvements and attractive retrofits. In FY2016, the CDC has 11 residents in its owner occupied rehabilitation program and Veteran's Homeownership Preservation Program. The CDC will complete those homes and undertake at least 5 new homes in partnership with Palm Beach County. The program primarily addresses issues of health and safety.

In FY 2017, the Agency will continue to fund its popular Residential Grant façade improvement program. This program helps to eliminate blighted influence in areas undergoing investments and transformation. In FY 2016, \$120,000 was allocated in Riviera Beach Heights. Six properties have been impacted with exterior improvements. We contemplate utilizing a portion of the remaining Riviera Beach Heights funds to complete approximately twenty residential properties in FY 2017.



The CDC will continue its successful House X House Program, undertaking painting and landscaping of 6 owner occupied homes for elderly, disabled and disadvantaged homeowners around the City. CDC will also provide and install house numbers for 50 homes and do corridor litter pickup every quarter under this program. Under the Smart Homes Program, we will assist owner occupied homes with motion lights, SmartWater™ kits, and low cost access to security systems and wifi. Under its Healthy Foods Initiative, the CDC will implement a neighborhood integration plan and extend programs at the Community Garden and facilitate backyard and school gardens in Park Manor and Riviera Beach Heights. Additionally, the CDC will continue to offer capacity building support to Healthy Food, Healthy Living, Inc., a local food bank, in the areas of

fundraising, board governance, and programs. The CDC will implement a robust Neighborhood Capacity Building Program, to include a neighborhood summit, continued organizational assistance to several neighborhood associations, development of a communications toolkit with a neighborhood message board, newsletter, robo-system, and expansion of NextDoor™. The Riviera Beach Home Buyers Club will be launched to prepare those who rent to own and first time homebuyers, including counseling, education and financial literacy. The CDC will continue to look for opportunities to expand green and beautiful spaces in the City, under the Parks, Trails, and Signs Program, completing development of the Park Manor parklet, other pocket parks, and additions to the linear park/heart trail, with appropriate branded signage.

BUDGET

TYPE	AMOUNT
SOURCES	
CRA TIF	\$ 121,630.00
City of Riviera Beach	\$ 150,000.00
BB & T	\$ 250,000.00
Public & Private Grants*	\$1,674,600.00
Other	\$ 1,501.00
TOTAL SOURCES	\$2,197,731.00
USES	
Program Services	
Community Garden	\$ 67,501.00
House X House	\$ 17,500.00
Smart Home Program	\$ 15,000.00
Residential Grants	\$ 200,000.00
HFHL	\$ 13,000.00
Renaissance	\$1,680,000.00
Parks, Trails & Signs	\$ 120,000.00
Sub Total	\$2,113,001.00
Support Services	
Admin. & Office	\$ 44,630.00
Facility, Equipment	\$ 5,100.00
Public Communication/Outreach	\$ 35,000.00
Sub Total	\$ 84,730.00
TOTAL USES	\$2,197,731.00

**Public and Private Grants to be Applied*